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By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A Canton man expecting a return visit by a male acquaintance he met through Craigslist was instead robbed of his Ford Escape, a computer and credit cards after two strangers, reportedly with a handgun and their faces covered, showed up at his home, authorities said.

42-year-old victim opened his garage door and two intruders entered his home on Hunters Way Court, near Geddes and Canton Center, Detective Sgt. Chad Baugh said.

"He had met a man on Craigslist and had a relationship with him," Baugh said. "He thought the same person was coming over to meet him."

Police tracked down the acquaintance in Van Buren Township, executed a search

warrant and arrested him Sunday — on his 35th birthday — amid allegations he had used the victim's credit cards and had his computer, Baugh said. Police also recovered the 2012 Ford Escape.

The acquaintance was facing possible criminal charges as authorities continued their search for the two intruders, described by the victim as two black males who had their faces covered when they entered his

home through an access door inside the garage, Baugh said.

"There were reports of a handgun," he said.

The acquaintance who was taken into custody told police he had known the victim for about a year and alleged the two of them had a consensual relationship.

Baugh said the incident should serve as a warning for people to use caution and consider the potential risk when

arranging a meeting with someone over the Internet.

"We would recommend other avenues of meeting people, because you never know who they are. They can use fake names and IDs — or send somebody else," Baugh said. "In circumstances like this, they can actually rob you."

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Construction has started on a new charter high school at Cherry Hill and Canton Center in Canton.

FIRM STARTS CONSTRUCTION ON CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

The Plymouth-Canton area is about to get its fifth high school.

PrepNet, working in partnership with National Heritage Academy, has begun construction on Canton Preparatory High School, scheduled to open in September.

Canton Prep is the first charter high school in the area and joins Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' Canton,

Salem and Plymouth high schools and Plymouth Christian Academy. Canton Prep will offer freshmen and sophomore classes this year and will add a grade each of the next two years.

PrepNet, which got into the high school business with Grand River Prep in the Grand Rapids area, expects to start the school's first year with some 225 freshmen and 75 sophomores. When it reaches full 9-12 capacity, officials expect the school to house

some 750 students.

"We're excited about it," said Dave Angerer, director of educational services for PrepNet and the first principal at Grand River Prep. "Ever since we opened (Grand River Prep), we began getting questions and pleas from parents in the Canton area for the type of school we were starting here in Grand Rapids. It's been a long time, but it's exciting to talk to parents about the reality of a high school."

PrepNet is a Grand Rapids-

based organization that operates high schools. Angerer said the company partners with NHA, which serves a similar clientele. NHA-operated K-8 schools are expected to provide "about 75 percent" of the students that enter Canton Prep, according to Angerer.

Canton Prep will take the education students got in the K-8 schools and "will build on that," Angerer said.

"The rigor of our program,

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Price will run again county for commission

Wayne County Commissioner Shannon Price announced Tuesday he will seek re-election to the 10th District seat that represents Canton, Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

Price, R-Canton, first won election in November 2012 when he defeated Democratic rival James Amar.



Price

"Over the past two years, I have been honored to represent the residents of the 10th District," Price said in a statement. "Whether it was pushing to halt construction on the failed (Wayne County) jail project, trying to rein in the out-of-control spending or pushing for more transparency, I am proud of my record and my efforts to bring more accountability to county government."

Price, in his first two-year term, teamed up with Commissioner Laura Cox, R-Livonia, to lead an effort to shed more public light on the county's budget by improving information that is available online. Their efforts helped move the county from a D-minus to an A-minus rating by an outside agency that analyzes so-called sunshine efforts.

"The best way to prevent fraud and abuse is to put sunshine on the process," Price said. "Today, taxpayer-

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Broken concrete from the demolition of I-96 will be ground into gravel for the reconstruction. BILL BRESLER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Local officials: Traffic following freeway closure not as bad as expected

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Livonia Police Chief Curtis Caid could not believe the level of traffic along Schoolcraft and several surface streets he saw while driving early Monday morning near Interstate 96.

The roads were nowhere near as full as he and other officials expected, a sign that drivers took the state's recommendation of detours seriously.

"I was driving around Schoolcraft and I expected it to

be bumper-to-bumper," he said. "I was surprised that it appeared people heeded the warnings."

This week was the first of the shutdown of I-96 as the Michigan Department of Transportation works on the seven-mile stretch of the freeway from Telegraph in Redford to Newburgh in Livonia. The freeway closed early Saturday morning, forcing traffic onto alternate freeways and surface streets.

Caid said additional police

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Genuine Toy Co. owners help players get 'board'

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Elle Dare knows tabletop game sales are growing at Genuine Toy Co. in downtown Plymouth.

So when the website International Table Top Day.com started promoting a day to celebrate the tabletop games, Dare and her husband Charles, who together own Genuine Toy, jumped joyfully at the idea.

And response was good, with people streaming into the store Saturday to not only set up the games they were pitching, but to play a variety of different games, as well.

"We got a lot of response," Elle Dare said Saturday, while dueling Emily Crandall of Plymouth in a game called Scopa. "We are big board game fans. Tabletop introduces people to board games they may not have seen before."

And she wasn't talking about more traditional games, like Monopoly or Scrabble, mainstream games of years past. Now, Dare said, games like Scopa, Settlers of Catan and Ticket to Ride are "becoming more mainstream."

William Meyer of Livonia set up a table to push Movie Mashups, a game he designed where the last word in one title is the first word in the other title. For instance, one clue involved someone saving a whale so it could inherit a large candy store. The "Movie Mashup" title: "Free Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory."

Meyer, like the Dares, believes the tabletop games help pull people out from in front of their video gaming systems and into a social interaction.

"It's a teen-beside game that helps people interact with each other,"



Mikaela Casario of Plymouth does battle with Henry Dare of Lake Orion in a game called Settlers of Catan.

Meyer said. "Board games are social face-to-face action. With all the video games and iPads, there isn't as much socializing. These games encourage you to get to know people."

Joshua Slominski of Farmington Hills figures he owns some 30-40

board games of all kinds and he meets weekly with friends to play them, often on the expensive gaming table he recently purchased from Geek Chic.

He said board games often require more mental acuity and make the players think, rather than

just reacting to what's on a video screen.

"There are a lot of decisions to be made.... It keeps you sharp," Slominski said. "I find board games much more stimulating, just with the social aspect of it."

Carol King and Paul Hoke of Plymouth set up

a table where people could play a deck-building game called Dominion, which actually comes with about eight different versions, they said.

"Our thing to do as a family is play games," said King and Hoke, who have two daughters. "We like games with luck and strategy and this game has both."

The Dares can help families like that who might not be able to find non-traditional board games. If a customer can't find it, chances are the Dares can.

"Board games are still popular, (but) I think it's the games that are a little different that are becoming more mainstream," Elle Dare said. "Tabletop games are one of our best sellers. People can always find them somewhere, so we've got that niche."

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An artist's rendering of Canton Preparatory High School, being built in Canton by PrepNet.

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the focus of our college prep program, those are the things that sell to parents," he said, "along with our expectations and character building

are important parts." The 23-acre site on which Canton Prep is being built is adjacent to the site where Plymouth-Canton officials will start

building a new middle school, on Cherry Hill near Canton Center.

Citing the school's "rigor," Angerer said Canton Prep would offer the same 23 Advanced Placement courses offered at the company's other high schools.

"It's not uncommon for our students to come out of high school with two or three semesters of college credit," he said. "As I look at our graduation classes, I see students performing at a high level, they're ready to make that transition to college and they've not only become good students, but good people. We're excited to provide that in the Canton area."

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During his campaign two years ago, Price also pledged to fight to bring more tax dollars back to the 10th District for roads and park projects. He said he is proud of his role in

getting the county to restore funding for a Canton-based therapeutic recreational program, which serves special-needs residents across Wayne County. He also noted his efforts to support new road projects for Beck Road, Cherry Hill and Mill Street.

Price said he is seeking a second term because "there is still a lot of work to do to get Wayne County where it needs to be."

CORRECTION

A story in Sunday's *Canton Observer* should have stated that Joel Donald D. Dumann, 44, of Wayne is facing two to seven years in prison for sending texts of child pornographic images by mistake to a Canton man.

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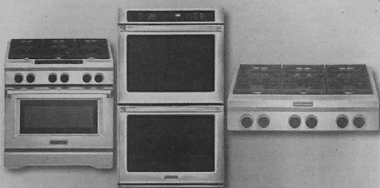
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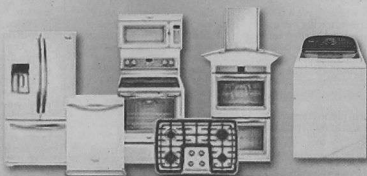
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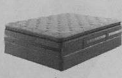
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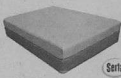
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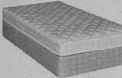
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CANTON CRIME WATCH

Felonious assault

Canton police arrested a 21-year-old woman following accusations she made threats at knifepoint while she was involved in an argument with her ex-boyfriend and his roommate, a police report said.

The incident happened about 5:30 p.m. Saturday in the 5900 block of Sandhurst, northwest of Ford and Lotz roads.

The 23-year-old ex-boyfriend said the argument started after the woman, who was still living with him, was confronted about not paying her share of the bills. He told her that he wanted her out of the apartment, prompting her to become angry, the report said.

The ex-boyfriend said he and the woman pushed each other and she broke his television before taking his phone and trying to throw it in the toilet. He said she then went to the kitchen and got a knife before his roommate tried to take it from her, prompting her to wave the knife toward him and threaten to kill him, the police report said.

The woman then threw the knife in the kitchen sink, the report said.

The woman gave a conflicting version, saying her ex-boyfriend had pushed her and begun removing her belongings from the apartment. She said he threw a roll of garbage bags at her. She said she got a knife, but didn't threaten anyone.

Police placed the woman under arrest for felonious assault.

Home invasion

A 27-year-old man reported a home invasion that occurred between 7 a.m. Friday and 10:30 a.m. Saturday at his residence in the 1100 block of Stacy, northeast of Palmer and Haggerty.

The man told police items taken from his home included a 14-carat gold ring with diamonds worth \$1,300 and a sterling silver ring with a

black stone valued at \$200, along with a laptop computer, an iPad and a container where he had placed \$300.

All the items were taken from the second floor of the home, a police report said. The man said he didn't notice any signs of forced entry to the home, leaving open the possibility he hadn't locked the residence.

Defaced door

A 53-year-old woman told police someone wrote the word "slut" on the door of her apartment at The Crossings, an apartment complex near Joy Road and I-275.

She told police she was away from home 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday when the incident happened. She said she has had no problems with anyone in the complex and hasn't been involved in any relationships that turned sour.

Police advised her to report any further problems.

Vehicle stolen

A 40-year-old Canton man reported his 2013 Chevrolet Equinox was stolen while it was parked in the 4000 block of Cambridge, southeast of Warren Road and I-275, between 4 p.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday, a police report said.

The man told police all of the keys had been accounted for and there were no immediate signs at the scene that any windows had been smashed out. The man told police he was not behind on his payments and the car therefore wouldn't have been repossessed.

Hit and run

A 30-year-old woman told police a black SUV struck her vehicle and then fled the scene while she was turning onto southbound Haggerty from westbound Ford Road about 3:30 p.m. Saturday, a police report said.

The woman said the other driver pulled out of a private driveway, sideswiped her 2014 Lincoln MKZ and kept going.

— By Darrell Clem

Canton man who drove toward crowd pleads guilty

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A Canton man has pleaded guilty to charges that arose after police say he backed a car toward a crowd and injured two people during an altercation outside the Shell gas station near Michigan Avenue and Lotz.

Jesse James Winchester, 20, could face penalties ranging from probation to four years in prison when he is sentenced April 23 for two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon, failing to stop at the scene of a personal injury accident and assault and battery, according to Wayne County Circuit Court records.



Winchester

Winchester's decision to plead guilty averted a trial that was set to begin this month in Judge Cynthia Gray Hathaway's courtroom. He had earlier maintained his innocence and indicated he was fearful for himself and a female companion who was with him. Winchester was charged Dec. 26 for an incident that police have said occurred in early December. He was accused of getting into an argument after someone in a crowd of people had a conversation with a woman who was with him, Detective Sgt. Chad Baugh

has said.

Winchester has described the woman as the mother of his child, according to police reports. After the argument escalated, police said Winchester got into the vehicle and drove in reverse toward the crowd, hitting two people before driving off.

Baugh has described the injuries as minor.

The incident happened in early December, but Baugh said Winchester was arrested after police went to his residence in Canton last Christmas Eve for an unrelated disturbance.

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PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Retail fraud

A 71-year-old Livonia woman faces a retail-fraud charge after her arrest April 2 in the theft of \$650 in jewelry from Carl's Golfland, on Five Mile, at the Inn at St. John's golf course.

Police were called to a shoplifting in progress about 4:30 p.m., according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report, and when a woman who fit the description of the shoplifter exited the store, an officer approached. The woman immediately pleaded with the officer not to take her to jail and offered to pay for the jewelry, police said.

A Carl's employee reported witnessing the theft, police said. The woman had reportedly been in the store two weeks earlier and had taken jewelry from the same display and was not seen putting it back, police said.

The suspect was arraigned on the charge, with a not-guilty plea entered, the next day, then released on personal

bond pending her next court hearing.

Funny money

A counterfeit \$20 bill used at the Taco Bell on Ann Arbor Road was turned over to police April 1, a police report said. Police used a special light to verify the bill was counterfeit; the eatery manager said it had been used there recently.

The bill was sent to the U.S. Secret Service, which investigates counterfeiting. It was the second time in recent weeks a phony \$20 bill had been used at the Taco Bell.

Tax fraud

A Plymouth Township woman reported April 2 that her Social Security number had been used on tax returns that were not hers.

The woman told police she got a letter from the state the day before telling her that her tax return was being investigated, but that she hadn't yet filed a state return. Upon investigating the matter, she learned that her Social Security

number had been used on both state and federal returns without her knowledge, she said.

Larcenies

» Two debit cards were reported stolen April 2 from a Ford Focus that was parked in the driveway of a house on Plymouth Lake Drive, in the area of Ann Arbor Road and Napier. The complainant was uncertain if the car had been locked.

» Three navigation devices were reported stolen Sunday from two Pontiac GTOs that were parked in the driveway of a house on Amherst Court, in the area of Ann Arbor Trail and Beck. The thefts occurred March 28 or early the next day, a police report said. Two of the devices were stolen from one Pontiac and one from another, the report said. One car had been locked, and it was not clear how it had been opened, while the other had been left unlocked, police said.

— By Matt Jachman

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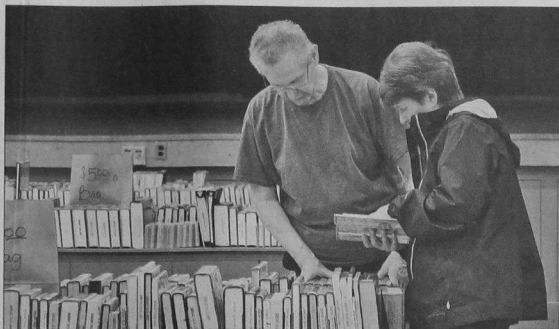
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Rick and Adele Armbruster browse the book sale at Schoolcraft College's Garden City campus. The couple are residents of Plymouth. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Radcliff Center makes big book donation to GC Public Library

By Sue Buck
Staff Writer

It was a win-win situation this week at Schoolcraft College's Radcliff Center in Garden City. The college donated 7,000 slightly used books from its library for the Friends of the Garden City Public Library, said Tuesday.

The three-day, \$5-a-bag sale offered buyers a chance to stock up on books. "It has been going very well," Sarah Falzon, vice president of the Friends of the Garden City Public Library, said Tuesday.

"More people buy books by the bag than by the book," Falzon found time to help out during her busy schedule. Expecting her second son in July, she had her 4½-old son Nolan

by her side, who was also willing to assist with the sale.

"Did he help? Did he greet the customers?"

"Yeah," Nolan said.

Carol Elliott, a long-time Friends member who joined the original group, anticipated interested customers. Falzon said that about 20 of the 40 Friends members are active.

Shopping for eight

There was an ebb and flow of customers and one shopper who didn't want to be identified said that he was shopping for eight people.

"Yesterday we did better than anticipated," Falzon said. "There are all kinds of genres. There's fiction, non-fiction, biography, etc."

Novels and fiction books went quickly Monday, the first day of the sale.

"We just had a man

come back today for a bag full," Falzon said. "He left yesterday with a bag full."

