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Beloved father Alan Prince Sr., with one of his adopted daughters, Connie Bingham

FATHER'S LOVE FOR 15 CHILDREN CELEBRATED AS BEING 'AMAZING'

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Alan Prince Sr.'s 15 children always knew one thing – a father's love survives, even when his youngsters are victims of a deadly fire, debilitating illness, a devastating war or a horrific accident.

Prince, a Plymouth resident, raised two biological children and 13 adopted kids with a former wife, Judy, and then his current wife, Linda, while living in Canton. This Father's Day, in the year Prince turns 70, some of his family members wanted to surprise him with a tribute in the *Observer*, where some of their life experiences were documented decades ago.

Hanh Tonna of Belleville

was adopted by the Prince family after she was airlifted out of war-torn Vietnam in 1975.

"I never really had a father. (Prince) is the first father I ever had," she said. "He is the most amazing man. He helped me learn how to speak English. I would never be in the U.S. if it wasn't for him. He's the only father I've ever known."

Prince was father to another Vietnamese child, Danny Prince – no relation to Tonna – who developed polio early in life, but learned to cope with its effects. He was riding his skateboard near the family home in Canton when a neighbor backed out of a driveway, didn't see him

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JOANNA HANNUM

Alan Prince Sr., joking around during a Christmas holiday.

County rape cases get suburban money boost

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A group of suburban women, moving to help Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy tackle thousands of rape cases, gathered Wednesday evening inside a Canton home in hopes they could reach a \$10,000 fundraising goal.

They beat it by collecting \$12,697, but Canton resident Natalie Mosher, who hosted the event attended by Worthy, said more money is expected to come in.

"We're going to keep working," Mosher said.

About 65 people from communities such as Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, Northville and Milford applauded Worthy for her efforts to finish testing 11,341 sexual assault kits found in 2009 in a Detroit Police Department storage room.

"I knew that we had to bring justice to as many victims as we could," Worthy told the Canton crowd.

An overwhelming majority of the rape kits have been tested, but Mosher and others say \$10 million still is needed

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Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy speaks about efforts to process, investigate and prosecute rape kits dating back 35 years. At right are event host Natalie Mosher, Sally Szilagyi and Nicole Beverly.

Canton crowds celebrate as Liberty Fest arrives

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Holding 4-year-old Alivia's hand, Canton mom Nicole Woytovich waited as her other children, Owen, 12, and Ava, 8, stepped off the Ferris wheel at Liberty Fest.

Ava paused when asked what she thought about the ride.

"It was fine," she said, "but when it started going around real fast, my stomach felt really weird."

Owen already had his next ride in mind.

"I like the Zipper," he said.

Woytovich and children were among an estimated 50,000 people who Canton officials said would likely attend the 24th Liberty Fest in Heri-

tage Park – Canton's largest festival and the community's summer kickoff event.

Canton mother Yoko Telang brought her two children, Aleina, 7, and Celica, 3, who paused from making their festival rounds to eat cheese sandwiches they brought from home.

"I like to ride the rides," Aleina said.

Having fun

That's just what Telang wanted to hear – that her children were enjoying themselves.

"It's good for the kids to have some fun," she said.

Across the park, Canton brothers Logan Hammond, 12,

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Auto thefts from Planet Fitness parking lot spur key-rack removal

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Planet Fitness in Canton has removed a public key rack after police say thieves twice went inside the gym, took keys and rode off in cars while the victims worked out.

An employee confirmed Friday the key rack where some patrons routinely placed their keys has been taken down.

Canton Detective Sgt. Dan Traylor said Friday that two newer-model vehicles were stolen Tuesday and Wednesday

from the Planet Fitness parking lot. Patrons realized they had become auto-theft victims after they finished their workout.

Traylor said police were investigating the incidents. Anyone who has information is asked to call the Canton Police Department at 734-394-5400.

Meanwhile, Traylor advised motorists – no matter where they go – to guard their vehicle keys against possible theft. He said it's not a good idea to hang them in a public place.

Traylor compared the situation to leaving a car unlocked with valuables in view of poten-

tial criminals. The bottom line, he said, is use caution.

"It's no different than locking your car and keeping things out of sight," he said.

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Health fund to laud local physician's legacy

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Joel Thurtell of Plymouth Township is remembering his wife, Dr. Karen Fonde, with a memorial fund focused on family medicine for underserved people.

The Karen R. Fonde, M.D. Family Medicine Underserved Populations Fund will support medically underserved populations in the U.S.

Fonde, 65, died this past March 1 of complications of Alzheimer's disease.

Fonde and Thurtell served as Peace Corps volunteers in Togo, Africa. She was also committed to the Ypsilanti Family Medicine Health Center and the Corner Clinic.

"She had a way of

connecting with patients and with people in general. She was a doctor because she wanted to help people," said Thurtell, a retired *Detroit Free Press* journalist. In 1993, Fonde helped set up the clinic in Ypsilanti after completing her residency.

The Fonde fund has a goal of \$100,000, with some \$10,000 already raised, Thurtell said. Information on making donations is available from Amy C. St. Amour, Department of Family Medicine, University of Michigan, 1150 W. Medical Center Drive, M7300 Medical Science I – SPC 5625, Ann Arbor, MI 48109. For questions or information, contact Amy St. Amour at 734-615-2688 or astamour@med.umich.edu.

RAPE

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as the project moves to stages of investigation and prosecution. A campaign called Enough SAID (Enough Sexual Assault in Detroit) has championed the cause by linking two nonprofit organizations, the Michigan Women's Foundation and the Detroit Crime Commission.

"Every dollar we raise goes to this cause," Mosher said.

Partnership

Peg Tallet, chief community engagement officer for the Michigan Women's Foundation, said the public-private partnership has stepped up to address a problem facing cash-strapped Wayne County.

"If they're not going to do it," she said, "we're going to find well-meaning people to do as much as they can."

Tallet said the Canton-based fundraiser follows others, such as a Birmingham Athletic Club event that raised \$17,000. With each rape kit costing \$490 to process, Tallet said donations have come from across the nation and eight other countries to tackle the issue.

Worthy's office al-



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It was standing-room-only at the Canton home of Natalie and Bob Mosher during a fundraiser for Wayne County rape investigations.

ready has successfully prosecuted 18 cases, despite the challenges of tracking down victims and suspects from sexual assault incidents dating back 35 years. The crimes reach beyond Detroit and Worthy said other U.S. cities also have had to deal with untested sexual assault kits.

Plymouth resident Andrea Hug was among the women – and a few men – who attended Wednesday's fundraising event because she felt a sense of duty to help victims who, for decades, have been ignored as rape kits sat on a shelf.

"Every one of these that get processed

makes a difference for all the women who were not validated," Hug said. "This situation just breaks my heart."

'Issue for all of us'

Worthy's office has about 65 cases in some stage of prosecution, with another 600 ready to go. Worthy said investigations already have indicated that 326 of the rapists linked to the rape kits are repeat offenders. She said the problem of sexual assault also involves male and child victims.

"It's not just a women's issue," Worthy said. "It's an issue for all of us."

Fundraising efforts by groups such as

Mosher's team come after Worthy's office already has received help from sources such as the federal government, but more money is needed to finish the job.

To donate or to start a fundraising group, go to www.enoughsaiddetroit.org. Tallet said anyone interested in learning about hosting a fundraising house party may call the Michigan Women's Foundation at 313-962-1920. Mosher said donations also may be made by going to www.crowdfunder.com/EnoughSaidNatalie.

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LIBERTY

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and Trevor, 10, tried a carnival game, but didn't quite win a big stuffed animal.

"I was trying to get the giant pig," Logan said.

Trevor named the Firebolt as one of his favorite rides.

"I like the rides that go really fast," he said.

Lines formed as thrill-seekers sought to climb on rides, such as Raiders of Hogwarts.

As the three-day Lib-

erty Fest opened Thursday afternoon, Heritage Park remained damp from heavy rains that had pounded the area in recent days, but no serious issues seemed apparent.

"We'll be fine," Abe Vinitski, park and sports supervisor, had said, although he had described Heritage Park as the wettest he had seen it just before a Liberty Fest.

Family friendly

Supervisor Phil LaJoy called Liberty Fest a family-friendly event that allows Canton resi-

dents to converge in one place to celebrate community.

"There's something for everybody at Liberty Fest," he said.

Charity groups were ready to roll out activities, such as a pancake breakfast and a spaghetti dinner, while some festival-goers said they were eager to see events like international performers celebrating the culture of countries such as China, India, Mexico and New Zealand.

One group, America's Most Wanted Car Club, was planning to host a classic car show to raise

money for Canton-based Open Door Ministry, an organization that feeds hundreds of families each week from across metro Detroit.

Every festival-goer seemed to have a favorite part of Liberty Fest. However, Aleina Telang may have summed up the collective spirit of the event in two words.

"It's fun," she said.

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Alan Prince Sr., on a Christmas with his adopted daughter, Kathleen Johnson, and her daughter, Geneva.

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and ran over him, killing him in 1983.

"We've been through a lot," said Connie Bingham, 43, of Fort Worth, Texas, one of Prince's adopted daughters. Bingham served in the U.S. military and has one daughter, Kiley.

Bingham had a brother, Tony Prince, who was only 6 years old when he died after the family's Canton home caught fire in June 1979.

Bingham said Prince has been a wonderful father through good times and bad.

"He has been the father that he didn't have to be," she said. "He wanted to make my mom happy and save us kids from our broken homes. He's a very loving, helpful, trustworthy, awesome father. I miss him so much (living in Texas). I almost want to move back home because I miss him so much."

Prince and wife Linda serve on the board of deacons at Geneva Presbyterian Church and also serve as school guard crossings, the church's pastor, the Rev. Bryan Smith, said.

"They're very wonderful people," he said. Prince's spirit of giving back, it seems,

extends even beyond his family.

"He's a very gentle, loving man," Smith said.

JoAnna Hannum, who lives in Charlotte, Mich., was the oldest of five siblings welcomed into the Prince family. Hannum, 47, now has two daughters, 26 and 22, and is raising a niece and nephew in their teens.

Hannum said she has a close relationship with her birth father, but had only praise for Prince, who cared for her and her siblings.

"He's a very caring father," she said. "He became the father he didn't have to become with a lot of my siblings. He told them that he was going to give them a home and he stuck by that."

Hannum said some of the children the Prince family raised had mental and physical disabilities, including one child who used a wheelchair. She said those issues never deterred Prince from being a good father.

Hannum gave an example of how much Prince's love has meant to her.

"I'm getting married next year," she said. "I want him to walk me down the aisle."

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By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

A Livonia resident with an advanced degree in biochemistry will be Plymouth Township's new director of parks and grants.

Mike Mitchell, an aide to now-Supervisor Shannon Price when

Price was a Wayne County commissioner, starts the newly created job Monday. He'll be paid \$60,000 a year, plus benefits.

"His has a good knowledge of our community walking in the door," Price said Friday. "Residents already know him and feel comfortable with him."

"Giving back to the community is one of the things I've always aspired to do and look to do more so in the future," Mitchell said.

Mitchell was Price's legislative director when Price was a county commissioner from 2013 until April, when Price was appointed supervisor. He then became the legislative director for Joe Barone, R-Plymouth Township, who replaced Price on the commission, but Mitchell said he will be leaving that job.

Scientific degrees

He comes to the township with an unusual background for a public servant, however. Mitchell has a bachelor's degree in chemistry and biology, a master's in human genetics and a Ph.D. in molecular cytogenetics, which Mitchell described as a specialty in biochemistry. He's taught at Wayne State University, done consult-

ing work for a pharmaceutical company and co-founded a bio-research firm, among other endeavors.

He's also worked as a chemical and paint engineer for Ford Motor Co.

Mitchell will be researching grant opportunities, writing applications and helping other township departments apply for grant funding, Price said.

"We leave money on the table, because we don't have enough staff to do grants," Price said, adding grant funding Mitchell will win "will more than pay for his salary."

Job criticized

The appointment sparked a backlash by Price critics.

Trustees Bob Do-

roshewitz and Chuck Curmi, in May, had voted against creating the job.

"There isn't work for a full-time post when we have a few parks, an outsourced golf course and department heads that do a great job writing their own grant applications," Doroshewitz said Wednesday.

Curmi said it wouldn't be fair to comment on Mitchell as a new employee, but repeated his view that the job should be part time or the work contracted out.

"I just don't think it needed to be a high-level position," Curmi said.

Though it had been widely predicted, the supervisor's announcement Tuesday that Mitchell had been named touched off an outcry on social media, with many

calling the appointment politically motivated and a reward for a close Price ally.

Price pushed back against that notion.

