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Work resumes on Busch's market site

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Busch's Fresh Food Market has begun demolition work inside a Canton site that will become the Ann Arbor-based company's 16th store.

The store's long-awaited opening date still isn't known. "We're hoping by the end of the year," John Hunter, Busch's marketing director, said Monday.

Visible signs of work crews

on the Canton Center Road site, south of Cherry Hill, come three years after Busch's confirmed plans to occupy an old Farmer Jack store, though delays since then raised speculation the company had ditched the project.

"We are in there doing work," Hunter said.

Work crews are ripping out an old Farmer Jack mezzanine, he said, and most of the interior has been cleared out.

"We're trying to wrap that up so we have a clean slate to work with," Hunter said.

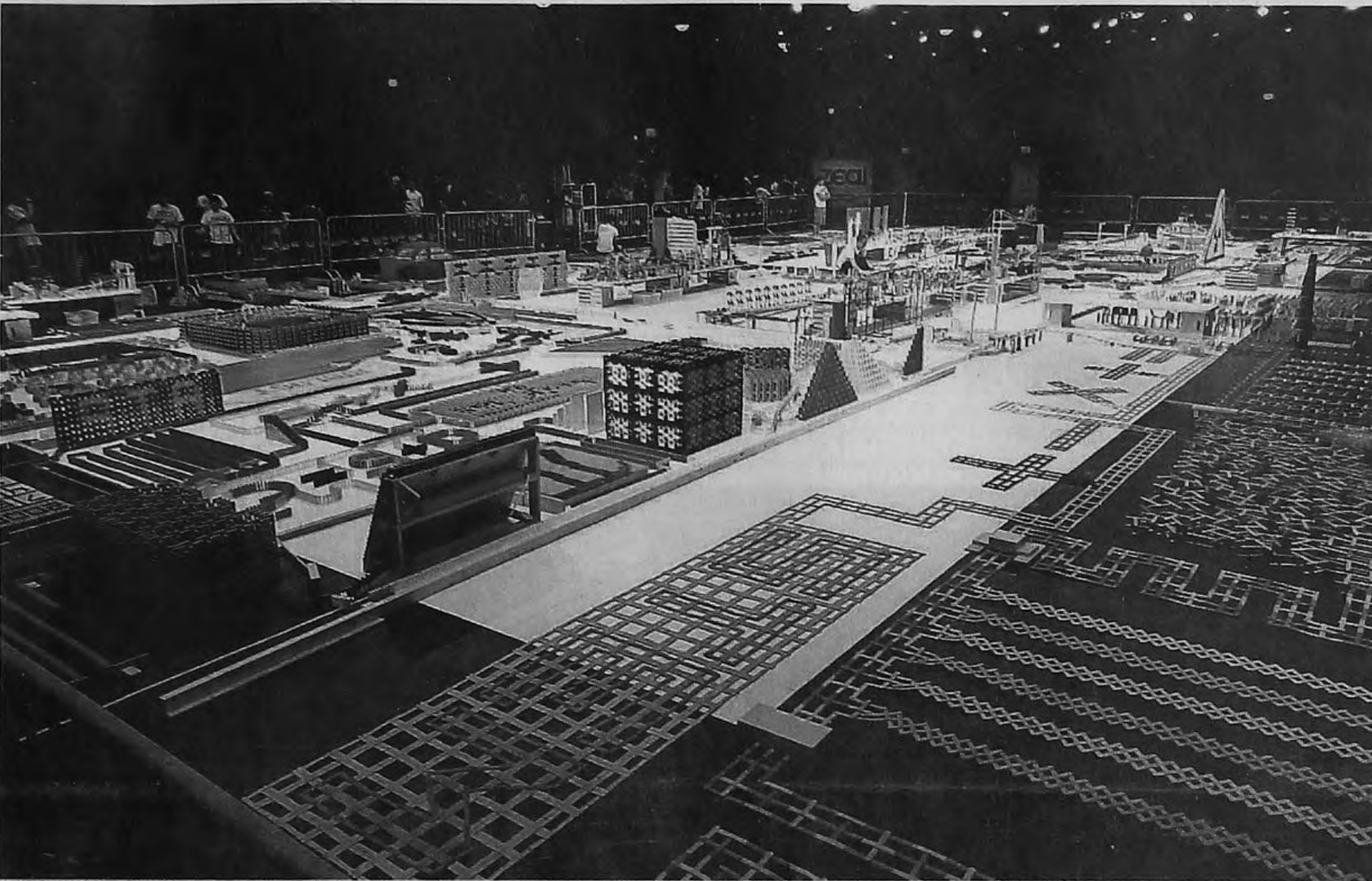
Busch's has repeatedly sought to reassure a potential customer base that it hadn't abandoned the project, two years after the company finished a makeover of the store's exterior.

Hunter has said the company delayed the Canton project to first focus on remodeling

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DARRELL CLEM Interior demolition is occurring on the Busch's Fresh Food Market site in Canton.



A team of chain-reaction builders hopes to break its own U.S. record this year with 250,000 dominoes.

Chain-reaction team aiming to shatter U.S. record in July attempt

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Aiming to beat its own U.S. record, a team of chain-reaction experts led by Steve Price of Canton hopes to topple 250,000 dominoes.

It's called the Incredible

Science Machine World Edition and it's coming to Westland Shopping Center in July.

It would shatter a U.S. record set last July, when the team built a chain reaction that toppled 197,598 dominoes at the Michigan Science Center while camera crews from The

Discovery Channel and Detroit Public Television filmed it.

"It's just a lot of fun to get together with other builders who share the same passion," said Price, a recent graduate of Michigan State University and its Honors College who earned his degree in mechanical engi-

neering.

This year's theme will focus on world cultures and incorporate all seven continents. It is expected to include designs of Chinese scrolls to represent Asia,

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Concerts, ceremonies to mark Memorial Day

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Remembering his father for instilling patriotism in him, a local artistic director has announced a pair of Memorial Day concerts to honor military personnel who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Michael Gross, director of BeckRidge Productions, has announced the eighth annual "Because of the Brave" performances featuring the BeckRidge Chorale and Cherry Hill Singers at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

The performances come as the Canton Fire Department and the Canton Veterans Memorial Association also plan two other Memorial Day events.

"Because of the Brave" performances are set for 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Monday, May 30. Admission is free.

"Memorial Day is more than a picnic for me," Gross said in a statement he released about the programs. "My father wanted to make a career of the air force until my mother got tired of moving all over the world. My dad loved the military and he instilled his passion of service to country in me."

Gross said the Village Theater is an event his father "would love" because it honors those who gave their lives in service to country. While the performances are free, donations are encouraged at the door or when reserving tickets online.

To reserve tickets, go to www.beckridge.org or call 734-667-3127. Any remaining tickets will be available at the door.

Gross said private donors have partially helped to pay costs, such as renting the Village Theater, but he said more support would be appreciated.

The performances are punctuated by video clips and narrations that Gross described as "emotional" — especially for anyone who has lost someone to war.

Gross said the tribute involves asking military members to stand as their branch of service is recognized, saying

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Canton resident and radio host publishes book

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Staff Writer

Canton resident and WCSX-FM (94.7) weekend radio host Pam Rossi published "Over Easy: Conversations with Pam Rossi," a 500-page book based on her Sunday morning radio show "Over Easy" interviews with both national and local music artists.

"Over the years, listeners have told me that they remember certain interviews and would love to hear them again and eventually my wheels

started turning," Rossi said. "I decided down the line that I should put these into a book."

"Over Easy" features nearly 100 artists and includes more than 400 photos.

"I love the fact that each interview features two people having a friendly conversation," Rossi said. "Each interview features not only artists' musical careers, but also



Rossi

their personal lives as well. They are really great stories. It's always a pleasure talking to these people."

Rossi attended Western Michigan University with an original plan to pursue theater; however, she transferred to University of Toledo, where she graduated with a degree in communications and landed a job with a Toledo radio station right away. For the past 17 years, she has been at WCSX, Detroit's classic rock station.

In addition to radio, Rossi is a voiceover artist involved in a

wide range of projects, including educational videos, e-learning sites, narrations, documentaries, commercials, phone mail greetings and more.

"Over Easy" can be purchased on Rossi's website (www.pamrossi.com) for \$39.95, as well as Amazon for \$40.67. For more information about Rossi, go to her website.

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Canton man among EMU's first physician assistant class

Eastern Michigan University's first physician assistant class members celebrated graduation April 24. These 18 students are all from Michigan and will be practicing in the state.

Marc Robinson, the oldest member of the class at age 47 and a decorated Air Force veteran, is from Canton. He's starting work at St. Joseph's in Ann Arbor in neurosurgery.

Officials say there is an extremely high demand for physician as-

sistants because of the lack of physicians, especially in small and rural areas. The new assistants will practice or hope to practice in such areas as neurosurgery, trauma surgery, family medicine and critical care medicine.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that the number of physician assistants nationally will increase 38 percent between 2012 and 2022.

Schoolcraft students off to great start at job fair

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Kelly Senczyszyn of Canton is on her way for her engineering career through Schoolcraft College. She's got another year to go at Schoolcraft and plans to transfer to Wayne State University.

"I like it a lot," Senczyszyn said of the Monday, May 23, Spring Job Fair in the college's Vis-TaTech Center on the Livonia campus. "You meet a lot of employers." She was learning "what they do on the job. It's really good practice," added Senczyszyn, who considers mechanical engineering her "dream job."

Also putting her best foot forward at the job fair was Schoolcraft student Nicole Jennings, who lives in Dearborn Heights. "I'd like to go into nursing," said Jennings, who plans test-taking later which would allow bachelor's degree in nursing studies.

"I think it's nice," Jennings said of the job fair, which included 78 employers. "I feel like



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S. Segovia of the U.S. Border Patrol speaks with Alexis Hoppe of Plymouth and Albert Adam of Livonia.

there's a lot of diversity with the amount of jobs available."

She'd talked to some in senior living as well as teaching, in which she has a small background. "I like that these people are making connections with us to encourage us," she said. Of nursing, Jennings said, "I know it's a growing field."

Law enforcement options

Meeting students and others — the job fair was open to the public, too — was Sgt. Jermareo McDaniel of the Detroit

Police Department recruiting. He noted police candidates must be at least 18, hold a high school diploma or GED equivalent, be a U.S. citizen, have a driver's license for at least a year and have no felony convictions.

"Schoolcraft has a great program," McDaniel said of criminal justice, noting he's a 2007 Schoolcraft graduate. "The program does provide great candidates."

Added McDaniel, "Law enforcement is me having a conversation

with you. Everybody can relate to somebody on the job." He said he's a civil servant whose job requires "a willing and caring spirit to help the community."

"A lot of the younger adults are pretty resilient," he said of job hunting jitters. "They're pretty confident." He shares information to give "a better sense of what law enforcement entails."

He finds criminal justice students and graduates understand the field; some students in other areas watch "CSI" shows on TV and are interested in those careers. McDaniel noted some forensics work is switching over to civilians trained in colleges and universities.

"We absolutely look for females," he said, noting the DPD has women and minorities in leadership. DPD has its own academy "and give them all the training they need to be successful," he said.

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existing stores in Plymouth, South Lyon, Saline and the Green Road site in Ann Arbor. Now, some attention is shifting back to the Canton site.

"We are moving forward," Hunter said, "and we are very excited to open up and be a part of that community."

Thomas Paden, Canton Chamber of Commerce president, welcomed news that Busch's has begun work on the Canton site.

"We do get quite a few questions about when they are going to open. It has been so long," he said. "It will be great. Anytime you can have a vacant building occupied, it's good for the overall community."

Canton Economic Development Manager

Kristen Thomas also has said Canton Township officials have received numerous inquiries about Busch's, as has the Observer. Readers began contacting the newspaper this week after noticing work crews at the site.

Earlier this year, Hunter said Busch's understood that Canton residents had questions as the company focused its attention on renovating other stores.

"We're a small, privately owned company and we don't have all the money in the world," he said, adding that projects sometimes face delays "so we can do things the right way."

Officials have previously said the store is expected to employ as many as 100 full- and part-time workers.

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FILE PHOTO
BeckRidge Productions artistic director Michael Gross, shown here during another event, has announced upcoming Memorial Day performances.

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it's a time when tears are often shed.

Meanwhile, Canton will have two other Memorial Day ceremonies, both at the Canton Veterans Memorial in Heritage Park, behind the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center. The public is invited.

The first occurs at 10 a.m. Memorial Day, when the Canton Fire Department's new honor guard will host its first Memorial Day service.

Firefighter Jim Harrison said it's the first time the honor guard, formed last year, will be involved in a Memorial Day ceremony.

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, 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 a reading of war poem "In Flanders Fields," followed by a closing prayer, an honor volley and the playing of "Taps."

Love for years: Fountain proposal lasts a lifetime

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

On Jan. 6, 2000, Jasper Recto proposed to his wife Rachel by the fountain at Kellogg Park. "He kissed me that night," she said. "The rest is history. We joke we can never leave Plymouth. We have so much history. It's nice, though, it's nice to have that."

The couple wed April 28, 2000, and visited Plymouth's Kellogg Park that day for photos. Rachel, a registered nurse now a stay-at-home mom of two daughters, noted more couples now visit Kellogg Park for wedding photos than did in 2000.

They now visit the fountain each year close to their anniversary for a photo with daughters Emerson, 15, a Plymouth High School freshman, and Avery, 13, a West Middle School seventh-grader. "It's neat to see the change. Different stores have come in," Rachel said of the annual photo, taken by Jasper whose degrees include photography.

"I never would have thought he proposed at that point," Rachel said. "We were just friends." He grew up in Plymouth and Canton, she nearby in Garden City.



Rachel, Avery, Emerson and Jasper Recto had a bright, sunny day for their 2016 photo by the fountain in Kellogg Park.



RECTO FAMILY PHOTO
Rachel and Jasper Recto of Plymouth in 2004, with daughters Emerson (left) and Avery.

"We would meet at the Coffee Studio here," she said of the former business near the park on Ann Arbor Trail, where friends gathered. A group from there camped up north in 1999.

Jasper asked to meet her right after that. "He said, 'I really like you as more than a friend.' It was very mutual," she said.

The next night, they went to the Penn Theatre to see "Shakespeare in Love." The proposal followed, as did the wedding, kids and careers. Jasper is director of informa-

tion technology for Loc Performance of Plymouth.

The family lives on Forest. "It's been so nice," she said. "We have the loveliest neighbors you could ever ask for." That includes Steve and Pat Ribar next door.

When the Rectos bought their home, many newlyweds their own age began to locate nearby. The family likes walking to the nearby Plymouth District Library, where the girls visit librarian Carol Champagne and her colleagues, as well as being able to stop in at Panera Bread.

Rachel praised "people you get to meet on a daily basis."

Jasper came from the Philippines at age 4. "We'd say, 'Oh, I'd love to live in Plymouth,'" she said of finding their early 1900s home around the January ice festival time.

"It worked out the way it was supposed to be," Rachel added. "It's just been really nice."