Three members of Schoolcraft College helped set up the books at 7 a.m. Monday, two hours prior to the book sale. Because the Friends didn't have the manpower to transport the books to the other used book sale being held this week at Maplewood Center, Schoolcraft College offered its facility for the sale.

"You can't beat the bargain," Elliott said, adding that students have come to the book sale before and after classes.

"We had a senior citizen take home bags of books on his bike."

New media center

Frank Ruggirello, director of marketing and communications for Schoolcraft College,

called the new media center, "a natural progression."

"Books are available electronically and computer space is at a premium," Ruggirello said.

The media center has 3,000 books. This type of transition from books to electronic access can be seen in the kindergarten through 12th-grade districts, he said.

Ruggirello is the former spokesman for the Plymouth-Canton School District. When the third high school, Plymouth High School, was built there were very few books in the high school library.

"The need was more electronic," he said. "This is how students get their information. It is very different from how we did it."

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Americans for Prosperity holds Tax Day Rally

Americans for Prosperity-Michigan is holding a Tax Day Rally from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 12, in the VisiTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

The rally will feature speeches by radio personalities Tony Katz and Frank Beckmann. After the presentation, attendees will be participating in phone banking and learning how they can become

more effective citizen activists.

Americans for Prosperity is a nationwide organization committed to promoting individual productivity and prosperity by reducing the size and intrusiveness of government.

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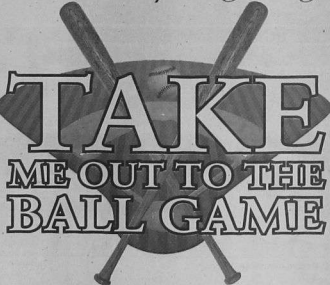


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At 6:44 a.m. Saturday, all eastbound traffic exits onto the Newburgh Road exit. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

CLOSURE

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were out Monday, expecting to see more traffic as motorists tried to maneuver around the shutdown. While Plymouth Road was congested over the weekend, Caid said the project problems that prompted more police haven't existed a few days into the work.

"The fear we had of traffic crashes, road rage, all the commuting drama ... so far has been minimal," he said. "We may see more traffic and adjustments going forward."

Jeff Horne, an engineer with MDOT, said the agency has received some calls regarding traffic signals on several of the east-west mile roads, including Five Mile, Six Mile and Seven Mile. He said the department is working with Wayne County, which has control over those signals, to better time them for travelers.

"It's a jurisdictional issue," he said.

The closure has affected some of the busing routes Livonia Public Schools uses along or near Schoolcraft. Eleven stops were moved several weeks ago and the transition has been smooth, said Stacy Jenkins, administrator of district communications.

She said buses cross the freeway more than 500 times a day and several schools have students who live on the opposite side of the freeway, including Frost Middle School, Cooper Upper Elementary, Webster Elementary, Johnson Upper Elementary and both Franklin and Churchill high schools.

"The district has been in close communication with MDOT and the city of Livonia to prepare for increased traffic congestion throughout the area. Delays could occur, particularly during the first weeks of the closure, as motorists settle in to their detour routes," she said. "We're encouraging our parents to car-pool, give themselves extra travel time and to be patient with the expected delays at the bus stops."

MDOT's official detour routes include I-94, I-696, the Southfield Freeway and the Lodge Freeway. Caid said it appears many drivers who typically take I-96 have diverted onto those detour routes.

Farmington Hills Deputy Chief Pat Comini said as of Tuesday that there had been no traffic incidents resulting from the I-96 closure reported in the city. He said he noticed slower traffic on eastbound I-696.

Farmington Public Safety Director Bob Schulz said officers have noticed increased traffic on M-5, but no impact on the city's local roads.

Sgt. Joe Boitos, who oversees the district division in Livonia, said it appears most

drivers have taken the detours to heart and traffic hasn't been a problem so far.

"It's been heavier than normal, but there hasn't been any major backups," he said. "I think the public was well-informed and prepared, as well

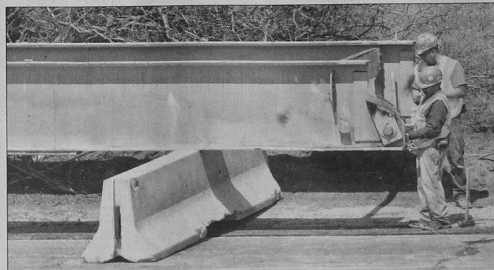
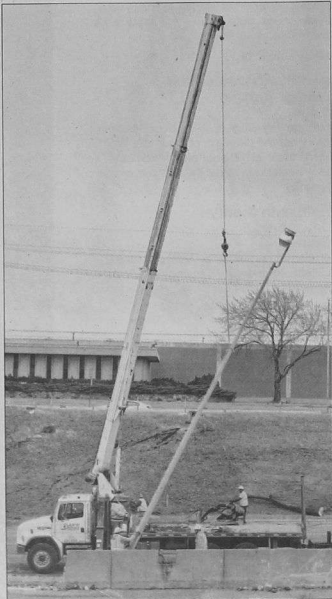
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Staff Writer Joanne Maliszewski contributed to this report.

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Broken concrete, piled high, will be ground into gravel for the reconstruction.



Workers secure steel from demolished bridges.



Eastbound vehicles will exit at Newburgh until the freeway reconstruction is complete.

Freeway lighting comes down.

Local school one of few to teach rare martial art

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Modern Arnis has only seven masters in the world — and one of them teaches the martial art at his school in Westland.

"I trained with the grand master who passed. He was sharing Modern Arnis around the world," said Chuck Gauss, owner of Gauss Martial Arts Center. "There are not too many Modern Arnis schools. It's eclectic and usually secondary."

A retired Taylor police officer, Gauss has spent much of his life training in martial arts, beginning as a youngster in 1965. As an adult, Gauss said he has practiced martial arts daily since 1980.

"My uncle was a police man, he was in martial arts. That was my motivation," Gauss said. "I did judo and competed while I was in college."

Having nearly earned his black belt in the Korean martial art tang soo do, Gauss said he began seeing holes in the training when it came to self-defense.

Gauss went on to study the small circle jujitsu developed by Grand Master Wally Jay. Then in 1990, Gauss said he drove to Joliet, Ill., for training with Remy Presas, who developed Modern Arnis and was its grand master.

"He (Presas) was a little Filipino guy. We broke into smaller groups. He picked me out of the group and asked if I wanted to learn something. I said sure," Gauss said. "He told me to

throw a punch. Next thing, I'm on my back."

World traveler

Presas traveled the world as a sports ambassador for the Philippines. Gauss said he followed him, including annual camps at Michigan State University.

"I was in love with it (Modern Arnis). It fit with law enforcement. It was close-quarters self-defense," Gauss said. "I was going all over the world with (Presas)."

By 1998, Gauss earned a fourth-degree black belt in Modern Arnis and Presas was looking to make a change.

"He wants to back off and retire. He hand picks guys to take on Modern Arnis and promotes seven people to the highest rank," said Gauss, a master of tapi-tapi, which



Chuck Gauss, in his Westland martial arts studio, is one of seven masters in Modern Arnis worldwide. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

means counter for counter. "It's the highest achievable rank in Modern Arnis."

Since Presas died in 2001, Gauss said he has done Modern Arnis seminars all over the world.

At the school, his students range from 8 to 74 years old.

"This is one of the only schools that teaches strictly Modern Arnis in a five- or six-state area," said Gauss, who opened

his school on North Dix three years ago.

Hall of Famer

Last year, Gauss was inducted into the Modern Arnis Black Belt Hall of Fame and recently was

included in a Hall of Honor at an expo held at the Gibraltar Trade Center.

"A lot of people want to train with a grand master. This isn't like other schools, where they just worry about belts," Gauss said. "It's an art. You focus on skills and dedication to the art, the belts will come. The color on the belt doesn't matter, it's what is in your heart."

Gauss teaches self-defense classes at his school and also as part of CPL training at the Firing Line, working with retired Westland police officer Tommy Vaughan.

Visit gaussmartialarts.com or mastergaussmartialarts.com for more information.

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Thrivent offers free economic update meeting

Thrivent Financial is hosting a free educational event to offer an economic update to the community. The 60-minute presentation will be held at 10 a.m. and repeated at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 12, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 5885 N. Venoy, Westland.

The event is being presented by Jeffrey S. Long, CFP® of the Huron Valley Group with Thrivent Financial in Plymouth. The Huron Valley Group local financial representatives are Jeffrey S. Long, Jay P. Kempf, Jeffrey R. Myers and Matthew R. Crenshaw.

The event will offer important updates about changes in the economy and markets, what they mean to participants' financial strategies and help answer many important questions, including:

» Should I react to economic headlines?
» Could my investments be doing better?

» Is it time to change my financial strategy?

"Paying attention to financial and economic news is important," Long said. "However, we want to help people understand how recent events can impact them and how they can keep their financial strategy on course."

The event is available to the public, but seating is limited. To register for this free event, call the Huron Valley Group at 734-455-9272 or visit thrivent.com/findaworkshop. Complimentary refreshments will be served during the event.

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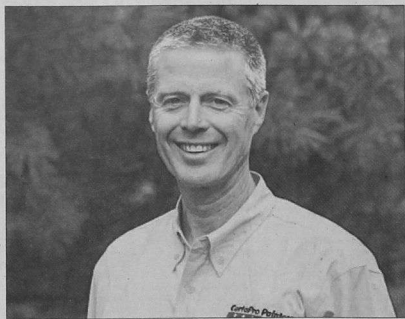
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Jim Zandee is the owner of CertaPro Painters in Canton.

Canton painter touts service, dependability

Observer: Tell us about your business, including the products and services you offer.

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Observer: Why did you choose Canton?

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Observer: How has it changed since you opened?

CertaPro: It's growing faster.

Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

CertaPro: The painting business is booming. There are a lot of opportunities for a dependable, professional company.

Observer: Any advice for other small-business owners?

CertaPro: Go for it. It's fantastic having your results in your own hands and not dependent on decisions from a fickle boss.

Observer: What's in store for the future of your business?

CertaPro: We're continuing to add crews. Currently, we're at about a dozen. We're also growing commercial (work).

DETAILS

Name: CertaPro Painters

Title: Jim Zandee, owner

Hometown: Canton

Opened: 2013

Hours: Whenever we're awake

Specialty: Painting residential interiors and exteriors, also commercial

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON CHAMBER CHAT

Diva Day

Ladies are invited to attend the sixth annual Diva Day from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 12, in downtown Plymouth.

The first 500 divas will get a free hot pink bow if they come and do some spring shopping and get pampered. Little divas and dog dogs are also welcome.

Downtown Plymouth boutiques, salons and restaurants will present special offers, unique refreshments and chances to win Diva Day prizes. Shoppers can bring their mother, daughter, aunt, sister and all of your diva friends.

Participating shops include Agio Spa, Alpine Chocolate Haus, Basket Kreations, Beauty Haven, Bella Mia, Bohemian Home, Candy Trail, Creatopia Pottery, Dearborn Jewelers of Plymouth, Genuine Toy Company, Gigi's Mode, Home Sweet Home, Kilwin's of Plymouth, Lollarian, Magnolia Fresh Flower Shop, Old World Olive Press, Open Door, Plymouth Yoga Room, R.S.V.P., Simply the Best Boutique, Sun & Snow Sports and Tranquility Tea.

The event is free. Look for the balloons. For more information, call

734-453-1540 or visit www.plymouthcham.org/events.

Showcase and Taste

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's 2014 Showcase and Taste of Plymouth is set for April 14 at The Inn at St. John's.

The event generally draws more than 90 exhibitors, including 20 restaurants, and attracts more than 600 people. This year's event will be held in the main ballroom and adjoining garden gallery at the Inn at St. John's.

Major sponsors include Community Financial and Hines Park Lincoln.

The chamber is now taking exhibit space reservations. The cost is \$10 (plus \$10 if you need electricity) and includes a 6-by-3-foot skirted table.

Anyone interested in locating should email terryplymouthcham.org or call 734-453-1540.

After hours

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts an after hours 7-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, at 336 Main in Plymouth.

The event is a great night with fantastic food

and networking with fellow members. There will also be a cash bar available.

For more information, call the chamber at 734-453-1540.

Golf outing

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual golf outing and auction Monday, July 21, at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Club.

The event is a scramble that will include lunch, dinner, plus open bar throughout the day and on the course. All company foursomes receive a sign on the course. Registration and lunch are from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with tee-off at 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$205 per golfer or \$820 per foursome.

Hole sponsorships are \$150 and all other remaining sponsorships are \$300. All sponsors will have signage, be listed in the program and on the website. There are sponsorships available for on-course games and other prizes.

For sponsorship information, contact Wes Graft wes@plymouthcham.org or call 734-453-3154.



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New sales manager

Dietz Trott Sports & Entertainment Management has hired Plymouth resident Scott Rourke as sales manager. Rourke will be responsible for developing new business and maintaining client

services for the sponsorship sales division of the firm. "Scott will be a great addition to our team," said Michael Dietz, president of Dietz Trott. "His professional background and strong sales skills will be an asset as he develops new business and strengthens client service in our sponsorship division."

Prior to his new position, Rourke was an account executive with the Detroit Tigers. He also worked as a season ticket and group sales associate for the Toledo Mud Hens and served as an operations assistant for the 2008 PGA Championship.

Rourke earned a marketing degree from Michigan State University in 2008. He resides in Plymouth with his wife Caitlin.

Fractured Prune

Michigan welcomes the next doughnut revolution - Fractured Prune Doughnuts, which has a

cult following for offering consumers always hot doughnuts, hand-dipped and topped to order. The first Michigan location is set to open in Canton at 7 a.m. Tuesday, April 22.

Fractured Prune Doughnuts began in Ocean City, Md., in 1976. Rather than featuring rows of pre-converted doughnuts, the doughnut shop developed a cult following for its always hot doughnuts, available all ways.

"This is the doughnut Michigan has been waiting for. Words don't do it justice. There's just nothing like the taste and texture of a truly hot doughnut glazed and topped to your exact specifications," said Lori Wigler, Fractured Prune Michigan franchisee.

Michigan's first Fractured Prune is set to open at 4712 Michigan Ave. in Canton. The first patrons will walk the purple carpet for their chance at incredible giveaways, including free doughnuts each month for a year, free T-shirts and free dozen doughnuts on your next visit. The first 100 customers in-store will each receive a scratch-to-win card revealing their prize.

Software honor

On March 18, Electrical Construction and Maintenance magazine announced that Facility

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Results' FlashTrack product won the publication's "2014 Product of the Year" award in the Software Design category.

FlashTrack is a software tool used by electrical engineers and engineers to help ensure the safety of new product development for the electrical industry. "In this year's contest, more than 200 entries were evaluated by 16 judges who are electrical professionals in the engineering, contracting, plant facilities and plant maintenance industries."

"After 15 years of overseeing this competition, it never ceases to amaze me how many pioneering products are introduced to the market each year," said Editor in Chief Mike Eby from EC&M magazine. "Congratulations on being included among the 'best of the best' and thank you for your ongoing commitment to developing products that help those of us in the electrical industry perform our jobs faster, more efficiently, more profitably, and — most important — safer."

Pending bill could fetch more money for townships

By Beth LeBlanc
Gannett Michigan

Townships could get more state-shared revenue under an allocation bill headed to the state House Appropriations Committee. But the new funding for townships would mean a smaller increase in funding for cities and villages.

House Bill 5301, introduced by Rep. Earl Poleski, R-Spring Arbor Township, would distribute excess Economic Vitality Incentive Program dollars to townships based on their populations.

Currently, all cities, villages and townships receive constitutional state revenue sharing, but most cities and villages — about 486 — also receive EVIP dollars. The funding was created in 2011 to reward municipalities for sharing services.

The state usually has about \$200 million to \$230 million in EVIP money to disburse to cities, villages and 34 townships, Poleski said.

This year, the state has an additional \$35 million to add to those disbursements, but Poleski would like to divert the extra funds to townships that currently

receive no EVIP funding.

His plan would allow for a 1 percent increase for communities currently receiving EVIP dollars.

“Let’s take and give those 486 units a 1 percent increase and divvy up the remaining \$30 million to communities that don’t get EVIP currently,” Poleski said.

Poleski’s plan would ensure that each township receives about \$7.15 per capita in EVIP funding.

“There are calls for governmental responsibilities everywhere, not just in cities and villages,” Poleski said. “We don’t divvy up state revenue based on what you need, we divvy it up based on what’s equitable.”

If a community currently receiving EVIP qualified for more money via the per-capita formula, it could choose the higher of the two.

“In virtually every case, every unit of government gets more under my proposal,” Poleski said. “It’s just that some of the cities and villages would have gotten even more without my proposal.”