"Just because I know someone, I don't think that should preclude him, if he's the best person for the job," Price said.

"I don't want to be conceited, but I think everybody had a fair shake at this," Mitchell said. He said he and wife Diana Fibila-Mitchell would look at moving to the township when market conditions are right.

Mitchell said he's eager to engage township residents as he manages his department.

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St. Raphael Teacher of the Year challenges her students

By Sue Buck
Staff Writer

With 11 students in her St. Raphael School classroom, Judy Rausch is in an enviable position to deliver one-on-one instruction.

Rausch, a second-grade teacher who just earned the St. Raphael Teacher of the Year award, was honored recently by Superintendent Brian Dougherty of the Archdiocese of Detroit at a special recognition banquet attended by about 50 similar top-notch teachers.

The St. Raphael staff nominated Rausch, a Canton Township resident.

"My own peers nominated me," Rausch said. "This is the second year that this award has been given out."

Staff noted Rausch's willingness to give her time to any committee and that the children look forward to coming into second grade.

"I am very well-known in the classroom for challenging the children," Rausch said. "We have a very rigorous cur-



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Students enjoy a math competition in Judy Rausch's classroom.

riculum here and I really shine at challenging the children and helping those along who need it one-on-one. I have been complimented for that. I'm firm, but each child in my classroom knows that I love them."

The motto of her classroom is: "We all work as a team to get to the goal."

There are several "centers" in Rausch's classroom where students can go for reinforce-

ment and for review.

"Baby steps" lead the children to the point where they are comfortable trying her challenges. Rausch compares it to building a house from the ground up.

"I build up to that challenge," she said. "This class is ahead of what a normal second grade would be. They love anything you want to show them. They have been a de-

lightful group to work with."

Challenges work as long as children are guided, Rausch said.

Guiding children

The children, who learned how to keyboard and use clip art this year, used their new knowledge to present Rausch with a book about why they love her. They weren't shy about one thing, though.

"They didn't like homework," Rausch said. "They tell me that all the time."

When Rausch speaks about her students, the language resembles one of a loving parent. It's hard for anyone to not be noticed.

"My students know that I love them," she said. "It's important that my children not only walk away with knowledge, but good self-esteem."

Student Scarlett Wolfe said that Rausch is always ready for anything.

"Whenever we do science, she always makes it fun," she said.

Scarlett said they worked with Play-Doh and made dino-

saurus. "I like the one with the long neck," she said.

Brooke Leleniewski said that Rausch makes lessons come to life. "She helps us if we're stuck," she said.

Second grade is an especially formative year in a Catholic school because it's the time when the children prepare to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and their First Communion.

Rausch has taught for 30 years, 18 years at St. Raphael. She started teaching at Sacred Heart in Muskegon Heights in 1979, followed by St. Anthony in Belleville in 1986.

Rausch, 58, grew up in Park Forest, Ill. Her husband Patrick's job led her to different locales. He works for Enterprise as a shuttler at Detroit Metro Airport. They have one son, Christopher, 26, a chemical engineer at BASF who just got engaged. The wedding is July 9, 2016.

"This was a great year," Rausch said.

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Madonna University signs agreement to become seventh partner of WCCCD

While it's not uncommon for students to transfer credits from a two-year college to a four-year college to earn a bachelor's degree, in many cases they have to attend classes at the four-year college. Thanks to agreements signed June 15 by leaders of Wayne County Community College District and Madonna University, WCCCD students will be able to complete a bachelor's degree, in aging studies or business administration, from Madonna University and do so at the WCCCD campus in Belleville. These articulation agreements make credit transfer seamless and eliminate any questions as to which courses apply to the higher degree.

Beginning fall semester,

WCCCD students may apply an associate of arts with certificate in gerontology to a bachelor of science in aging studies from Madonna or an associate of applied science or associate of arts in business administration to a bachelor of science in business administration-human resource management. Both programs will be offered at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center-West in Belleville.

Madonna President Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, Ph.D., said one of the core values of the Felician Sisters, who founded the university, is respect for the dignity of all people, including honoring each other's values — drawing a parallel between the two educational institutions work-

ing together.

"We will make every effort to make sure these are enriching experiences for WCCCD students as they continue in their educational progress. We don't educate just one student at a time," she said. "We educate a family; we educate a neighborhood."

Curtis Ivery, Ph.D., chancellor of WCCCD, acknowledged that the partnership would benefit students and their education. "Thank you for this honor, privilege and opportunity," he said. "We have such respect for Madonna. You've been just a real beacon of what's right about higher education."

This agreement makes Madonna University the seventh WCCCD university partner.



After signing the agreement to transfer credits for two Madonna bachelor's degrees, WCCCD Chancellor Curtis Ivery and Madonna President Sister Rose Marie Kujawa seal the partnership with a handshake.

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Lingenfelter's North Engine Build Facility in Wixom will open its doors and parking to the public. Car lovers from near and far are welcome

to stop and enjoy the company of others and to see the latest and greatest in performance cars from Lingenfelter Performance Engineering.

There is no fee to participate in the weekly events and refreshments are available. Updates on weekend special activities and featured cars from the Lingenfelter Collection will be posted on its Facebook page and website: www.lingenfelter.com.

Special guests are scheduled, including:

» June 20: Motor City Harley-Davidson and Brighton Harley-Davidson

» Aug. 1: Motor City Heat Car Show, sponsored by Detroit 5th Gen Camaro Club

» Aug. 22 — Battle of the Brands

Lingenfelter Cars & Coffee will be held rain or shine. For more information, go to www.lingenfelter.com.



Jeannie Gray of Canton joined Barb Brown of Taylor as she displayed her 1998 Callaway Camaro at the May 30 opening.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

LANDING SAFELY

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 1

Location: General Purpose Room, Yankee Air Museum, 47884 D. St., Belleville

Details: Randy Hotton will talk about his adventures and misadventures while learning how to land on an aircraft carrier

Cost: Free

Contact: 734-483-4030

MEETINGS CHANGED

Time/Date: 3-5 p.m. second Sunday of each month, beginning July

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

Details: PFLAG P-C has changed its meeting days. PFLAG P-C is committed to advancing equality and societal acceptance of LGBT people through its three-fold mission of support, education and advocacy.

FATHER'S DAY FLY IN

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

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

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

Contact:

www.113.eaachapter.org

RUN WITH DAD

Time/Date: 8 a.m. Sunday, June



Randy Hotton will talk about his adventures and misadventures while learning how to land on an aircraft carrier at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 1, at the Yankee Air Museum.

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Location: Starts at Kellogg Park, downtown Plymouth

Details: The 36th annual Plymouth Father's Day Run. Offers quarter-mile fun run for little ones, a one-mile walk or run, a 5K, a 10K and the 10.3-mile MDG Triple, which allows the runner to be part of three events. Race proceeds benefit the YMCA's Annual Campaign, which drives its nonprofit mission of youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.

Register: Go to the Plymouth Family YMCA website, at ymca-detroit.org/plymouth, and click the "Register to Race" button to begin the process online. Registrations are also accepted by mailing the forms to 248 S. Union, Plymouth MI 48170 or fax to 734-453-4191. Race awards include a \$1,000 cash award for the MDG Triple, plenty of medals for various finishes, as well as some other special prizes, in-

cluding Detroit Tigers tickets.

Contact: shegdal@ymca-detroit.org

PASSION FOR SHERLOCK

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 24

Location: Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center, Canton

Details: Scott Monty, editor-in-chief, founder and co-host of I Hear Sherlock Everywhere, a website devoted to news and information about Sherlock Holmes in popular culture, will share his passion for Sherlock Holmes as a character and discuss the evolution of this beloved character in popular culture.

Contact: The library at 734-397-0999

BIG BAND

Time/Date: 7-11 p.m. Saturday, June 27

Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor

Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: Big Band @ The Elks will feature The Dr. Pocket Big Band.

Cost: \$10 donation, includes food

Contact: 734-453-1780 or go to www.plymouthannarborrelks325.com

CARS & CAFFEINE

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

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

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

Cost: Free

JOINT REPLACEMENT SEMINARS

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

Location: Classroom 10 at St. Mary Mercy-Livonia, 36154 Five Mile

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

Contact: To register, 734-655-2345.

FLOWERS ARE FOREVER

Time/Date: Noon to 8 p.m.

Tuesday, June 30

Location: Plymouth

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

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Concern for kids prompts program on human trafficking

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Linda Maylone can't stand the thought of any child being caught up in human trafficking.

United Methodist Women groups around the country have taken a strong stand against human trafficking and, as president of UMW at the First United Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland, Maylone is bringing it to the forefront in the local community.

She's on a mission to make people – from parents and first responders to emergency room personnel – aware of who the victims are and how they can help identify them and put an end to such a "horrific condition."

To get the word out, she and Carol Thomas are hosting a program on



United Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland is hosting a program on human trafficking Tuesday, June 23.

human trafficking 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 23, at the First United Methodist Church, 3 Town Square, west of Wayne Road, in Wayne.

"I did some reading about it and I was so appalled that so many children are missing or

have been lured into it," Maylone said. "It's not just the sex trade; they can be forced to work for no or little wages. It's a fair trade issue."

Children at risk

Human trafficking is the fastest growing

branch of organized crime in America today. The U.S. government estimates 400,000 American children are currently at high risk of sexual exploitation. According to Maylone, the Detroit area is No. 2 in the nation when it comes to human trafficking and it's in close proximity to Toledo, which is a "hot bed" for it.

Maylone teamed with Thomas after talking to Wayne Police Chief Al Maciag at community meeting he held at the McDonald's in Wayne. Thomas is in ministry with a group called Turn 180 that works to stop the tragedy of human trafficking. She will be the guest speaker, along with representatives of the FBI and local police.

Handmade jewelry and accessories made by women who have been

rescued from human trafficking will be available for purchase at the event. Proceeds will benefit Women at Risk programs.

Maylone is concerned that middle school and high school students are at risk of being dragged into human trafficking. The event will explain how human traffickers are able to infiltrate schools and single out individuals who may need someone to listen to them.

"They lure them in differently in the United States," she said. "It is especially important that our middle school and high school students, both males and females, understand how recruiting for prostitution rings can happen so easily in the school, with a 'new friend' who befriends them and starts giving

them things and slowly asking for small 'favors' in return."

A church in Texas has set up a curriculum, Traffick911 that educates adults and youth about the plight of sex trafficking in America and equips them with practical ways to keep themselves safe. Down the road, Maylone would like to bring the curriculum to the metro area and run classes.

For now, she wants young people to be aware of their surroundings to avoid problems.

"I see so many young people out walking by themselves, headphones in, hoodie up, not aware of their surroundings. That really concerns me," she said.

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Special-needs children score big in TOPPS soccer

By Ewa Omahen
Correspondent

A group of children with special needs, their parents and the organizers held a celebration May 31 to end another season of TOPPS soccer, a nonprofit and non-competitive league for kids with disabilities. In spite of the rain and cold weather, the smiling kids and their proud parents enjoyed delicious pizza and treats and shared team spirit. Every child was handed a special trophy for participation and walked away feeling like a true soccer star.

It was the very first trophy our 13-year-old son with autism ever received and a new experience for us as a family to participate in team sports.

For the past several Sundays, 19 kids, three girls and 16 boys, ages

4-17, got to play soccer on the East Field in Hines Park. Families who participated live in local communities, including Northville, Novi, Livonia, Plymouth and Canton.

Some of the young players needed one-on-one assistance from their devoted parents and the coaches, while some learned the rules of the game with more independence. Some scored goals, while some kept missing the net. In the end, all walked away winners enriched by this experience and the new friendships made on a soccer field.

The parents came together these Sundays, cheering not only for their sons and daughters, but encouraging all the kids on the field to perhaps run little faster, kick the ball little harder and aim for the net. Every

child who participated felt appreciated and embraced. Everyone, parents included, got the taste of what it is like to be a part of a team.

Brooke Kreza and Brandon Ferguson have coached TOPPS soccer for the last few years. Brooke got involved and fell in love with the team for special-needs initiative while watching her own sister with autism participate in TOPPS soccer starting in 2003. Brooke shared that her parents coached the team for a few years. Eventually, she took over that responsibility on a voluntary basis in 2012, seeing the amazing outcomes for her sister and other participants.

Brooke is studying at Eastern Michigan University to be a special education teacher. She emphasized that the focus is not only on

teaching kids the game of soccer, but also "things like patience, sharing, teamwork and a sense of accomplishment."

We are thankful for the experience and hope to add more trophies to the one our son received this past Sunday. TOPPS soccer is a worthy initiative that brings kids and families together in team spirit and sharing a one-of-a-kind experience. Brooke and Brandon embody the meaning of giving, sharing and contributing to make our community more inclusive for children with special needs and their families. TOPPS soccer is alive and well.