She graduated in 1987 from Garden City High School, Jasper the same year from Plymouth Salem High. Her bachelor of science in nursing degree is from Wayne State;

Jasper did his undergraduate work in chemistry and math at Western Michigan University, along with a photo degree from the Colorado Institute of Arts and a Lawrence Technological University MBA.

He'd come back to Plymouth from out west in 1998.

"I don't think we'd ever move," she said. "You pretty much know everybody on the street."

Her parents say when visiting, "It's almost like a Norman Rockwell-type experience. Just that sense of community. We're really grateful to be here. It just makes it so nice."

Of it being harder to locate now financially in Plymouth when buying a home, she said, "Obviously, change is part of life," adding they'd have difficulty buying now. "It's has been such a wonderful place to raise our kids. We're so thankful it's a safe neighborhood."

The family likes downtown concerts and the Plymouth farmers market as well.

"It will always be a part of our history. It feels like home," she said.

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soccer balls for South America and possibly a tribute to Route 66 for the United States, among other segments.

The 18-member team will complement its 250,000 dominoes with everything from Hot Wheels tracks to ping pong balls to string. Price said the chain reaction will have a 70,000-domino "circle field" — a large circle of dominoes that topples from the center and outward — that could break the Guinness World Record for circle fields.

An attempt to break a Guinness record for Rube Goldberg chain-reaction machines fell short last year.

Builders from across the United States, Canada, Austria and Germany are expected to

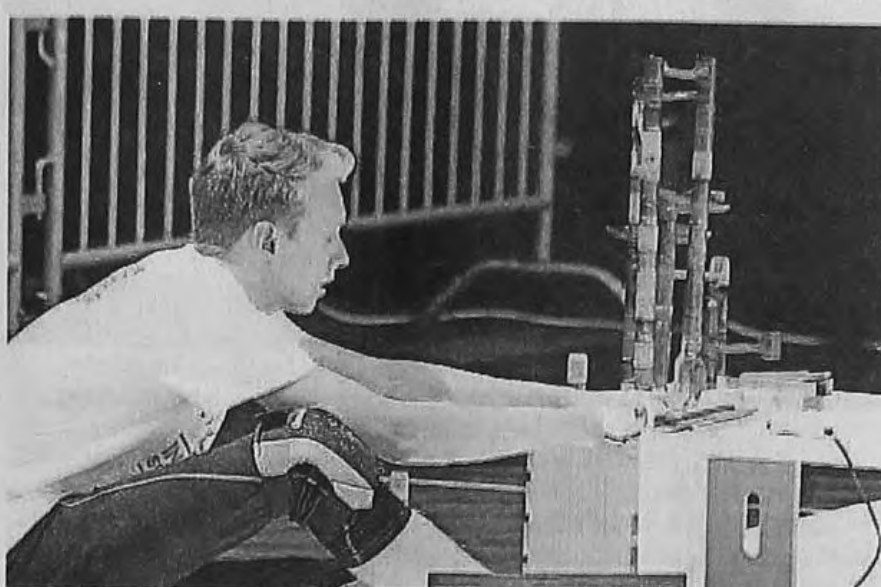
participate in July. Some involved in last year's team are returning.

"We've become really good friends," Price said, adding the team aims to "intrigue and excite the audience."

The team is expected to build the project starting 10 days before the event, which is set for 1 p.m. Saturday, July 23, in front of a live mall audience at Westland Shopping Center's east court. Admission is free.

Zeal Credit Union has announced on its website that it is once again sponsoring the event, as it did last year at the Michigan Science Center.

Price gained a national following in 2013 as a contestant on "America's Got Talent" and performed at Radio City Music Hall. He also has appeared on Rachael Ray's cooking show and has built chain-reaction machines at museums such as The Strong, or the National



Steve Price — stage name Sprice — at work on a chain reaction.

Museum of Play, in Rochester, N.Y., where he was featured in the Toy Hall of Fame.

More recently, he has been working on building chain

reactions for museums, advertisements and films, expanding what was once a childhood hobby.

"I've started doing this full

time," he said.

Price and his team last July received accolades from Lisa Fawcett, Zeal Credit Union vice president, who said the company supports the efforts because of "the hard work and passion required to pursue a dream of this magnitude."

Price's chain-reaction events on "America's Got Talent" prompted then-judge Howard Stern to call him a "genius."

For more on the Incredible Science Machine and last year's chain reaction, go to www.incrediblescience.com.

The team also has a Facebook event page.

For more on Price's website, go to www.spricemachines.com.

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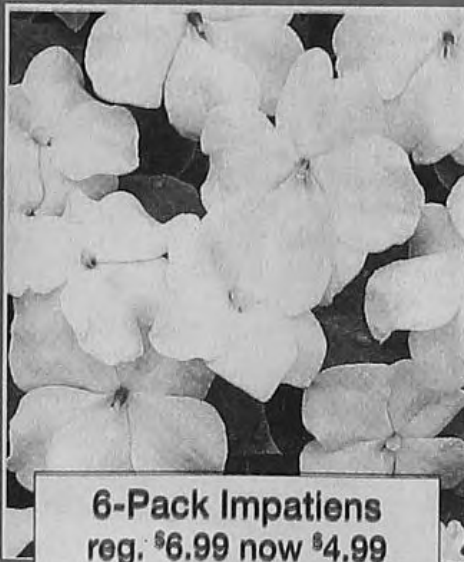
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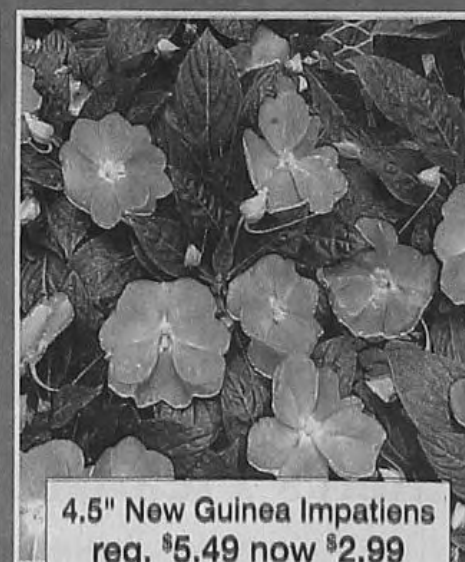
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Mom leaves children in car — twice

A 44-year-old woman was cited by Canton police for child neglect amid accusations she twice left two of her children in her Dodge Ram truck while shopping.

Police initially received a call that the two children — an 11-year-old boy and a crying 10-week-old baby — were left in the truck shortly after 8:30 p.m. Saturday while the mother was inside a PetSmart store on Michigan Avenue.

Police arrived and learned from a witness that the mother had since gone inside a nearby Target store, once again leaving the two children alone.

Police said the 11-year-old boy set off an alarm when he opened the door of the truck to speak with police, telling them his mother was inside the Tar-

get store.

The mother, responding to an announcement inside the store, returned to the truck and told police she had left the children in the truck while she went inside Target with her 14-year-old son to look for a car seat for her baby. She said she left the children in the car at PetSmart because her older son wanted to look for fish for his birthday.

The mother also told police she left the children because, after her baby was delivered, she was told by her doctor not to lift more than 10 pounds.

Police ticketed the woman for child neglect.

Scam attempt

An 83-year-old woman received a call from someone claiming he was her 16-year-old grandson, saying he was in trouble and needed \$2,000, a

report said.

The woman went to a CVS store and, as instructed, bought four iTunes gift cards totaling \$2,000, but then had second thoughts and called police.

The incident unfolded May 18. The woman said the caller claiming to be her grandson told her that he hit a parked car, broke his nose and was in the Plymouth jail. He told her not to tell his father and said he had an attorney who wanted to speak with her, the report said.

A man claiming to be an attorney told the woman to go buy the gift cards, return home and wait for him to call so he could get the numbers on the cards. He said that would allow her grandson to be released from custody.

The woman went to a CVS store and bought the cards, but then realized she was probably

the victim of a scam. She summoned police and, when the scam artist called back, an officer identified himself as being with the police. The would-be swindler promptly hung up the phone.

The woman went to the CVS store to try to return the gift cards, but was told they couldn't be refunded, according to the police report.

House party dispute

A dispute between people attending two house parties in Canton brought police to the scene amid reports that tires on two vehicles had been slashed, a police report said.

Initial calls coming from the 46000 block of Maben, near Canton Center and Ford, indicated that a loud four-wheeler and a shouting match between the two parties were disrupting the neighborhood

Saturday night.

Police received reports that verbal threats had been yelled across a shared fence where the two parties — with a total of about 25 people — were happening, the report said. Police said alcohol was being consumed at both houses.

One man claimed another man had insulted his wife by calling her names.

Two people — a 55-year-old Garden City man and a 28-year-old Canton man — told police they stayed overnight at the Maben home and awoke the next morning to learn that the tires had been slashed on their 2002 Ford F-150 and 2015 Ford Explorer.

They told police they would contact their insurance companies, but wanted to document the damage.

— By Darrell Clem

Donations sought to fund funeral for victim

LeAnne Rogers

Staff Writer

A GoFundMe account has been established to pay funeral expenses for a Westland man who died Sunday after being struck by a train.

Robert Turner, 37, was fatally injured about 4:20 p.m. on Merriman, south of Michigan Avenue. Police said Turner was on the railroad tracks with his bicycle when he was struck by Amtrak train No. 350 traveling from Chicago to Pontiac. No one on the train was injured.

The 104 passengers on the train were subsequently taken to Pontiac by bus while the accident was investigated.

"Bobby Turner was hard-working, loyal and straightforward and he would help anyone he could. I have been lucky enough to know Bobby and his brothers since junior high school," Westland resident Lisa Garcia-Kubany said. "Even over the years, as life takes you in different directions, Bobby stayed close to what was important to him —



Robert Turner loved motorcycles, like the one he's on with his niece Gia.

family and friends."

Turner was a lover of vintage cars and motorcycles, Kubany said, who loved restoring and rebuilding classics. "He was a classic. He will be dearly missed by so many people," she said.

It was unclear why Turner was on the railroad tracks. He was reported to have been riding his bicycle to a weekly dinner with his mother and

other family members. Westland police are continuing to investigate the incident.

The GoFundMe account, seeking to raise \$10,000 for Turner's funeral expenses, had \$8,870 donated by nearly 100 people midday Tuesday.

To donate, go to gofundme.com/25n5exw.

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PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Suspected drunken driver: Take me to jail

A suspected drunken driver told police to just take him to jail early May 13 after a crash on southbound I-275, near Ann Arbor Road.

The 25-year-old, who admitted to drinking beer before the crash, was found on the southbound freeway exit ramp around 1 a.m., a Plymouth Township Police Department report said. A female complainant had told police the man had driven his car into her vehicle and was attempting to leave. No injuries were reported.

The responding officer began to give the man a field sobriety test, but the man said to just take him to jail and that alcohol had affected his ability to drive, the report said.

The man was given a preliminary breath test on the freeway ramp and arrested and given another breath test, to check for the presence of alcohol, at the police station.

Warrants arrest

A 49-year-old man was arrested by Plymouth police late May 8 after a report of disorderly conduct at the Speedway gas station at Sheldon and Ann Arbor roads.

A clerk at the gas station called police, a police report said, after a man became argumentative when the clerk rejected a credit card. The clerk told police the man had left in a silver Ford Taurus.

Police from Plymouth stopped a man in a silver Taurus on northbound Sheldon and told him not to go to the station. When they found he had outstanding warrants for him and that his license was suspended, he was arrested, police said.

Suspended license

A 28-year-old woman was arrested the morning of May 15 after being stopped for failing to signal a left turn, police said.

When police found out the woman's license had been suspended, she was arrested.

— By Matt Jachman



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"I'm saving all of your letters. I don't know what to do when I get a locker full. Do you suppose you could keep them for me when I get 20 or 25 if I wrap them carefully in a package and send them to you? I'd like to keep every one and you do the same then we'll pull them out and read them over every so often for the next 50 years, okay?"

It seems Aarol "Bud" Irish successfully struck a deal with Elaine M. Corbat, to whom the Army soldier wrote this letter Dec. 12, 1942. He would marry her in 1946 after returning home from World War II and they would spend the next 60 years together.

This Memorial Day weekend marks a decade since Teresa Irish opened her father's Army trunk and found the above letter, as well as nearly 1,000 more.

A third of that wartime correspondence to Elaine and Bud's family, as well as photographs from his service, comprises Teresa's book, "A Thousand Letters Home."

"This was not my intended journey, but it's quite a treasure trove," said Teresa, a Northville resident. "I can't put into words how powerful the letters are because they are in real time. ... My dad would always talk about the war on particular anniversaries. He would talk of Christmas Eve in Germany in 1944 or April 9, 1945, when he went out on a reconnaissance mission and five of his buddies died and my dad was the only one that walked away without a long-term injury. He would recollect these things and you would think you heard it, but I didn't know I only knew one percent of the stories until I read the letters."

Bud Irish was a 20-year-old Hemlock, Mich., dairy farmer who could have opted to take a deferment as the only son of parents who also had four daughters. Instead, he volunteered for military service ahead of the draft and entered the U.S. Army in September 1942. He wrote his first letter from boot camp at Ft. Custer, Mich. and kept on writing to his parents and sisters, but especially to his sweetheart Elaine, with whom he'd fallen in love at first sight at a dance hall social two years earlier and to whom he proposed marriage before he left to serve in World War II.

"He was quite a romantic," Teresa said.

Written word

The letters are a testament to his love for Elaine.

"Did you see the moon come up last nite? I'm hoping you did and were gazing at it as I was. It was about as beautiful as I ever saw. It was a deep

orange color and just seemed to blend into the dark sky. I told Corporal Clay it was sure too bad that a moon like that was going to waste for so many fellows and their sweethearts just because a few big fellows were greedy for power or land, but I guess it just has to be that way. The way the war looks now we're going to have a long time of waiting, Honey, but it will be well worth it. If praying helps any, the time sure ought to shorten up some." — written to Elaine from Camp Maxey, Texas, March 23, 1943

Teresa had always known her father as a loving, optimistic man, devoted to his family, but it wasn't until Memorial Day weekend 2006 that she would discover this tribute and many more like it, as well as heart-breaking descriptions of war, in a trunk in her parents' Saginaw home. Bud had died a month before and it was nearly midnight when Teresa, seeking to come to terms with his death, sat in front of the trunk, opened it and was transported back in time to rediscover and be inspired yet again by her father.

"We'll hope and pray all of us fellows will be back in another year. The war news sounds good, but it's going to be some tough going yet. Maybe it will be a lot better world after it's all over and everyone will appreciate more how much God has given them." — written to Elaine's dad from Camp Swift, Texas, June 14, 1944

Teresa and her siblings had always offered to come back home and go through the trunk with Bud; he would tell them "someday." She knows that over the years, including the summer before he died, he had revisited the contents of the trunk, which included 250 photos in an album, a Luger pistol, German sabers, memorabilia including USO programs with Bob Hope and Martha Tilton and 30 bundles of letters postmarked between November 1942 and December 1945, all in their original envelopes. She had wanted to have "a good cry" and that night she did, staying up all night to read, but not even making a dent by the time her mother returned and they went to a Memorial Day service together.