Communities that receive more than

\$50,000 in EVIP funding would have to commit 5 percent to road maintenance and 5 percent for unfunded accrued liabilities under Poleski’s proposal.

Judy Allen, director of government relations for the Michigan Townships Association, said Poleski’s proposal would level the playing field among townships and cities providing similar service levels.

The allocation bill likely will head to the House Appropriations Committee next week, Poleski said.

He said the Citizens Research Council also has been studying the plan and will submit its recommendations eventually.

Do research before hiring contractor

Over the next few weeks, many readers will assess the damage that winter has done to their homes.

You may be surprised to learn that some of the damage that winter may have caused is covered by homeowner’s insurance. That is why before doing any repairs, it is important to check your policy.

In addition, contact your homeowner’s insurance agent. Remember, your agent should be your advocate in dealing with claims.

Although every company has its own process with regard to claims, it is important to always document the damage. It is not unusual for an insurance company to initially deny a claim. However, every company has an appeal process. Just because the initial



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

response is no does not mean that’s the end of the discussion. In fact, generally, it’s just the beginning.

Whether your damage is covered by your homeowner’s insurance, if you are going to hire someone to do the repairs, be careful. If you are hiring a contractor to repair your home, make sure you’re dealing with someone who is reputable and is qualified to do the job.

When it comes to hiring a contractor, ask family and friends for a recommendation. Even if you receive a recommendation, check the individual through the Better Business Bureau.

Doing your homework ahead of time and hiring a competent qualified contractor will save you lots of aggravation and money down the road.

In hiring a contractor, get bids from a number of qualified companies. It’s always important to remember that it’s not necessarily the cheapest bid that you accept. Price is important, however, it is not the only factor.

I recognize that whenever there is damage to your home, you want to make sure that repairs get done as soon as possible. Remember, review your homeowner’s policy and hire a competent contractor to get the job done.

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Please see the parish website for the complete exhibition schedule & map:
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Marine veteran Joe Fenech salutes Lew Bartlett, also a veteran of the Marine Corps and World War II, at Bartlett's 90th birthday party at the Island Lake Boathouse in Novi. LONNIE HUHMANN

Novi man celebrates 90th birthday with salute from friends and family

By Lonnie Huhmann
Staff Writer

Lew Bartlett turned 90 years old recently and his birthday party was made that much more special with a visit from a group of U.S. Marines.

"This is all a very pleasant surprise," Bartlett, a Novi resident, said as he was surrounded by family and friends at his party, held March 29 at the Island Lake Boathouse.

Four veteran Marines showed up to the party after getting a call from Derek Atkinson of the Ann Arbor VA Hospital telling them that a fellow veteran Marine was celebrating a momentous birthday. They all still have their uniforms looking crisp and clean.

"We're excited to be here for a fellow Marine," veteran Sgt. Dave

Grob said.

They, along with those gathered, sang the *Marine Corps Hymn* to Bartlett, who stood with tears in his eyes. Some of Bartlett's friends on hand also served and felt the magic of the moment. One was Francis Haney, who also served in the Marines.

Both Bartlett and Haney fought at the Battle of Iwo Jima in 1945. Haney said he hit the beach around the same time Bartlett did during that fateful battle in the Pacific. He felt proud to be standing with his long-time friend all of these years later.

"He's a good guy," Haney said with a smile.

Bartlett grew up in Detroit and was thinking of a life in the priesthood, but ended up joining the Marines at the age of 18 and serving with the 5th Marine Division. He was

sent back to the States after being shot in the shoulder during the battle and was later awarded the Purple Heart for his duty.

He went on to live a long life and has been married to Dorothy for 64 years. Bartlett spent his career as an insurance salesman and free time as an avid golfer and family man. They raised eight children in Farmington Hills before moving to Novi.

He and his wife now live at Meadowbrook Commons.

The celebration was attended by more than 100 people and it was one to remember.

"This birthday was one of the finest compliments I've ever received," Bartlett said.

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Spotlight Players to present production of 'Drowsy Chaperone'

Spotlight Players presents *The Drowsy Chaperone* starring Redford resident Alan Highe as the character Man-in-Chair. The production runs April 10-13 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

It marks Highe's first production with Spotlight Players. He said he is excited to work with the cast and crew.

According to Lia de Biasi, president of Spotlight Players, Highe joked that the Man-in-Chair character was his "spiritual animal" – possibly because of their shared loathing of people who talk on cell-phones at theaters.

The plot involves the longstanding myth that it's bad luck for a groom

to see the bride on the wedding day, with other things thrown in such as monkeys, a little brandy and an exasperated example of Murphy's Law – all narrated by a single man living in a ramshackle New York apartment.

Highe describes his character as a single gentleman in his mid-20s to early 30s whose guilty pleasure is listening to old records of musicals and hiding away from the real world, among other plot developments.

The Drowsy Chaperone takes the Main Stage for five performances April 10-13 with Thursday, Friday and Saturday performances at 8 p.m. and additional Saturday and Sunday perfor-

mances at 2 p.m. Running time is one hour and 50 minutes.

Tickets are \$12 to \$18 each. They can be purchased by calling the box office at 734-394-5300 or going to www.spotlightplayersmi.org. Tickets also are available at the Village Theater box office an hour before show time. The theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road.

Other than Highe, others involved in the production are Nan Walters and co-producer Lia De Biasi of Plymouth; co-producer Paul Wingar of Canton; music director Paul Bowling of Ann Arbor; and choreographer Amber Lawson of Livonia.



Alan Highe (right), from "The Drowsy Chaperone," confers with Daniel Pocock, who works on the set.

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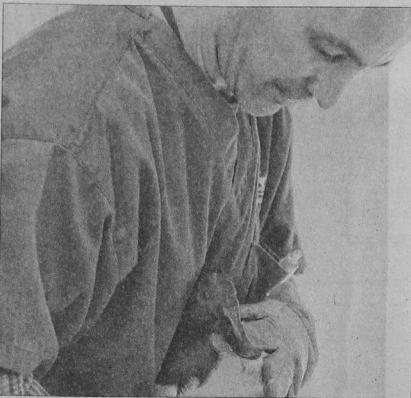
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Howell Conference and Nature Center rehab assistant Robert Kidder checks the keel, or breastbone, of a rescued male canvasback duck being nursed back to a weight that will increase its chances for survival when released to the wild. GUS BENEDICT/GANNETT MICHIGAN

Cruel winter: Wildlife 'exhausted and emaciated'

By Amanda Whitesell
Gannett Michigan

The harshest winter in decades not only affected Michigan residents, but its furry and feathered inhabitants, too.

The season included near-record snowfall in metro Detroit, the second-most days below zero in a winter in the Flint area and a Great Lakes system that reached 92 percent ice cover this month, the most in 34 years and the second-most ever.

Howell Conference and Nature Center Director Dana DeBenham said the center saw an increase in intake numbers, as well as the amount of differing species in residence. The center is just now releasing animals back into the wild, as cold temperatures and ice delayed releases.

"Just because it's a natural phenomenon doesn't mean we should just let nature take its course," she said. "We believe it's our duty to help our wild friends."

An unusual number of fish-eating diving ducks and grebes came to the center "exhausted and emaciated," DeBenham said.

"The birds migrate to the Southeast in the fall and are signaled to return to nesting grounds in the Northwest and northern Canada by lengthening daylight," she said. Frozen inland lakes as well as the Great Lakes left them with no source for food to continue their migration. Last year, the center took

in only one grebe. Some birds, like grebes, can only swim or fly but not walk, DeBenham said. The creatures will sometimes mistake parking lots for bodies of water, leaving them with no way of getting airborne again, as they must take flight from water.

Last week, the center still had two ducks in rehabilitation, a male canvasback and a red-head. Workers and volunteers have been tasked with cleaning up the birds and helping nurse them back to a healthy weight, but it wasn't easy. Many of the birds would only feed on live minnows, 120 to 180 grams per day at the least.

"The live minnows were very costly to the rehab program," DeBenham said.

The redhead came to the center March 12 at 728 grams, 322 grams under its recommended body weight, wildlife infirmarian Max Biver said. By April 2, the bird weighed a healthy 1,044 grams, or about 2.3 pounds.

Rehab assistant Robert Kidder said, "For every bird that was brought to the center after being found in a parking lot, think of all the birds that weren't recovered from a field."

The center also took in close to 15 opossums during one two-day period this winter. The animals, which DeBenham said aren't well-suited for winter due to lack of fur on their ears and tails, arrived with black toes, half tails and missing ears due to frostbite.

Kidder said some had to be euthanized.

Russ Mason, chief of the state Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Division, said a deer die-off is expected in the Upper Peninsula and northern Lower Peninsula. How bad it will be is still unknown by biologists, he said.

It could mean fewer or no antlerless deer licenses in the U.P. and northern Lower Peninsula next deer season, Mason said.

Also expected are severe impacts on turkeys throughout the Lower Peninsula. Mason said residents have reported the creatures at their bird feeders for the first time, which is a sign that they're "highly stressed."

Fish die-offs in shallower lakes are likely, Mason said, as prolonged ice cover prevents oxygenation of the water.

It won't be such a sour story for scavenging animals like coyotes and bears, however. He said they're expected to thrive with the increased number of animal carcasses in the woods.

DeBenham said the local center does not rehabilitate adult deer, as they're a "prey species terrified of humans." The center is prepared to handle any orphaned fawns and other off-spring during its busy spring season, however.

"It will be an interesting year to see how many adults survived the brutal winter to mate this spring," she said.

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'PEACE, LOVE & PLANET'

Earth Day-inspired film series to be shown at Genitti's

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Gina Adams-Levy is a woman on a mission. She's the founder of Peace, Love & Planet, which will celebrate Earth Day by launching the nationally recognized environmental film series "Be the Solution." The films, shot locally using area teen actors, focus on raising awareness about Michigan's environmental issues to inspire teens to make eco-friendly choices.

The premiere of the films will be 6:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 19, at Genitti's, 108 E. Main, Northville.

The "Be the Solution" premiere will double as a benefit for P.L.P. The party will include a viewing of films, live entertainment, silent auction and hors d'oeuvres. Guests are encouraged to reduce, reuse, or recycle their wardrobe by coming dressed in "Trash with Class." Space is limited to 200 guests. To register, go to www.PeaceLoveandPlanet.org.

"We wanted to jazz it up a bit and have a premiere," said Adams-Levy, who lives in Farmington Hills with a Northville address. "We anticipate about 120 as our goal."

"We encourage kids to make eco-friendly choices," she said of P.L.P.'s programs in schools.

The nonprofit emphasizes recycling, including cafeteria "sorting" and highlight all the different materials we can recycle. That, of course, trickles down to the home as

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GINA ADAMS-LEVY
founder of Peace, Love & Planet

well."

Her family is good about recycling and other eco-friendly practices. They'd lived in Colorado and found people there were good about such things as reusable grocery shopping bags.

Her daughter was in kindergarten a few years back, and Adams-Levy wanted to improve environmental awareness among her classmates.

"People have just become so dependent on convenience," she said.

She's found elementary-age kids are good about recycling, with it dropping off in middle school. Most of her work to date has been in the Farmington Public Schools, although they're reaching out to other nearby districts.

A focus group with middle and high school students found they often didn't have access to recycling bins, a problem that was easy to solve.

Doing that led to a spike in recycling, Adams-Levy said.

The film series includes a look at energy, transportation and handling waste, and incorporates humor.

"Everybody's proud to be living in our beautiful state," she said. She's found in a community of some 400,000 even recycling trash or turning off lights and powering down electronics will help.

"Sometimes global issues just seem too big for kids to understand," she added. "We're tackling a pretty big initiative."

The films complement earth science curriculum and can be used in many ways, to launch a lesson plan, to celebrate holidays such as America Recycles Day (Nov. 15), Earth Hour (March 29), or Earth Day (April 22) or by P.L.P. to introduce its programs. "Be the Solution" films are available on YouTube at PeaceLovePlanet.com.

P.L.P.'s mission is to nurture appreciation for nature and promote environmentally responsible choices resulting in healthy, sustainable communities.

The nonprofit reaches over 7,000 Michigan children annually by conducting engaging programs and assisting schools and businesses implement sustainable waste reduction strategies.

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The Detroit Lions, in cooperation with Observer & Eccentric Media, will award two scholarships to the following camps:

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June 12-13, Brighton Scranton Middle School, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Fundamentals Camp for youth ages 6-14).

July 19, 26, Aug. 2, Southfield Inglenook Park, 10-11 a.m. (Lil' Lions Academy for youth ages 4-8).

July 21-23, South Lyon Volunteer Park, 6:15-7:15 p.m. (Lil' Lions Academy for youth ages 4-8).

One scholarship will be offered for the **June 30 through July 3 Plymouth Central Middle School Camp** from 8:30



The camps offer age-appropriate, high-energy football instruction.

a.m. to noon (Fundamentals Camp for youth ages 6-14).

The camps offer age-appropriate high-energy football instruction and technique training by high school and college football coaches and interactive drills, chalk talks and skill competitions.

More than 30 camps are scheduled from June through August. For a complete list of summer camps and academies, visit detroitlions.com/youthfootball.

To enter the O&E Media's Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights Football Camp Contest, tell us in 50 words or less why you want to attend the camp. Have your parents email a photo of you (jpeg format only and as large as possible), along with your name, age, phone number and community where you live, to chordand@hometownlife.com. Subject line is "Football Contest."

Deadline to enter is April 30.

OUR VIEWS

Newspaper Necessity

We salute our carriers for their extraordinary efforts

Twice a week, a cadre of people delivers the *Canton Observer* print editions to the homes and businesses of our valued newspaper subscribers. They're like the mail carriers, out there making their rounds in all kinds of weather.

At one time, before the advent of the Internet, people got their local news from their local newspapers and the delivery of such important news was left to youths who made their rounds pulling wagons full of newspapers or riding bikes with laden with bags of newspapers.

Newspaper carriers date back to the early 1800s and today's celebration commemorates the very first paper boy! On Sept. 10, 1833, 10-year-old Barney Flaherty delivered the first newspaper. He had been hired by Benjamin Day, the publisher of the *New York Sun*,

to sell papers for his penny press. The only job requirement was to show that he could throw a newspaper into the bushes.

Today, few kids deliver papers anymore, but the tradition lives on. The job today is done mostly by adults, many delivering the paper from their cars.

One of those adults is the *Canton Observer's* longest-serving carrier, Sheryl Sexton. She actually started more than 20 years ago, helping her daughter, and eventually took over that route. Combined with her own route, she used to deliver some 1,200 papers twice a week. These days, she's down to about 800.

"It's been the roughest year this year (because of the weather), the roads have been bad, driveways have been bad," Sexton said. "I love the people on my route. They're really nice and they really want that paper."

There is a Newspaper Carrier Day that is celebrated Sept. 4 and an International Newspaper Carrier Day, established in 2009.

lished by the Newspaper Association of America, that this day will be observed Oct. 18. But we don't want to wait that long to show our appreciation to our carriers for their service, especially this winter.

In spite of the near record-breaking snowfall, polar vortices, ice and poor road conditions, our carriers made sure the newspaper came through. Certainly, it's easy to read our product online, but there's something about sitting down to a cup of coffee and the hometown newspaper that a screen and a keyboard can't ever replace.

We have many fine carriers who stuck with it and delivered excellent service in January, February and March for our readers and our advertisers. We want to take this opportunity to thank them for their dedicated service.

Our thank you goes out to *Canton* carriers John Boughton, Paul Gustafson, Michael Basner, Todd Remily, Jason Suarez, Ted Neumann, Vendetta

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It may not be official, but for you, we're declaring today, April 10, as *Observer Newspapers Carrier Day*. To every one of our carriers who have a paper route, today is for you.

OUR VIEWS

Make sure you're prepared for severe weather

After a long and brutal winter, it's nice to see warm temperatures, but with the change in seasons comes a change in the type of severe weather that can occur. Last year, we were reminded that severe weather can strike at any time.

While most Michigan tornadoes occur from May to August during the afternoon and evening hours, a November 2013 severe weather outbreak hit Michigan with three reported tornadoes. There were no deaths and only two injuries in Michigan from severe weather in 2013, according to the National Weather Service. The injuries resulted from severe thunderstorm winds; however, flooding, severe thunderstorms and tornadoes were responsible for about \$277 million in damages in 2013, compared to \$210 million in damages in 2012.

Surprisingly, the most widespread severe weather damage across the Lower Peninsula didn't occur in the spring, but Nov. 17-18 as the result of a combined severe thunderstorm and wind event that included several small tornadoes. The combination of the tornadoes, severe thunderstorms and winds left more than 775,000 homes and businesses without power and about \$70 million in damages.