We look forward to more goals, sharing and celebrations during the upcoming fall season.

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Brooke Kreza and Brandon Ferguson hand Patrick Omahen a trophy.

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Hard work and dedication lead to best GPA ever at CC

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Andrius Gobis, now a 2015 Detroit Catholic Central High School graduate, has no big secret to his academic success. Setting a goal and working hard helped him break one of the school's sacred records as he finished his high school career with the highest cumulative grade-point average in school history.

His final Catholic Central High GPA was 5.060, beating the record of Kevin Pilkievicz, a 2001 grad with a 5.049 GPA.

This GPA is different than the traditional 4.0, which Gobis also earned. It's scored on a different scale based on the "weight" of certain courses. Some courses (such as honors courses and advanced placement) are calculated on a weighted 5.0 scale.

This big achievement has Gobis taking a moment to reflect before



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Catholic Central senior Andrew Gobis (left) receives the school's Dylan Award during its commencement exercises. The award is given to the student who maintained the highest cumulative GPA in his four years at CC.

he moves forward to college in the fall.

"It was a goal I set out to do after reading about the record GPA," Gobis said. "I thought I might be able to beat it."

And he did, through a lot of hard work.

From late nights studying to

early starts headed to school and being involved in extracurricular activities and sports, Gobis was still able to put academics first and succeed by maintaining a strong work ethic.

He said much of his support and motivation to work hard came from his teachers.

"I thank all of my teachers, because without them I don't think I could have reached this goal," he said.

He specifically wanted to thank his two favorite teachers, Mr. Baker and Mr. Lemieux, who inspired his love for science.

"They made learning fun and interesting," he said. "I always looked forward to their classes."

In the fall, he's going to the University of Michigan, where he wants to continue learning about science and the different topics involved with medical research.

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Candle blamed for fire that displaced Canton family

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A burning candle that was left unattended is being blamed for a Canton apartment fire that destroyed a family's belongings and killed their cat and hamster.

Officials said the fire started the afternoon of June 8, while Kristy McDermid and her youngest child had walked from their Canton Gardens apartment to a nearby store. Her other four children were in school or away.

Deputy Fire Chief Chris Stoecklein said the fire was accidental and likely started from

a candle that "was burning all morning" on a table between two couches on the first floor of the two-story apartment.

McDermid's sister, Paula Smith, has said the family of six had to "start all over again" after their belongings were destroyed.

Smith has set up a Go Fund Me account to help the family. To help, go to www.gofundme.com/wksd57g.

As of Friday morning, the account was showing \$1,485 had been raised toward a \$5,000 goal.

The fire happened at Canton Gardens, near Joy Road and I-275, on Canton's north side.

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Bond with Willow Run Bomber Plant at open house

The Yankee Air Museum is planning an open house the only way it knows how – enormously. YAM has acquired the final assembly and roll-off portion of the historic World War II B-24 bomber plant in Ypsilanti Township and is inviting everyone from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 27, to see the massive structure.

"Restoration is underway and right now it's raw but it's beautiful," said Kevin Walsh, YAM executive director. "It's powerful, but it's humbling; it's exciting and challenging all rolled into one colossal space. Everyone needs to feel the reverence and awe this building inspires."

Walsh recalls his feelings when he first entered the huge building. He says the expanse of the bomber plant stirred his imagination and amazement to the ac-



The Yankee Air Force Museum is holding an open house June 27 at the former Willow Run Bomber Plant, home of the future National Museum of Aviation and Technology.

complishments of the Greatest Generation.

While the museum is just entering the next phase of fundraising to restore and furnish the building, Walsh said the experience of being inside the cavernous space while under construction helps people visualize the possibilities and then

become part of something fundamentally important to America.

He wants everyone to bond with the building and be part of shaping the next great destination in the region.

"This year is the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II and June 27 is the perfect opportunity

for the public to visit, for the first time, the future home of the museum," Walsh said. "All of the piping, duct work and scrap have been removed and the structure has been power washed inside and out. Construction on the new west and north walls is next."

The historic Willow Run Bomber Plant was designed by the renowned Detroit architect Albert Kahn, who was the foremost industrial architect of his time.

"Saving the Bomber Plant has been a herculean effort undertaken with the same kind of urgency that was likely felt during the early years of World War II," said Ray Hunter, chairman of the board of the Yankee Air Museum. "We only had a year and a half to save this building from being lost forever. People contributed to this cause in so many different

ways. It's truly heartening to me to see the homage paid to parents and grandparents who sacrificed so much overseas and here on the home front."

Hunter added that there are many ways for people to get involved and everyone will learn more about the project June 27. People can expect to see some concepts of the stories that will be told in the exhibits and displays planned for the restored building when the Yankee Air Museum moves in to become the National Museum of Aviation and Technology.

There will be a corps of women paying tribute to Rosie the Riveter by their work clothes and the explanations they offer on the work women performed more than 70 years ago at the historic site.

There will also be

literature available describing current fundraising activity and how the museum is shaping its mission to serve this community. Yankee Air Museum membership information will be available and the museum's volunteer coordinator will be signing up people who want to get more involved.

"There are many things people can do to help us save money on construction and renovation costs," Walsh said. "Imagine being part of something this big and this lasting; then join us on Saturday, June 27, and together we'll make history."

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Friends help preserve Nankin Mills history

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Say Nankin Mills and everyone knows that you're talking about the big white building at the juncture of Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive in Westland. The three-story structure dominates the landscape and serves as the headquarters of the Wayne County Parks System.

But there was a time that the grand dame of Hines Drive was in disrepair and about to be used for a practice burn.

That didn't happen, thanks to the late Westland residents Thomas Brown and Joseph Benyo, who sweet-talked a few friends into saving the building. The Friends of Nankin Mills is their legacy and the group now works tirelessly to support the preservation of the mill and the interpretive center housed in it.

"When I came on, Joe said don't listen to anybody, but the more I listened to him the more it was a gotcha," said Friends member Barb Polich of Westland. "Tom Brown said we need to find away to save the building; I thought it was signing up to help paint it."

"I pretty much got involved through Joe," added Jim Franklin, also of Westland. "I'd bring the kids here; they enjoyed it."

The Friends formed in 1988 and received a \$40,000 grant, thanks to Northville resident Nancy Darga, who, at the time, was chief of design for Wayne County Parks. But that wasn't near enough money for what needed to be done.

"They were planning a parade for the Michigan sesquicentennial and it was going to come down Hines Drive and end here," said Friends president Denise Braun-Johnson of Livonia. "We talked about the condition of the building. The cedar shakes on the roof were falling off. It was in pretty bad shape and the county wasn't able to put money into the building."

Village Industry

The county had acquired the mill in 1948 from Clara Ford for \$1. It had been purchased by Henry Ford in 1918 and was one of his 20 Village Industries in Michigan and anchored one end of a string of seven mills that lined the Rouge River from Westland to Milford.

The Village Industry project aimed to preserve rural values and farming by providing workers with a stable source of income. It was in operation at Nankin Mills until 1948, when it was closed.

"It was a social experiment," naturalist Carol Clements said. "The men

could farm and then come in and work in the slow season to make extra money. He was upset that the men were leaving the farms to go work in the factory in Highland Park."

The mill has had many lives. Its history dates back to 1835, when construction began on a grist mill on the site. It wasn't completed until 1842 and it wasn't long after that it was destroyed by fire due to its use as part of the Underground Railroad, according to Clements.

"It's said that Marcus Swift used it as a safe house," Clements said. "The mill burned down around the same time his house burned down in 1843, because of his involvement in the anti-slavery movement."

The mill was operated by a water wheel and the mill race came from Nankin Lake at Farmington Road and Ann Arbor Trail. The water wheel was replaced by a more efficient turbine in 1887. When Ford acquired the mill, he installed a hydroelectric generator with the help of Thomas Edison. The generator produced more electricity than need to power the plant and the town of Pike's Peak was the beneficiary.

"Henry Ford hooked up the houses across the street from the mill; it was like the first public utility," Clements said.

A new use

Nankin Mills was remodeled by Wayne County and reopened in 1958 as a nature center. Naturalist Mary Ellsworth oversaw the center that featured exhibits on history and live wild animals. It was in operation until 1980, when it was closed.

"It was sad," Clements said. "She had to get rid of everything, even the donated exhibits. Mary was a rehabilitationist. Some of the animals here couldn't be released into the wild."

The founding of the Friends of Nankin Mills, the group's partnership with Wayne County Parks, and the parks millage helped breathe new life in the mill, transforming it into an interpretive center that looks at the area's Native American history, the Underground Railroad and its use as a Village Industry.

The Friends have done numerous fundraisers like "An Evening with Henry Ford and Thomas Edison" to raise money and interpretive programs like Saturday's "First Families of Nankin Township." The group decorates the mill at Christmas and hosts the annual mill lighting in early December.

"The first time we decorated, we had to talk to the fire inspector,"



The Friends of Nankin Mills has helped preserve the historic landmark that was once slated to be torn down.



FILE PHOTO

Carol Clements (from left), a naturalist at Nankin Mills, Jim Franklin, Don Nicholson, Daryl Bailey and Eric Rasmussen were all smiles when they took delivery of the Model T that will eventually be in the Interpretive Center.

Polich said. "We wanted to know what to do. We didn't want to find out that we had burned the place down."

The Friends' wish list for the mill includes restoring a Model T for an interactive exhibit and researching and restoring the generator. The group has a check mark by the Model T. It purchased one in 2012 and is in the process of restoring it. The plan is to put the car in a blocked-off area on the second floor of the mill, where youngsters will be able to climb in, get behind the wheel and experience driving in its early form.

But the group's biggest wish is to find new friends. There are currently nine members and more are needed. People interested in joining can visit the Friends of Nankin Mills website, attend one of the events or send an email to Friends@nankinmills.org.

"Pretty much everything started in 1988," Johnson said. "Now we want to get known so people know what's going on at Nankin Mills."

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PlymouthCanton Community Schools
Kate Borninski, Secretary

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2015-2016 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 23, 2015, at 7 o'clock p.m., at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan, the Board of Education of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2015-2016 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2015-2016 budget until after a public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2015-2016 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

Katherine Borninski
Secretary, Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

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16 charged as part of largest Medicare fraud takedown

A nationwide sweep led by the Medicare Fraud Strike Force in 17 districts has resulted in charges against 243 individuals, including 46 doctors, nurses and other licensed medical professionals, for their alleged participation in Medicare fraud schemes involving approximately \$712 million in false billings.

The charges were announced Thursday by U.S. Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch and Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia Mathews Burwell.

In the Detroit area, 16 individuals, including six doctors, a social worker, a pharmacist and two physical therapists, were charged with a variety of health care fraud and kickback schemes totaling more than \$122 million. The schemes involved services that were medically unnecessary or never rendered, including physician visits, hospice care, home health care and the billing but

not dispensing of pharmaceuticals.

In addition, law enforcement agents executed search warrants at eight locations and seizure warrants of 24 bank accounts related to the alleged schemes. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has moved to suspend 14 providers associated with the schemes.

Among the charges filed or unsealed:

Five individuals, two physicians and three owners of hospice and home health care companies, were charged in an indictment with conspiring to commit health care fraud for their roles in a \$58.3 million scheme to defraud Medicare by submitting fraudulent claims for home health care and hospice services that were medically unnecessary or not provided.

The companies, located in Livonia, are A Plus Hospice and Palliative Care, At Home Hospice and At Home Network

Inc., a home health care agency. The physicians who solicited and received kickbacks also submitted claims to Medicare for medically unnecessary physician services through their companies are Dr. Waaseem Alam, Woodward Urgent Care, and Hatem Ataya. Those physicians prescribed beneficiaries medically unnecessary prescriptions, including controlled substances, for which Medicare also paid.

Also charged were Shahid Tahir, 45, of Bloomfield, Muhammad Tariq, 60, of West Bloomfield and Manawar Javed, 40, of West Bloomfield.

Dr. Laran Lerner, 59, of Northville, a physician, and Mohamad Bazzi, 42, of Dearborn, a licensed pharmacist and pharmacy owner, were charged by complaint with an over \$24 million health care fraud scheme. Dr. Lerner provided medical unnecessary prescriptions for expensive pharmaceuticals for which

Bazzi's pharmacy, Advanced Pharmacy Services would bill Medicare, but not dispense. In addition, Dr. Lerner billed for unnecessary physician visits and referred beneficiaries for medically unnecessary home health care services through his clinic Greater Detroit Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation, located in Westland.

The defendants charged are Dr. William Binder, 58, Muhammad Zafar, 43, of Brownstown, Tariq Khan, 47, of Woodhaven and Ghulam Shakir, 43.