Three piles

It would take Teresa 13 months to read all the letters, the sheer volume daunting as she pored over her father's beautiful handwriting on thin, half-century old onion paper. She sorted them into yes, no and maybe piles as she began to formulate a plan to compile them into a book. She would call her sisters and cry and share what she'd read.

"... I can't mention the name of the city I saw at



Elaine Corbat and Bud Irish in September 1942, before he left for military service. Between November 1942 and December 1945 while serving in the U.S. Army both stateside and in the European theater of operations, Bud would write hundreds of letters to Elaine and to his family. That history was compiled into a book by his daughter more than six decades later.

the present time, but I can tell you a little about it. In places the houses were pulverized to dust and great steel framed factories and buildings were nothing but masses of twisted waste. Parts of the city and even small towns were left untouched, but on roads where the Germans put up a fight and withdrew slowly, there was nothing but a path of destruction. A person can't realize the damage done by war 'til he sees it in person. ... I've seen hundreds of French people now and they seem to welcome the Americans, but pay little attention to the constant travel of army vehicles. I imagine the continuous movement of Germans and then American soldiers since 1939 has made them quite used to warfare and traffic. They make their way along the main highway as bravely as if they were riding in behind the protecting steel of 30 ton tanks instead of walking and riding on their bicycles. I imagine they look at the wreckage and ruin and think back to beautiful homes and the peace they once had. It's too bad some of the people back in the states couldn't see it and maybe they'd realize how lucky they really are. There's many a fellow over in this country tonight who would give everything they had to be back home tonight." — written to Elaine from France, Oct. 2, 1944

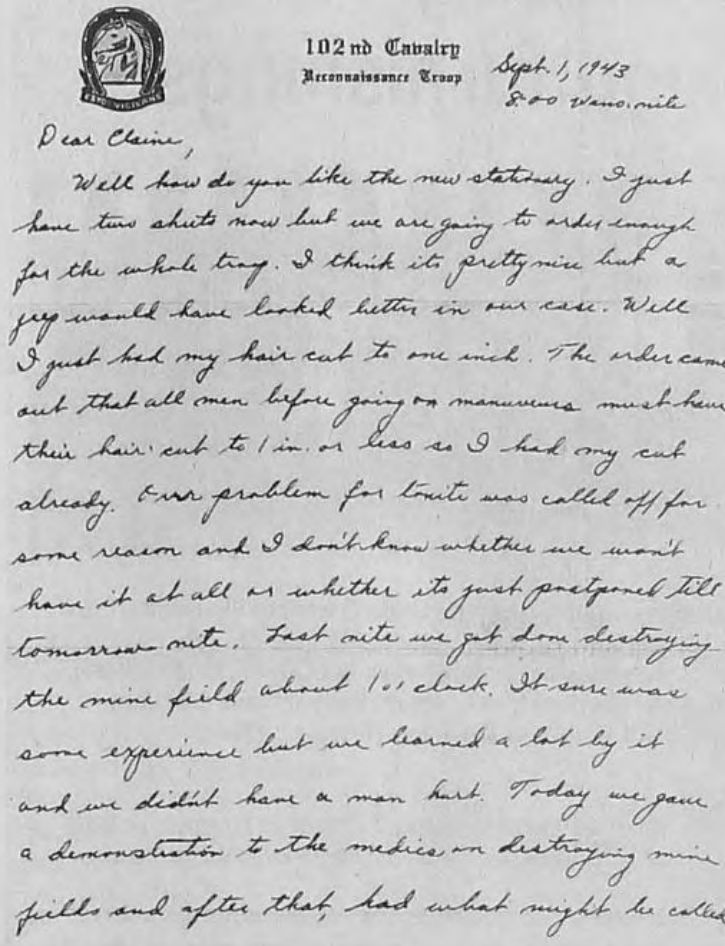
One of the most common questions Teresa is asked by historians is whether her father's letters were censored, but she said only about six phrases from among the thousand letters were blacked out. Bud had been very conscious of his communications, sometimes delaying information.

Two of Teresa's sisters assisted in typing the letters that were to go into the book. Some 5½ years after she had first sat down and started

Book form

reading the letters, Teresa self-published 320 of them, along with 104 corresponding photographs, in the book, "A Thousand Letters Home."

"If anyone ever believed in miracles I certainly do now. ... We had to jump from our jeep when the Germans started shooting with everything they had. ... The fellows with armored cars did all they could to get us under cover, but no one could move an inch from cover without getting it. My buddy and I laid behind the rocks while bullets hit so close that pieces of stone would hit us and a small piece even hit my cheek. There aren't words to say how scared we were and how hard we prayed. ... When our fellows were forced to move back for more cover, their German S.S. troopers came down the road and there were so many we didn't have a



A letter from Bud Irish dated September 1943, while he served in the U.S. Army, to his sweetheart, Elaine Corbat. Irish was a prolific writer during World War II and his correspondence serves as first-person history of war, as well as a testament of his love for Elaine in the book "A Thousand Letters Home."

chance. One saw us and from a distance of not over ten feet, he sprayed us with a gun similar to our tommies. My buddy was between him and me and was lying so close that I could feel the bullets hit him. ... I dropped on my face and laid there to make them think I was dead and one of them jerked the rifle from my hands and hit us both over the head. ... About a half hour later I heard them coming back and my heart was beating so hard it seemed like they should have heard it. ... After that I laid there for almost two hours thinking there was no one left and that my only chance was to wait 'til dark. It was like waiting a million years. ... I can't explain it, but when you know that because someone else took all the bullets that might otherwise have gotten you, a person feels he just can never do enough to make up for

them." — written to Bud's family from Germany, April 12, 1945

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Three themes

Teresa, who currently cares for her mother in Saginaw, said she believes there are three main components to the letters, as well as the entire book.

"The first is, it's a real firsthand look into a soldier's experience of World War II," she said. "Secondly, it's a beautiful love story, of which promise and hopefulness serves as a compass to bring one home, even through despair. Third, it's a story of faith, a staple in his life that helped get him through. It's a book of history, love and faith. All those are very prevalent throughout the letters, from beginning to end."

"It was sure a big disappointment not to be going home right away like we'd planned. I hate to think of you folks sitting tonite and thinking of seeing me in less than four weeks, especially when even before you get this letter you'll have one saying I don't know when I'll be home. I was in a pretty low mood, but when a fellow stops and thinks it over, he shouldn't kick as there are thousands of people worse off than us. Think of all the fellows who went home wounded, or of families who had loved ones killed and can't even look forward to their ever coming home ..." — written to Bud's family from Bayreuth, Germany, Oct. 13, 1945

Bud Irish made it home in January 1946 and married his sweetheart, who faithfully wrote back and kept the letters as he requested. Together, Bud and Elaine raised 10 children, leaving a living legacy in addition to a written one.

For more of the story, go to www.athousandlettershome.com

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EEF cuts annual golf outing fees for school participants

Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

There's no way any Plymouth-Canton school team can win the traditional Old Hickory Trophy if they're not participating in the 25th annual Educational Excellence Foundation golf outing in June.

This year, EEF leaders are offering current and retired teachers and district support staff an incentive to clean off their clubs and head June 20 to Fox Hills's Golden Fox. Instead of the \$150 donation to play, the EEF has offered a reduced rate of \$125.

"We want them to be involved," said Gretchen Ward, EEF executive director. "We have had a



Clint Smiley, Bill Wooster, Patrick Foley and Jeremy Majszak on the links at a recent Plymouth-Canton Educational Excellence Foundation golf outing.

decline in teachers participating."

What was begun dec-

ades ago as the annual Mike Hoben-Ray Hoedel Memorial Golf Outing is

now simply the P-CCS Open. But the fun and the outing's goal — raising money for grants to enhance learning in the classrooms — has remained the same.

The highest dollar amount netted from an outing for EEF has been \$40,000. "It would be nice if we can clear \$35,000 this year," said Sharon Belobraidich, who with Angela Nola co-chairs the EEF's fundraising event.

Altogether over the years, the EEF has raised some \$350,000 to help teachers and students in the Plymouth-Canton schools.

In its former days, the outing was arranged so teachers could take a half-day off to partici-

pate. Today, the outing is the Wednesday after the school year ends.

Another great incentive for teachers and support staff is a chance to win the Old Hickory Trophy, a true tradition of the EEF outing. "It's an antique driver and it gets passed to a new team every year," Belobraidich said.

The Old Hickory Trophy is handed to the school team with the lowest score. And for those who want to play but don't consider themselves good golfers — don't worry. The game is a scramble, so the trick is to form a team and have at least one golfer who can do fairly well.

Last year's winning school team from Ply-

mouth High School included Mike Sawchuck, Tom Kimbell, Tony Sterlitz and Terry Sawchuck. The winners of the Old Hickory Trophy also receive a gift certificate, Belobraidich said.

There's still plenty of time for more vendors and sponsors to join the effort. "Without the vendors, we couldn't do this," Belobraidich said.

Civic organizations are also reminded that they can sponsor a school team or join in the fun themselves.

"Bring a group you have joy and come and have fun," Belobraidich said.

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Downtown Plymouth spruce-up takes teamwork, hard work from volunteers

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Members of the Plymouth Garden Club were out and about last weekend in downtown Plymouth, planting flowers around Main Street. They'll be at the nearby Plymouth Community Veterans Memorial Park this coming weekend to spruce up that site, in time for the Memorial Day parade.

The Garden Club members were hard at work May 21 with their planting, but found time to visit and enjoy camaraderie and sunshine as they worked. Members of the Rotary Club of Plymouth were also near-

by on Main Street, planting and landscaping, as were Plymouth-Canton Civitans, all of whom enjoyed cooperative weather that day.

"The great thing about Plymouth is we have service clubs and other organizations," said Wes Graff, president of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce. "We're not dependent on government to do it all for us."

Graff praised those who "beautify the community and make it look great." He'd posted on Facebook a photo of the blooming spring flowers.

"It just blew up with response," he said. "People really notice the ef-

forts. It is one of the good things of Plymouth." It's also good for businesses, he noted.

Tony Bruscato, director of the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, noted the DDA has some 40 flower boxes in the downtown area. Volunteers are much appreciated, he said.

"The Rotary's been doing the island forever," Bruscato said of the traffic island on Main between Ann Arbor Trail and Penniman.

Some of those seen volunteering Saturday were middle-aged or plus. "A lot of times, when people retire, they have the time to do this," Graff said of the volun-

teers. "Life's been good to them. People are healthier when they retire. I don't see that ending."

Graff noted younger service club members may be at their children's soccer games each Saturday morning.

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Linda Coughlin (from left), Ann Hause, Maureen Armstrong and Sharon Bright are Plymouth Garden Club members who volunteered in the planting project in downtown Plymouth.

Basement Vintage offers one-of-kind furnishings

After spending almost 20 years practicing law, Linda O'Neill jumped at the opportunity in October 2015 to share her love of vintage with Plymouth by opening Basement Vintage.

The store offers one-of-a-kind couture shabby chic, mid-century modern or custom-made industrial farmhouse furnishings, along with unique home accessories.

Although the address is 843 Penniman, the entrance is in the back of the building, off of Fleet Street. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday



Local merchants welcome Linda O'Neill to Plymouth (from left): Joe Clough, Tim Germaux, Marlene Clough, Ed Forsyth, Elise Germaux, Maureen Dwyer, Pat O'Neill, Linda O'Neill, Michelle Baum of Vanity Salon, Kelly O'Neill, Lori Vaught and Heidi Grybas of Wedding Flowers by Heidi.

and Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday. O'Neill expects to open seven days a week in June.

Don't let your income tax refund get lost in the shuffle

By now, most of us have forgotten about taxes and probably won't think about them until next tax season. Although I've always believed you should never let the tax tail wag the dog, it is important to consider taxes when it comes to financial transactions. That being said, your ultimate goal is not to lower your taxes, but increase your net worth. Lowering your taxes doesn't mean you're increasing your net worth. The issue today has nothing to do with a transaction or strategy; it is something much more simplistic and that is whether or not you received a 2015 tax refund.

With electronic filing, the IRS is doing a much better job getting us our tax refunds. According to the IRS, the great majority of tax refunds filed electronically are paid within 21 days. Typically, if you file your return by paper, that period of time will be doubled. Therefore, if you filed your return by the April 18 deadline and you did it electronically, you should already have your refund. If not, it's a good idea to check with the IRS on the status of your refund. By going to www.irs.gov/refunds and filling out some basic information, you can find the status of your tax



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

refund. The IRS updates this every 24 hours. If you file electronically, information should be posted 24 hours after your return is filed.

If you filed electronically by the April 18 deadline, it is important to check the status of your refund. Unfortunately, there have been all sorts of horror stories about tax refunds being stolen. In fact, there have been stories where tax preparers have been fraudulently stealing peoples' refunds. If you have not received your refund, it's certainly in your best interest to check the status. If you find there is a problem, don't delay in contacting the IRS to get the issue resolved.

Although we have not had the same stories of fraud and deceit when it comes to the state of Michigan, it is also a good idea to check your refund status with the state. By going to www.michigan.gov, you can check the status of your refund.

As a side note, what many of you may not know is that if the IRS is late in sending you your refund, it must pay you

interest. Typically, on a federal return where the return is electronically filed, interest starts accruing after 45 days. To the credit of the IRS, taxpayers rarely have to ask for interest; the IRS generally automatically computes it when refunds are delayed.

One last note: Getting a large refund may sound like a good thing but, in my mind, it generally is not. If you do get a large refund, it generally means is you gave the government an interest-free loan. Of course, in today's world with low interest rates, the amount of interest you are losing by giving the government an interest-free loan may not be material. However, keep in mind that eventually we will have higher interest rates and the money lost in interest could be substantial. Even with low interest rates, I always believe money looks better in your pocket than anywhere else. Therefore, if you are getting too large of a tax refund, a change in your withholding or your estimated payments would be warranted.

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'American Pickers' looking for stars

Series will film episodes in Michigan during June

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Michigan.com

All trash is a potential treasure when it comes to "American Pickers" — and the show is looking for stars in Michigan.

The History Channel's documentary series will film episodes throughout the state in June.

The cable-TV show follows Mike Wolfe and Frank Fritz, two of the most skilled pickers in the business, as they hunt for America's most valuable antiques — from motorcycles, classic cars bicycles and more. They usually bump into a unique character or two while searching for items.

"I totally watch the show," said Cathy Evans, owner of Made 2 Inspire, 5906 E. Grand River Ave. in Genoa Township. "My husband has it taped. I totally know who 'American Pickers' are. Could you imagine if they drove up to my store in their Mercedes van? I would faint!"

In case Wolfe and Fritz are interested, Ev-



MICHIGAN.COM
Mike Wolfe (left) and Frank Fritz, stars of the History Channel show "American Pickers."

ans said she has vintage suitcases, a doctor's bag from the Vietnam War era and an antique chair someone who just wanted to get rid of brought to her shop.

Evans is now trying to track down the owner of the suitcases. She's also trying to price the old doctor's bag.

"I have no clue on how to price that," Evans said. "In Michigan, it's amazing how many people have things that they don't even realize they have."

Wolfe and Fritz look

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Sign up now for dog vaccinations

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Redford Township residents can get low-cost vaccinations for their dogs through Tail Wagger's 1990 in one of two different locations next month.