That's why the state of Michigan is again observing this week as Severe Weather Preparedness Week. With the shift to outdoor activities, it's important to keep an eye on the sky and be prepared to take cover when severe weather strikes.

The Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness recommends that you check the weather forecast before leaving home and check for the nearest shelter when you arrive at your final destination. It also recommends that you:

- » Seek shelter when you first hear thunder or see dark threatening clouds developing overhead or lightning.
- » Count the seconds between the time you see lightning and hear the thunder. You should be ready to be in a safe location if that time is less than 30 seconds.
- » If you can't find a shelter, get into a fully enclosed vehicle. Put your head down below the windows, covering it with your hands or blanket.
- » Stay inside until 30 minutes after you last hear thunder. Lightning can strike more than 10 miles away from any rainfall.

It is also important to be familiar with severe weather alerts. A tornado watch or severe thunderstorm watch simply means that severe thunderstorms and tornadoes are possible. A tornado warning means that a tornado has been sighted or is indicated on Doppler radar. Go immediately to the basement or a small interior room on the lowest level. Keep away from chimneys and windows. Leave mobile homes and find shelter in a sturdy building.

When a thunderstorm warning is issued for your area, get indoors immediately and do not use the telephone or electrical appliances. Keep away from windows. Do not take shelter in sheds or other isolated trees. If you are out boating and swimming, get to land and find a sturdy building immediately.

To prepare for severe weather, the Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness suggests that you:

- » Plan ahead. Be sure everyone in your household knows where to go and what to do in case of a tornado or thunderstorm warning. Know the safest location for shelter in your home, workplace and school. Load-bearing walls near the center of the basement or lowest level generally provide the greatest protection.

Even with the most sophisticated meteorological equipment, predicting the weather isn't easy. But being prepared for the worst can take the guesswork out of what to do. Don't wait until the sirens sound – make your plans. It is better to be safe than sorry.

STAFF COLUMN

Cleaner, more secure future depends on breaking our nation's addiction to oil



Kurt Kuban
STAFF WRITER

tion officials that the invasion of Iraq would only cost between \$50 billion and \$100 billion, it has cost us infinitely more – and continues to cost us. But then again, most claims the Bush administration made about Iraq turned out to be nowhere near realistic (remember the claim about us being met as "liberators"?)

By some estimates, the Iraq War, when all is said and done, will have cost us more than \$1 trillion. That's trillion with a "T". The *Christian Science Monitor* estimated we have spent on average \$9.5 billion a month in Iraq, including more than \$40 billion for reconstruction efforts.

But I would think most of us would argue the bigger treasure we sacrificed in Iraq was our military personnel.

More than 4,800 Americans were killed in Iraq, with thousands more suffering injuries, some so debilitating that they will never be able to lead a normal life. How many countless military families were impacted by this war?

Maybe the next time my conservative friends use their "blow away" jokes, they will think of the American soldiers that were sent to Iraq. It's not so funny, is it?

Most sane Americans must ask themselves why.

And that's also the question I think we should be asking ourselves about the Obama administration's decision to spend so much money on renewable energy and trying to get ourselves off of our reliance on foreign oil. Even George W. Bush, who orchestrated the Iraq War, said we were addicted to oil.

Some people still think oil and other fossil fuels (like coal and natural gas) are the answer. We just need to allow oil companies to tap into our own oil reserves here in America. Others believe we should build the Keystone pipeline to allow more Canadian tar sands oil to cross our country so it can be refined in the southeast U.S.

Those people are ignoring the evidence about what our reliance on fossil fuels is doing to the planet. Despite the dire warnings from the vast majority of climatologists about global warming, many in America choose to believe it is a political issue.

Perhaps it is. I'm no scientist. I can only listen to those who are. But I have certainly seen some dramatic, destructive weather in recent years.

Even if one thinks these weather patterns are normal and global warming is an Al Gore-inspired conspiracy, how can one ignore the other forms of damage oil is doing to our planet?

A couple weekends ago, which oddly enough was the 25th anniversary of the disastrous Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska, an oil barge collided with a ship in the Houston (Texas) Ship Channel and spilled nearly 200,000 gallons of oil near a wildlife refuge.

Of course, that is just a small fraction of the 10 million gallons spilled by the Exxon Valdez in 1989 or the estimated 210 million gallons of oil dumped into the Gulf of Mexico by BP's Deepwater Horizon leak in 2010.

Those of us in Michigan, who should be most worried about such calamities due to our proximity to the precious Great Lakes, may think this kind of thing only happens in other places. Guess again.

Last week, BP admitted that its Whiting refinery in Indiana (just a few miles from the Chicago city limits) spilled an unknown amount of Canadian tar sands crude into Lake Michigan.

And does anyone remember the Enbridge Energy pipeline disaster in 2010 that spilled more than 843,000 gallons of tar sands oil into the Lake Superior River? I can promise you the people of western Michigan sure do. It was the largest and costliest inland oil spill in U.S. history.

It seems every time there is a new story about another major spill around the country. How long is this sustainable?

Despite all the criticism directed toward President Obama for spending so much time kicking-start the renewable and green energy industry, the fact is we are starting to make progress because of that investment.

Renewable electricity generation has nearly doubled since Obama took office, as more homeowners and businesses change over to solar energy.

Wind turbines are popping up all over the country, including right here in Michigan.

Personally, I would rather we spend our money on these projects than continue going down the oil-slicked road we're on now.

And before you start shouting "Solyntra," yes, some of these projects may fail, some even because of fraud.

But we are slowly making progress. Technology is improving. Perhaps a generation from now, our lithium battery industry will be the pride of the world. Without the government infusion of capital and incentives, there is little chance of this happening. The fossil fuel industries are just making too much money – they have no incentive to change.

Hey, I drive a Ford pickup truck and am as dependent upon the fossil fuel industry as the next guy.

But I also realize the damage such dependency is doing to our planet. If you choose to ignore all the evidence and want to roll the dice on your grandchildren's future, that is your prerogative. I don't hold it against you.

I bet I think my generation does have a responsibility to future Americans. Instead of doubling down on our addiction to fossil fuels and almost assuredly becoming dependent on future wars, I would rather see as a nation bet on American ingenuity and our ability to adapt for a cleaner, more secure, future.

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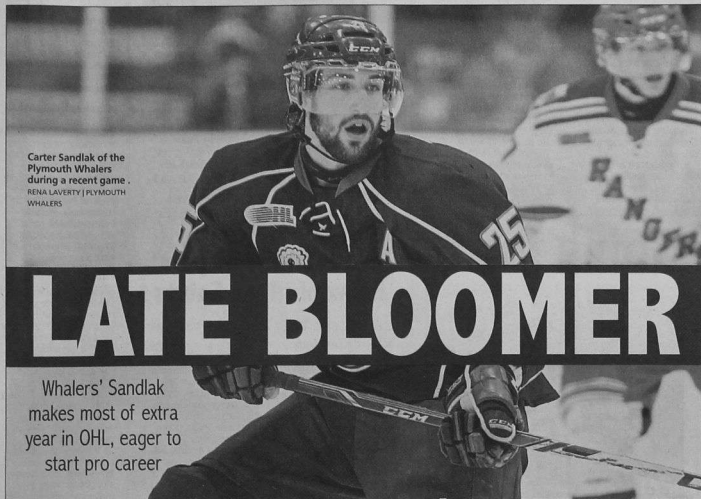
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Carter Sandlak of the Plymouth Whalers during a recent game.
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LATE BLOOMER

Whalers' Sandlak makes most of extra year in OHL, eager to start pro career

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Not every Ontario Hockey League player gets his name called at the podium during the NHL draft weekend.

Sometimes, players have to pay their dues and wait for a break.

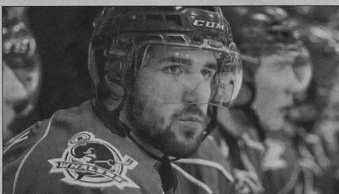
The latter certainly applied to Carter Sandlak, who in 2013-14 was an overage player who made the most of his fifth season in the Ontario Hockey League — his only year with the Plymouth Whalers.

Sandlak sparked the Whalers' offense with 24 goals and 24 assists in 61 games, helping the team make the OHL playoffs for the league-record 23rd season in a row.

Along the way, the 20-year-old Sandlak caught the attention of Carolina Hurricanes scouts and was signed as a free agent by the NHL team.

"I don't know if I was frustrated, but it just was a 'When's it going to happen?' kind of thing," Sandlak said. "I knew it was going to be a big year."

With Plymouth's recent playoff run a brief one (losing in five games to Western Conference



Intently focused on the action while waiting his next shift is Plymouth's Carter Sandlak. REINA LAVERY | PLYMOUTH WHALERS

champion Guelph), Sandlak now will gear up for the 2014-15 season.

He'll hope to start his professional career with the Hurricanes or with one of the Peter Karmanos-owned NHL franchise's minor league teams (Charlotte, Florida). Karmanos also owns the Whalers.

Now it starts

"It's kind of a relief kind of thing, but the hard work starts now," said the smiling, bearded London, Ont. native about signing

with Carolina. "It's going to be a big difference playing junior and going to play pro. So it's going to be a big summer (of training), and I'm looking forward to the opportunity."

Sandlak said Carolina's fall camp will be preceded by a rookie camp, for prospects recently signed or drafted. "I'm really looking forward to meeting the guys and just getting down there and having some fun."

If signing with the Hurricanes was the biggest break of

Sandlak's career to date, the second biggest would have to be the trade in June 2013 from the Belleville Bulls to Plymouth.

According to Whalers coach and general manager Mike Velucci, he knew he needed to bring in a quality, character player to help the team with a transition to a younger squad.

A veteran player such as Sandlak would help ease the sting of losing a number of key players, such as Rickard Rakell, Tom Wilson, Vincent Trocheck, Mitchell Heard, Connor Carrick and Stefan Noesen.

All of those players left Plymouth after 2012-13 and currently are playing in the NHL or American Hockey League.

"Carter was somebody that I was trying to acquire his rights for a long time," Velucci said. When I traded for him, I said 'You're a typical Plymouth Whaler.' He's a big, strong, physical guy that had some offensive ability."

"We were excited to acquire him in a trade, and I think it worked out great for us. I know it worked out great for us. He did everything we asked him

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BOYS LACROSSE PREVIEW

Willer heads returning cast for Rocks

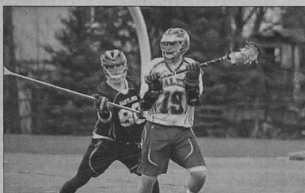
Salem boys lacrosse team looks to enjoy back-to-back winning seasons

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Following the best season in school history, the Salem varsity boys lacrosse team is trying to build off that positive momentum in 2014.

So far, it has been slow going for the Rocks, who lost their season-opening matches to Howell and Hartland before finally earning a 14-7 win last week against Grand Blanc.

Still, Salem head coach



Salem attackman Noah Willer, shown from a 2013 contest, scored five goals in the Rocks only win so far this season.

Paul Nemzek remains optimistic, especially having a nucleus of top returnees — including junior attackman Noah Willer, all state-honorable mention selection last year after scoring 39 goals.

Willer already has 14 points this season, and he led the way in the lone victory so far with a five-goal night.

"We have a young team,"

Nemzek explained. "We are replacing most of our scoring from 2013. We will lean on our defense during the early part of this season."

"As long as we continue to improve each day we will be ready to make a tournament run in May."

Joining Willer among top returnees from last season's

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PREP BASEBALL

Dramatic win for Wildcats

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

First-year Plymouth varsity coach Jason Crain is finding out his team has a flair for the dramatic.

And that's fine, as long as the results are like Monday's — a 4-3 walk-off victory against Northville.

After trailing most of the game against the KLAAs non-league opponent, the Wildcats scored three in the fifth to make it 3-3 and then won in the bottom of the seventh thanks to a hit by Cameron Anstess.

Setting up the winning run was senior Cameron Jones, who had a lead-off single and moved around to third with aggressive base-running.

"He really set the tone for that last inning," Crain said. "It was something our team really needed. ... We feel fortunate to get a solid win (against) a great team and program so early in the year."

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'Super Jess' 5K run

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's National Honor Society will host its fourth annual "Super Jess" 5K run at 8 a.m. Sunday, May 4, on the high school campus.

The event was created in 2011 in honor of 16-year-old P-CEP student Jesse Lindbauer, whose sinus infection turned into an abscess which ruptured, causing a traumatic brain injury.

This year, the race will support one present P-CCS student and one P-CCS alum: Salem senior Jericca Fitzgerald and Salem alum Amy Ladenberger.

Jericca Fitzgerald was diagnosed with hydrocephalus, a rare medical condition in which fluid builds up in the brain. Jericca has undergone more than 30 surgeries and countless nights in the hospital since she was diagnosed in 2009. She attended Smith Elementary and West Middle School. Jericca is now a senior at the Park and is excited to graduate this spring.

Amy Ladenberger is a 25-year-old Park graduate who attended Hoben Elementary and Discovery Middle School.

She was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis, a disease which causes thick, sticky mucus to build up in the lungs, digestive tract and other areas of the body, when she was 3 months old. Within the last year, Amy underwent a double lung transplant and many other surgeries prior to that.

Registration will continue until race day; registrations received prior to April 16 will include a race shirt. Signup forms can be found on the SJSK Facebook page, P-CEP website or in Canton, Plymouth and Salem main offices. Event fees are \$25 for adults over 18 and \$20 for all others.

For questions about the race or volunteering, contact the student coordinator of this event, Shannon Perry, at SJSKcommunity@gmail.com.

S'craft hoop tryouts

Schoolcraft College first-year men's basketball coach Abe Mashhour will hold tryouts noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 12, at the main gym.

For information, call Mashhour at 734-523-9101 or email amashhour@schoolcraft.edu.

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FINALLY!

Plymouth softball gets belated start with 6-2 victory; Chiefs win big

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Pitching and defense is a surefire recipe for success on the ball diamond, and the Plymouth varsity girls softball team followed that script to a tee Monday afternoon.

Led by the pitching of southpaw Mikayela Marciniak and sparked by diving plays in left field by Alex Rakovitis and shortstop by Lindsay Lutton, the Wildcats

earned a 6-2 victory over visiting Northville. The game was called in the sixth inning.

"We saw a lot of good things tonight," said Plymouth coach Dave Senkbeil, "especially tonight being the first time the team has actually played outside this season, practice or a game."

Plymouth's offensive attack got started early. In the first, Brooke Senkbeil walked and

moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Rachel Zeroni. Brittney Miller (2-for-3) then doubled Senkbeil home to make it 1-0.

Also collecting multiple hits was Rachel Ring, who had two doubles in two at-bats, while six other players tallied one hit.

Plymouth (1-0) was looking to keep the positive momentum building on Wednesday, when the Wildcats squared off



Plymouth outfielder Alex Rakovitis makes a sliding catch Monday against Northville.

against Livonia Churchill in a KLAAS South Division doubleheader.

CHURCHILL VS. SALEM 7: Victoria Luper went 3-for-4 with three RBIs and Julia Casagrande went 3-for-5 with three RBIs Monday as host Livonia Churchill (2-0, 2-0) downed the Chiefs in a KLAAS Kensington Conference crossover.

Also contributing to Churchill's 17-run attack was Julia Trogg (3-for-4, three runs), Mellian Richardson (2-for-4, three RBIs), Katie Stensrud (2-for-4, two RBIs) and Reagan Payton (2-for-4, RBI).

Richardson, despite giving up 16 hits and two walks, kept the Chiefs' offense in check.

CANTON 12, STEVENSON 2: On Monday, the host Chiefs (2-0, 2-0) scored seven runs in the fourth inning to roll to a Kensington Conference crossover win over Livonia Stevenson (2-1, 1-1).

Stevenson starter Erika Randall, who allowed four hits, took the loss in going the distance. Senior Alex Knap collected two of Stevenson's four hits.

We played a little sloppy in the rain and that led to a bad inning, no excuse," Stevenson coach Mike Reilly said.

WILDCATS

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The big hit in the game-tying rally was a bases-clearing double by Andrew Hejka. Plymouth's Cameron Stella earned the win after closing out Northville's top half of the seventh.

Stella followed starter Josh Sulak (four strong innings) and Patrick Downing.

'Cats split twinbill

Plymouth couldn't quite pull off the feat of sweeping two straight doubleheaders, but the Wildcats did earn a split Saturday at Milan.

After the Wildcats took an 8-4 victory in the opener, Milan bounced back for a 5-2 win in the nightcap. That left Plymouth with a record of 3-1 overall.

"We are still ironing out all of the wrinkles," Crain said. "We just haven't been outside long enough to work on everything we need to but the guys played a strong first game as the bats never let us down."