Dr. Gerald Daneshvar, 39, of West Bloomfield was charged by indictment with his role in an over \$5 million conspiracy to commit health care fraud by referring non-homebound patients for home health care services as well as billing for upcoded physician visits through Lake MI Mobile Doctors, PC ("Mobile Doctors"). The owner of Mobile Doctors and another physician employee

were indicted in the Northern District of Illinois in 2013 for their roles in the same scheme.

Dr. Rizwan Qadir, 52, of Bloomfield Hills was charged by complaint with conspiracy to commit health care fraud and to pay or received kickbacks in a \$19 million Medicare fraud scheme. Qadir paid patient recruiter Johnny Younan to bring him patients, for whom he would bill medically unnecessary tests and visits. Qadir also referred the beneficiaries for medically unnecessary home health care services.

Johnny Younan, 52, of Center Line was charged by complaint with conspiracy to pay or receive health care kickbacks to a physician, who would also prescribe Medicare beneficiaries controlled substances as an inducement to provide their Medicare information for billing.

Celestine Brown, 50, of Ypsilanti a licensed social worker, was charged by

information with one count of health care fraud and one count of structuring in connection with her role in a \$3.8 million scheme to defraud Medicare through the submission of false claims for psychotherapy services that were never rendered. Brown submitted the false claims through her company CBC Services, located in Ypsilanti. Brown is also alleged to have then structured cash withdrawals from her bank accounts in amounts of less than \$10,000 to avoid reporting requirements.

Tamara Brown, 42, of Southfield was charged by complaint with her part in a \$1.3 million kickback conspiracy. The complaint alleges that Brown solicited and received kickbacks from two Detroit area home health care agencies, Cherish Home Health Services and Empirical Home Health Care, Inc., in return for providing patient referrals from a physician.

Vacation season: Take precautions before leaving town

School is out, summer has arrived and many families will be taking a vacation. In today's high-tech world, it's important to take precautions before and

during a trip.

In the old days, travelers were mostly concerned with pickpockets and other types of petty crimes. Unfortunately, that is no longer the case.



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

Protecting sensitive information applies at home and when you travel. In fact, it applies even more when traveling, because thieves know that we all tend to put our guard down when we're on vacation.

Before leaving on a trip, it's a good idea to clean out your wallet. You don't have to take every charge card or other piece of information that you carry in your wallet while at home. Less is more. Obviously, you need some pieces of ID, such as a driver's license. My advice is limit yourself to two charge cards.

I also recommend that, before you go, you make a copy of your charge card, along with the emergency phone number for the credit card company. If something happens on your trip, you'll have the information to immediately contact your charge card company.

If you are taking a passport, make a copy of your passport, along with your driver's license. Don't keep the copies in your wallet. It is a good idea to leave a copy of these documents with someone at home. Notify your charge card company as to where and when you're going. This will also provide you a certain level of protection.

Before leaving for a vacation, do some research as to the current scams that are happening

in the area that you are going. You'd be surprised how much aggravation you could save yourself by doing a little homework. For example, those going to Europe this summer need to be aware of the friendship bracelet scam. In many cities, people come up to you and put a friendship bracelet on you. Of course, when you don't pay, all hell breaks loose.

Just like at home, be careful of Wi-Fi. The scam artists these days can very easily create a fake Wi-Fi hub and use that to gain access to your personal information and passwords. Don't make transactions containing sensitive business via any public Wi-Fi.

In the past, many vacationers used travelers checks. Today, that's not an issue be-

cause of ATMs, which are everywhere around the world. But beware which ATMs you use. Many scam artists set up bogus ATMs which, once again, are meant to obtain password and other sensitive information.

When I travel, I only use ATMs at financial institutions. Yes, I may pay a little extra in fees, but it's worth the protection.

Vacations are meant to relax and enjoy. However, that doesn't mean letting your guard down. Be careful.

Good luck.

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The doctor examines the knee but finds no fluid or misalignment. Weight bearing knee x-rays reveal no abnormality. The doctor obtains an MRI but the images show no evidence for a meniscus tear, frayed ligament or joint injury.

There is a reason for the click, the patient is correct stating that something is wrong with the knee. The question is how far to pursue looking for an answer?

Ordering a CT scan or ultrasound will bring additional images, but not much more information about the knee. As is well known, the more information the doctor gathers the greater the chance of obtaining an abnormal result that either is a mistake or irrelevant to the patient's problem.

Undertaking an exploratory laparoscopic examination of the knee is possible, but hardly reasonable as a surgical procedure carries many risks, and orthopedists, sensibly do not want to operate when they are uncertain if they will find a problem they can resolve.

Moreover, the fact that the click has not impaired the patient's activity or sleep means it is a viable option to wait and watch the patient through repeat examinations every 2-3 months. Either the problem will resolve itself or the click will worsen and in the process make its underlying nature known.

In medical practice, this policy of watchful waiting occurs often; it remains as useful an alternative today as it was hundred years ago.

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HARD WORK PAYS OFF



Redford Thurston graduate Desmond Martin is pictured running a drill during Wednesday's Detroit Lions minicamp at the team's Allen Park headquarters. Martin was signed as a free agent after a stellar college career at Wayne State.

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Division 1 state champion Maya Roberts will continue her track career in East Lansing, running for the MSU Spartans.

WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Big Ten will be Roberts' next hurdle

Harrison state champ Maya Roberts prepares for next challenge with Spartans

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Maya Roberts of Farmington Hills is hoping the same drive and determination that made her a state champion will take her to the top of the Big Ten Conference, too.

The recent Harrison High School graduate, who captured the Division 1 crown in the 100-meter hurdles at the end of May, is headed to East Lansing and will join the Michigan State University team.

Roberts picked a winner, as the Spartans are the reigning Big Ten champions in women's track and field.

"There were a lot of other factors," Roberts said, adding she plans to study business and MSU has an excellent business school. "At first I wanted to go to the West Coast because of the weather. But I couldn't see myself going there."

"When I went to Michigan State, I thought, 'This is my school.' I liked the environment and it's a good school."

Roberts will continue to run the 100 hurdles, but she already

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THIS EAGLE HAS LANDED

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Desmond Martin lines up in the backfield with Detroit Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford during Wednesday's minicamp session at the team's Allen Park headquarters.



Ex-Thurston gridiron star Martin on mission to make Lions' roster

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Here's where years and years of hard work landed former Redford Thurston football standout Desmond Martin on Wednesday afternoon: directly to the left of Detroit Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford and just a few yards away from wide receiver Calvin Johnson during a seven-on-seven passing drill.

"I realize it's every young

football player's dream to get to this point," Martin said, smiling and wearing a Honolulu blue No. 40 jersey, moments after the middle practice session of the Lions' three-day mandatory minicamp ended. "But I also realize I'm not where I want to be yet."

The former Eagle and Wayne State University record-breaking running back ultimately wants to be on the

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PLYMOUTH GETS NEW COACH

All fired up to lead 'Cats

Ballard talks up challenges taking over girls hoop squad

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The first game plan Ryan Ballard drew up after being named Plymouth's varsity girls basketball coach was meet with every player for a 30-minute "get to know you" conversation.

"I was blown away by the high-character kids that the program has," the 31-year-old Ballard said during an interview Wednesday. "I'm talking 4.0 GPAs, they're all part of different organizations, they

get 30s on their ACTs, that's the thing."

"Winning's not the most important thing when you're running a program, it's what you develop those kids into. I'm really excited to see what these kids grow into once they leave Plymouth High School. They're going to be doing great things for our society."

Excuse the Plymouth resident for jumping ahead a few years, but he also is excited about what those players could accomplish on the basketball court.

Ballard, coach of now-closed Central Middle School's enormously successful girls basketball program in 2014-15 (the 'A'

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MEET RYAN BALLARD

Who: Ryan Ballard, 31, Plymouth resident.

What: He recently was named head coach of Plymouth's varsity girls basketball team. Over the past three seasons, he was an assistant coach on the Wildcats' varsity boys basketball squad.

Central: Ballard coached girls basketball the past two years at Central Middle School (which has now closed). His 'A' and 'B' teams, including eighth- and seventh-graders, won 24 straight games in 2014-15.

Misc: A former basketball and football player at Flushing High School, Ballard is moving over from Central to Liberty Middle School, where he will teach sixth-grade language arts.



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Blue Jays soar to title



Livonia resident Andrew Kent threw a no-hitter in the championship game, an 8-0 victory over the Wildcats, to help lead the Michigan Blue Jays to the title at the 11U AA Memorial Day Classic USSSA Tournament hosted by Victory Park in Canton. Team members are (bottom row, from left) Matthew Williams, Drew Backus, Luke Brodde, Joshua Golab and Issac Smith, (middle row, from left) Connor Apligian, Alex Cardenas, Kent, Donovan Bergdoll and Mason McGuire and (top row, from left) coaches Mockeridge, Backus, Apligian and Brodde.

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MARTIN

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Lions' 53-man roster, which won't be decided until the team's preseason schedule is completed in early September – but he's well on his way.

After piling up 2,791 rushing yards (fourth all-time in school history) during a brilliant four-year career with the Warriors, Martin acquired an agent, who hooked him up with a trainer, who worked the speedy 6-foot-1, 225-pound running back into the kind of shape that convinced the Lions to sign him to a free-agent contract in April.

It hasn't taken Martin long to decipher the biggest difference between the college level and the NFL level.

"Oh, it's definitely the learning curve that is involved," Martin said. "Everything is pretty short and limited in college, especially at the Division II level, so that everybody can understand it. At this level, the offenses are so advanced that you have to know this and you have to know that."

"Just one word in the play call can change a running back's assignment. There are about 30 different plays for every install. So you have to know the playbook and then go and regurgitate what you know when you go back out on the field."

Every move a Lions player makes – especially first-year free agents like Martin – are videotaped during every second of every session of practice, so missteps must be minimized to give yourself a fighting chance to make the roster, he noted.

"That's what this level is all about – evaluation



Desmond Martin displays his cutting ability during a drill Wednesday afternoon at the Detroit Lions mandatory minicamp.

ED WRIGHT

and performance; they go hand-in-hand," Martin said. "Their evaluations of you can be good, but if you don't go out and perform, well ..."

The turning point for Martin arrived during a mid-April indoor workout for the Lions at the team's Allen Park headquarters.

"It was on a tryout basis, so the pressure was on," he said. "But I like being in a position where I have to prove myself."

"Now, it's like when I was a freshman at Wayne State – I'm at the bottom of the totem pole, having to prove to the coaches that I can perform."

Martin doesn't have to

look far to find a perfect mentor during his summer workouts with the Lions. Former WSU running back Joique Bell went through a lot of what Martin is enduring these days before ultimately earning No. 1 running back status during the team's playoff run last season.

The undrafted Bell was cut by two teams before catching on with Detroit, with whom he's thrived.

"I talked to Joique in January and he kind of explained the whole NFL process to me," Martin said. "The number one thing he told me was no

matter what happens, don't get discouraged. Things are going to happen, but if you keep working, eventually it will work out for you."

"That's means a lot coming from him, because he's been through it all, getting cut, bouncing back, becoming a starter."

Like many current professional players, Martin's path to the NFL has been filled with hardships and obstacles, but those have only made him stronger, he said.

"I wanted to play Division I football coming out of high school, but I had a few grade issues," he said. "I saw Joique was leaving Wayne State to go to the pros, so I liked that opportunity because there was an opening and I thought I'd have a chance to play right away."

"But I ended up redshirting my first year there, which turned out to be a blessing because that's when I started transforming my body and getting it to where it is today."

Amazingly, Martin played running back for only one season at Thurston, where he rushed for 1,500 yards as a senior.

Among the honors he earned at WSU were the Serkho Guralec Ultimate Warrior Award, which goes to the program's top performers in the weight room, and an academic award that is presented to athletes with grade-point averages between 3.0 and 3.5.

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ROBERTS

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has begun transitioning to the 200 dash from the 100.

At the Midwest Meet of Champions on June 13 in Ohio, Roberts won the hurdles in 14.3 seconds and was second in the 200 with a time of 25.1. She was slated to run the same events Saturday at the New Balance Outdoor Nationals in North Carolina.

"I think I'm a little better at the 200 than the 100, because I have more time between events," Roberts said. "I'm going to do that (combination) in college. I wanted to do (the 200) at the state meet, but that would have been too many events that day."

A new challenge?

With her ability in the hurdles and dashes, Roberts seems a potential candidate for the heptathlon, but that would mean greatly expanding her repertoire of events.

"No, they have the mile in there," she said. "Right now, I just want to work on my sprints. Maybe I'll do that later on."