They can make an appointment for this month or June at the organization's Livonia Wellness Center, 28418 Five Mile. Or drop in between 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. any Saturday in June at the Redford Township public service building, 12200 Beech Daly, where Tail Wagger's 1990 will team up with the township treasurer and animal control to present the 2016 Dog License and Vaccination Program. Pet owners can get vaccinations and a license for their dog.

"It has made a tremendous impact," said Judy Marinetti, Tail Wagger's vice president. "We get so many owners who are so thankful. This has made a difference in pet owners lives."

Rabies, distemper and bordetella vaccines are \$12 each or \$30 for all three. A leptospirosis vaccine is \$15 and a heartworm test is \$15. A \$60 wellness package includes all four vaccines and the heartworm test.

Non-residents can get the same vaccines for \$15 each or \$45 for the Canine Core package by appointment at Tail Wagger's 1990's Livonia Wellness Center. Buy a canine wellness package this month and get \$10 off the regular \$30 price of a



Owners and their dogs attend a low-cost vaccination clinic in Redford Township.

microchip. Cost of the heartworm test is \$20 for non-Redford residents. Call 734-855-4077 to make an appointment.

Getting to the goal

Michigan Pet Fund Alliance will head to Flint for its fourth statewide no-kill conference in September.

The conference brings animal welfare experts together with shelter, rescue, animal control and welfare workers, volunteers, policy makers, and pet owners for educational workshops and discussions.

"We do try to move it

around," said Deborah Schutt, Alliance chairperson. The conference has been held in Lansing, Livonia and Ann Arbor. "We wanted to support the Flint economy because of the water crisis and it's an appropriate time because the Genesee County Animal Shelter has done a huge turnaround.

"Under the prior director they had no volunteers. They had a huge kill rate. They were secretive and had no transparency," Schutt said. "When we volunteered to come help assist we were not let in the door. A new

director took over a year ago January. He had no qualms about asking for help, bringing in volunteers and meeting with other shelters."

Schutt said the shelter now lets volunteers take animals home for weekend visits and has introduced dog play groups at the shelter.

Dog play groups within shelters will be one of many workshops at the conference. A session on reading dog language will be hands-on with trainers and a behaviorist.

"It's helping to understand physical cues," she said. "Anyone who walks their dog can benefit from that. I think there is enough content for the general public and specific content for animal control and rescue. There's enough variety for everyone.

Several sessions will focus on the Million Cat Challenge, a nationwide effort to find homes for 1 million cats in shelters nationwide.

An all-day training session for police officers, presented by the Michigan Humane Society, will be available at the conference for the first time.

The conference will run Thursday and Friday, Sept. 15-16, at the Holiday Inn Gateway Centre Flint-Grand Blanc. Early registration is \$85. Groups of five or more and certified rescue organizations are eligible for discounts.

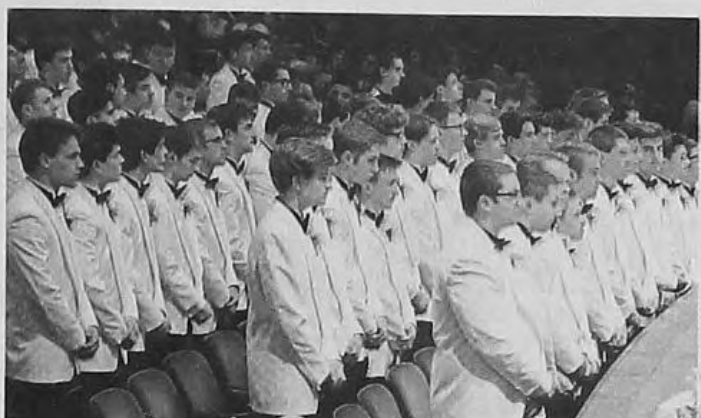
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CC graduate Alexander McLaren.

Detroit Catholic Central graduation

Seniors at Novi Detroit Catholic Central High School graduated Sunday. Find more photos online at hometownlife.com.



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Members of CC's class of 2016 stand at attention as their commencement exercises get underway May 22 at U-M's Hill Auditorium.



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CC's Kyle Gaines receives his diploma.

Looking at myths and facts about tornadoes

Remember watching "The Wizard of Oz" as a kid. I asked my grandfather if a tornado could really pick up a house and blow it away. He never answered my question. He just told me about how a tornado ripped past his home in Kingston, Mich., and destroyed his barn. He said the sky turned green and suddenly it sounded like a locomotive came screaming by the house. He said the only thing that saved him and his family was grandma's rosary. It sounded a lot worse than waking up in Oz.

My grandfather also told me that you needed to crack windows so the air pressure in the house would balance with the air pressure outside and not blow out the windows. This, as I found, is just a myth. Think about it — a small thin pane of glass separating you from 100 mph to 200 mph winds. The windows (open or not) will be destroyed, not by the air pressure, but by all the debris in the air. Homes and buildings have enough openings to vent the pressure difference while a tornado passes.

Another myth is that you should crawl up under an overpass while a



Sgt. Michael Sura
ASK A TROOPER

tornado passes. This is very dangerous. Again, debris is being hurled about — even under the bridge. Do not try to outrun the tornado in your vehicle. A tornado has the potential of traveling 60 mph and they don't follow a road, like your vehicle.

If you see a tornado developing where you are driving, the best thing to do is pull over and evacuate your vehicle. Seek shelter in the nearest sturdy building or storm shelter. Do not hide under your car. The wind could potentially roll your car over. If there isn't an available shelter, find the nearest ditch or low-lying area and crouch low to the ground, covering your head with your arms. Don't forget, sturdy buildings are all around you. Fast-food restaurants, banks and churches may offer shelter and a safe place to enter.

Make sure you are ready for a tornado at home. Identify the lowest place to take cover dur-

ing a tornado. If a basement does not exist, find an interior hallway away from windows, doors and outside walls. Go under something sturdy — such as a workbench or stairwell — when taking shelter in the basement or designated spot.

Conduct regular tornado drills. Make sure each household member knows where to go and what to do in the event of a tornado. Stay tuned to commercial radio or television broadcasts for news on changing weather conditions or approaching storms. Know the difference: A tornado watch means conditions exist for a tornado to develop; a tornado warning means that a tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. Be aware of the following signs that can indicate an approaching tornado: dark, often greenish sky; large hail; a large, dark low-lying cloud; or loud roar, similar to a freight train, just like my grandpa said. Develop a 72-hour emergency supply kit with essential items such as a three-day supply of water and food, a NOAA weather radio, important family documents and items that satisfy unique family needs.

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OUR VIEW

Foster care gets boost from faith community

Grassroots organizations often get things done, as evidenced by the early days of the environmental movement, which is now a force to be reckoned with. Sarai, a local young woman who was in foster care, and state Rep. Kathy Crawford spoke earlier this month to the Western Wayne-Oakland Region of the Faith Communities Coalition on Foster Care.

The meeting was at Faith Community Presbyterian Church of Novi. As a group of about 35 listened to foster care alumna Sarai tell her story, some 90 pillowcases rested on a nearby table.

"They often take whatever's theirs in a black garbage bag," church member Sheila Henderson said of foster care youth. Women of the church sewed and ironed the pillowcases to give to the Methodist Children's Home of Redford and will continue that effort for other organizations such as Vista Maria that help children and teens.

Sheila Henderson of South Lyon serves as facilitator for the region for the coalition. It started with the Rev. Kate Thoresen at the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, with Thoresen later coming to the Novi church. First Presbyterian of Birmingham is now Thoresen's home church, where she works full time in foster care as a parish associate.

The coalition's local congregations include: Oak Pointe Church, Brightmoor Church, First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, First Presbyterian Church of Northville, Our Lady of Victory Catholic in Northville, Faith Community Presbyterian of Novi and St. Paul's Presbyterian of Livonia.

Also working with the coalition is the state's Department of Health and Human Services, represented that day by Trina Richardson, statewide coordinator, Community and Faith-Based Initiative on Foster Care and Adoption.

The coalition works with agencies like the Methodist Children's Home of Redford, Vista Maria and semi-independent living homes for older teens, Henderson explained. Other homes are evolving that give temporary respite for kids to help keep them from going into the foster care system.

Added Henderson, "There are some pretty exciting things happening across the country. We've got a long ways to do." Nearly 13,000 children are in foster care in Michigan "looking for forever homes," she said.

The coalition also works with the Michigan Adoption Resource Exchange, a program of the Judson Center, Henderson said. The faith-based coalition's

website is faithcommunitiescoalition.org.

The state's foster care and adoption website is michigan.gov/hopeforahome.

It's laudable to see church members working on issues of foster care and adoption and state government leaders looking to the faith community to help children and teens in foster care. Also exciting is learning of temporary respite to keep kids out of the foster care system.

Not everybody can adopt a child, although information provided at the forum notes smaller ways all can contribute:

» Read a book about foster care and adoption to educate yourself and your community; talk to others about foster care and adoption and how they can learn more.

» Send words of encouragement to a foster and/or adoptive family.

» Help to organize or donate items to the local foster care and/or adoption agency or community program.

» Place announcements in bulletins and newsletters highlighting the critical need for more licensed foster and adoptive families for Michigan children.

LETTERS

Trott says, 'be afraid'

In predictable form, U.S. Rep. Dave Trott, R-Mich., in an email to constituents chose to fear monger a foreign tragedy in order to frighten constituents. His motive is to push the ridiculous twin narratives that ISIS - because smart phones and Toyota pickups, but laughably no air force or navy - is an existential threat to the U.S. and that President Obama has failed in keeping us safe.

First, the plane crash

occurred halfway around the world and had nothing to do with airline security here or our military preparedness overall. With 28,000 domestic departures daily in U.S., close to 10 million per year and 150 million since 9/11 with no major incidents, does it seem that American air travel is under siege to you?

Curiously, four days out no terrorist group has claimed credit for this tragedy and for terrorists, publicity is the goal. Recall, these outfits often rush to claim responsibility

for things they didn't do, so to assume this unclaimed incident is the result of a terrorist plot is premature at best, political grandstanding at worst.

This irresponsible behavior again is nothing new for Trott. He has consistently exploited past attacks in Europe to bolster the "be afraid" and Obama is not keeping us safe memes even though in the 15 years since 9/11 only 3.2 Americans per year on average have died in jihadist type attacks here, 1/55th the number killed annually by falling TV sets. In so doing, Trott himself has literally acted as a tool of terror, grossly exaggerating dangers, exactly what terrorists would hope for.

Even if this does end up being a terrorist attack, rushing to judg-

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ment is not productive and increasing an already bloated military budget that sucks up 54 percent of all spending is not in order since we already spend more than the next seven nations combined and five of those are our allies.

C'mon Dave, we need better infrastructure and more and better jobs, not someone who cries, "wolf" to push dubious narratives.

Mitch Smith
Canton

NRA and Trump

It appears that the National Rifle Association has endorsed Donald Trump. This should come as no great surprise. The NRA is so aligned with the arms manufacturers, that any politician who is against gun control is deemed worthy of an endorsement.

For many years, I was a proud card-carrying member of the NRA. That all changed in April 1993, after four federal agents were killed during a shootout with David Koresh's cult in Waco, Texas. Current NRA CEO Wayne Lapiere called

those agents "jack-booted thugs." As a retired cop, I took offense with that erroneous statement. I sent my cut up ID card along with an expletive-filled letter to Lapiere and advised him and the NRA to never contact me again.

I own guns, carry a gun and love guns. But that said, I have no problem with sensible restrictions.

The NRA is up in arms (no pun intended) that some states are allowing ex-cons to vote. For years, this organization has been fighting to have gun ownership rights restored to ex-cons. So it's their reasoning that owning a gun is just fine, but voting is taboo.

As I said at the start of this letter, nothing but shills for the gun makers.

James Huddleston
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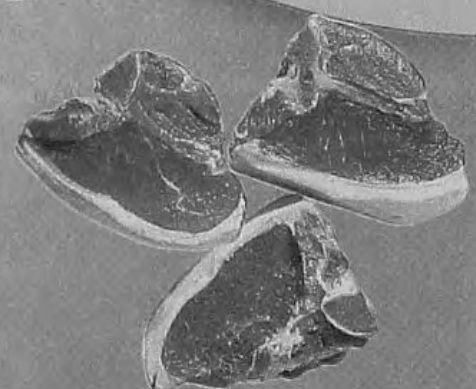
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CANTON CUP PRIMER

Anticipation brimming for Canton Cup

Annual soccer tournament is ready to kick off Friday

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

All this week, Canton Soccer Club coaches Ian Jones and Dermot Davitt are painting fresh, white stripes on patches of green at Independence Park and several other locations in

the township. That's a perfect activity for the days leading up to the 34th annual Canton Cup soccer tournament. One of the biggest Memorial Day weekend soccer tournaments in the Midwest definitely has earned its "stripes" over the decades. Reputation and reliability are two reasons why there will be more than 600 teams from all over the U.S. and Canada squaring off for the Canton Soccer Club's three-day bonanza that kicks off at 5 p.m. Friday at Independence Park.



"Absolutely, you're only as good as your last tournament," sixth-year tournament director Darryl Noel said. "We don't focus on the number of teams,

we focus on the quality of experience."

Noel said about 65-70 percent of teams from the 2015 tourney are returning this year, a renewal rate that he strongly believes is evidence that "we're doing something right, that we're giving a high-quality tournament."