Pitching four strong innings for the victory was Kevin Anthony, who did not allow an earned run.

Following Anthony on the mound were freshman Josh Janovsky (two strong innings) and closer John Kochan, who took care of the seventh.

At the plate, Sulak went 2-for-3 with four runs batted in while Andrew Jossey went 2-for-4 with a RBI. Crain cited the strong game behind the plate by Antess as a key factor to the victory.

Plymouth led the nightcap 2-1 in the fifth but allowed the game to slip away, spoiling five solid innings by starting pitcher Derek Ebeling.

Stella had a big game at the plate, going 4-for-4 with a double, triple and two RBIs.

"We lost a little focus late in the game and Milan capitalized on opportunities," Crain noted. "Milan is a well-coached team and they took advantage of the opportunities we gave them."

GIRLS SOCCER WRAP

Wildcats blank Rocks, 3-0

The rain, muddy conditions or Salem Rocks couldn't stop Plymouth's varsity girls soccer team Monday night in a KLAAS crossover matchup at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's varsity soccer stadium.

With an all-around performance, the Wildcats defeated the Rocks 3-0 to improve to 2-1 on the young season.

"Strong defense for our back four out there tonight," Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschke said. "Our offense was dangerous the whole night."

Scoring twice and adding an assist for the Wildcats was Maria Farmer, with Hope Scheffeld adding the other marker. Collecting an assist was Lauren Babcock.

Going for it



Salem's Hayley Rogers (right) sprints after a 50/50 ball last Thursday night with a South Lyon East player. Rogers scored a goal to help the Rocks earn a 4-0 KLAAS Central Division girls soccer victory. Morgan Stierlet paced the Salem attack with two goals and an assist while Emilie Hawks also scored. The Rocks improved to 2-0 with the win before dropping Monday night's 3-0 decision to Plymouth. (JOHN KENSKE) EXPRESS PHOTO

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Madonna wins pair in twinbill vs. Saints

Crampton leads WHAC sweep against Aquinas

Some late inning theatrics led to two more victories Wednesday for the Madonna University women's softball team, which swept a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference double-header from visiting Aquinas College, 2-1 and 4-1.

In the opener, the Crusaders' Erin Mayes' RBI single drove home Morgan Kaiser with the game-winning run in the bottom of the seventh. Emma Cook also went 2-for-4 with an RBI for the victorious Crusaders.

Winning pitcher Bree Crampton, the NAIA National Pitcher of the Week, improved to 11-3 with a four-hit performance. She struck out nine and did not allow a walk in seven innings.

Losing pitcher Becca Shindelacker (3-3) allowed seven hits,

walked two and struck out five.

In Game Two, MU rallied from a 1-0 deficit with three runs in a sixth and one in the seventh. Mayes doubled twice and had an RBI, while freshman Nicole Salloum (Livonia Churchill) also drove in two runs. Kayser Triewerfel also went 2-for-3 with an RBI.

Winning pitcher Erin Combs (8-2) worked the first five innings pitched with no runs, hits or errors. She struck out eight and did not allow a walk before giving way to Crampton, who pitched two scoreless innings to pick up her third save of the year as MU improved to 20-5 overall and 6-0 in the WHAC.

Kala Forster went 3-for-4, while Sadie Stowell added two hits and an RBI for the Saints, who slipped to 10-9 overall, 2-2 in the conference.

GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

DUAL MEET RESULTS
PLYMOUTH 7
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 2

April 1 at Franklin
No. 1 singles: Carolyn McCullen (L) defeated Kerri Chavira (R), 6-0, 6-0. **No. 2:** Kendall Pyle (L) def. Sarah Gumbel, 6-3, 6-2. **No. 3:** Svertha Durawany (R) def. Madison Lashburn, 6-3, 6-1. **No. 4:** Amber Tseng (L) def. Carla Vance, 6-3, 6-1. **No. 5:** Alycia Lopez-Katie Weyers (R) def. Samantha Voss-Morgan

Witherspoon, 6-2, 7-5. **No. 2:** Teah Horton-Emma Mullenax (R) def. Stefan Hady-Charles McMillan, 6-2, 6-2. **No. 3:** Lauren Conley-Karla Patel (R) def. Kelly Stevenson-Ashlee Mahoney, 6-1, 6-1. **No. 4:** Justin Ko-Sandra Berry (R) def. Blake Newberry-Singha Thirupang, 6-1, 6-4. **No. 5:** Amanda Torres-Rita Mahapat (R) def. Kilana Malone-Jarvis Patel, 6-4, 6-1.

Dual match records: Plymouth, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAAS South Division, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAAS South.

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GIRLS LACROSSE

Canton extends hot streak with victory

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Canton's early season offense continues to roll, as the Chiefs' pummeled host Northville 13-8 in Monday's varsity girls lacrosse matchup.

The Chiefs improved to 3-1 overall and 3-0 in the KLAAs Kensington Conference.

"We played a tough Northville team that refused to quit when we had them down 6-2 at the half, and 9-2 midway through the second half on a cold and rainy night," Canton head coach Dave Bower said. "Northville scored three straight to tighten the score to 9-5 before we got back on track, scoring three out of the next four goals to take a 12-6 lead

with just over two minutes to play."

The next game is another big one, as the Chiefs face No. 1 ranked Groton State South in a road contest.

Next week will be games against Plymouth and Novi.

"We're looking forward to some nice weather finally to practice in after we had to cancel two practices last week due to weather and no gym space available," Bower noted. "We have yet to have a practice on a lined field with goals to shoot at, so it'll be good to work on some areas of concern as we move forward into the season."

Backstopping Canton in the win was senior captain Melissa Neal,

while junior midfielder Kelsey Tucker scored six goals on eight shots. Other contributors were Annika Nuler (three goals), Jordan C. Worth (two goals) and Sarah Davenport and Katja Nuler (one goal each). Senior attacker Alexis O'Brien chipped in with two assists while Casey Bower added a helper.

SALEM 12, NORTHVILLE 6 Salem improved to 4-1 on the season with Friday's victory over the Mustangs.

"The Rocks pulled us on an early 4-1 all center at halftime in late goals by Katelyn Tucker and Jordan Church.

"Heading down the stretch with about eight minutes left we took our final time out, backed off the aggressive attack and went to a ball control attack with the idea we could push them to come after us," Salem head coach Dave Molyneux said. "The strategy worked as we drew a couple of yellow cards for fouls and then we started forcing them to play into players down."

Scoring the win was Kasey Kraschky (four goals) assisted with Anna Carter and Bridget Kerner each scoring two goals. Bounding the score into the over one meter were Kiersten Vaila, Lauren Britton, Joslyn Long and Leah Tardiff.

Ending the victory in goal was freshman Melodie Schaefer.

CANTON VS. SALEM The first matchup between Plymouth and Canton educational Park girls lacrosse from both teams was not disappointing, with the game being an intense, see-saw battle on April 7.

But after the Rocks rolled to the game in the second half, Canton's Annika Nuler scored with 5:43 left to give the Chiefs a 12-6 KLAAs Kensington Conference victory.

Preserving the win was senior captain and goalie Melissa Neal who made six of her nine saves in the second half.

It was Salem's first loss of the season after three victories while the Chiefs improved to 2-0 overall.

Salem started strong, building a 4-2 lead in the first half. Senior center and attacker Sarah Davenport and Church each garnering their second goal of the night. Tucker dusted a pair of markers.

Salem balanced back, however, and tied the game 4-4 when Anna Carter scored with 7:20 remaining.

Other Salem goals were scored by Kiersten Vaila, Lauren Britton and Joslyn Long. Freshman goalie Melodie Schaefer was the first goal keeper for the Rocks while Canton's goal was scored by Kiersten Vaila.

Both coaches said they are looking forward to the rematch, slated for April 30.

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

Salem girls finish strong to win Patriot Relays

Plymouth solid with 2nd-place showing

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Salem girls track and field coach Dave Gerlach knew the team that lost its opening dual meet to Northville wasn't what he expected to see the rest of the season.

And it didn't take long for the Rocks to back that stance as Salem topped the field at Saturday's Patriot Relays at Livonia Franklin with 103 points — out-

distancing runner-up Plymouth (91 points).

"After a tough opening loss, this team showed some resolve and moved forward on Saturday," Gerlach said. "These girls showed that they will be a team to be reckoned with by scoring in every event."

We are very encouraged by their performance today and took a

big step in the right direction by beating some very good teams."

Salem won the 400, 800, 1600, 3200 and 6400-meter relays as well as the shuttle hurdle.

The lineup of Sherrick Johnson, Brynne Samuals, Lauren Ogarek and Isabel Rodriguez took the top spot in the 400 and 800 relays with times of 52.5 seconds and 1 minute, 50 seconds, respectively.

Johnson and Rodriguez also were part of the victorious mile relay (with Anya Cho and Kayla Kavulich), finishing in 4:13.5.

The tandem of Kavulich, Elizabeth Drip, Lauren Arquette and Cho also led the way in the two-mile (10:19.7).

Salem's entry in the 6400-meter relay was a time of 23:33.9. In the event were Kayla Hughes, Arquette, Cho and Natasha Stevenson. Victorious in the shuttle hurdle was a time of 1:13.5.

It was Rachel Falzon,

slated to play lacrosse at Aquinas College.

The team also has players ready to step up, including junior goalkeeper Matt Walker (who's under limited action in 2013).

"He's much improved, stops the ball very well and his kicking has improved dramatically," Nemzek said. "Our team's success will be directly tied to this goalies play this season."

Meanwhile, sophomore attackman Lucas Martin could complement Willer on the offense side.

"He's a great inside scorer," said Nemzek, about Martin. "He worked very hard during our season and it's going to get bigger, stronger, faster. No fear, he plays on the crease with confidence."

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Talking over strategy are Plymouth Whalers players (from left) Ryan Hartman and Carter Sandlak, RENA LAVERY (P) RYMHV WHALERS

SANDLAK

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and I'm really proud of him."

Trust factor

Sandlak said he was put at ease about coming every day on and off the ice. Vellucci called him about the trade.

"Coming in here as a OA (overage player), Vellucci called me in the summer when he traded for me and said 'You're going to be a big part of this team and you're going to be a leader.'"

"And so coming in the year I knew it was going to be a big year, and I just tried to do my best every day, get better every day and make every day. Vellucci has put a lot of faith in me as a player, puts me out in key situations. He trusts me and I trust him. I have a good relationship and that helps."

OHL teams are permitted to carry three overage players (age 20) each season. Sandlak joined team captain and defenseman Matt Malyssa

and forward Zach Lorentz as the team's allotment of OAs for 2013-14.

Vellucci stressed that younger players can only gain positives from playing in the OHL — often called the "pipeline to the NHL" — some times isn't as straightforward as a shootout assist.

They also can figure out pretty quickly that playing in the OHL — often called the "pipeline to the NHL" — some times isn't as straightforward as a shootout assist.

"It makes you understand that there's different things that can happen," Vellucci noted. "If you stay with it and you compete hard and you try to get better every day, it's not what happens to you it's how you deal with what happens to you."

"He (Sandlak) could have gotten really upset that he wasn't drafted in the NHL when he was supposed to. But he stayed with it, he competed hard every day, he tried to get better every

day."

He'll bring it

Concurring was Sandlak, a 6-2, 200-pounder who gave opposing OHL defencemen fits around the blue paint.

"I feel like everything happens for a reason," Sandlak said. "I came here to make things happen. Coming in to the league as a 16-year-old and then playing as an OA, it's not easy."

And that's the OHL is in the rear-view mirror for Sandlak, what kind of prod he does envision being? "You know I'm not going to be a goal scorer obviously," he said. "Just going to be a big power forward, an energy guy." "That energy certainly will be felt back at Compuware Arena, where Vellucci and everybody with the Whalers will be following Carter Sandlak's professional career with pride.

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OHL PRIORITY SELECTION

Whalers go on offensive in OHL draft

The Plymouth Whalers went for their first choice with their offense at Saturday's Ontario Hockey League Priority Selection draft.

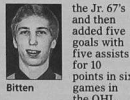
With their first pick and seventh overall, the Whalers selected skater William Bitten from the Ottawa Jr. 67's.

Bitten scored 36 goals with 42 assists for 78 points in 29 games for the Jr. 67's and then added five goals with five assists for 10 points in six games in the OHL Cup Tournament.

Bitten was named Minor Hockey Player of the Year for the Ontario East Minor Hockey League.

Central Scouting described Bitten as a "versy tenacious" player who "doesn't play like he's 5-foot-8. ... He is a very smart player with a high hockey IQ. The puck follows him around the ice and he always seems to be in the right spot to grab the loose puck and go with it."

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In the second round (27th overall), Plymouth selected right wing Nicholas Caamano from the Hamilton Jr. Bulldogs.

Caamano scored 22 goals with 22 assists for 44 points in 40 games last season.

"Nicholas has made huge strides forward this season in all aspects of his game," scouts opined. "He is playing with a lot more confidence with the puck and is trying to do more things than he did at the beginning of the season."

Whalers coach and general manager Mike Batten spoke enthusiastically about his top picks. "I think he (Bitten) plays way bigger than he is, and I think he has that chip on his shoulder that will prove it doesn't mat-

ter how big you are — if you can play, you can play," said Vellucci, who expects Bitten to step in next season and be a top six forward. "(Caamano) is another good skill player who plays with grit and passion."

The Whalers dedicated their picks to late Pat Peake Sr., a longtime Whalers scout who passed away in 2013.

Other picks

The following in the draft, Plymouth selected late in the draft, Plymouth selected late in the draft, Plymouth selected late in the draft.

Defenceman James Greinewald (8th round, 87th overall) from the Shattuck St. Mary's U.S.

Left wing Jacob Colles (11th round, 99th overall) from Ottawa Valley minor league.

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GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

Relay 52.5 s. (1) Plymouth and Bedford, 53.9 each. 4. Garden City, 54.0. 5. Salem, 54.5. 6. Wayne, 57.7.

Sprint medley 1. Franklin (Audrey Mann, Brynne Smith, Courtney Lay, Wendi), 5:56.2. 2. Plymouth, 5:58.3. 3. Canton, 6:01.4. 4. Livonia, 6:03.5. 5. Salem, 6:08.1. 6. Allen Park, 6:07.5.

Distance medley 1. Regina (Dahl, L. Bloch, Franklin, C. Bloch), 12:49.2. 2. Plymouth, 12:50.2. 3. Canton, 13:01.4. 4. Livonia, 13:02.4. 5. Salem, 13:03.5. 6. Wayne, 13:04.5. 7. Bedford, 13:05.5. 8. Garden City, 13:06.5. 9. Salem, 13:07.5. 10. Plymouth, 13:08.5. 11. Canton, 13:09.5. 12. Plymouth, 13:10.5. 13. Canton, 13:11.5. 14. Plymouth, 13:12.5. 15. Canton, 13:13.5. 16. Plymouth, 13:14.5. 17. Canton, 13:15.5. 18. Plymouth, 13:16.5. 19. Canton, 13:17.5. 20. Plymouth, 13:18.5. 21. Canton, 13:19.5. 22. Plymouth, 13:20.5. 23. Canton, 13:21.5. 24. Plymouth, 13:22.5. 25. Canton, 13:23.5. 26. Plymouth, 13:24.5. 27. Canton, 13:25.5. 28. Plymouth, 13:26.5. 29. Canton, 13:27.5. 30. Plymouth, 13:28.5. 31. Canton, 13:29.5. 32. Plymouth, 13:30.5. 33. Canton, 13:31.5. 34. Plymouth, 13:32.5. 35. Canton, 13:33.5. 36. Plymouth, 13:34.5. 37. Canton, 13:35.5. 38. Plymouth, 13:36.5. 39. Canton, 13:37.5. 40. Plymouth, 13:38.5. 41. Canton, 13:39.5. 42. Plymouth, 13:40.5. 43. Canton, 13:41.5. 44. 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ALL-AREA BOYS BOWLING TEAM

All-area boys bowl over the competition

FIRST TEAM

Steven Cadwell, Sr., Salem: The Rocks' senior captain once again demonstrated his ability to come through in the clutch.

Cadwell was the anchor bowler as Salem rolled to a 15-0 regular season record, including 11-0 in the KLAACentral Division to win the title.

At the Division 1 individual regional at Super Bowl in Canton, he finished seventh overall with a total of 1,196 — enabling him to again qualify for the state finals.

"He bowls very well under pressure," coach Kathie Hahn said. "He proved to be a good captain leading his team to an undefeated season in the KLAAC. As Steven is a senior, he will be greatly missed."