"I'd have to learn more about the field events and I haven't done any of those. It might be a little late to try, but we'll see."

Roberts' athletic background includes eight years of gymnastics, which she gave up in middle school, and one year of figure skating as a freshman at Mercy High School.

"When I got into track, I realized, 'Oh, I'm good at this,' so I started to do track instead," she said.

Long-term objective

Roberts set her sights on being a state champion in the 100 hurdles and her victory May 30 at Rockford High School was the culmination of three years of dedication to that goal.

She was a state qualifier as a sophomore and finished third as a junior, though she went into the meet with the fastest time. That served as motivation for the past year.

"I did summer track and took a couple months off; then I did winter track," Roberts said. "At the start of the high school season, I had been preparing almost the whole year for it. During the high school season, I practiced six days a week, so I was prepared."

After a prolonged and focused effort, Roberts wasn't nervous when she finally lined up to run her last race in a Harrison uniform.

It helped knowing she had beaten many of her fellow competitors.

"Usually, I'm nervous at big meets, a little," she said. "At this one, I was really calm. I knew the girls I was running against. I had run against them lots of times, so I was familiar with the people who were tops in the state. I think that made me a little more calm."

Really fast time

The one thing Roberts could not have prepared for was the weather. It was raining and chilly. She was hoping for 80 degrees and sunshine like the day of the Algonac Relays.

That day, Roberts ran the hurdles in 13.55 seconds, which would have been a state record if it had happened in a regional or state meet. She also ran 11.6 in the 100.

At the state meet, Roberts won the hurdles in 13.95, which is still the third-fastest time ever recorded in a state meet. The record is 13.66, set by Ann Arbor Pioneer's Candice Davis in 2003.

"I did my best," she said. "It was good, but I was hoping for better. I actually wanted the state record. It was too cold and rainy to do that. I don't think anybody (performed that well)."

One more race to run

Roberts didn't have long to celebrate her hurdles victory. That had to wait, since she also was in the final heat of the next event – the 100 dash.

"I had to go and get my head right, because I had another race five minutes later," she said. "It kind of helped me in the 100. I was happy and had a feeling of winning and I wanted to bring it to my 100."

"After I did the hurdles, I made sure I stayed down there (at the finish line) to stretch and get my breathing together, so I wasn't out of breath by the time I got back. I did my best to recover, so I wasn't tired when I got in the blocks again."

Roberts was all-state in the 100, too. She finished fifth with a time of 12.47. She would have liked to run the 200.

That event was near the end of the meet, but she couldn't stay

"I had to drive home and get ready for the school prom," she said.

Roberts' goals for her first year at MSU are to make the Big Ten final and run a time of 13.3 in the 100 hurdles. A conference championship and a qualifying berth in the NCAA national outdoor meet would be a bonus.

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ALL-AREA GIRLS TENNIS

‘Game, set, match’ favors stellar players

SINGLES PLAYERS

Arti Vaishnav, N. Farmington: Vaishnav played No. 1 singles for the Raiders and earned a place on the all-area first team for the third consecutive year.

The junior standout was a Division 2 regional champion. She was a quarterfinalist at the state meet and received an all-state honorable mention.

“Arti never has an easy match at the flight she plays, with the schedule she has,” coach Whitney Wasielewski said. “Yet she still managed to finish the season with 12 wins.”

“Arti is a competitive and athletic player whom I can count on as a solid young lady to lead our team again next season.”

Kathryn Dunleavy, Mercy: Dunleavy had another fine season for the Marlins at No. 1 singles and is a repeat member of the all-area first team.

She was a finalist in the Catholic League and Division 1 regional tournaments. She compiled a 15-10 record and advanced to the second round of the state meet, losing to the top seed and eventual finalist, Ava Thielman of Utica Eisenhower.

Dunleavy is ranked 22nd among 58 players listed in the Southeast Michigan Tennis Association’s Girls 18 Division.

“Kathryn has a great all-court game,” coach Joe Stafford said. “She was our most committed player on and off the court.”

“She takes the ball early and looks to put a big hit on the ball each and every time. She has great strokes and looks to pressure her

opponent.

“She was a captain as a junior and set the tone for us. She was our best player all year. She went out there and played everybody tough. We’re really proud of her and we look forward to her senior year.”

Chelsea Yu, Salem: All season long, the junior was a force at No. 1 singles for the Rocks, winning 85 percent of her matches.

Yu, who will be a co-captain in 2016, was the top seed in the KLAA Conference ‘B’ tournament and won her flight.

Another highlight included winning the No. 1 singles flight at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Invitational.

“She was also seeded No. 4 in the regional conference tournament, but lost in the semifinals to the No. 1 seed from (Ann Arbor) Huron,” coach Ty Moss said.

Kendall Payne, Franklin: The junior chalked up a fantastic 16-5 record playing No. 1 singles.

Armed with a served that has been clocked in the 90 mph range, Payne barely missed qualifying for the Division 1 state meet as an individual. She is an extraordinary student, as well, as her 3.5 grade-point average testifies.

“Kendall had a fantastic season,” coach Rick Clack said. “She has an all-around tennis game with no weak spots for an opponent to key on. Her serve is one of her major weapons and she can locate it anywhere in the box.”

“The good news for Franklin is that she has another year to make her

game even stronger and that is exciting for us.”

Kaitlyn Rogosch, Churchill: Only a freshman, Rogosch enjoyed a successful season as the Chargers’ No. 1 singles player.

In addition to winning her flight at the Division 1 regional, Rogosch registered victories against tough foes from Brighton (Maddie Miller), Farmington Hills Mercy (Kathryn Dunleavy), Novi (Erin Day) and Stevenson (Sam Cyrus), all of whom were fellow state qualifiers. She finished her first year of high school tennis with a 20-4 record.

“Kaitlyn is only going to continue to get stronger and has only just begun to start reaching her potential as a tennis player,” coach Denise Berg-Grant said.

“She is a combination of natural talent, athleticism and intelligence. I am excited to coach her and to be around to see just how good of player she will become.”

Sheryl Carter, Harrison: Carter is a repeat member of the all-area first team. The junior co-captain played No. 1 singles and compiled a 6-3 record.

Carter was a Division 2 regional semifinalist. She didn’t have the opportunity to compete for an OAA championship since the White Division tournament was rained out.

“It was a pleasure to coach her,” coach Joe Ludwig said. “She really managed the girls well (as co-captain) and was responsible in her position. She took the role very seriously. I look forward to having her on the team again next year.”

“Sheryl has a really good

serve and she managed her points well. A strong forehand allows her to stay in an offensive-minded position. She usually moves her opponent around to find that opening to win the point.”

DOUBLES TEAMS

Mackenzie Zierau and Bridgette Conniff, Mercy: Zierau (senior) and Conniff (junior) combined talents to become a formidable doubles team this year.

While posting an 11-6 record against quality competition, they were Division 1 regional champions and Catholic League finalists. In the state tournament, they lost a three-set match to Ann Arbor Pioneer in the first round.

Zierau was a state champion at No. 2 doubles in 2013, while Conniff was a state quarterfinalist the past two years at No. 3 singles.

“Mackenzie and Bridgette were the second- and third-best players on the team,” Stafford said. “I decided to pair them up this year to give us a top-tier No. 1 doubles team.”

“They gave us a force at the top of our doubles lineup and they gave us two of the best ball strikers in girls doubles. They had a lot of great wins against top teams.”

“They gave us the strength at the top of our doubles lineup, pushed other girls into good spots and created a strong lineup for us.”

“I thought we had one of the best doubles lineups in the state. That’s where you make the big run at state, through the doubles.”

Maura Ehrlich and Eva

Pitts-Rakowska, N. Farmington: The all-senior No. 1 doubles team was a regional finalist and quarterfinalist at the Division 2 state meet.

Ehrlich and Pitts-Rakowska won the Allegan tournament and posted a 12-10 record. They were named to the all-state first team by the coaches association.

“Maura and Eva had a very good season and finished with a very respectable record,” Wasielewski said. “We have a very tough schedule, so a winning record is impressive.”

“Maura and Eva were the sixth-seeded team at the state tournament, where they earned two points before losing in the quarterfinals to the third-seeded team from Forest Hills Northern.

“Both girls were four-year varsity players and will be truly missed in our program next year.”

Arryn Dochenetz and Sam DiGiovanni, Stevenson: The senior duo proved tough to beat this spring, racking up a 20-3 record that included first-place flight finishes in the Livonia City Tournament, the Plymouth Invitational and the Howell Invitational.

Dochenetz and DiGiovanni helped Stevenson advance to the Division 1 state meet by reaching the semifinal round at the regional tournament. They capped an outstanding season by winning their opening match at the state meet in Midland.

“Sam and Arryn really enjoyed playing together as their skills matched up beautifully,” coach Don McCathney said. “They both enjoyed their last season of playing and it was very much evident in the way they played. They had a lot of fun on the court as they competed in every match.”

2015 ALL-AREA GIRLS TENNIS

FIRST-TEAM SINGLES
Arti Vaishnav, jr., N. Farmington
Kathryn Dunleavy, jr., Mercy
Chelsea Yu, jr., Salem
Kendall Payne, jr., Franklin
Kaitlyn Rogosch, fr., Churchill
Sheryl Carter, jr., Harrison

FIRST-TEAM DOUBLES
Mackenzie Zierau, sr., Mercy
Bridgette Conniff, jr., Mercy
Maura Ehrlich, sr., N. Farmington
Eva Pitts-Rakowska, sr., N. Farmington

SECOND-TEAM SINGLES
Myra Visser, sr., N. Farmington
Blanca Ghita, soph., Salem
Amber Tsenig, jr., Plymouth
Krisa Jackson, fr., Mercy
Hannah Pierce, jr., Farmington
Madison Markwardt, jr., Ladywood
Sarah Gamble, sr., Plymouth
Sam Cyrus, jr., Stevenson

SECOND-TEAM DOUBLES
Sara Hinrichs, jr., Mercy
Abby Bush, fr., Mercy
Teahn Horton, sr., Plymouth
Alexa Earls, sr., Plymouth
Madison Selinsky, soph., N. Farmington

HONORABLE MENTIONS
Stevenson: Danielle Marzec, Natalie Hay, Maddie Chimento, Jill Weiland;
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Lions youth football

The *Observer & Eccentric* has partnered with Detroit Lions Youth Football Camp again for a chance to win a scholarship to an upcoming football camp.

The promotion is open to girls and boys ages 6-14. Youths can submit an essay of 50 words or less telling why they want to attend the camp.

Parents are asked to submit the letter, along with a photo of the youth, youth's name, age, community of residence and phone number, to cbjordan@michigan.com with the subject line "Football Camp Contest."

All letters must be received by Monday, June 22, to qualify. The winners will be announced in a future edition of Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights.

Winners will have the chance to select from one of the following camp locations: Canton: June 29 through July 2, 8:30 a.m. to noon; Brighton: July 11-12, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; White Lake: July 20-23, 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Madonna volleyball

Madonna University will host a series of volleyball camps in the next three weeks.

The first is an advanced (elite) and gener-

al all-skills camp June 22-25. That will be followed by a setters and hitters session 1 camp June 29-July 2 and a hitters session 2 and defensive camp July 6-9.

For camp information and registration, contact Madonna head coach and camp director Jerry Abraham at 734-432-5612 (office), 734-748-3128 (evening) or jabraham@madonna.edu.

To view or print a camp brochure, go online to madonnacrusaders.com.

Churchill football

The Livonia Churchill summer football camp for kids entering grades 3-8 will be held from 7-9:20 p.m. July 22-23 at the school's football stadium.

The fee is \$35 if registered before July 1 and \$50 after that date. All participants will receive a T-shirt.

All participants must bring cleats, running shoes and have a signed liability form.

For more information and a registration form, visit churchill.livonia-publicschools.org.

Churchill boys hoops

The Livonia Churchill boys basketball camp will be held from 9 a.m. to noon June 22-25. The

camp is for boys entering grades 5-9 and the cost is \$50, which includes a T-shirt. For more information, call 734-744-2650, ext. 46194, or visit churchill.livoniapublicschools.org.

Churchill hockey

The Livonia Churchill hockey camp will be held 8-9:20 p.m. Aug. 3-7 and Aug. 10-14 at Eddie Edgar Arena. The cost is \$175.

For more information, contact head coach Jason Reynolds at JayRey48152@gmail.com.

Churchill soccer

The Livonia Churchill soccer camp for boys and girls will be 9-11 a.m. June 22-26 at the school's turf athletic field. The camp is designed for kids ages 10-16.

The cost is \$49. Participants must be equipped with cleats or flats, shin guards and a soccer ball.