From near and far

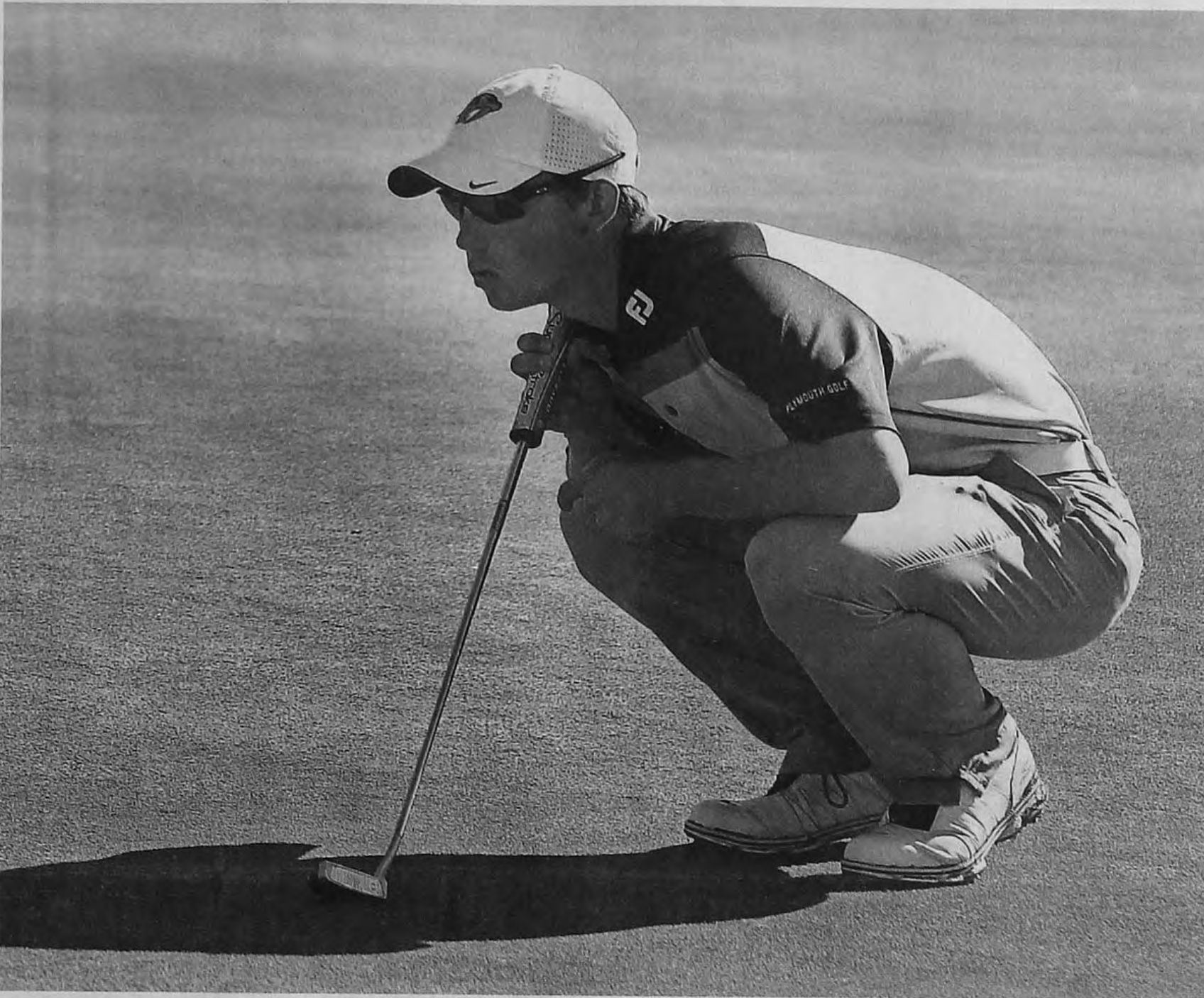
According to Noel, the fact that teams are driving from Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio — bypassing holiday tournaments such as Pacesetter Soccer In-

stational (in Toledo, Ohio) and Indiana-based Best of the Midwest — is more proof that the annual tourney is the place to be if you like to play or watch the sport.

Of course, many area club teams will be back. There will be numerous teams from Canton Soccer Club, as well as those from the Plymouth Reign, AC-Milan (Livonia), Michigan Jaguars (Novi) and The Rush from Northville, among others.

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KLAA BOYS GOLF TOURNAMENT



Plymouth's Justin Kapke surveys the green before putting during Monday's KLAA tournament at Tanglewood. Kapke and Jack Boczar both shot 75 to lead the champion Wildcats. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

STACKED 'CATS

Four Plymouth golfers break 80 to spark Wildcats to KLAA title

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Knowing a big challenge awaited them at Monday's Kensington Lakes Activities Association championship, Plymouth golfers made sure to get in a practice round at par-72 Tanglewood Golf Course in South Lyon.

That helped the Wildcats, who were able to handle a tough course and tough 24-team field en route to the KLAA varsity boys golf championship — finishing with a 307 total, sparked by four golfers cracking the 80-stroke plateau.

Justin Kapke and Jack Boczar led Plymouth with 75 each, with James Baldwin and Kyle Kozler registering 78 and 79, respectively. Other Wildcat finishers were Joe Fontana (83) and Logan Stefanko (85).

"It's a new course and not all of our



Plymouth's Kyle Kozler plays at Tanglewood during the KLAA boys golf tournament. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

guys have played it," Kozler said. "So we were lucky enough to play a practice round.

"But the greens were tricky, the pin placements were tricky. It wasn't just for us, everyone had to play the same holes."

According to Kapke, "It feels nice to contribute to our team. I had a lot of birdies today and hit it pretty well. There were a lot of hazards. The greens were really tough, too."

Grinding it out

Veteran Plymouth coach Dan Young pointed to the mental toughness of his group, particularly on such a difficult course.

"If you make any mistakes out here, you're going to get penalized," Young said. "So on some courses, you make mistakes, you can get away with it. You can't get away with it here, so you have to be accurate. That's a grind.

"Plus, it's a six-hour round. It was a long, slow round. Our guys did a great job mentally. That's been our thing: routine, target, grind. Just grind, hang in there and do the best you can. And

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Young to take over Salem helm

Veteran coach excited about chance to lead Rocks

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

When Dan Young coached boys basketball at Canton in the mid-1990s, one of his players was Brian Samulski.

In the two decades since, their paths and perspectives have often remained in sync when it comes to what it takes to succeed on the hardwood.

And so it was a natural fit for them to team up again. This week, Salem athletic director Samulski offered Young the job to coach the Rocks varsity girls basketball team.

Young's decision was a slam dunk.

"We've remained close. We're from the same philosophies of coaching, as far as man-to-man defense, motion offense," Young said, referring to Samulski's girls basketball coaching career at Canton, during which the Chiefs have reached the Breslin Center several times. "He's been very successful and that's the main reason I wanted to coach the Salem girls, just to be with Brian and be a part of his athletic department."

According to Young, he and Samulski are cut from the "same cloth" in terms of coaching philosophy.

"Play good defense, share the ball, have good team chemistry," Young said, ticking off main points on his coaching checklist. "Be fundamentally sound and just try to get better and be playing your best ball at playoff time."

Young will succeed Lindsay Klemmer, who was let go from the post after more than two seasons on the Salem sidelines.

"I don't have information on what she did or what she was doing and I don't know the whole situation there," Young said. "But all I know is I have good experience and worked under great people and learned and have been pretty successful coaching basketball.

"So I have a pretty sound understanding on what it takes to be successful. I'm excited to help the team grow and get better. I'm looking forward to that."

No conflict

Meanwhile, Young said there won't be any conflict between



Young

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PREP TRACK AND FIELD

Eagles have solid showing at D4 regional

Ten PCA athletes qualify for states with strong performances

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Plymouth Christian Academy might not have the largest track and field team, but it had a stellar showing nonetheless at Saturday's Division 4 regional at Lutheran Westland.

Ten athletes — five boys and five girls — qualified for the D4 state meet, to take place June 4 at Houseman Field in Grand Rapids.

Triple winners include Aaron Vicars and Seth Windle from the boys and Allie Crececius from the girls.

Also making the cut for the Eagles on the boys side were Ian Hay, Gareth Matson and 110 hurdles champion Nathan Oweis.

The 3,200-meter relay team of Matson, Vicars, Hay and Windle placed second with a time of eight minutes, 36.74 seconds.

Oweis earned the regional championship in 110 meter hurdles, with a mark of 16.90.

Distance runners Windle and Vicars finished first and

second in the 1,600 and 3,200 runs, as each athlete garnered a championship and finished second in the other event.

Windle prevailed in the 3,200 run with a time of 10:39.94, edging second-place Vicars (10:42.18).

The order was reversed in the 1,600 run, with Vicars winning in 4:50.72. Trailing in second with a time of 4:51.08 was Windle.

PCA girls who will compete at the state meet are Crececius, Kennedy Horne, Paige Perkey, Jordan Reed and Sienna Ruitter-Diaz.

Crececius had a standout day. She placed second in the 400- and 800-meter runs with times of 1:03.41 and 2:31.28.

Also qualifying was the girls 800-meter relay team of Perkey, Horne, Reed and Crececius (second, 1:53.96) and Ruitter-Diaz in the 1,600 run (second, 5:47.47).

The Eagles finished third in the boys standings with 81 points, while the PCA girls placed fourth with 72 points.

Regional host Lutheran Westland took the top spot in both the boys and girls meets.

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Plymouth Christian senior hurdler Nathan Oweis gets it done at regionals.

PEGGY PAULSON



PLYMOUTH GOLF

Plymouth's varsity boys golf team celebrates with its hardware after winning Monday's KLAAs championship at Tanglewood (from left): assistant coach John Tatti, Logan Stefanko, James Baldwin, Kyle Kozler, Jack Boczar, Joe Fontana, Justin Kapke and head coach Dan Young.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Suhas Potluri plays at Tanglewood during Monday's KLAAs tournament. He shot 83 for the day.

GOLF

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it was good enough."

The Wildcats fended off runner-up Hartland (314), Novi (315), Grand Blanc (318) and Northville (322).

"It's a great accomplishment, because you have 24 schools in our area," said Young, whose team also won the KLAAs South Division and Kensington Conference trophies. "It's a great accomplishment, obviously, on a tough course. It's awesome."

Plymouth, which will now compete in a district tourney Thursday at Fox Hills, was bolstered by a deep and talented lineup. But Young emphasized that a stellar work

ethic has a lot to do with ongoing success.

"They're good players, they're good golfers," Young said. "They work hard at it, they put in their practice rounds, they have a plan coming in and it's fun to be with this group."

What makes it fun for the golfers, Kozler noted, is knowing others are there to pick them up if they have off-days.

"All of us are about the same in our averages; it's nice to have," Kozler said. "If I had a rough day today, it's nice to have someone to fall back on. Not all teams have that."

"We're real stacked and, hopefully, we can keep it up."

Rocks' best

As for other Plymouth-Canton Educational Park teams,

Salem finished 13th with a 337 tally, while Canton — without two top players — registered a 349 score.

"It's good to play your best, to have your best day of the year at an important tournament," Salem head coach Ryan Nimmerguth said, adding that the KLAAs meet was his team's best 18-hole performance of the season.

Salem's Hayden Winch topped the Rocks with 78, earning him a spot on the all-conference team. Shawn Weldon and Justin Polce both shot 86, while Adam Marcero shot 87.

"(Winch) finally got over the hump and broke 80," Nimmerguth said. "He's been close a couple times and couldn't finish his rounds off. Today, he finished with a birdie and finished strong."

The Chiefs were led by Suhas Potluri, who tallied 83. Finishing with 87 each were Brian Oldani and Dominic Dimaya.

"There were a lot of out of hazards, a lot of out of bounds," Canton head coach Tom Alles said. "It was playing tough."

KLAAs ASSOCIATION BOYS GOLF TOURNAMENT

May 23 at Tanglewood G.C.
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Plymouth, 307 strokes; 2. Hartland, 314; 3. Novi, 315; 4. Grand Blanc, 318; 5. Howell, 321; 6. Northville, 322; 7. Pinckney, 323; 8. Walled Lake Northern, 325; 9. Walled Lake Central, 327; 10. (tie) Livonia Stevenson and Brighton, 33; 12. White Lake Lakeland, 335

; 13. Salem, 337; 14. Canton, 349; 15. Livonia Churchill, 355; 16. Waterford Kettering, 365; 17. South Lyon, 366; 18. South Lyon East, 370; 19. Walled Lake Western, 379; 20. Millford, 385; 21. Livonia Franklin, 387; 22. Wayne Memorial, 456; 23. Westland John Glenn, 374.

Individual medalist: Justin LaFrance (Lakeland), 1-over 73.

Plymouth scorers: 3. (tie) Jack Boczar, 75; Justin Kapke, 75; 13. (tie) James Baldwin, 78; 17. Kyle Kozler, 79; 35. Joe Fontana, 83; 47. Logan Stefanko, 85.

Salem scorers: 13. (tie) Hayden Winch, 78; 54. Shawn Weldon, 86; Justin Polce, 86; 61. Adam Marcero, 87; 94. Bryce Henderson, 94; 103. Travis Stott, 86.

Canton scorers: 35. Suhas Potluri, 83; 61. (tie) Dominic Dimaya, 87; Brian Oldani, 87; 85. D.J. Jablonski, 92; 101. Ryan Witzak, 95; 120. Patrick McDougall, 105.

QUAD MEET RESULTS

May 19 at Northville Hills G.C.
TEAM SCORES: Northville 159, Plymouth, 163; Novi, 166; Canton, 173.

Northville scorers: Jimmy Dales, 37; Aaron Youmans, 39; Max Antilla, 40; Dominic Marsalese, 42; Abhinav Alluri, 43; Drew Kearis, 49.

Plymouth scorers: Jason Kapke, 38; James Baldwin, 40; Matt Decker, 41; Logan Stefanko and Kyle Kozler, 44 each; Joe Fontana, 47.

Novi scorers: Mike Ullie, 37 (medalist); Aakash Jajoo, 42; Ryan Welch and Trevor Angell, 43 each; Ryan Havens, 46; Derek DuBois, 51.

Canton scorers: Suhas Potluri, 40; Phillip Conrad, 42; Dominic Dimaya, 45; Patrick McDougall, Brian Oldani and D.J. Jablonski, 46 each.

Dual match records: Northville, 7-0 Kensington Conference; Plymouth, 9-0 Kensington; Novi, 6-1 Kensington; Canton, 8-1 Kensington.

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PREP BASEBALL

Wild ending gives Plymouth Christian a 9-8 win

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Plymouth Christian Academy's Josh Slater drove a laser beam into the sun field Tuesday that Lutheran Westland right fielder Christian Zimmerman struggled to get a bead on.

The host Warriors were trying to record the final three outs of their MIAC White Division baseball match-up and clinch the crown. PCA trailed 7-5 entering the top of the seventh against pitcher Jordan Williams, but did get the first two batters on.

Slater's drive would have been the first out. Instead, the ball bounced off Zimmerman's glove (whether it was a hit or a tough error depends on who you talk to) and the Eagles were in business — ultimately scoring four times to go up 9-7.

PCA, however, had to endure a scare in the bottom half in order to hang on to a 9-8 victory. With the tying and winning runs in scoring position, Brent Croft smoked a one-hopper deep into the hole at

shortstop.

Cool as a cucumber was Eagles shortstop Matt Cusumano — who only shifted from second base earlier that half-inning due to a pitching change from winning pitcher Josh Mason to starting shortstop Phil Morby with two on and one out.

Cusumano knocked down the ball and fired to first baseman Slater for the final out.

"It was a little bit of adrenaline," Cusumano said. "But I have to say it was a lot of practice that really paid off, helping in those clutch situations."

Infield instinct

One batter earlier, Cusumano had to think on his feet to field another hot shot and throw to third baseman Jake Shook for an important force play.

"You just kind of examine your surroundings before hand," Cusumano said. "And if it's hit to you and you're rang-



Cusumano

ing that way, you realize it and toss it over there. It's kind of an instinct."

Warriors head coach Kevin Wade lamented that final inning of missed opportunities.

But his team (13-5, 5-3) can still grab a share of the MIAC White title should Oakland Christian defeat PCA on Friday. As of Tuesday, there are four teams (including Southfield Christian) tied in the standings.

"Two hard-hit balls and (Cusumano) made nice plays," Wade said. "If a couple of those sneak through, it's a different game."

Eagles head coach Joe Bottorff said his team "got away with some mistakes today." Thankfully, none happened on the final two outs, thanks to having the "very calm and poised" Cusumano taking care of business.

The conclusion was fitting for such a back-and-forth game.

The Eagles (10-6, 5-3) took an early 2-0 lead in the first, when Slater doubled in two runs.

But Lutheran Westland took advantage of wildness from

PCA starting pitcher Adam Albert in the third to tie things up.