Cadwell registered an average of 211 and tallied a high game of 279 and high two-game series of 475.

Josh Pozan, Sr., Canton: The Chiefs' co-captain was the team's second-best bowler during his senior season, averaging 209.

Pozan, an all-conference selection, qualified for the DI individual finals with his third-place tie at the regionals (1,248).

At the state finals, he registered a total of 1,232, good for 37th place overall.

Other highlights included a high game of 267 and a high series of 492.

"Josh is a true leader for the Canton team, always there to rally the troops and always doing what is best for the team and his teammates," coach Karl Brubaker said.

"When you have a young man like this on your team, you never want to lose him but he will be missed and will be a leader in the next phase of his life."

Nolan Rudis, Jr., Salem: Another strong season for Rudis nearly concluded with a spot in the DI state finals.

But the junior came up just 26 pins short when he finished 14th in 1,140 tally at individual regionals. He also averaged 212 per game.

"Nolan had an exceptional season," Hahn said. "He had his 300 game and also bowled a 557 series, which was the third highest in the state."

"We look forward to having him back next year as a senior."

Nick Bell, Jr., John Glenn: The junior, voted team MVP, averaged 208 this season for the Rockets while registering the Division 1 state singles tournament and the round of 16 before losing to eventual state champion Josh Kukla of Grandville.

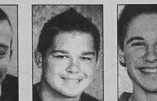
He took 10th in the regional with an 1,167 total including a high game of 244. At the state singles qualifying block



Steven Cadwell Salem



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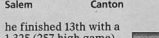
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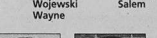
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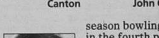
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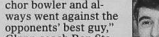
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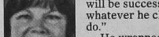
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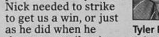
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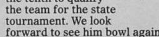
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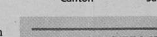
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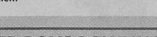
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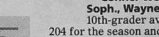
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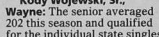
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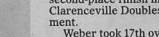
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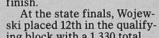
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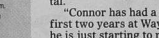
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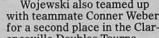
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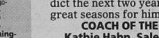
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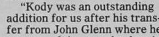
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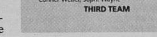
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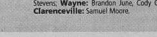
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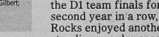
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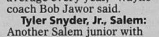
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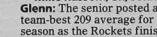
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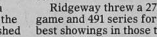
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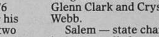
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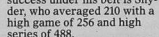
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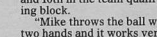
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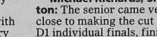
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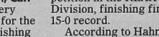
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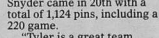
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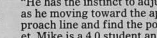
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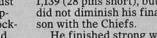
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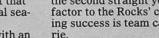
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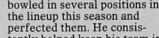
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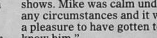
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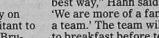
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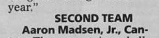
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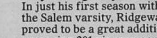
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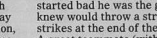
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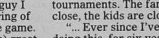
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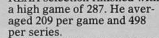
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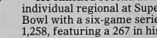
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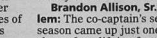
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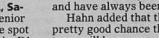
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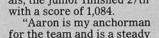
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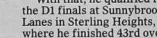
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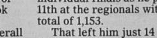
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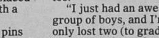
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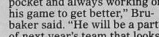
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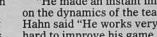
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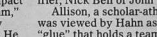
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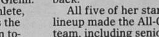
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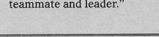
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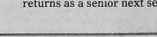
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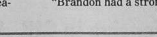
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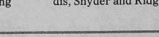
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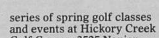
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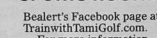
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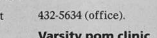
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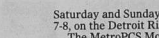
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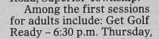
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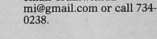
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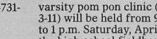
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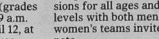
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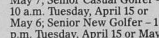
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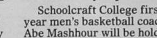
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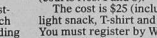
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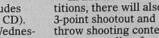
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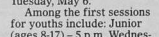
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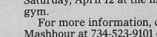
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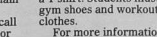
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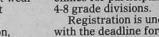
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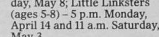
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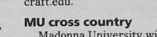
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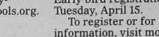
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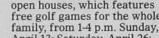
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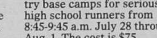
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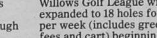
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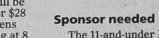
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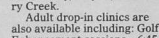
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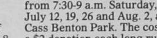
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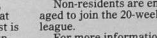
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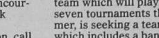
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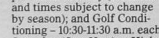
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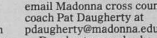
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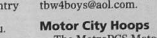
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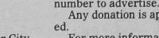
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Canton football camps

Three summer football camps being run by the Canton Chiefs high school program are slated for June and July. All three offerings will take place at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity field.

Go to www.cantonchiefsfootball.com to download a flyer.

» **Wing T Camp:** The camp is for players entering grades 10-12 in fall 2014. Times

Consulting minister trained in stress reduction, labyrinth

The Rev. Leonetta Bugliesi has been appointed to serve as the consulting minister for the Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington. She will be in the pulpit the second and third Sundays of each month, beginning April 13.

Bugliesi has been an ordained Unitarian Universalist minister for 24 years. She most recently served as the minister at Paint Creek Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Rochester. She holds a bachelor's degree from Oakland University in Rochester and a master's degree of divinity degree from United Theological Seminary, Minneapolis, Minn. She was ordained in 1990.

Bugliesi has completed Premier Education Solutions Institute train-



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ing related to treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder and mindfulness-based stress reduction. Her continuing education has included labyrinth training, meditation and yoga training, and Heart Sutra training with the Dalai Lama. She enjoys journaling as spiritual practice and is interested in the philosophy of Buddhism and the history and use of the labyrinth.

She is married and the grandmother of three children. For more information about the Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, visit ufarmington.org.

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BIERS, PHYLLIS

Age 75, passed away April 6, 2014, at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was born July 20, 1938, in South Lyon, daughter of the late Ford & May Smith. Phyllis was a loving and devoted mother, grand-mother and great-grandmother. She loved life and could do anything she set her mind to, whether that was roofing a house or baking cookies. She is survived by her loving husband Chuck, of 56 years, her loving children: Doug (Tiffany) Biers and Duane Biers; her grandchildren: Jason, Lauren, Chelsea, Amanda and Kendra; and her great-grandchild, Noah. She is also survived by her brother, Norm (Lori) Smith. The family will receive friends on Thursday, April 10, from 4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A funeral service will be held on Friday, April 11, at 11:00 a.m. at Salem Bible Church, 9481 Six Mile Rd., Salem. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

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MCDERMOTT JOHN DAVID

Of Garden City, April 1, 2014. Age 31. Beloved husband of Anita. Dear son of Joyce and Frank Sabo and the late John McDermott. Loving brother of Jim and Jeff McDermott and Tim and Johnny Sabo. Services were held Sunday at Husband Family Funeral Home in Westland. Interment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens.

RYCKEBSCH, FRANK

April 3, 2014 age 76 of Plymouth, MI. Loving husband of the late Dorothy. Dear father of Michele (Dennis) Santilani. Proud grandfather of Juliana Santilani. Dear brother of the late Alice (Robert) Flinn. Visitation: Friday 4-9 p.m. at Vermuele Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd. (btwn Sheldon and Beck), Plymouth. Rosary Friday 7 p.m. in state Saturday 9:30 a.m. until the 10 a.m. Funeral Mass at Resurrection Parish, 48755 Warren Road (W. of Beck), Canton. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Capuchins. To share memories, please visit:

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SHAW, JUDITH

(formerly Judith Yusak, Judith Quayle) Age 58, passed away suddenly on Thursday, April 3, 2014. Jude was preceded in death by two daughters, as well as her mother, father, and a brother. She will be greatly missed by her surviving family: her husband David, her beloved grandchildren Phoenix and Harris Quayle, along with three sisters and one brother and many nieces and nephews. Jude was born January 16, 1956 in Livonia. She graduated from Bentley High School and received her master's degree from the University of Phoenix. For the last fourteen years she has worked in HR at Advanced Design and Packaging in Atlanta, GA. Visitation will be Friday, April 11, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Edith's Church in Livonia, MI, with service to follow at 11:00 a.m. Please make memorial donations to the American Cancer Society.

May the memory of your loved one...

A loving tribute ...bring you peace.

SILVIS, MARY

Of Chelsea, Michigan, age 95, died Wednesday, April 2, 2014, at Chelsea Retirement Community. She was born August 22, 1918 in Chicago, Illinois, the daughter of John MacCallum and Mary Elizabeth (Kaiser) Martin, and was a Mayflower descendant. Mary was a member of the Westmastery a Presbyterian Church in Ann Arbor, the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth and the Desert Palms Presbyterian Church, and was active in church circles. During WWII, she supported her soldier husband and parents by working in the downtown Chicago Loop. After raising her family, she worked at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. During her retirement, Mary was an avid bicyclist with the Crestview riders in Sun City West. She played bridge all her life, and enjoyed knitting for her family. On November 30, 1941, she married William Barton Silvis, and he preceded her in death on October 29, 2012. Survivors include one son, William (Barbara) Silvis of Ann Arbor; two daughters, Janet (Richard) Weaver of Dexter; Marjorie Lynch of Plymouth; six grandchildren, Rebecca (Timothy) Lynch of Nashville, Tennessee; William Charles (Lauren) Silvis of Bethesda, Maryland; Benjamin (Katy) Weaver of Rochester Hills, MI; Edward Barton Lynch of Detroit, MI; Richard Weaver of Williamston, MI; and Elizabeth Mae Lynch of Wolverine Lake, MI; and six great-grandchildren, Katherine, Abigail and Andrew Gilbert, Samuel and Alexandra Silvis, and Holden Weaver. A memorial service will be held Friday, April 11, 1:00 p.m. at Chelsea Retirement Community, with her niece Rev. Paula Durrant officiating. The family will receive friends from 12 noon - 1:00 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Chelsea Retirement Community. Arrangements by Cole Funeral Chapel.

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SIMOS, JAMES CHARLES "JIM"

Of Westland, Age 47, March 27, 2014. Jim was born on July 27, 1966 to Thomas and Sandra Simos. He graduated in 1984 from Thurston High School in Redford, served in the United States Navy, and was a respected local business owner. He was loved by many and will be missed by all. He is survived by his children, James and his mother Deanna Faigle, and his sister Renee Brown. He was preceded in death by his parents. Memorial Gathering Saturday, April 12, 2014 from 6-9pm with Service at 7pm at J.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 7707 N Middlebelt Rd., Westland, MI.

SWAIN, BETTY

Age 71, died April 2, 2014. Beloved wife of William. Loving Mother of Bob (Tern) and Debra Swain. Dear (Ken) Hanton and the late Angie and Willie Swain. Dear Sister of Jim (Mary) Owens. Also survived by many grandchildren. Betty Swain will be missed by all. Funeral Services were held Saturday, April 5, 2014.

TOWNSEND, ROBERT JAMES

67 years old, died March 1, 2014 after a long painful battle with head and neck cancer. He is survived by his wife of 21 years, Lynne Hitchcock. His extended Michelle family including Ted, Louise, and Cheryl Hitchcock, and Ember, the cat, will miss him. He will also be missed by his siblings: Dorothy (Roger) Clark of Henryville, Indiana, William (Sandy) Townsend of New Albany, Indiana, Richard (Barbara) Townsend of Rock Hill, South Carolina and Shirley (Michael) Riedinger of Louisville, Kentucky and also by his 10 nieces and nephews and his siblings Steve, Wilma and Barbara. Townsend, R.J. (Bob) was born in Jeffersonville, Indiana and graduated from Indiana University, the first in his family to complete college. He loved horse racing, theater, music and dance and Egyptology. A Memorial Service will be held on May 4, in Southfield, MI at Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church at 3 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Providence Health Foundation-Cancer Institute, Southfield, Michigan, Wayne State University, Department of Otolaryngology, 4201 St. Antoine, Detroit, Michigan, or the Michigan Multiple Sclerosis Society.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

APRIL BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, April 13.
Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Pancakes, French toast, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, milk, juice. Adults pay \$3; children 2-10 pay \$1.

Contact: 734-425-4421

BREAKFAST, EASTER FAIR

Time/Date: Pancake breakfast, 8:30-10 a.m.; Easter activities, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Saturday, April 19

Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Free community breakfast; Easter Fair includes crafts, egg hunt, egg decorating, cookie decorating and more. Parents must accompany their children.

Contact: 734-522-6830; christsoviator.com

EASTER WEEK

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday, April 17, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Good Friday, April 18; 9:30 a.m., Easter Sunday

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Bedford

Details: A free Easter breakfast will be served from 8-9:15 a.m. All visitors will receive a free DVD. Please follow Me.

Contact: 734-968-3523 or 313-532-8655

EASTER WEEK

Time/Date: 7 p.m. April 17, Maundy Thursday; 7 p.m. Sunday, April 13, Good Friday; 9:30 a.m. Sunday, April 13, Good Friday; 9:30 a.m. Sunday, April 13, Good Friday

Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28600 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City

Details: Easter Sunday events include a pancake breakfast at 9 a.m. and Easter egg hunt at 9:30 a.m.

Contact: 734-427-3660

EASTER WORSHIP

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday, April 20

Location: St. Theodore of Canterbury Catholic Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

EASTER WORSHIP

Time/Date: 6:30 a.m., Service of Holy Communion at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, April 20

Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 34175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Contact: 734-522-6830; christsoviator.org

LENTEN SERVICE

Time/Date: Noon to 1 p.m., Wednesday through Lent

Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Worship followed by a light lunch

Contact: 734-522-6830 for additional information

FILM

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, April 11

Location: St. Simon and Jude Catholic Community, 32500 Palmer, Westland

Details: Bishop Thomas Gumbelton, A Prophet Among Us part 2: scenes, following Slations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m.

Contact: 734-722-1343

LENTEN RECEPTION

Time/Date: 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 11

Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28600 Cherry Hill, Garden City

Details: Includes dinner at 5:30 p.m. and concert at 7 p.m.

Contact: 734-427-3660

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8 a.m. April 18

Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: 39th Men's Good Friday Breakfast includes full breakfast and guest speaker, Rev. Sunil Noah, founder of Emmanuel Bible School and pastor of Emmanuel Indian Fellowship.

Tickets are \$6 for men, \$3 for boys, 10 and under

Contact: 734-459-3333

GIBSON-PIERSON MICHELE

Age 58, of Wayne, MI died Thursday, April 3, 2014. Beloved wife of Robert L. Gibson, Jr. Survived by her children: Jennifer, Justin, Pierson, and Saranda (Adam) Silvens. Dear daughter of Alexia Silvens, Tyler Lawrence, Sebastian Hamilton and Slayton Silvens. Beloved sister of Roger Gibson, Pamela Adams, the late Douglas (Madeline) Gibson, and Kevin (Kate) Gibson. Memorial Service to be held on Sunday, April 13, 2014 at 3:00pm at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28600 Cherry Hill Rd, Garden City, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to Good Hope Lutheran Church.

McCLUNG, Madeline M.

April 6, 2014, age 90, of Plymouth. Loving wife of the late Donald. Beloved mother of Marsha (Carly) Easterwood and Babe (Terry) Whitaker. Proud grandmother of Paula, Kimberly, Kathy, Annette, Lori and Shannon, and great-grandmother of 16. Visitation and Funeral Service was held Wednesday at Vermuele Funeral Home, Plymouth. Interment Eden Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to the Plymouth Salvation Army. To share a memory, please visit: vermuelefuneralhome.com

MCCULLOUGH, DANIEL P.

January 10, 2014, age 81, beloved husband of Dorothy. Dear father of Daniel Jr., Christopher (Connie) and Dorothy (Robert) Sawyer. Also leaves grandchildren Shelby & Robert Sawyer. Memorial gathering Saturday, April 12, 2014 from 12 noon until time of eulogy service at 2 pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Share your memories at: www.schrader-howell.com

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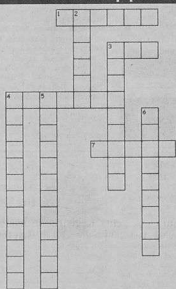
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Detroit Lions Football camp puzzle



Across

1. Wear this for protection
2. Number of points for a touch down
3. Team trying to stop opponent from scoring
7. Name of Detroit's Professional football mascot

Down

2. Number of players on the field at 1 time for a team
3. The BIG GAME
4. Detroit's Professional League Football Team
5. Summer activity were boys and girls can learn and play football
6. Stadium Detroit's football team play in
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- 7: Roary

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Preston Bognear,
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Elizabeth Ho	Farmington	4/9
Matthew Tuer	Northville	4/13
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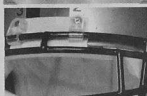
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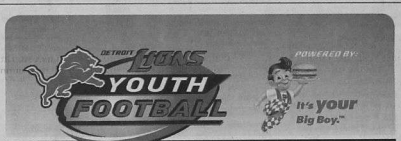
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KIDS HUNT EGGS FOR FUN, CHARITY AT LOCAL EASTER EVENTS

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Forget the chocolate and jelly beans.