For more information, email mgrodzic@livonia-publicschools.org or rfriedri@livoniapublicschools.org.

Titans lacrosse

The University of Detroit Mercy men's lacrosse team will host the Titan Elite Camp June 29 through July 1 at Titan Field.

The camp is open to boys ages 14-18 (rising

ninth-graders through graduating seniors) who are serious about taking their game to the next level and are looking for a highly competitive environment to improve their game.

The camp will take place on UDM campus and will be directed by the Detroit coaching staff, as well as other college coaches and players.

For players who are interested in playing at the college level, there is no better opportunity to vastly improve your game and receive exposure to the different aspects of NCAA Division I lacrosse.

The camp includes six-on-six field instructional sessions and practices, three film sessions, strength and conditioning introduction, classroom session on performance psychology, recruiting process Q&A and wall-ball seminar.

The cost is \$425 for those staying overnight on campus and \$350 for those attending the day camp.

Contact Detroit assistant coach Jeff Turner at lacrosseindetroit@gmail.com or jturnerj92@gmail.com.

Harrison volleyball

Harrison High School will host a girls volley-

ball camp July 21-23 in the school gym.

The cost is \$55 at the door. There is a family discount of \$50 per child for families with two or more attending the camp. A camp T-shirt is included.

The first session is 12:15-2:15 p.m. each day for girls who will be in grades 4-6. The second session will follow at 2:30-4:45 p.m. for girls in grades 7-9.

There will be an extra session 5-6 p.m. for additional instruction in hitting or setting. The fee is \$20 at the door.

A completed and signed concussion form is required. Go to www.farmington.k12.mi.us to find and print the form. Click on "Athletics" on the left and scroll down to "Concussion Info."

For more information, contact coaches Mike Love at 313-758-1185 or Sue Kendall at 248-505-7261.

Stevenson hockey

The Livonia Stevenson Summer Hockey Camp will be held July 6-21 at the Eddie Edgar Ice Arena. The camp will include on-ice and off-ice sessions. The camp will be run by head coach David Mitchell, his staff and former Stevenson players. Camp will cover skill

development, position development and scrimmages.

For more information and a summer camp packet, contact Mitchell at dmitchel@livoniapublicschools.org.

'Future Stars' baseball

The Livonia Franklin High School "Future Stars" summer baseball camp will be held from 9 a.m. to noon June 22-25 on the Franklin varsity baseball field (or in the field house, in case of poor weather).

The camp is designed for baseball players (both boys and girls) who are currently exiting second through eighth grades.

The camp, which will be orchestrated by the Patriots coaching staff, will consist of four days of sport-specific skill-building.

The \$60 registration fee includes a camp T-shirt. The registration deadline is Friday, June 19.

To register, visit franklinpatriotsbaseball.com. For more information, contact Matt Fournier at mfournie2@livonia.k12.mi.us or 734-968-0499.

PLYMOUTH FAMILY YMCA SUMMERS CAMPS

Summer is upon us and so are a number of camps and clinics offered by the Plymouth YMCA, for youngsters of all ages.

Following is a breakdown of what's on tap:

» **YMCA Co-Ed Baseball** leagues are forming for ages 3-11. YMCA baseball is a great opportunity for children to learn the fundamental skills of baseball in a safe and fun environment. Practices will be held one night during the week, with games each Sat-

urday at Farrand Elementary. Summer season begins the week of July 6. Y rate is \$85 or \$117 for community participants.

» **YMCA Co-ed Basketball** Camp registration is open for ages 6-12. The Plymouth YMCA is hosting two sessions of basketball camp the week of July 20. Camp runs from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday at Risen Christ Lutheran Church. All players receive a free T-shirt, along with learning and improving upon

basketball skills using drills, scrimmages and games. Each session is \$75.

» **YMCA Girls Volleyball** Camp registration is open for ages 8-12. The YMCA is hosting two sessions of volleyball camp, the weeks of July 13 and 27. Camp runs from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday at Risen Christ Lutheran Church. All players receive a free T-shirt, along with learning and improving upon volleyball skills using drills and games. Each session is \$75.

» **YMCA Sports Sampler** registration is open for ages 3-5. Sports sampler is a great introduction to the various sports and breaks down the basics of every sport every offered through the Plymouth YMCA. Sport Sampler session runs from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday at Risen Christ Lutheran Church the week of Aug. 3. Each session is \$75.

» **YMCA Indoor Soccer** Camp registration is open for ages 6-12. The Plymouth

YMCA is hosting one week of camp this summer, the week of Aug. 10. Camp runs from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday at Risen Christ Lutheran Church. All players receive a free T-shirt, along with learning and improving upon soccer skills using drills and games. Each session is \$75.

For more information, contact the YMCA at 734-453-2904 or go to www.ymcadowetroit.org/plymouth.

BALLARD

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and 'B' teams combined to win 24 straight games), takes the Plymouth reins from Nick Brandon (who took an administrative position in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools).

Bright future

The Wildcats had their best season in history in 2014-15, but Ballard doesn't see any reason why the program can't continue to shine under his watch.

"My biggest compliment to Nick Brandon is he's a mastermind of team culture," Ballard said. "I've watched him from afar and really admired the job he did with the program."

"Obviously, walking in it's an easier transition than most places because Nick did such a great job."

Ballard conceded, however, that the 2015-16 season will be an interesting one because anytime there's a coaching change, a period of transition ensues.

"I don't think it's going to be seamless; with any transition there's challenges ahead," Ballard said. "Different style of play ... I don't exactly coach the same way as coach Brandon or say things (the same way)."

"It's all new terminology for the kids. But that's what summer's for. We're going to get better, we're going to practice. It's a process."

The Plymouth varsity is getting in some summer league games and will travel to Boyne City for a weekend tournament.

Joining him on the staff will be former Livonia Franklin and Grand Valley State University standout Brittany Taylor. Another assistant is Evan Paputa, while Ballard is still hand-picking who will coach the junior varsity and freshman teams.

No stranger

Change is coming, yet Ballard is a familiar face around the Plymouth gym. For the past three years, in addition to his Central duties, he was coach Mike Soukup's right-hand man with the Wildcats' varsity boys basketball team.



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Intensity, accountability and hard work are just a few of the things basketball coach Ryan Ballard brings to the sideline.

"Leaving the Plymouth boys program was very difficult, because I love those kids so much," said Ballard, who like Soukup doesn't need coffee or energy drinks to bubble over with enthusiasm. "I love those seniors coming back, Brent Davis, Armani Tate, Frank Brown, Pete Carravallah. It was hard for me to walk away from them."

Ballard said he picked up some tendencies from Soukup, including being a "gym rat" who spent endless hours breaking down film in "the lab" and working as hard as possible to bring about improvement to the team.

"I know people always talk about (how) coaching boys and coaching girls is way different," Ballard said. "To me, you have to be who you are. I can't change who I am as a coach. I

think coaching's coaching."

And Ballard's Ballard — a basketball guy who is "passionate, enthusiastic. I will attack this job and try to make the kids better every day. That's all you can ask for."

Yes, there might be some growing pains in making the jump from middle school to high school varsity. Ballard intends to learn from any mistakes and he expects his players to buy in to that mindset.

"The girls always say I'm relentless about being relentless, that's how we're going to play," he said. "That's something I'm big on. If you're going to be in the gym practicing, you got to bring it every day. We want great effort and great attitude."

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MICHIGAN AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Plum Hollow ready for state's top amateurs

By Marty Budner

Staff Writer

John Jawor is eager to show off his precious jewel.

Jawor, head pro at historic Plum Hollow Country Club, can't wait for the 104th Michigan Amateur Golf Championship to tee off Monday. He believes players will find his course challenging and the public will find it appealing.

"This is a great golf course," said Jawor, who started as assistant pro in 1986 and became head pro in 2005. "It's hidden in the heart of the city and it's just a beautiful traditional course that not many people have played. It's like an undiscovered treasure."

"We have such rolling terrain that you wouldn't anticipate in a city like this," he added. "The greens are fantastic. It's a very straightforward golf course that competitors tend to like. They will enjoy playing the golf course and it's fun to play every day."

Plum Hollow has hosted many prestigious tournaments since its founding in 1921.

The PGA Championship, for instance, was held at the Southfield course in 1947. It was the site of the 1943 Ryder Cup matches and played host to three Michigan PGA Championships (1929, 1937, 1939), as well as the 1957 Western Open.

The Colt and Alison-designed layout over the picturesque terrain was the site of the 2004 GAM Championship, plus many more GAM and USGA events.

However, this is the first Michigan Amateur to be played at Plum Hollow.

"It is exciting. It's the biggest amateur tournament we've held to date," Jawor said. "It's a great course for skilled competitors or members alike."

The 6,775-yard, par-70 traditional layout is in pristine shape.

Contestants should be wary of high rough, dangerous runoffs and fast greens on the plush private course which includes five par-3 holes. Two of the par-5 holes (Nos. 1 and 18) that club members play will be scaled down to par-4 for the Amateur.

Jawor cautions that while it's not extremely long, participants must be very careful with shot selection.

"Even though it's shorter than some of the modern-day courses, it will hold its own as far as scoring,"

Jawor said. "Length always helps, but you have to hit it straight because the rough is so healthy that if you get it just a little ways off the fairways, it's tough to control the distance with your irons because the grass is so long."

"So if you're hitting real short irons in, it doesn't affect it as much as if you're hitting something longer. You just can't control the flight of the ball," he added.

Jawor eagerly awaits what figures to be a big week at Plum Hollow, a club with some 200 active members.

"I'm just anxious to see if people think as much of this place as I do and the members do," Jawor said. "Because whenever we have qualifiers or other tournaments, the players rave about the course. It will be fun to see how well they play."

The field of 162 golfers begins 36 holes of stroke play Monday morning. The low 64 individuals advance to match play, which begins Wednesday morning and continues Thursday.

The semifinal and final rounds of match play are scheduled for Friday morning and afternoon, respectively. The public is invited to watch the action free of charge.



Jawor

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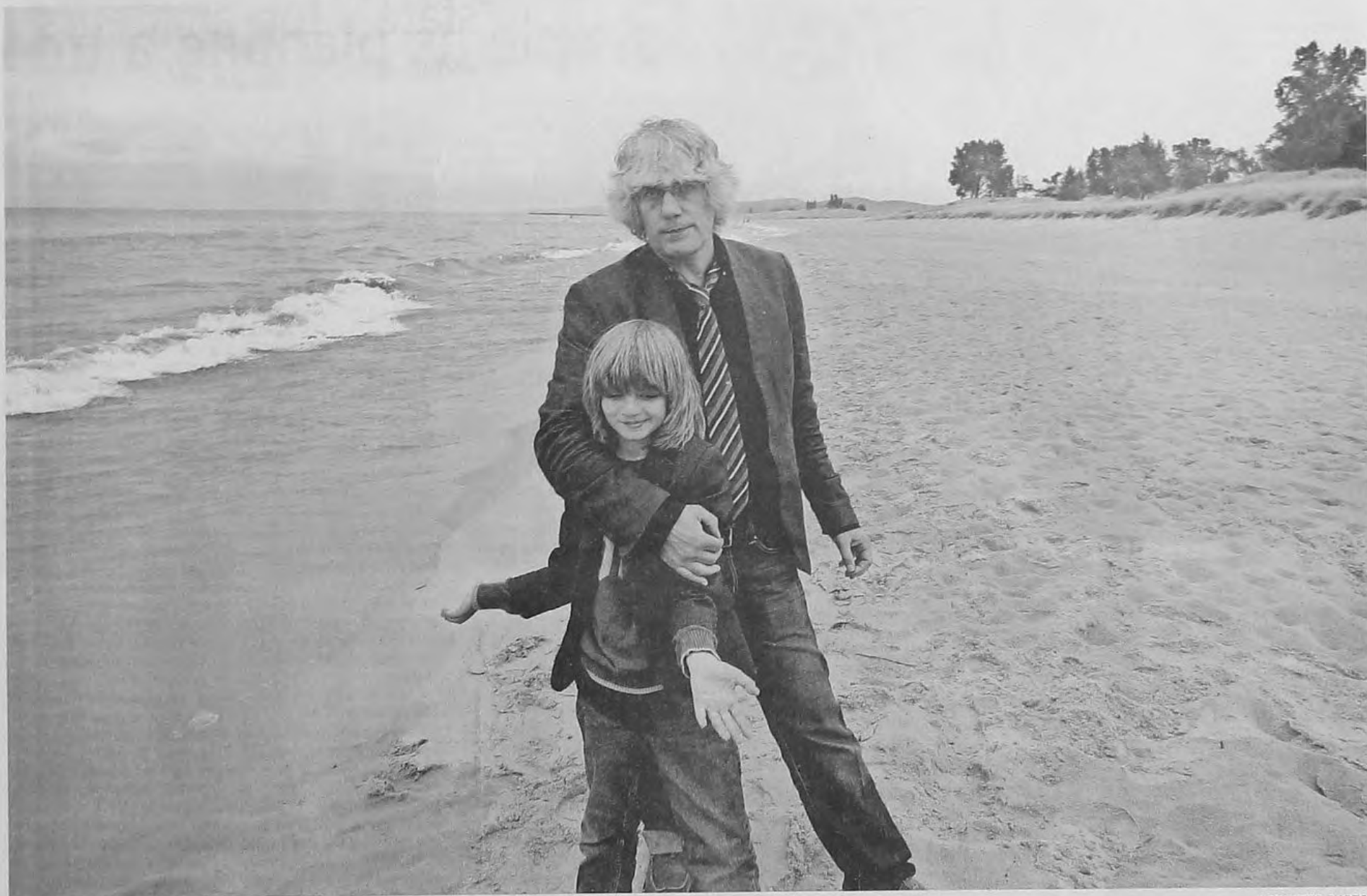
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Mike Malott and his son, Zachary, take a stroll along the beach. The Plymouth resident is founder of the Jazz in the Park concert series that starts July 5 in Kellogg Park.