Getting things started with an infield single was Drake Snyder (4-for-4). Albert hit a batter and walked three batters in a row, forcing in two runs.

The Warriors took a 3-2 lead in the fourth when Evan Zagata, Zimmerman (3-for-4) and Snyder strung together singles, with a sacrifice bunt by Ben Brown mixed in.

Bouncing back with three runs in the fifth, to go up 5-3, were the Eagles. Will Crececius doubled and moved to third on a single by Cusumano.

Crececius crossed the plate on a fielder's choice that went awry and Slater later singled up the middle for two RBIs.

Wild finish

That's how the game remained until the Lutheran Westland sixth. The first five batters reached safely, with a smash down the third-base line by Williams (2-for-4, three RBIs) scoring two.

When Williams went out to

pitch the top of the seventh, Wade insisted he wasn't gassed in the 91-degree heat.

Yet, the Eagles wasted no time, with first-pitch singles by Phil Morby and Austin Andres bringing up Slater.

"We know that their pitcher's going to be around the plate," Bottorff said. "So I talked to these guys about ... attacking early, in fastball counts."

Then came the hard-hit ball that landed in right field, keeping the line moving to Wade's chagrin.

Subsequent hits by Nick Andres, A.J. Greuber and Crececius provided barely enough cushion for PCA.

"It's a good life learning lesson," Wade said. "We battled back and forth and you just came up short. So you just got to build and move on."

"I'd rather lose today and learn from it and be able to win next Tuesday in the opening round of districts."

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GIRLS SOCCER

North Farmington cruises to 5-1 victory over Marlins

Raiders take charge during second half

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Coach Tim Russell wishes his North Farmington girls soccer team would play the entire game the way it did the second half Tuesday.

The Raiders elevated the intensity level after the break and scored three more goals to finish off a 5-1 victory over visiting Farmington Hills Mercy.

The first half was pretty much played in the midfield, though the Marlins were on the attack a little more. But it was virtually all North in the second half.

"That's kind of our (modus operandi)," Russell said. "We come out a little flat in games, so we have to have the half-time talk and then we usually play great."

"They can do it all the time. They just have to realize we can't turn it on and off against the teams we're going to be playing in the playoffs."

Leading 2-1 at halftime, the Raiders took a two-goal lead with 23:40 remaining, when Abby Hegarty scored off a pass from Karlie Cummins.

Cummins made it 4-1 with 16:27 to play. The ball was chipped into the middle and Mercy goalie Calli Jensen was about to grab it when it took a weird bounce. Cummins stayed with the play and knocked the free ball into the net.

The play of the game occurred late in the first half when North quickly counter attacked after Mercy scored its goal.

Chloe Woodbeck centered the ball to Maddie Erdman,



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Sophomore Gabriela Sgambati assisted on one of the North Farmington goals in the 4-0 win.

who headed it into the net for a 1-1 score with 4:08 to go before halftime. domeara@hometownlife.com

PREP ROUNDUP

Plymouth girls, boys lacrosse teams earn wins

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Six goals by Cathryn VandenBosch took care of one end of the field for Plymouth's varsity girls lacrosse team Monday against Brighton.

Shutting down the Bulldogs at the other end was goalkeeper Elizabeth Elliott with a flurry of sparkling saves, helping the Wildcats defeat Brighton, 14-13, in a Monday night tourney match-up.

VandenBosch had some offensive help from Marissa Cirino and Natalie Nowicki (two goals, two assists each).

Contributing one goal each were Michelle Cirino, Cierra Steiner (who also assisted on a goal), Shelby Strawn and Regan Woodward.

Salem girls lacrosse

Although the Rocks played Dexter close May 19, it wasn't enough as Salem fell in the regular season finale, 12-11.

Salem roared back from a 6-2 halftime deficit to force overtime (10-10 after regulation), on Stephanie Miller's goal with 1:50 to go.

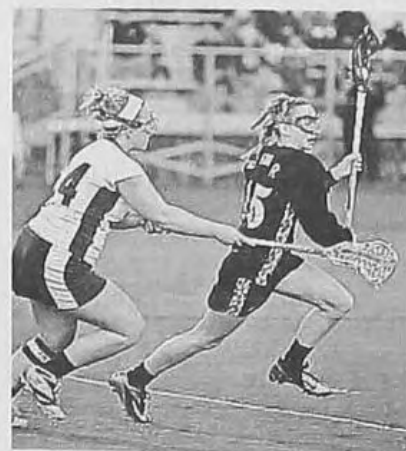
In the first three-minute overtime, Madison Mullins scored for the Rocks, but the Dreadnaughts fired in two of their own by the end. There was no scoring in the second OT.

Miller led Salem with six goals, while Mullins contributed three. Chipping in one goal each were Colleen Shortal and Kayla Goleniak.

Keeping the Rocks close enough to rally was goalie Maddie Johnson, who made 13 saves in the first half alone.

Plymouth boys win

The opening round of the MHSAA boys lacrosse state tourney began Saturday for



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Plymouth's Cathryn VandenBosch (right), shown in a previous game, scored six goals in a 14-13 tourney win over Brighton.

Plymouth as the Wildcats edged Novi 8-6.

Senior goalie Trevor McManus backstopped the victory with 17 saves, while Mitch Gonzales, James Hansen, Tyler Ramer, Charlie Shaver, Jake Marciniak, Nate Messer and Bradley Tyskiewicz all provided the Wildcats with sturdy defensive help.

Keying the Plymouth offense was Nolan Ouellette, who bagged four goals and an assist.

Helping the cause were Carson Miller (two goals), Zach Gallaher (one goal, two assists) and Jack Balch (one goal, one assist).

"It's great to finally beat Novi and even better to get a playoff win," Plymouth head coach Brian Walsh said. "We have to improve in a few areas, but we're excited to move on to the next round against Brighton."

» South Lyon Unified eliminated Canton 8-6 in Saturday's first-rounder.

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CANTON CUP

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"The tournament is a family friendly event," Noel said. "Yes, it's a very high-quality soccer tournament, but we always bring the Canton Cup experience. That's critical to our success."

"We have the vendors, we have the festival atmosphere, we think of everything as if we were going to that tournament. What would we want to see?"

Bucks on tap

As per usual, they'll get to see the Michigan Bucks of the Professional Development League compete at noon Saturday on Field No. 3 at Independence Park. This year's opponent is the Cincinnati Dutch Lions. Admission is free.

Preceding the Bucks game will be Memorial Day "remembrance" remarks from Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy, who launched the tournament in 1982. Canton Leisure Services partners with Canton Soccer Club to host the tourney.

Visitors will help make the weekend another hit; boys and girls contests continue at four parks (Independence, Heritage, Griffin and Plymouth-Canton Educational Park) from 7 a.m. Saturday through Sunday night medal ceremonies.

Plenty of families from southeast Michigan will help make the turnout close to 35,000 by the time the weekend concludes.

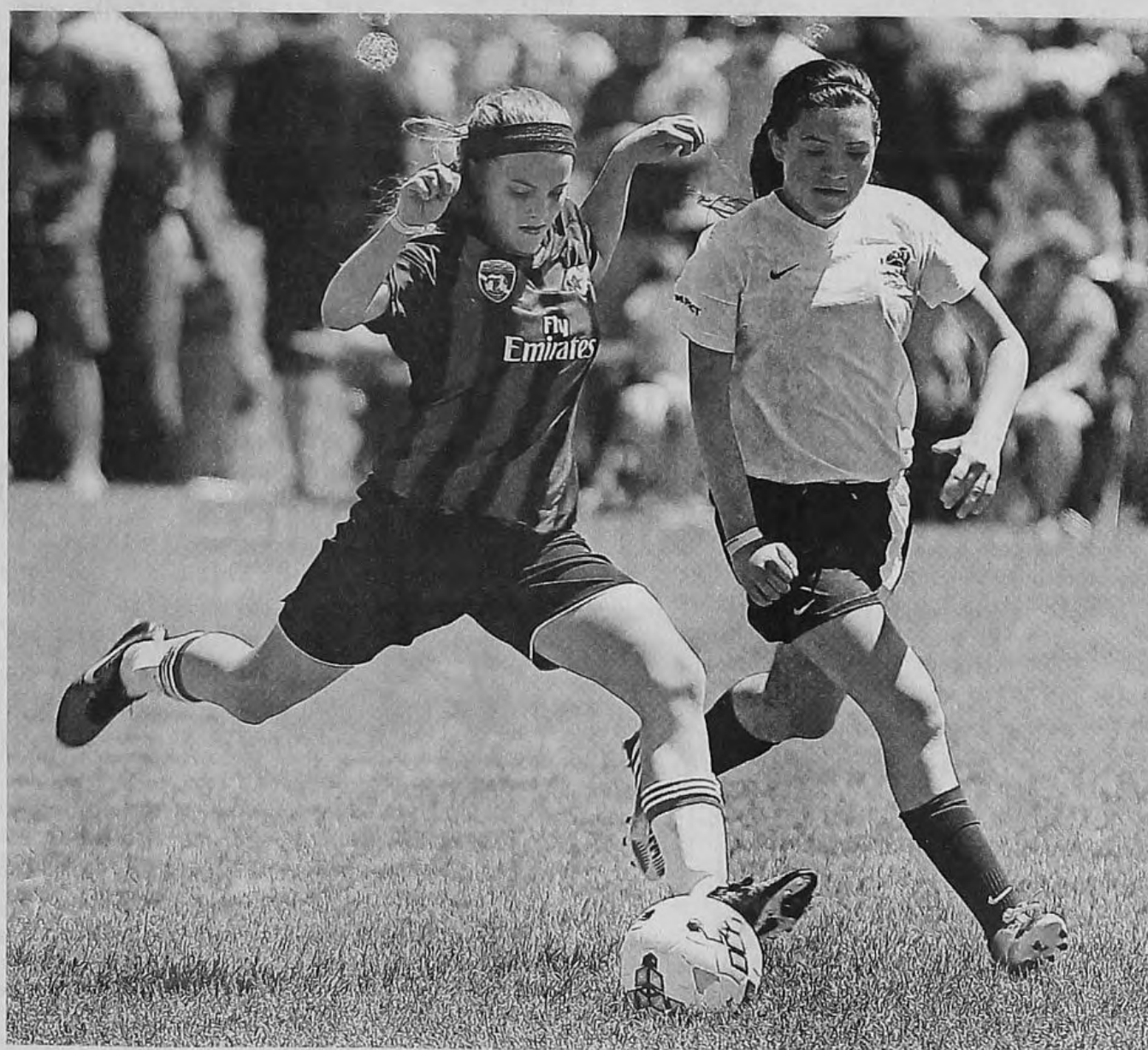
"We still see ourselves as the kickoff of summer in Canton," said Noel, whose son Tyler will compete for the Canton Soccer Club U13 Black squad. "We are the first major event that the township and community get to have and it's only a couple weeks before Liberty Fest. It's a great time to be in Canton."

Keep 'em close

Noel emphasized that the tournament will be about well-played, well-officiated contests among youngsters of all ages and skill levels.

But every effort has been made to match opponents based on comparable ability in order to weed out blowouts that are not much fun for anybody involved.

"Ideally, our goal is to have every game be within three or four goals of each other," Noel said. "In a perfect world,



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO
Nevada Larson of Livonia-based AC Milan Detroit's U-13 girls team outraces an opponent during a 2015 Canton Cup contest. This year's tourney begins at 5 p.m. Friday at Independence Park.

CANTON CUP FACTS

What: The 34th annual Canton Cup soccer tournament takes place Friday through Sunday (with Memorial Day as a rain makeup date).

Where: The hub of Canton Soccer Club's well-regarded tourney is Independence Park, located on Denton Road south of Cherry Hill Road. Other locations are Heritage Park (1010 S. Canton Center Road), Griffin Park (500 N. Sheldon Road) and Plymouth-Canton Educational Park (8415 N. Canton Center Road).

Games: Friday games begin at 5 p.m. at Independence Park only. Saturday contests will be played at all four sites, beginning at 7 a.m.; Sunday games will take place at Independence and Heritage, with finals beginning 3 p.m.

Bucks: The Michigan Bucks of the Premier Developmental League will face the Cincinnati Dutch Lions at noon Saturday. The game will take place on Field No. 3 at Independence. Admission is free.

Logo: Tournament director Darryl Noel said the Canton Cup logo is changed annually. It includes one star for each year of its existence and this year's design is "more dynamic," with colorful swooshes.

Parking: There will not be a shuttle to and from the tourney sites. But an additional 70-100 parking spaces have been made available at the south end of Independence Park.

Info: Go to www.cantencup.net or get the Canton Cup mobile phone app. The app is available through the iTunes store or Google Play.

there'd be a three-goal differential for every game. If every team did that, it means we scheduled and put the like-talented teams together."

Also hopefully part of the past is the possibility of any teams waiting long hours between games or coaches of multiple teams having scheduling conflicts. A customized scheduling process is helping

to ease such issues.

"We have all been to tournaments where they have a game first thing in morning and then have to wait around all day to play the next game at night," he said. "It is not a fun experience."

An app for that

Even for such a successful tournament year in and year

out (and much of the credit for that goes to a large band of dedicated volunteers, Noel stressed), tweaks and updates are important.

This time around, all teams are checking in electronically instead of on-site at Independence Park. Noel estimated that the process has been whittled down from 15-20 minutes to three to four minutes as a re-



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Darryl Noel is running his sixth Canton Cup tournament.

ABOUT DARRYL NOEL

The Canton Cup soccer tournament is embarking on its 34th year this weekend. In his sixth year as tourney director is Canton resident Darryl Noel, who is a bona fide soccer dad.

Noel and his wife Patty will have one child competing this year. Tyler, a seventh-grader at East Middle School, plays for the Canton Soccer Club U13 Black team.

Julia is a sophomore at Plymouth High School and plays for the Wildcats varsity girls soccer team. Daughter Nicole is a student at Grand Valley State University.

sult.

Plus, the Canton Cup mobile phone app has been improved, with anything and everything one would ever want to know about the tournament just a touch away. And we're talking info about traffic snarls, hotel availability, restaurants and much more.

"If a player gets hurt in a game," Noel said, opening up the app and hitting a button for first aid, "you can call a (phone) number and instantly be in contact with somebody. Safety is first and foremost."

Noel said the Canton Cup app is available via the iTunes store and Google Play.

So all that preparation merely is the precursor to what Noel expects to be another rousing weekend on all fronts.

"Soccer is booming right now," Noel said with a knowing nod.

Let the (hundreds of) games begin.

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PREP SOFTBALL

Marlins mercy Irish in Catholic final

Elmore, Dixon power Mercy to 10-0 win over Pontiac Notre Dame Prep

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It was the Andrea and Anna Show in the Catholic League championship softball game Monday evening at the University of Detroit Mercy.

The combination of senior pitcher Andrea Elmore and sophomore catcher Anna Dixon powered Mercy High School to a 10-0 win over Pontiac Notre Dame Prep.

Elmore was dominant in the circle, throwing a no-hitter and striking out 13. She faced one batter over the minimum in the six-inning mercy victory.