Kids will swap their found Easter eggs for pancake flippers, dish cloths and other household goods during Newburg United Methodist Church's second annual Easter Fair, 11:30-2 p.m. Friday, April 18, at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. They'll place the items in buckets bound for young men in a transitional housing program at Methodist Children's Home in Redford.

Sarah Alexander, director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries at the church, says the free fair — which is open to the public — includes crafts, prizes, a photo booth, cookie-decorating, lunch, games, a drama and an Easter egg hunt with a missions-focused twist.

"We hide different colored eggs throughout the playground. Red, green, blue, yellow ... they all correspond with a colored table," Alexander said. "If you find a red egg, you go to the table with the red tablecloth. You put the item on that table into a bucket. We have things like cooking utensils and sponges. Our goal is 75 of these transitional buckets."

The buckets will give the teens the tools they need to learn how to care for their own apartments.

The Methodist Children's Home started an apartment complex on their grounds ... it gives young men an opportunity to spread their wings while still being cared for."

Youngsters who complete a Bingo card by visiting all of the activity stations at the fair will receive prizes, including candy and a bracelet.

Alexander said the first annual fair drew approximately 200 individuals. Many were not church members.

"There were many more people in the fellowship hall last year that I didn't know. That is the best way for our church to be used," she said. "We were happy with the turnout. The community loves it. The Hines Drive marshmallow drop is the same day. Some parents yearn to be stopped by the marshmallow drop and couldn't find a parking space, so they came here."

"I think parents want something free and fun for their children."

The Wayne County Parks Marshmallow Drop starts 90 minutes before the church event. Chautauqua Express kicks off the fun at 10 a.m. at Nankin Mills, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, at Hines Drive, in Westland. At 11 a.m., a helicopter will drop thousands of marshmallows. Youngsters use their own baskets or bags to collect the treats and get a prize. Visit waynecounty.com for more information.

Can't get enough Easter egg hunting? Here's a sampling of other upcoming events:

Canton

Included in the cast is Capitol Records recording artist Tim Bowman Jr., son of smooth jazz legend Tim Bowman and nephew of Gospel icons CeCe Winans and Vicki Winans. Bowman will portray "Apostle Thomas," alongside Keisia "Kiko" Hardison, who recently opened for Charlie Wilson at the Fox Theater, and Kenny Watson, Detroit vocalist, who will play "Jesus" for the second year.

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Teens, 11-17, can search for eggs at night during Canton Leisure Services' first glow-in-the-dark egg hunt, 6:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, April 11, in Heritage Park, Canton. Participants meet at the B.L.O.C.K., teen center, located in the Canton administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

"Teens are encouraged to dress for the weather and bring a flashlight," said Stephanie Pavlo, recreation specialist, in an email. Teams will follow clues to find their eggs hidden throughout the park. Pizza and pop included. The fee is \$5. Visit cantonfun.org for more information.

Canton Leisure Services also runs an "Easter Eggstravaganza" 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 12, at Heritage Park and in the Summit on the Park gymnasium. Egg hunts in two age categories, for youngsters under 11, run continuously during the event, which also includes carnival games, a performance by the Kerfuffles, the Easter Bunny and a petting farm. Fee is \$5 per family. A food truck will offer lunch items for purchase and D&M Art Studio will paint faces for an extra charge. Summit on the Park is located at 46000 Summit Parkway, west of S. Canton Center Road, Canton.

Farmington

The 59th annual Spring Egg Hunt runs 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 12 at Shiawassee Park, 32340 Shiawassee, Farmington. RSVP by noon Friday,



Christian Mumbiro and Bridgette Chick stop at a jelly bean activity station during Newburg United Methodist Church's first egg hunt last year.

April 11, to www.fajc.org for free admission to this event, sponsored by the Farmington Area Jaycees. Pay a \$2 registration fee onsite if not registered. Includes the egg hunt, carnival games and prizes. Donations of nonperishable food items to benefit Neighborhood House also will be accepted.

Livonia

Youngsters, 10 and under, can hunt for eggs noon Saturday, April 19, at Rotary Park, located at Six Mile and Hubbard, in Livonia. Registration runs 10:30-1:30 a.m. The event, co-sponsored by the Livonia Rotary Club and Livonia Parks and Recreation, is free.

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, located on Five Mile, one block west of Inkster Road, will have crafts, stories, an egg hunt, and games for children, 2-12, from 10 a.m. to

noon Saturday, April 12; 734-422-1470.

Christ Our Savior Lutheran, 14175 Farmington Road, offers a Children's Easter Fair, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 19. The event includes an egg hunt at 11 a.m., egg decorating, crafts, cookie decorating and more. Parents must accompany their children. www.christoursavior.org

Plumb Line Community Church, 9435 Henry Ruff will run an egg hunt, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 19, along with games, crafts, face painting, prizes, lunch and photos with the Easter Bunny, for youngsters, 12 and under; 734-522-7916.

Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, presents an egg hunt, games, crafts for children, 10 and under, and the Easter story, Saturday, April 12. Registration starts at 12:45 p.m. Youngsters should bring their own baskets; 734-466-8694.

Plymouth

Children, 10 and under, will collect eggs in the Plymouth Lions Club egg hunt, 10 a.m. Saturday, April 19, at Township Park, 46640 Ann Arbor Trail. They'll hunt in four age categories and are encouraged to bring their own baskets for this free event. Lions collection boxes will be on hand for used or unwanted eye glasses, cell phones and hearing aids.

Milford

Kensington Metropark holds its "Great Egg Hunt," 11

a.m. Saturday, April 19 at Maple Beach in the park, 2240 Buno Road, north of I-96. The Easter Bunny will be on hand for photos and the Farmer John and The Barnyard Express Animal Show" runs at 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Participation fee is \$5 per child, payable at the event; babies 12 months and under are free; 810-227-8810.

Northville

Maybury State Park's annual egg hunt starts at 11 a.m. for ages 5 and under and at 11:10 for ages 6 and up, Saturday, April 19, at the park, located on Eight Mile, west of Beck. The free event also includes games, face painting, crafts and seed planting from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and appearances by Smokey Bear and the Easter Bunny. Vehicles must have a Recreation Passport for entry into all state parks. Cost is \$11; michigan.gov/recreationpassport or call 248-349-8390.

First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile, will scatter 15,000 eggs for collection at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 19. Children hunt in five different age groups. The event includes a hot dog lunch, pictures with the Easter Bunny, games, prizes, music and "eggcellent egg-speriments" with Madam Scientist. Bring an Easter basket to collect eggs. Registration is required at dfcnazarene.org. Closes after 600 children sign up or on April 16, whichever comes first.

Novi

Kids, 3-12, can hunt for eggs, take a hayride, meet the Easter Bunny, make crafts and visit a petting farm at Eggstravaganza, 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 12, at Michigan State University Tollgate Farm Center, 28115 Meadowbrook Road. Participation costs \$8 for residents and \$10 for non-residents. No charge for parents. Registration deadline is Thursday, April 10, at the Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services office inside the Novi Civic Center, 45375 10 Mile. Call 248-347-0400 for more information.

Royal Oak

The 23rd annual Bunburyville runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 18-19, at the Detroit Zoo, located at Woodward Avenue and the I-696 service drive. This family event will include an egg hunt with prizes, games, crafts, face painting, photos with the Easter Bunny, a petting farm, animal enrichment activities, and zookeeper talks. The Bunbury Follies, a musical, runs at noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Visitors who bring a canned or other nonperishable food item for Gleaners Community Food Bank will receive a reduced admission price of \$8, parking not included. Regular admission is \$14 for adults, 15-61; \$10 for seniors, 62 and over and children, 2-14. Children under 2 are admitted free. Parking is \$6.

Drama with Farmington roots brings Easter story to Music Hall

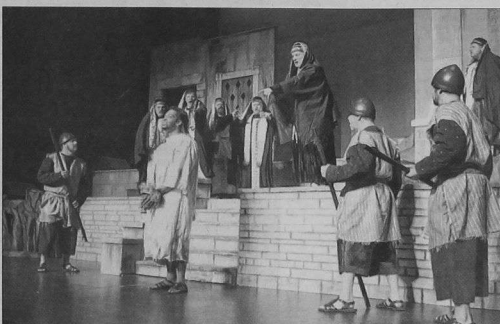
The Cross and the Light, the musical production of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection, returns to Detroit's Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts April 10-13.

Kelly Nieto of Farmington is executive producer and co-director.

"Six new songs and 30-minutes of new arrangements by Nashville arranger, John Hinchey, has dramatically improved the show this year," said Brian Leduc, co-director and music director. "New audiences will love it, and returning fans will have something new to experience."

Included in the cast is Capitol Records recording artist Tim Bowman Jr., son of smooth jazz legend Tim Bowman and nephew of Gospel icons CeCe Winans and Vicki Winans. Bowman will portray "Apostle Thomas," alongside Keisia "Kiko" Hardison, who recently opened for Charlie Wilson at the Fox Theater, and Kenny Watson, Detroit vocalist, who will play "Jesus" for the second year.

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Kenny Watson (center) portrays Jesus Christ in last year's production of *The Cross and the Light*. He is cast in the role again for performances April 10-13 at Music Hall in Detroit.

with," said Watson. "The more knowledgeable I became, I realized that I was programmed to view Jesus as

European. The picture that we have of Jesus, in itself is a false depiction." Nieto created *The Cross and*

the Light after staging *The Living Stations of the Cross* for 10 years at Our Lady of Sorrows in Farmington and for

two years at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit. After its 2012 performance, Nieto decided to extend the story beyond the death of Christ to Pentecost. She changed the name of the revamped show to *The Cross and the Light* for its debut at Music Hall in Detroit last year. Nieto said she was called by God to create the live theater experience while playing *The Stations of the Cross* on Good Friday in 2000.

"I saw his love and sacrifice firsthand. This show is my attempt to give others that same experience. In addition to raising my five children, it's my life's mission."

A student show is set for 10 a.m. with a preview performance at 8 p.m., Thursday, April 10. A show for senior citizens and students is set for 10 a.m. Friday, April 11. Other performances are at 8 p.m. Friday, April 11; 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, April 12; and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 13. Tickets are \$25-\$55.

Get tickets at CrossAndLight.com, Ticketmaster.com, or call the Box Office at 313-887-8501.



SIMPLIFY PARTY, ENJOY TIME WITH GUESTS

GRILLED FLATBREAD WITH HUMMUS & MIXED VEGGIES

Prep time: 5 minutes
Total time: 30 minutes
Serves: 4

1 tablespoon olive oil
1 clove garlic, minced
1 sweet onion, thinly sliced
1 red bell pepper, thinly sliced
8 large mushrooms, thinly sliced
1 cup baby spinach, shredded
4 Indian flatbreads (naan) or pocketless pita
1 cup Sabra Hummus
4 teaspoons grated Parmesan cheese
1 cup part-skim mozzarella cheese, shredded
2 teaspoons dried oregano
Red pepper flakes, optional
2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar

Heat oil in skillet over medium heat. Add garlic, onion, bell pepper and mushrooms. Cook, stirring frequently, for about 8 minutes or until veggies are soft. Remove from heat and stir in spinach. Set aside. Place flatbread on grill or stovetop gas flame; grill for a couple of minutes or until lightly browned, turning once. Place all four flatbreads on baking sheet. To assemble flatbreads, evenly spread surface with hummus. Sprinkle parmesan cheese on top of hummus. Top with veggies then mozzarella cheese. Sprinkle with oregano and red pepper flakes. Place in oven and bake for about 5 minutes or until cheese is melted. Drizzle with balsamic vinegar.

Simplify your spring entertaining routine with quick, easy-to-make dishes that feature fresh, scrumptious ingredients.

Laid back and lovely, parties call for wonderful friends, flavorful foods and refreshing beverages. But having company over to enjoy the mild spring weather doesn't mean you have to stress over time-consuming meals that can take all day to prepare. Luckily, there are yummy options available.

Keeping it simple and fresh is the key.

Make a spring gathering great by incorporating creative dishes. With the temperature outdoors finally beginning to climb, consider firing up the grill. Simple grilled recipes, or those that require no cooking, allow you to cut down on the prep and clean up time. Your guests will love these recipes, which feature hummus, a better-for-you dip. Visit www.sabra.com for more recipes that please guests and save on time while entertaining.

LOADED CHOPPED SALAD WITH CHIPOTLE-HUMMUS DRESSING

Prep time: 15 minutes
Total time: 15 minutes
Serves: 4-6

For salad:
2 heads romaine lettuce, washed and torn into bite-sized pieces
1 red bell pepper, diced
2 celery ribs, diced
2 carrots, peeled and diced
10 grape tomatoes, halved
1/2 small red onion, diced
1/2 English cucumber, diced
2 tablespoons shredded Parmesan cheese

For dressing:
1/2 cup Sabra Chipotle Hummus, including all of topping
1/2 cup reduced fat milk
1 tablespoon rice wine vinegar

Place all ingredients for the salad in large bowl and toss gently to combine. Whisk all ingredients for dressing in small bowl. Pour half of dressing on top of salad and toss well to coat. Add more dressing as desired or serve extra on side.



CHICKEN SKEWERS

Recipe by Colombe Jacobson
Prep time: 30 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Serves: 3

1 pound chicken squares
1 medium zucchini, cut half
1 medium red bell pepper
1 medium green bell pepper
10-12 large button mushrooms
Salt and black pepper
Olive oil
3-5 fresh garlic cloves
3 tablespoons Sabra Roasted Pine Nut Hummus

Cut vegetables into 1-inch squares. Whisk salt, pepper and olive oil in a large bowl. Add the cubed chicken, vegetables and mushrooms. Marinate for 30 minutes, tossing occasionally. Prepare a fire in a charcoal grill. Thread the peppers, mushrooms and chicken alternately. Arrange the skewers grill until browned. Serve with grilled mushrooms and 3 tablespoons Sabra Roasted Pine Nut Hummus.



MEDITERRANEAN BURGERS

Recipe by Colombe Jacobson
Total prep time: 20 minutes
Serves: 8 small burgers or 6 larger burgers

1 1/2 pounds ground beef or lamb
1 medium onion (diced)
1 egg (lightly beaten)
1/2 cup minced parsley
1/2 cup minced mint
1 tablespoon paprika
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
1 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon ground cumin
Juice of 1 lemon
3 tablespoons olive oil
1 large pickle sliced thinly in rounds
4 romaine lettuce leaves
1 large tomato (thinly sliced into rounds)
8 hamburger buns, (split and

lightly toasted)
1/2 cup hummus

In a medium sized bowl, combine ground beef or lamb, spices, lemon juice and egg. With wet hands shape into 8, 3 1/2 inch diameter, patties. In a large grill pan, warm 3 tablespoons olive oil over medium heat. Grill burgers until nicely browned on each side, about 3-4 minutes. Place the bottom of the buns on plates. Spread a layer of hummus on the bun. Top with burger, sliced pickles, lettuce and sliced tomato. Spread more hummus on top of the bun. Then press on the bun tops and enjoy.



BASIL PESTO HUMMUS PASTA SALAD

Prep time: 15 minutes
Total time: 15 minutes
Serves: 4-6

1 pound Fusilli pasta (cooked according to package instructions)
1 cup pitted kalamata olives, rough chopped
1 cup fennel (2 small bulbs), finely chopped
1/2 cup sundried tomatoes in olive oil, drained and chopped
1 (10 ounce) container of Sabra Basil Pesto Hummus
1/2 cup roasted red pepper (1 whole pre-roasted red pepper)
1/2 cup chives, minced

1 cup pasta cooking water, reserved
2 tablespoons olive oil
Fennel fronds for garnish

Cook pasta according to package directions. Drain, reserving 1 cup pasta cooking water. Prepare all of the vegetables. In a big bowl, toss the vegetables with the Basil Pesto Hummus. Add pasta, and pasta water and stir to combine. Sprinkle with black pepper. Serve at room temperature; drizzle each portion with a little splash of olive oil and sprinkle fennel fronds over top.