LISTEN TO COOL JAZZ IN KELLOGG PARK THIS SUMMER

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Plymouth resident Mike Malott will jazz up Kellogg Park this summer with a new concert series.

"I'm doing it because I want to bring something to Plymouth I think will be unique. I'm bringing live jazz to hometown USA park," said Malott, 51, who moved into the Old Village neighborhood last September with his son, Zachary, 10.

"We happened to clip the tail end of the Friday night events last year. It's so cool to get the community out into the park, but there wasn't any jazz, really. Plymouth fit that model for something I thought jazz would work in. I thought, if it's not here, I should bring it here."

Alex Colista Quartet, Chris Rose Trio and Trio Reenactment kick off Jazz in the Park, 4-7 p.m. Sunday, July 5, in downtown Plymouth. Next up is Nathan Haddock Trio, Ellie Epstein with Latin jazz, and Corey Allen Trio on July 19, and Gene-n-Tonics, Nicole New, Imari Jendayi and In The Tradition, along with Isis Damiel and Zion Yisrael on July 26.

Melanie Rutherford, All Directions Band, Epic Movement, Gary Greenfelder Quintet and more are planned for August. The series runs Sun-

day, July 5 through Aug. 30. No concerts are scheduled July 12, during Art in the Park, or Aug. 16, during Heartbeat of Plymouth.

Malott lined up sponsors — Jaguar of Novi, Nicholas Palls AAA Insurance, DJL Builders Inc., and Dearborn Jewelers of Plymouth — and created a donation page on the Jazz in the Park website. Friends of Jazz in the Park supporters are recognized in the weekly program. They also receive a T-shirt, meet and greet opportunities and admission to a VIP event, if they donate \$100 or more. The first 100 Friends to donate at least \$100 will receive a CD produced by Malott, who led recording projects and live shows, promoted and managed musicians for more than 25 years. That included producing live shows for Willie Nelson and Pat Metheny and recordings involving Eric Clapton, Slash and Jerry Garcia, among others.

Funding

Malott said he's "still struggling" to raise the funds for some of the concerts in August, but he's confident he'll find the cash, even if it means dipping into his own bank account to the tune of \$5,000-\$6,000.

"I have a history with larger sponsors. Some of the events I've produced are of the mag-



Alex Colista Quartet kicks off the Jazz in the Park music series in Plymouth.

nitude that sponsors naturally fell into place. The exposure level is more grand and the volume consistently larger," he said, adding that funding for a smaller-scale concert series, like Jazz in the Park, is harder to find.

"I hate starting an event without having it paid for. That's not the best way to do things, but I know it's going to work. I think once people have an opportunity to get a taste of the event and see the kind of cool thing it is, that will help us."

Malott entered fatherhood and started a writing career with the same whatever-it-takes attitude. Zach's mother was a member of a rock band



Mike Malott

and was not in a position to raise a child. Malott took charge and father and son have been together ever since.

"I had Zach since the beginning. I did everything but breastfeed him," he said, adding that he learned to change a diaper faster than a pit crew member.

New direction

Malott quit the music industry when Zach was 2, determined not to raise his child on a rock band tour bus. Four years later, Zach was diagnosed with autism and a severe separation anxiety.

"I literally went from flying on private jets and staying at resort hotels and hobnobbing with rock stars to oh my God, we're headed to the food stamp line," he said, with a laugh. "Luckily I had invested a lot of money in art."

Malott, a Northville native, also held a law degree, which helped lead to tutoring jobs at Harvard and Boston College after the pair moved to Boston, Mass., where Zach entered the Harvard Mass General Ladders Program for autistic children.

At Harvard, Zach regularly watched the football team practice and ended up becoming its unofficial water boy and lucky charm. Malott created a scrapbook of his son's summer experience with the team and then turned it into a book.

"That's how writing books and a new career came out of nowhere," he said.

A *Let's Explore* children's book series followed, with Zach taking photos and his dad writing the copy as they traveled throughout the country. Each book focuses on a different city. Zach wrote the copy for their latest book and *A Let's Explore Plymouth* book is planned for release this year. Malott has written several other books on his own, including a collection of humorous spam emails.

He also created an Internet jazz radio station that will launch later this month. WPJZ will play prerecorded continuous traditional, classic and modern jazz music via Live365.com. Visit the radio web page at jazzinthepark.org.

Some homeowners love to mix appliance colors

The American Association of University Women, Novi Northville Chapter would like to thank Bill & Rod's Appliance in Livonia for hosting a recent cooking demonstration and fundraiser at their local retail store. It proved to be a great success and afforded me the pleasure of meeting several readers and talking with store employees who always educate me in the world of major home appliances.

It brings to attention a recent addition to the color scheme of appliances like refrigerators. For many years when the color consul in Washington decided to offer new colors on appliances, the whole lot of manufacturers copied one another. Remember pink, harvest gold, avocado, almond and others and how I used to criticize their method of forcing customers to purchase a



Joe Gagnon
THE APPLIANCE
DOCTOR

product they may not have needed? Who would ever want a brown refrigerator and a gold dishwasher in the same kitchen? Now I am told the opposite of that sort of thinking as many homeowners are mixing and matching colors of their appliances. The newest of colors being offered is the color Slate, only available with the purchase of a General Electric appliance. That's a bit strange that it's only available on a G.E. And why is it that other manufacturers don't have the slate color yet? In talking with my darling Valorie, she would like a new kitchen range for the cottage in maybe a light-colored blue

or dark red. One manufacturer offers some 77 colors in the kitchen range department and they must feel that the standard one color décor of kitchen appliances is coming to an end. It just goes to show how things can change.

Hot water needed

While talking with a young man at Bill & Rod's I was informed that he had a new baby in the family and that they don't use those throw-away diapers. They use the cloth ones that existed when I was a little tyke and they wash them like my mother did. I don't know for sure but I think this method is kind of rare today. Anyways, we were talking about the importance of using hot water wash to kill the bacteria and keep the baby safe. I told him of the many emails I have received from consumers who are not at all pleased to

find out that their recently purchased washer only allows 104 degree temperature water into the machine. Not able to return and exchange the washer, they hook up a short hose to the laundry faucet on the hot water line and fill the washer directly from the plumbing. This is not what I call an automatic clothes washer and shame on any salesperson who doesn't explain these facts to a customer who spends money at a retail appliance store. Again, this is just another step by the Energy Department in Washington to save energy consumption by consumers by mandating guidelines that have a negative effect on customer satisfaction. If only they were smart enough to recognize the consequence of their actions.

While talking with another appliance guy who was barbecuing a few hundred hamburg-

ers we talked about cleaning the grate on the barbecue. I mentioned the new article I read about a person who used the standard wire brush and died as a result. A small particle of the wire brush came off and lay on the grate and was consumed by that person. The end result was that it pierced his intestines and caused him great pain and he passed away. My suggestion was to take a handful of paper towel and wipe off the grill before placing a food on it. By the way, the chef who put on this cooking display at Bill & Rod's cooked me up four cabbage rolls which were absolutely delicious and I thank him. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m. Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can email your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twml.r.com.

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Here are four reasons to celebrate if you're a fan of the *Terminator* series:

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CROUSE, LEONA P.

Age 98 of Farmington died Friday, June 5, 2015 in Brighton. Born to Irving and Mildred (Garlick) Pugh on January 31, 1917 in Unadilla Forks, N.Y. She married Basil Crouse in Plainfield, Michigan. Leona was a teacher for many years with the Farmington Area School District. Her favorite hobby was entertaining family and friends, baking cookies, sewing and playing the organ. Preceding her in death were her parents, husband, two brothers John and Robert; two sisters, Betty and Margaret. She is survived by: two sons, David (Judi) of Traverse City, Donald of Palm Springs CA, 1 daughter, Jackie (Gene) Dahlgren of Fowlerville, 10 grandchildren and many great grandchildren. Cremation has taken place, Leona will be taken back to her childhood home in Unadilla Forks, N.Y. for burial. Memorial contributions are suggested to: Great Lakes Hospice. Arrangements by: Herrmann Funeral Home, Niblack Chapel. 517.223.8656



HYDUK, LILLY SANDY

was born on February 19, 1960 and passed away on June 13, 2015 at the age of 55. Sandy was the cherished wife of the late Darin. She is loving daughter of Eileen Hyduk and the late Richard Hyduk. The loving mom to Andrew and Amy Lilly, beloved sister to Barb (Pete) Nagarah, Kathy Glapa, Carol (Greg) Truesdell. She will be missed dearly by friend Kellie Compton. A visitation for Sandy was held on Thursday, June 18 from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., and Friday June 19 from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with a scripture service that began at 7:00 p.m. A funeral service was held at St. Colette Catholic Church on Saturday, June 20. An in state time held at the church from 9:30 a.m. until the time of mass at 10:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Andrew and Amy Lilly on the direct link to their go fund me page at <http://www.gofundme.com/x8g2j78z>.

JUDD, THOMAS C.

Age 63, a resident of Northville, passed away on June 17, 2015, with his family by his side. He is survived by his son, Tom (Nicole); daughter, Erika; daughter-in-law, Lily; grandchildren, Leore, Eden, Israel and Savannah; former spouse, Dolores; mother, Sylvia; sisters, Judy Doring, Diane (Rick) Herman; brother, David (Lisa) and extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Herbert Thomas Curtiss Judd (Donna) and son, Jon Judd. A Memorial Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 600 E. Main St, Brighton on Monday, June 22 at 2 p.m. with gathering beginning at 12 p.m. Pastor Tim Hozerland to officiate. Memorial contributions may be made in his name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, PO Box 1893, Memphis, TN 38101-9950 For further information phone Lynch & Sons, Brighton at 810-229-2905 or visit LynchFuneralDirectors.com



MULLETT, DONALD

Age 82, June 16, 2015. Beloved husband of the late Justine. Loving father of Donald W. (Wendy), Michele (Wayne) Woodward, Margie (Charlie) Henry, John (Diane), Marilyn (John) Estrada, Justine (Ron) Pummill, and the late Joseph. Dearest grandfather of 33 and great-grandfather of 17. Dear brother of Mary Jo Vandervennet and Barbara Richards and was preceded in death by six brothers and one sister. He was a retired elevator constructor of Local 36. He was a graduate of St. Leo High School. Funeral services were held Friday, at 12 Noon at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church (formerly St. Raphael) 31530 Beechwood, Garden City. Please sign the on-line guestbook at www.rggrharris.com

SEENEY, WILLIAM DAVID

January 9, 1929 - June 17, 2015 William David Seene, 86, resided in Redford, MI and passed away Wednesday, June 17, 2015 in Memorial Hospital, South Bend, IN. He retired from O'Keller Tool, Livonia, MI where he served as a tool and die maker. William was born January 9, 1929 in Detroit, MI. On August 5, 1950 William married Joyce Elaine (Henry) Seene in Highland Park Presbyterian Church. Mr. Seene is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Joyce Seene; son Kevin (Betty) Seene of Berkeley, MI, daughter Wendy Smith of Prosper, TX, and son Brian (Jennifer) Seene of Farmington Hills, MI; eight grandchildren, Christopher (Kay) Seene, Ryan Seene, Andrea Seene, Patrick (Gillian) Seene, Jeffrey Seene, Jacob Smith, Andrew Smith and Adam Smith; and two great-grandchildren, Jackson Seene and Norah Seene. Memorial Services will be held at First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 East Main Street in Northville, MI on Tuesday, June 23 at 11:00 am. Mr. Seene served in the United States Navy during World War II. Interment will take place in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, MI (date to be announced). Palmer Funeral Home-River Park, South Bend and Southlawn Cremation Services are assisting the family. Online condolences may be sent to the Seene family at www.palmerfuneralhomes.com

SUMMERLEE, RICHARD A.