After issuing a walk to start the game, Elmore breezed through the Notre Dame lineup, retiring the Fighting Irish in order for the duration of the game.

"I just had a little bit of nerves with the first batter and trying to find the pitch that worked for me," Elmore said. "When I found the pitch, I just went on working with it. I was more relaxed."

"Watching my team do so well (at the plate), it always helps me pitch a lot better."

Dixon hit two home runs and drove in four of the first five runs for the Marlins, who won their third title in four seasons and improved to 27-1 overall.

As the lead-off batter, she got the Marlins started with a solo homer — the first of her high school career — off the scoreboard in right field.

"She's one of my best friends," Elmore said. "Seeing her hit two home runs, that pumped me up a lot."

"This was her first time hitting a home run — and in such an important game. It was just amazing for us."

After Megan Satawa and Mary Reeber reached in the second, the left-handed Dixon golfed a pitch over the center field fence for a 5-0 lead.

Almost two more

She just missed putting two more balls out of the park, hitting a line shot to center fielder Elizabeth Swartz and a



Anna Dixon's teammates wait for her at home plate after she hit a three-run homer in Mercy's 10-0 victory Monday.

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deep fly to the warning track in center.

"I was just trying to get a base hit and get something started for my team," Dixon said of the first home run.

"There was a lot of adrenaline and energy and I was just so happy to do something that would put our team on the board."

"I've been working on getting my timing down and it just kind of happened. We were looking for our pitches. We saw them and we hit them."

Knew she could

Mercy coach Alex Lesko was not surprised to see Dixon hit two home runs, citing all the practice work she has done recently.

"She's a tremendous contact hitter and rarely strikes out," Lesko said. "But we've been telling her, 'You have the ability to put the ball over the wall.' In the last couple weeks, she started clearing our fence regularly in batting practice. It's not a surprise for me; I knew she could do it."

Furthermore, Dixon makes it look so easy with a fluid, graceful swing.

"She has a sweet swing,"

Lesko said. "We've been working with her to take that sweetness and add some pop — add some power to it, get that great extension and finish."

"The battery had a rocket today on offense and defense. We were really happy."

'Total command'

In addition to her pitching, Elmore also knocked in two runs. She had an RBI single in a two-run first inning and a run-scoring double in a five-run second.

Elmore was at her best in the circle, however. Following the walk to Madison McClune, she struck out the side and made fast work of every Prep batter after that.

"Andrea is probably most competitive with herself," Lesko said. "After she walked that batter, I think she just went up a notch and said, 'This is not going to happen anymore.'"

"That very next batter, she started spinning the ball like nobody can. It was spinning so much our catcher had trouble with it."

"That's when we know she's on her game. Andrea was on fire today. She was in total

command."

Finishing off the win

Elmore and Dixon were 2-for-4 and had half of Mercy's eight hits off Prep pitcher Michael Gleason, who walked five and fanned four.

Following Dixon's second-inning homer, Abby Krzywiecki walked and Cari Padula doubled. They scored on a ground out by Nicole Belans and the Elmore double.

Mercy made it 9-0 in the third with Krzywiecki's two-run double, with Satawa and Sophia VanAcker on base.

The Marlins invoked the mercy rule in the bottom of the sixth, when Padula walked, advanced on two passed balls and scored on a wild pitch.

Home run leader

Though she was overshadowed Monday by Dixon, Krzywiecki is the team's power hitter, leading the Marlins with 14 home runs.

"We're like, 'Welcome to the club, Anna! C'mon; you can come with us!'" Krzywiecki said. "Her offense has really improved and I'm impressed with how she's playing as a sophomore."

She added the Marlins have gotten a lot better and their confidence skyrocketed after beating Caledonia and going 3-0 in the Blue Chip tournament last weekend.

"We're always ready for a close game," Krzywiecki said. "I was shocked with how well we played. I think we played one of our best games today."

"Our offense was on fire. It's great to see that we can do a lot of things for each other and have each other's back."

First mission done

Regaining the Catholic League title was Mercy's first major goal. The second is to make a long run in the state tournament.

"Today was definitely a good day," Elmore said. "I need to keep pitching like this. I live in the moment now, but I need to keep on working at my pitching."

"As long as we work hard and do what we can do, I think we can go far."

Having achieved their first major objective, the Marlins will go to work on the next one, according to Lesko.

"The kids came to play and I'm just proud of them," he said. "We prepared for a battle. We don't want to take anyone lightly and we didn't want to have any kind of let-up."

Prep held in check

The Fighting Irish (25-4), who will be in the Division 2 state tournament, wished they had.

Prep coach Betty Wroubel said the Marlins are a great team and showed why they're ranked second in Division 1.

"I don't want to say I'm happy we got here, because I always think we can win," she said. "We did a great job to get here. We only had four starters back. For this team to get here is quite an accomplishment on its own merit."

"We can play ball. We didn't play our best today, but I think a lot of that's being on this stage. The Catholic League championship is second only to the state tournament in the magnitude of the stage."

"Our kids have to get used to playing on big stages and today was a big growing-up step for us. A lot of teams wish they were playing today and we were lucky enough to do it."

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EXTREME SPORTS

Birmingham's Level Multisport gives triathlon hopefuls training advice

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Staff Writer

Ever wonder how and where to apply generous amounts of Glide when using a wetsuit? How to set up your transition area? Why two pairs of goggles are necessary? If so, it's safe to say you are probably a triathlon newbie. And providing tips for the newcomer and experienced alike was the goal of a recent class at Level Multisport in Birmingham.

On a cool and crisp Saturday morning, about a dozen athletes from first-timers to a couple of seasoned veterans came to the specialty shop to share and learn about the growing sport that combines swimming, bicycling and running.

Fielding questions from how to re-focus when having a panic attack while swimming, the proper way to spot a mark on shore, whether to clip shoes in the bike first or put shoes on and then clip into bike to whether to wear socks for the run were store manager, Jim Bruzzese, 10-time Ironman finisher Raul Sosa and semi-pro triathlete Brooks Cowan.

Surrounded by a rack of energy gels, Cowan waves his arms, explaining swim techniques and how he uses his thumb to mark a spot on shore, keeping a straight line to the buoy. Both he and Bruzzese emphasize how important it is to take two pairs of goggles to the race. Have a problem with your wetsuit and you may be cold, but you are still swimming; no goggles and you are done, Bruzzese told the group huddled among brightly colored running shoes, form-fitting triathlon tops and slick bicycles hanging from the ceiling.

Terrain of the course will determine the answer to clip-in shoes, Bruzzese explained. If you're running through mud or sand to get to the bike transition, it's better taking the time to wipe your feet, put your shoes on, then clip in as you get out of the transition area, he said. You don't want to be cleaning your feet while on the bicycle as you start your ride.

"If you train barefoot during the run, then run barefoot in the race," Bruzzese



Surrounded by bright shoes, form-fitting clothing and bicycles hanging from the walls and ceilings, participants in a Saturday, May 7, triathlon class share ideas and strategies.

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said. However you train will determine what you do race day. If you run without socks, you are going to get blisters, but if you go through it while training, your feet will heal and develop calluses, he explained. You don't want blisters on race day.

Using his thumb again, Cowan explains how to take a bottle of water or Gatorade during the bike ride. You want to catch it as you pass with your thumb down, allowing your arm to swing behind you as you pass, otherwise you risk of just knocking it out of the volunteer's hands, Cowan explained.

There is plenty that can go wrong, Bruzzese later explained. If you run a race and everything was just right, consider yourself lucky. "It hardly ever goes that way," he said.

The store manager and self-appointed janitor took up triathlons after getting hired at Multisport in 2013. He had been a competitive swimmer growing

up and through part of college. After giving that sport up, he turned to running. He said he had this strong routine, but needed something new. "I had all this weight above my waist and tiny chicken legs," he said. Eventually, he took up cycling.

Other top pointers from Bruzzese include:

» **Be in a good spot:** "Be smart about picking lines," he said. You want to be competitive, but be safe.

» **Be prepared:** "Have your list, have all the right stuff," he said.

» **Be early:** "You need to set up your transition ... the race director always gives a speech, don't think you're too smart to not attend," he said.

Bruzzese's top advice? Have fun. "You didn't do all this (training) because it sucks," he said. "So relax, save your energy."

For more information, contact Level Multisport at www.levelmultisport.com.

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coaching the Rocks and continuing as Plymouth varsity boys and girls golf coach.

"I will continue to do that (coach the Wildcats) as long as they let me," he said. "But I love coaching hoops, too. Different times of the year; they won't conflict at all. It's going to be fun."

He brings a wealth of experience as a high school basketball coach, too.

His first prep job was in 1993 at Brighton. He took over Canton's varsity boys squad in 1994, remaining until 2000. He later coached at Westland John Glenn (2006-14) before leaving that post for family reasons. He lives in Plymouth with his wife Jacqueline and sons Derek and Ryan.

But Young — who has guided his teams to eight division championships, six conference banners and two district titles — said he missed the game too much to ignore the chance to return.

That it turned out to be Salem had to do with circumstances. Son Ryan suffered a fractured hip during the 2015 junior varsity football season, ending his hoops career.

Young had wanted to be able to watch Ryan's basketball games. But after the injury, that became a moot point.

"I've been very fortunate to coach golf and will continue to coach golf and love coaching golf," Young said. "But I miss coaching basketball. I got out of it when Ryan, my youngest, was playing at Salem as a freshman and he got hurt in football this past year and he's not playing basketball anymore. So I was able to get back involved."

According to Young, also heavily involved in the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan, he can't wait to get going with the Salem job.

"I'm looking forward to meeting the girls, developing good chemistry, helping them become better players and people," Young said. "And it's fun at this stage of my career to help others have success."

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Realtor from Royal Oak lauded at Caregiver Appreciation Day

Deborah O'Leary of Royal Oak received a Caregiver Angels Award at the MORC Caregiver Appreciation Day. O'Leary, a Realtor with Fine and Monaghan Realtors in Royal Oak, was responsible for securing tens of thousands of dollars worth of furniture for people with disabilities and their families over the last several years.

Because of her, many have comfortable couches to relax in, refrigerators to keep their food safe and warm beds for cold Michigan nights.

O'Leary would herself help haul heavy furniture items from basements and upper floors and load them in the trucks. MORC Caregiver honorees receive a large glass-like award, a Carhartt jacket with their name and Caregiver Angel on it and a check for \$250.

A caregiver for people with disabilities who became blind six months ago and her daughter with autism were greeted by a cheering, clapping, crying crowd of 900 caregivers as they modeled in the MORC Caregiver Fashion Show, part of the 34th annual Macomb-Oakland Regional Center (MORC) Caregiver Appreciation Day on Thursday, May 12, at the Palazzo Grande in Shelby Township.

Kristina Blarek, 25, of Warren, a caregiver for seven years with Integrated Living of Sterling Heights, suddenly became blind while driving to her caregiving job in November 2015. While Blarek survived several surgeries for a rare, often misdiagnosed disease, she remained blind. Blarek did not become paralyzed as doctors predicted.

"I felt the emotion of the crowd. I heard a lot of screaming, clapping and my name being yelled," said Blarek, who with her daughter Kyleigh, 8, who has autism, were each assisted on the runway by their caregivers. "I felt inspired that I made an impact on other's lives to not give up. At least 30 people stopped me onstage to take pictures; even in the parking lot they stopped me.

"I'm just hoping that caregivers can take my story and be an inspiration to other people. That even though you have a disability you can go out there and do the same thing just in a different way and still care for other people," added Blarek, who wanted to let people know how hard she is trying to become a caregiver again.

MORC recognized caregivers with the 10th annual



Realtor Deborah O'Leary of Royal Oak receives her award.

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MORC Angels Awards, sponsored by Dr. Arthur Woehrlen, a dentist with Redwood Dental Center in Warren: Demitra Bond, Pontiac; Alisha Williams, Detroit; Lalita Clegg, Novi; Elena Fugate, Flint; Kimberly Johnson-Nance; Eastpointe; Monique Holliday, Auburn Hills; Sandy Hawley, Hazel Park; Deborah O'Leary, Royal Oak; Danielle Nowicki, Harrison Township; Jessica Cowan, Waterford; Ashley Jennings, Grand Blanc; Takeisha Eatman-Carter, Eastpointe; and Todd Nevells, Detroit.

Macomb County Sheriff Tony Wickersham and Larry

Maniaci, chief executive officer of Homes of Opportunity, helped honor the caregivers at MORC Caregiver Appreciation Day, which at 34 years, is believed to be the longest-running and largest appreciation day in the country, honoring the some 8,000 caregivers employed by the MORC system of 100 nonprofits. They support MORC's 5,000 people with disabilities.

MORC, known for helping close all 12 institutions for people with disabilities in Michigan, has helped 54 nations close institutions and develop homes in the commu-

nity, a press release notes.

The Macomb-Oakland Regional Center, a nonprofit human services agency based in Clinton Township, Auburn Hills and Livonia, acknowledges the support of Arc Michigan, Arc of Oakland County, Arc Services of Macomb, AMORC, Macomb County Community Mental Health, Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority, Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency and the Michigan Department of Community Health, the press release adds.

Check with your insurance agent on water loss issues

Q: I am told that there is talk about changing the contract terms in some of the policies by major companies for water losses. What do you know about that?

A: This matter is always subject to further consideration; however, insurance policy changes for water losses are suggesting that policy holders must take "reasonable emergency measures," (previously referred to as "reasonable repairs"), solely for the purpose of protecting their property from further damage. These changes also suggest that a reasonable emergency measure must not exceed the greater of \$3,000, or 1 percent of the coverage, unless the insurance company provides prior approval. Finally, those reasonable emergency measures may include permanent repair when necessary to protect the covered property from further damage or prevent unwanted entry to the property. Of course, the insurance company must retain the right to inspect. These issues should be carefully reviewed with your insurance agent when you are discussing water damage to the extent that such coverage is available.

Q: I am thinking about buying a home which is located near a cell phone tower. I am wondering whether or not cell phone towers have been thought of as affecting property values?

A: Generally speaking, research concludes that the proximity of a home to a cell phone tower has no significant effect on property values. Indeed, appraisers have indicated that, similar to other modern infrastructure (telephone poles, utility lines, street lights and so on), while cell phone towers may be initially noticed, they quickly fade into the background and have no appreciable effect as to value. Of course, beauty is in the eyes of the beholder and so is a cell phone tower.

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Robert Meisner

Experts: Millennials find student loan debt, flat wages are obstacles in buying a home

Millennials are bucking trends, changing the landscape of America and sharply different from previous generations in many different ways. One of the most visible and consequential ways is through millennial homeownership numbers, according to experts on generational trends and homeownership presenting at the 2016 REALTORS Legislative Meetings & Trade Expo.

While all generations have their own hardships, opportunities and defining features, millennials are coming of age in a time of deep demographic transformation, experts say. In a session titled "The Minds of Millennials — Motivation, Mobility and Making Home," moderated by National Association of Realtors Chief Economist Lawrence Yun, panelists discussed what the shift means for the American way of life.

"America in the near future will look nothing like the America of the past," said Paul Taylor, executive vice president of the Pew Research Center and author of the book "The Next America: Boomers, Millennials, and the Looming Generational Showdown." "These shifts are creating big generation gaps that will put stress on our families, our politics, our pocketbooks, our entitlements programs and perhaps our social cohesion."