'Pacemaking' push expands around Michigan, focus on livability

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

For the past few years, the National Association of Realtors has made a lot of money available to state and local associations to help make communities more fun and livable. The Michigan Association of Realtors has gotten a piece of the more than \$1 million pie for an innovative program called "pacemaking."

"Pacemaking is part of the Lighter Quicker Cheaper Challenge pilot grant program open to the Greater Lansing area in 2012. The program was a success, according to Joe Kears, manager of communications and marketing for the MAR.

Agreeing is Realtor Gil White, a member of the Greater Lansing Association of Realtors who is doing consulting for Michigan State University's School of Planning, Design and Construction. White has some 25 years of experience in the field and was involved in getting the pacemaking project running.

Among other things, the program used \$20,000 in NAR funds to help pay for a farmers market, live music performances in an underused urban park, and the refurbishing of a once-underrated neighborhood to attract private investment as part of an effort to turn the area into a mixed-use destination.

The pilot project engaged Realtors in pacemaking, said White. "I think it succeeded well," he said. "We looked at Realtors as being natural for involvement."

In 2013, the state association got some 23 requests for funding and was able to support about nine, said White, a past president of the Michigan Association of Realtors. The MAR is Lansing-based so our



Reuter Fountain Park weekly entertainment has proven to be a hit.

state's capital seemed a good place to start.

"We had more requests than we had ability to fund. I think what it highlights is the grassroots initiative to make improvements in their daily habitats," White said of people who live, work and play in a community.

Kears cited the following Challenge winners for MAR: \$2,500 for the farmers market expansion, Kathie Dunbar as recipient, with Realtor sponsor Brian Huggler of Coldwell Banker Hubbell Briarwood Realty; Arty Party recipient Greg Frens with Realtor sponsor Mitch Crank of Century 21 Looking Glass Real Estate Co., to create folk art signs for the Downtown Neighborhood Association meetings and website; Reuter Fountain Park Weekly Features recipient Tony Beyers with Realtor sponsor James Pyle of Lana Wagner Realty, weekly entertainment in the park; Neighborhood Art Installation recipients Mel Rothberg and Karen White with Realtor sponsor Nancy Kelly of Tomie Raines, for the Genesee Neighborhood's addition of six sculptures.

Also, the Historical Dimondale Walking Tour recipient Lori Conarthon with Realtor sponsor Kern Slueter of Gannon Group, sign and bench

installation; Old Town Honorarium Sculpture Park recipient Louise Gradwohl with Realtor sponsor Brian Huggler, in honor of late Old Town Mayor Robert Busby, a sculpture park with flower beds and more landscaping; Townbridge Village Neighbor's Station recipient Susan Chalgian with Realtor sponsor Sabrina Hagel of Tomie Raines, on Michigan State University's south campus a little free library and relaxation spot; and Fab Acres Southwestern Michigan and Community Garden recipient Chitea Pullman with Realtor sponsor James Pyle of Lana Wagner Realty, leveraging help from local groups and volunteers for a new community garden and gathering area.

In 2013, the Lighter Quicker Cheaper Challenge opened to eight regions by local Realtor associations and boards: Flint area, Jackson area, Monroe County, Grosse Pointe, Grand Rapids, Greater Lansing area, Southwest Michigan and Water Wonderland. MAR Senior Vice President Kathie Feldpausch followed up with the additional associations, White said.

"It's not a top-down approach," said White, who believes citizen groups are the "greatest untapped resource" in community improvement.

"There are obviously different success stories around the state," White said, including Ann Arbor and Traverse City. "It's learning how to encourage that type of bottoms-up pacemaking." White said citizens are the experts at that.

"I think the surprise was the demand for the projects," White said. The farmers market, historic preservation efforts, public art and creation of social spaces drew people together — and continue to do so.

"It runs across the board," White added.

Other states and associations are also getting involved. The Greater Nashville Association of Realtors is using \$10,000 to help fund a citizens' transit council, which is based on more knowledgeable about land-use issues and get them to think more broadly about how land use relates to quality of life.

Any of these projects have something in common. That is, to make communities nice places to live as their population densities grow. That's a key factor in keeping property values and investment returns up.

Community quality of life is one of the underwriters of property markets and home values, so there's a concrete return on investment as commercial and residential real estate markets respond to improved conditions. It's a key piece to the economic puzzle.

The NAR produced a four-minute video on the initiative. It looks at some success stories and invites you to learn more on the smart growth section of realtor.org.

The National Association of Realtors and Michigan Association of Realtors contributed to this report.

Heed counsel's advice on guest who fell down

Q: One of my tenant's guests fell on some carpeted stairs in my apartment building and is claiming that I violated an alleged statutory duty to keep the premises in reasonable repair. I have submitted the claim to my insurance company, but what do you think?

A: No doubt the plaintiff will argue that you had a duty to keep the apartment fit for its intended purpose and in reasonable repair and that they will argue that the plaintiff was a licensee.

However, if they cannot prove that they were a lessee or licensee of yours, they will more than likely not be successful in their claim, although the owner of the property is a licensee or tenant is sometimes debatable. Obviously, you are going to get legal advice from your insurance carrier's attorney, but you may wish to hire independent counsel.

Q: Can you tell me what Fannie Mae requires, if anything, with respect to rental of a condominium?

A: From your general question, I presume that you want to know if you exceed an acceptable level of investors, will the lenders be required to deem the project ineligible for Fannie Mae financing. In that regard, if it is a fully established project, the lender will be looking for 51 percent owner occupancy (meaning 49 percent max investors). For a new project or a newly converted project, Fannie Mae is looking at 70 percent owner occupancy. A presale, meaning a cap of 30 percent investors, and sales to investors do not count toward calculating the pre-sale acceptance. FHA, on the other hand, says that there cannot be a prohibition against leasing units. However, they do permit a cap or limit on the number of rentals as a condo will permit. In any event, you should consult with your developer or your real estate project attorney with respect to obtaining the proper financing through the proper documentation.

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 18-22, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
15555 Devonshire St	\$630,000
20711 Kensington Cir	\$300,000
30500 Lahser Rd	\$335,000
13818 Redmere Ave	\$254,000
BIRMINGHAM	
503 Arlington St	\$870,000
222 Aspen Rd	\$1,513,000
1175 Birch Ave	\$540,000
1489 E Maple Rd	\$310,000
5124 Henrietta St	\$525,000
12100 E. 13 Mile Rd	\$1,330,000
1785 S Bates St	\$160,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
3300 Chickering Ln	\$425,000
1511 Fieldway Dr	\$170,000
6314 Dakota Cir	\$121,000
3753 Worthington Rd N	\$465,000
622 E Fox Hills Dr	\$55,000
15045 E. 13 Mile Rd	\$1,125,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
211 Eileen Dr	\$175,000
1323 Knollcrest Cir	\$210,000
5401 Mayhew Pointe	\$179,000
6800 Oakhills Dr	\$677,000
1694 S Hill Blvd	\$148,000
1245 S Timberview Trl	\$322,000
2535 S. 13 Mile Rd	\$130,000
3487 W Maple Rd	\$236,000

1258 Water Cliff Dr	\$875,000
3650 Tudorhob Rd	\$483,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
5766 Bingham Dr	\$295,000
2287 Brigantine	\$755,000
1961 Hampshire Ct	\$243,000
4900 Knollcrest Dr	\$315,000
252 Steadfield St	\$155,000
4907 Whitlow Ln	\$164,000
FARMINGTON	
33253 Kirby Ct	\$138,000
23541 Loomis Ct	\$117,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
29359 Brookmoor Ct	\$515,000
34250 Commonwealth Dr	\$234,000
23949 Cora Ave	\$189,000
30974 Country Ridge Cir	\$310,000
24848 Creekside Dr	\$152,000
23300 E. 13 Mile Rd	\$330,000
27636 E Echo Vly Unit 237	\$70,000
29564 Gramercy Ct	\$175,000
28121 Green Castletree Dr	\$190,000
21624 Green Willow	\$188,000
4941 Huntsman Dr W	\$430,000
20952 Luchmont St	\$192,000
29840 Mingwood Ln	\$175,000
29045 N. 13 Mile Rd	\$255,000
21938 Parklane St	\$227,000
22741 Purdue Ave	\$67,000
29324 Regents Points	\$169,000
6445 Ruring St	\$197,000
22285 Tulane Ave	\$100,000
29850 W 12 Mile Rd #510	\$58,000
28291 Woodlark Trl	\$173,000
FRANKLIN	
27170 Gardenway Rd	\$550,000

Lathrup Village	
17617 Avilla Blvd	\$43,000
MILFORD	
1769 Britton Dr	\$511,000
2331 Carriage Way	\$290,000
2521 Heritage Oaks Dr	\$60,000
2325 N Labadie	\$223,000
NORTHVILLE	
28173 Bentley Dr	\$100,000
21975 Garfield Rd	\$443,000
28138 Gladwin St	\$145,000
21153 Gladwin St	\$95,000
22284 Heatheridge Ln	\$320,000
22921 Lujon Dr	\$81,000
NOVI	
43100 12 Oaks Crescent Dr	\$168,000
1980 Austin Dr	\$915,000
24046 Fairway Hills Dr	\$208,000
14464 Belden Cir	\$127,000
24460 Bordenhill	\$150,000
21605 Clemens Cir	\$422,000
44661 E. 13 Mile Rd	\$170,000
28331 Declaration Rd	\$117,000
28373 Declaration Rd	\$117,000
23259 Enrichment	\$290,000
24946 Fairway Hills Dr	\$375,000
24620 Gwinnett Loop	\$145,000
28222 Heatherbrae Way S	\$275,000
27876 Hopkins St	\$215,000
23286 Mayfield Forest Dr	\$385,000
21122 Scarbroough Ln	\$180,000
14159 Shadybrook Dr	\$243,000
23689 Stonehenge Blvd	\$75,000
36543 Westminster Cir	\$262,000
SOUTH LYON	

58680 Bridge House Ct	\$81,000
26721 Kentucky Ct	\$415,000
21925 Sun Meadow Ct	\$335,000
23033 N Fremont Dr	\$396,000
763 Norchester St	\$108,000
860 Oak Creek Dr	\$211,000
58888 Potomacville	\$75,000
SOUTHFIELD	
23235 Coventry Woods Ln	\$242,000
21953 Duns Scotus St	\$105,000
18633 George	\$142,000
23300 Duns Scotus St	\$105,000
24355 Martha	\$150,000
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19229 Nadro Dr	\$73,000
28048 Pierce St	\$82,000
29179 Secured Ln	\$53,000
20238 Southfield Rd #	\$20,000
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27607 Spring Arbor Dr	\$65,000
27197 Tiffany Dr W	\$60,000
22123 Washington Way	\$19,000
19639 W 12 Mile Rd # 201	\$30,000
WHITE LAKE	
10700 Bogie Lake Rd	\$550,000
24946 Fairway Hills Dr	\$375,000
1375 Park Dr	\$280,000
760 Plainfield Dr	\$35,000
8009 Woodlawn Ln	\$218,000
436 Woodledge Ln	\$310,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 1-5, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
2429 Arcadia Dr	\$127,000
975 Ardeshore Dr	\$70,000
1418 Bobcat Dr	\$145,000
7229 Burgundy Dr	\$213,000
49221 Castledorf Dr	\$65,000
2229 Cleveland Way	\$231,000
39000 Mayfield Dr	\$192,000
3777 Herby St	\$190,000
39271 Hopefield Ct	\$240,000
45221 Horseshoe Cir	\$155,000
49708 Ridgeway Dr	\$495,000
40089 Ivybridge Way	\$80,000
4048 Kimberly Dr	\$245,000
44474 Leopold St	\$220,000
48318 Manhattan Cir	\$410,000
6934 N Canton Center Dr	\$152,000
48318 Nottingham Ln	\$195,000
84898 Orhan St	\$165,000
44671 Ridgeway Dr	\$179,000
48117 Royal Pointe Dr	\$380,000
1915 S Cavalier Dr	\$165,000
44390 Salfy Dr	\$152,000
42562 Saratoga Rd	\$195,000
44243 Sault Rd	\$62,000
41238 Southwind Dr	\$69,000
47875 Stratford Ct	\$420,000
42344 Wrenthorne Ln	\$214,000
547 Tyler Ln	\$179,000

DARWIN CITY	
29435 Barton St	\$30,000
6445 E. 13 Mile Rd	\$40,000
683 Cardwell St	\$59,000
31324 Florence St	\$71,000
1109 Gilman St	\$104,000
7021 Gilman St	\$55,000
2928 Harrison Ave	\$65,000
29467 Marquette St	\$62,000
21733 Pardo St	\$65,000
LIVONIA	
39070 Allen St	\$185,000
19434 Antigo St	\$65,000
28655 Babycrty E	\$135,000
29667 Brookside Cir	\$230,000
19858 Canterbury Dr	\$154,000
9666 Cavell St	\$117,000
14194 Cavell St	\$156,000
9109 Fairview St	\$28,000
20645 Gorge Circle	\$185,000
16186 Edgewood Dr	\$98,000
35568 Elmira St	\$132,000
34815 Ernest St	\$193,000
34759 Fairfield St	\$65,000
36360 Fairway Dr	\$50,000
16894 Farmington Rd	\$144,000
20215 Forest St	\$176,000
20649 Gorge Circle	\$40,000
34685 Grandon St	\$119,000
14341 Henry Huff St	\$39,000
9165 S. 13 Mile Rd	\$128,000
12732 Merriman Rd	\$260,000
31435 Merrivood Park Dr	\$124,000
34391 Norwich Rd	\$230,000
19468 Norwich Rd	\$280,000
29631 Nottingham Cir	\$118,000

8951 Pere Ave	\$165,000
33131 Perth St	\$167,000
9901 Roseland Dr	\$176,000
32928 Summers St	\$145,000
14452 Summerside St	\$154,000
36807 Sunnyside St	\$172,000
28043 W. 13 Mile Rd	\$180,000
18417 Westchester Dr	\$353,000
34912 Wood St	\$195,000
NORTHVILLE	
51009 E. 13 Mile Rd	\$494,000
16623 Highland Ln	\$483,000
16401 Horseshoe Dr	\$560,000
25205 Longwood Ct	\$151,000
19647 Northridge Dr	\$97,000
15549 Northridge Dr	\$180,000
14148 Rayburn Dr	\$305,000
15604 Troon Ct	\$765,000
42518 Waterford Rd	\$370,000
5629 Westinghouse Dr	\$180,000
4211 Beech Ct	\$500,000
1672 Cassidy Place Dr	\$209,000
16681 Five Mile Rd	\$145,000
13024 Hawthorn Dr	\$180,000
48465 Hilltop Dr W	\$380,000
7014 McKinley Dr	\$260,000
12255 Medford Ct	\$485,000
569 Parkway Dr	\$170,000
1399 Penniman Ave	\$275,000
189 Riversides Dr	\$92,000
101 S Union St	\$230,000
3051 Tenth St	\$300,000
REDFORD	
25296 Five Mile Rd	\$7,000
26443 Five Mile Rd	\$103,000
19489 Dabry	\$23,000

15906 Delaware Ave	\$49,000
25010 Graham Rd	\$90,000
12716 Kensington Way	\$159,000
19942 Inkster Rd	\$27,000
15827 Inkster	\$57,000
12880 Leverage	\$65,000
26371 Margareta	\$39,000
12035 Marquette	\$95,000
9168 Salem	\$60,000
17698 Wakendens	\$58,000
3523 Winstone	\$86,000
WAYNE	
4099 Garfield St	\$560,000
3242 Mildred St	\$151,000
5169 Mildred St	\$15,000
2629 Newberry St	\$130,000
35615 Richard St	\$28,000
WESTLAND	
3751 Affield St	\$62,000
32872 Audreys Way	\$225,000
32700 Bertram Dr	\$128,000
72742 Colonial Dr	\$67,000
38580 Emerald Ln N	\$92,000
30415 Leedciff Ave	\$102,000
30415 Leedciff Ave	\$145,000
36067 Louise St	\$50,000
29775 Marshall Dr	\$137,000
7001 N Newburgh Rd	\$161,000
32548 Sheffield St	\$55,000
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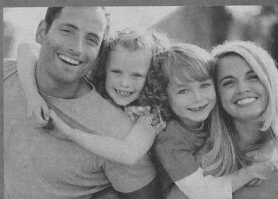
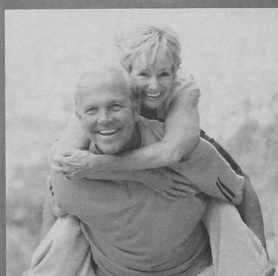
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