Millennials, Taylor said, are different from their parents and grandparents in ways that are already impacting all aspects of life. For example, he noted that millennials (those born after 1980) are less religiously affiliated and slow to marry and have kids. They grew up with cell phones and on social networking sites while also obtaining a high level of education, but are still struggling financially because of the economy. Politically, half of the generation identifies as independent, more than ever have before. While seemingly small differences, these characteristics have very real effects on homeownership. After all, he noted, 39 percent of millennials are still living with a parent or relative, citing the record share of young households holding student debt.

Jessica Lautz, managing director of survey research at NAR, agreed that homeownership among millennials is taking a hit. Student loan debt, flat wages, rising home prices (making it harder to get into the homeownership game) and rising rents (complicating the saving process), are delaying milestones such as marrying and having children — major events in life that often cause young people to buy a home.

The real estate industry is already feeling the impact of

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these factors on millennials in regards to home buying. First-time buyers have in the past accounted for about 40 percent of home buyers; however, NAR data show that number has trended downward since 2011 and currently sits at 32 percent. And while married couples are the largest group of buyers (currently 67 percent of all buyers), single females make up the second largest group of buyers, and that share has also dropped from 22 percent in 2006 to 15 percent in 2015.

Still, one big thing hasn't changed, according to Lautz. "Even with all these statistics showing how things have changed for millennials and the fact that they are worse off financially than previous generations had been, the median age of first-time buyers has stayed relatively unchanged at

31," Lautz said. "This means that they are ready and willing to buy if they can in fact break into the market. It's getting more difficult to get to that point, but the desire to do so hasn't changed."

And while the path to homeownership is harder now for millennials carrying student debt, dealing with rising rents, and experiencing stagnant wages, NAR research shows that millennials still see the value in owning and home and once they are ready, they are looking to a real estate agent in higher numbers than ever before.

"We are seeing that millennials are using agents at much higher rates," Lautz said. "You might assume that they would prefer to take on a purchase or sell on their own, being raised in the digital age, but instead, we have found that these buyers and sellers want someone to help them through the process, not unlike the way their parents have helped them through their young adult life. Not having been through the process before, they rely on real estate agents to get them through the competitive market and to the finish line."

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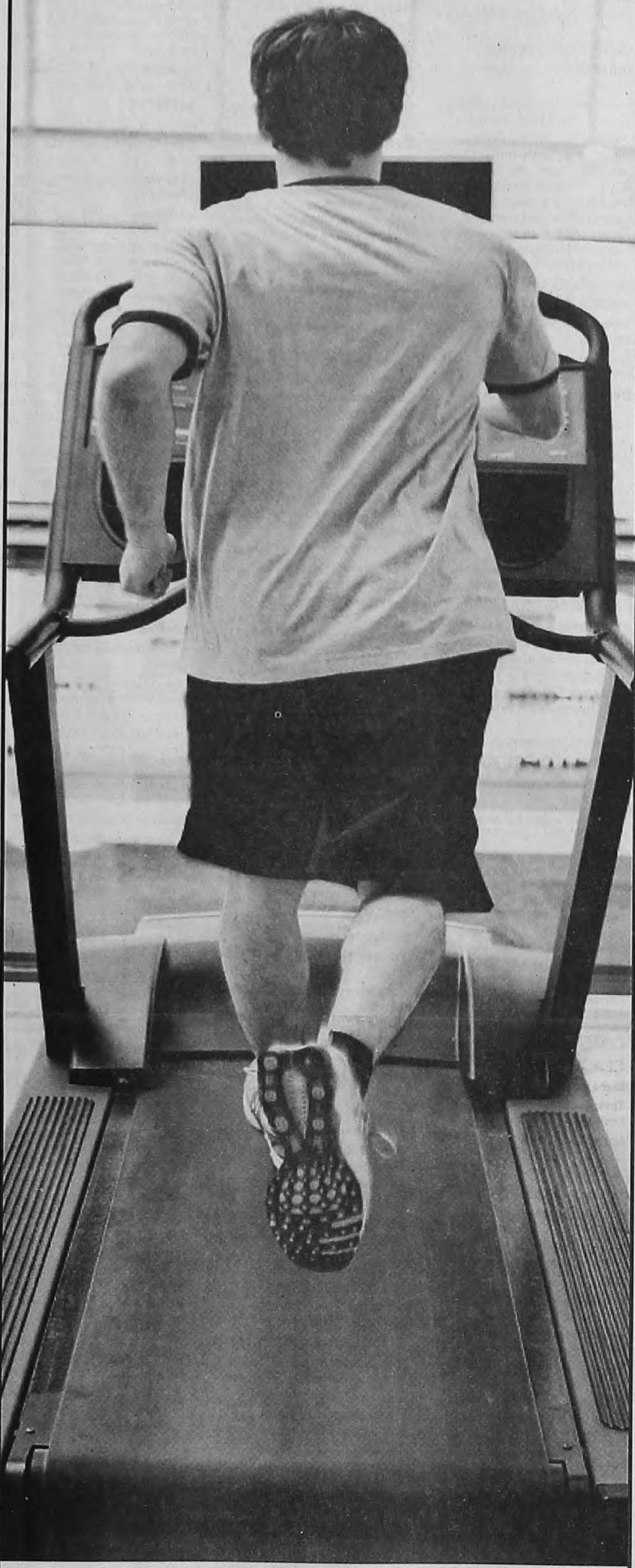
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SUDOKU

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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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HOUSEKEEPING WORD SEARCH

WORDS

AMENITY GUESTS
ASEPSIS HARDWARE
BACTERIOSTAT HOSPITALITY
BATHROOM HOTEL
BEDDING HOUSEKEEPER
BOTULISM INDOORS
CARCINOGEN INVENTORY
CHEMICALS LAUNDRY
CLEAN LINEN
DAMP MAID
DEFOAMER MAINTENANCE
DETERGENT MANAGEMENT
DISINFECTANT MOPPING
DUSTER NAPERY
DUVET ROUTINE
EPOXY SOILED
FURNITURE STEWARD
GARBAGE STEWARD
GRATUITY SUPPLIES
WASH

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

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

Crossword Answers

IMPERIAL ETC ETC CRISP
MAILABLE NIPSEY RENTA
POPEYETHESCALAR OATES
POX IGOT ACCRUES
BOEHRNER GRADIENTSMILE
YOGA SEZ COSMOS TED
OZONE AIDE RIA CSA
BESTSUPPORTINGFACTOR
SOB ISAAC ANOTHER
ESS ESTATE GOB RASPY
VECTORHUGO MEDIANRARE
ADORN APE HOTDOG YEOS
HEREIAM RERUN ELI
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ADD NEWSIE SUR NONA
GUARDIANANGLE TOPGEAR
ATLEAST ROBS LEO
TILER SUBSETBOULEVARD
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Word Search Answers

AMENITY ASEPSIS BACTERIOSTAT BATHROOM BEDDING BOTULISM CARCINOGEN CHEMICALS CLEAN DAMP DEFOAMER DETERGENT DISINFECTANT DUSTER DUVET EPOXY FURNITURE GARBAGE GRATUITY GUESTS HARDWARE HOSPITALITY HOTEL HOUSEKEEPER INDOORS INVENTORY LAUNDRY LINEN MAID MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT MOPPING NAPERY ROUTINE SOILED STEWARD SUPPLIES WASH

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
JUNE FOOD ASSISTANCE
Time/Date: 9-10 a.m. Saturday, June 4

Location: Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Leverne, 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

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@tbsosm.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: Ethan 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, iPads, 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@dwo.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

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 translation as well as the original Hebrew.
Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net

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

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

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

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

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

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

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Saturday
Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: A twice-monthly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available
Contact: 734-421-8451

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

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

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DOWNES



LEONARD O. 92, of Bonita Springs, Florida and a former resident of Wayne, Michigan died Friday, May 20, 2016 at the Gulf Coast Medical Center in Fort Myers, FL. Leonard was born May 12, 1924 in Elizabeth, New Jersey, the only child of Anthony and Anna (Kirklas) Downes. He had been a winter resident of Bonita Springs for the past 35 years and a permanent resident for the past 4 years. He grew up in Kenosha, Wisconsin and in 1942, attended the University of Wisconsin on a football scholarship. He sustained an injury during a game, and the scholarship was terminated. Immediately, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps and served during World War II. Afterwards, Leonard went back to college at the Chicago Art Institute where he met his beloved wife Marian, and graduated with a degree in Fashion Design. He worked in Chicago's garment industry for several years, designing the first multilayer pattern cutter. Later he joined his wife's families business, Unistrut, in Wayne, Michigan. He retired in the late 70's with several engineering patents to his name. He is survived by his loving wife of 69 years, Marian R. Downes of Bonita Springs, FL; two daughters, Dr. Holly S. Downes, D.D.S. of Mill Valley, CA and Lynn A. Barton of Encinitas, CA; one son, Charles A. Downes of Wayne, MI and one granddaughter, Lucy J. Downes of Mill Valley, CA. The family will receive friends and family Saturday, May 28, 2016 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland, MI. Funeral services will be held Sunday, May 29, 2016 at 3 p.m. at the First Congregational Church of Wayne, MI with Pastor David Vercellino, officiating.

GREEN



SHARON ANN DANIELS age 74, from Novi, passed away on May 19, 2016 at Providence St. Johns Hospital. She was of the Christian faith. Sharon was born on March 3, 1942 in Port Huron Michigan to Mary Lou and Richard Daniels. Sharon will always be remembered for her beautiful smile, her laugh and especially her caring and generous selfless heart. Sharon retired from Acromag, Inc. in Wixom MI after 24 yrs of loyal service, and will be missed greatly by the numerous employee friendships she made along the way. She was the most amazing mother, sister, daughter and aunt, ever. Preceded in death by her mother, father and her two brothers, Gary Daniels and Bradley Daniels. Survivors include one son Todd Allan and Elizabeth Green, grand daughters Kelly and Jonathan Comeaux. Kristin and husband Dakota Cryer. Three great-grand daughters Ella Rae, Scarlett Kate and Annabelle Comeaux. She is also survived by two brothers Michael Daniels and Ricky Daniels. Nieces and Nephews who loved their Aunt Sharon tremendously, Dean, Dana, Tiffany, Kelly, Jay, and Matthew. Numerous cousins and extended family. A Celebration Service was held May 24th. Final interment will be in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock Michigan.

LITTLE



BLANCHE Age 87 of Livonia. Cherished wife of Leonard for 69 years. Loving mother of Linda (Kimo) Doole, and Michael Little. Beloved grandmother of Joseph, Monica, and Nicholas. Survived by her sisters Henrietta "Dot" Paul, and Betty Hornik. She also leaves behind many other loving family members and friends. 1945 graduate of Mackenzie High School Detroit, MI. Services were held earlier this week at Fred Wood Funeral Home Rice Chapel. Share condolences at fredwoodfuneralhome.com

QUINN



DANIEL GERARD 53, of Redford Township, Michigan passed away on May 16, 2016, surrounded by his family. He was preceded in death by his father, Edward G. Quinn, and his brother Edward G. Quinn, Jr. He is survived by his mother, Kathryn E. Quinn, his brother, John T. Quinn, his sisters Kathryn B. Belvitch (George); Eileen A. Quinn (Peter Smythe) and Bridget K. Quinn (Thomas Keller); and his ten nephews and nieces. Although Danny's life was short, it was very full. Having Down syndrome never hampered his zest for life. He loved cats, country music, cars, and jelly doughnuts. He loved collecting magazines and neckties. He loved dancing, dining out, and making people laugh. Danny loved a party. Most of all, Danny loved his family. He never forgot a birthday or anniversary. He was always genuinely delighted to see his loved ones, and he let them know in words and deeds. His silliness, his hugs and kisses, and that little twinkle in his eye will be dearly missed, but he left gifts of wisdom and laughter that will be cherished always. Memorial contributions may be made to the "Just Fun Club" sponsored by the ARC of Northwest Wayne County, 26049 Five Mile Road, Redford Twp., MI 48239

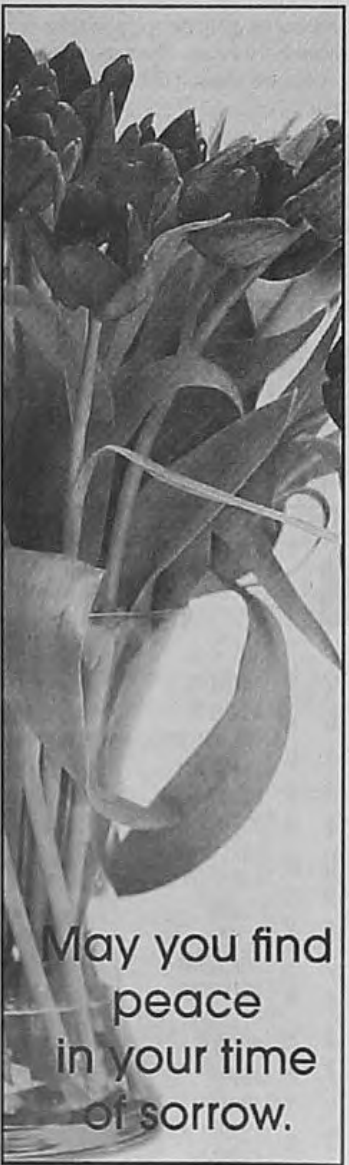
GROVES



GREG PAUL 43, passed away unexpectedly on May 6, 2016 in Detroit, Michigan. Born on March 1, 1973 to parents, Gerard Vincent Groves and Mary Roseanne Brown. Greg grew up in Northville, MI attending Our Lady of Victory and Northville Public Schools. Greg had a big heart and strong sense of family, and having a keen interest in horticulture and landscaping, Greg formed his own tree service/landscaping/lawn care business, "Irish Greens" which serviced the local Detroit metro area. He is survived by his siblings, Michael Robert Brandon, Theresa Shapardanis, Meg (Beth) Borland, Diane Porter, Daniel A. Groves, Brian J. Groves, David T. Groves, Lynda Lauren Harris, and many in-laws, nieces, and nephews. He is predeceased by his father, Gerard Vincent Groves; his mother, Mary Roseanne Brown; and his sister, Sharyn Chopra. A graveside service will be held on Saturday, May 28 at 11:00 a.m. at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield, MI.

RENAUER

ROSALENE 96, came to life July 21, 1919 in Kingsley, MI, entered married life November 7, 1944, and passed to eternal life on April 15, 2016 in Ann Arbor, MI. Rosalene, a longtime resident of Plymouth, MI is survived by her children, Noraleen, Mary Penkala, Joseph, Ann, and Albin; and grandchildren, Christelle David, Laura Renauer, Dan Renauer, Zoe Renauer, Rachel Gimble, and Jonathan Gimble; and was predeceased by her husband, Joseph Renauer, and daughter Rosemary Renauer, and granddaughter Lia Renauer. Memorial services will be performed at Huron Woods Chapel, 5361 McAuley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48106 on Sunday, May 29 at 2:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Huron Woods for Alzheimer's and dementia residents.



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