Of Plymouth. Age 62. September 7, 1952 - April 25, 2015. Rick graduated from Bentley High School in 1970 and enlisted in the U.S. Navy shortly after. He served aboard the U.S.S. Long Beach and was awarded the National Defense Service Medal before joining the U.S. Naval Reserve following his honorable discharge in 1975. He subsequently worked for the U.S. Postal Service as a mail carrier for 32 years before retiring in 2008 to care for his mother. Rick maintained lifelong friendships with many postal customers and co-workers. He shared a special bond with senior citizens. After retiring, he called BINGO at American House in Westland and Livonia. He provided compassion, companionship and a sense of family to many residents, especially those who were alone. He enjoyed an extensive network of friends and loved nature, animals and spending time maintaining his extensive gardens. Rick was predeceased by his parents, Harold Summerlee and Jayne (Allmayer) Wilson. He is survived by best friend, Patricia Zielke; siblings, Susan (Michael) Magel, and Harold Summerlee; step-brothers, Tom (Debbie) Wilson and John (Carol) Wilson; uncle, Bruce Allmayer; nieces, Keri Thill, Melinda Thill and Whittni Yurk; nephew, Buck Summerlee; pets, Carla, Tao, Lucky, and Stanley; and many other family and friends. Those who knew Rick will be forever grateful for his keen wit and generosity. In memory of Rick, please spend time with an elderly family member or friend; or make a donation to your local Humane Society. A memorial service is scheduled for Sunday, August 16, at the Red Olive Restaurant, 1051 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170, from 1-4 p.m.

Doing good can be as simple as planting a tree

My daughter is almost 8 months old now. It really is true what everyone tells you as a new mother, time goes so fast! I am sometimes amazed at how much she has learned and how quickly she has grown. Raising a child is an awesome opportunity and an experience I am so grateful for having.

One thing that is very important for me to teach my daughter about is doing good things for the world and giving back. I want her to grow up believing that there are people always in worse shape than us, and that no matter our situation we should always find a way to help other people or do something good. I want her to know that greed is bad and that helping others is good and that there is always a way to make a difference.

Recently, we were given an opportunity to help change the community. My elementary school was torn down years ago, and the lot was sold to a building company that plans to build new homes in the neighborhood. This is great for



Sarah Davies

THEN THERE WERE TWO

the community to have new homes built and bring in new families, but sadly a tree that stood on the lot had to be taken down to make way for the new construction. I know, big deal, it is one tree and the building company certainly will add more landscaping when they are complete. But this tree had a special place in my heart, so I decided to do something about it. This tree was planted by my second-third-grade split class, and we had won an award for it for keeping Michigan beautiful. How sad that what once was recognized for its beauty is gone.

New tree

I want my daughter to know that she is capable of doing anything she sets her mind to, and what better way to teach her than to lead by example. So I set out to get a new tree planted in place of the old one, and in memory of the alumni

of the elementary school that once stood at the lot. A few emails and phone calls, and I was scheduled to meet with the City of Farmington employee who would be able to assist me in getting something done. He was quick to react and was able to get a new tree, a bench by the tree, and a lovely plaque to mark the memories of so many people in our community.

As it turns out, many people I know were excited to hear I had done this. A whole lot of people went to that school — Flanders Elementary — during its time, and many people live in the neighborhood there and have spent countless days at the playground and the school. It was touching to me that a simple task like this would affect so many people. It was just another reminder of how important it is to do good things. One of my favorite quotes says it better than I could: "Be the change you wish to see in the world."

Sarah Davies of Livonia writes about the ups and downs of motherhood. Contact her at sarahmariadavies@gmail.com.

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CLASS OF 1975

Save the date, Saturday, July 25, at Embassy Suites Livonia, 19525 Victor Parkway, Livonia. Classmates may send their contact information to oakpark1975reunion@gmail.com, and to join the Reunion Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/810805715636204/>.

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ALL CLASSES

6-10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at The American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple, Troy; \$45 per person. For more information call Rose Ann Filar at 248-770-1271.

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Joshua Favaro and Torey Wiebell

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Torey Elizabeth Wiebell and Joshua James Favaro, both of Royal Oak, announce their engagement.

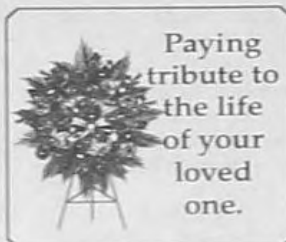
The bride-to-be, daughter of Thomas Wiebell of Marco Island, Fla., and Gena Meyer of

Thornville, Ohio, is a 2010 graduate of Oxford High School. She is the manager of The Body Shop at Twelve Oaks Mall, in Novi.

Her fiancé, son of Jim and Tracy Favaro of Livonia, is a 2008 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. He is com-

pleting a manufacturing degree at Schoolcraft College and is employed by Exel North America Inc.

A November 2015 wedding is planned at Mt. Hope Church in Livonia.



Paying tribute to the life of your loved one.

American Red Cross says hats off to donors

The American Red Cross hopes to encourage more blood donations during the week of the July 4 holiday, by giving away hats.

Anyone who donates blood from July 2-6 will receive an embroidered Red Cross hat, while supplies last.

Summer vacations and travel sometimes cause donation activity to slow, but the Red Cross wants to ensure a sufficient blood supply through the summer.

Donors of all types, especially those with O negative blood, are needed. Make an appointment to give blood by calling 800-733-2767 going online at redcrossblood.org or visiting a local blood drive.

» Canton — 1-6:45 p.m.,

July 1, bd's Mongolian Grill, 42089 Ford Road; 1-6:45 p.m. July 3, Resurrection Catholic Church, 48755 Warren Road

» Garden City — 7 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. July 9, Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman

» Livonia — 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. July 7, Madonna University, 14221 Levan; 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. July 11, Brown New Cars, 32222 Plymouth Road; 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh

» Plymouth — 2-5:45 p.m. July 6, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon; 1-8:45 p.m. July 6, Church of Christ Plymouth, 9301 Sheldon

Healthy aging



Alma Skillon talks with St. Mary Mercy Livonia's Yassir Sirajeldin, M.D., internal medicine resident, during an "Ask the Doctor" segment of the hospital's recent Health Aging Conference. Skillon was among 120 adults who attended the conference, held June 6. Attendees listened to local clinical experts on a variety of health topics, visited with exhibitors, participated in free health screenings and watched a cooking demonstration.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Birthing class

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

Diabetes management

A free diabetes seminar including information on meal planning, blood sugar control and medication management will be held 5-7 p.m. June 24 in the Oakwood Physical Therapy and Wellness Center, 17101 Rotunda Drive in Dearborn. To register, call 800-543-9355 or visit Oakwood.org under the Classes & Events tab.

Exercise for arthritis

St. Mary Mercy Livonia, in collaboration with the Arthritis Foundation, will offer exercise classes beginning in July for adults with arthritis and other related diseases. A general

exercise program will run 10-11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 14 through Sept. 3. Tai Chi classes are set for 11 a.m. to noon and advanced exercises, for those who have taken the general exercise program, will run 1-2 p.m. Classes will be held at the Wellness Center at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan, in Livonia. The general exercise and Tai Chi classes are free but registration is required. The advanced exercise program costs \$5 per session. Register by calling 734-655-1310.

Lunch and Learn

Join an open-ended lunch discussion on health and wellness in southeast Michigan, with Lila Lazarus, health reporter, Rob Casalou, St. Joseph Mercy Health System president and CEO, hospital leaders and local officials, noon June 30, at St. Joseph Mercy, 1600 S. Canton Center Road, Canton. Register at stjoeshealth.org/classes

Weight management

Oakwood Healthcare offers a program on weight loss 5-7 p.m. June 24 at Oakwood Hospital - Dearborn, 18101 Oakwood Blvd., in Dearborn. To register, call 800-543-9355 or visit Oakwood.org under the Classes & Events tab.

Ongoing

Ab-Anon

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

Aquatic classes

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to

ease arthritis. Classes are held 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch and 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch. Visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

Bipolar support

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

Blood pressure

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

Breast cancer support

Meets from 6:30-8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan), Livonia. Call 734-655-1100 or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

Choir therapy

The Therapy Choirs of Michigan extend an invitation to individuals with any kind of special needs or disabilities and their able-bodied family and friends, to participate in singing. Call Len McCulloch at 248-474-2763, Ext. 22, or visit www.therapychoirs.org for additional information.

CPAP/BIPAP

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Leading culprits of workplace weight gain

We asked employees what they think contributed to their weight gain at their current job. As you might have guessed, sedentary behavior topped the list. Here's what they said:

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Tips to lose weight on the job

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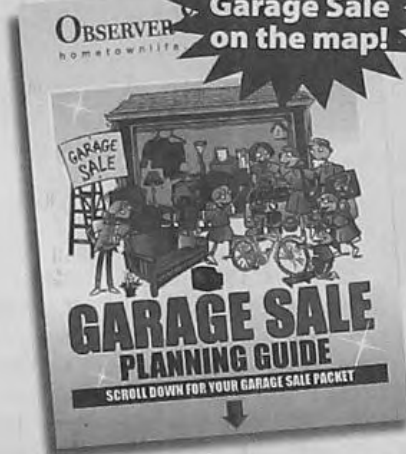
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items, collectibles of all kinds
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Canton - Estate Sale - 1626
Rafter June 26th-27th Fri. &
Sat. 11am - 3pm. Household
goods, Furniture, some
collectibles, china, & more. S.
of Ford rd. E. of Morton Taylor.

REDFORD Sat. 6/27 & Sunday
6/28 10am-4pm. Furniture,
household, tools, collectibles &
much more! 16943 Kitchich

Westland - Estate Sale 32650
Merritt Dr. Fri 6/26 8am-3pm
Sat. 6/27 11am-3pm. Furni-
ture, tools, collectibles,
sports memorabilia, holiday
items, & seasonal decor.

Westland-Fri-Sat. 6/19-5pm.
2x mens & womens cloth-
ing, furniture, household
items. 34636 Fountain
Blvd. Lot 4 - Holiday Park

Garage/Moving Sales

Canton - College Park
Estates Sub. Yard
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Ave., E. of Ridge.

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Beck 9AM - 4PM Thurs.
June 25 thru Sat. June 27.

Canton - Multi Family sale -
43703 YORK TOWN ST. Fri. &
Sat. June 26-27th 9am-3pm
Hshld, kids, clothes, & books.

CANTON - Phase One of
downsizing June 25 & 26
10-5pm. Royal Pointe West
Sub. 6956 POPPLETON RD.

Canton: Riverpark Sub
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June 25th thru Sat. June 27,
8am - 3pm. SW corner of
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levan & Wayne & W. Chicago.

LIVONIA - 14600 Huff.
June 25-28, 9-5pm. Baby
& kids items & clothes like
new, toys large & small.
plumbing tools & More!

Livonia: Estate/Moving Sale
31669 Bennett 48152. Thurs-
Fri. June 25-26, 10-5pm Sat.,
27th, 9-1pm. VINTAGE TREAS-
URES. Desks, dressers, tables,
home goods, BBQ & breadmill.

Livonia: HUGE yard group
sale to benefit Waggin' Tails
Dog Rescue. Furn, appli-
cables, toys, hh goods &
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25th-29th Thurs-Mon. 9a-
4p. 14679 PARK ST. S/S
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Dr. N. of Commerce. E of
Stoneridge. Items for collage
apt., furn., household & more.

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Sale Berwyck On The Park
Sub. 3 miles N of I-96 at S
Milford Rd & Buco. June 25-
27, 9a-5p. Furniture, house-
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Garage/Moving Sales

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Corinne. June 24th-26th 9a-
5p. 200+ Perennials, attic fan,
sears mower, gym equip. Irish
belleck, clothes: B. Infant-3, G.
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4pm No early birds. Sat.
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- and yang
- On the — vive
- Library ID
- Mongrel
- Holiday temp
- Nile sun god
- Not AC
- Funnyman — Brooks
- Reduced (2 wds.)
- Rollover subj.
- Tumult
- Immunity shots
- Suffix for press
- Poultry herb
- Lab weight
- Nonrusting metal

DOWN

- Drawing
- Weirdo
- Minot's st.
- Satisfied sigh
- Said further
- Love, in Lima
- Arctic transport
- Not common
- Harsh cry
- Diver's find
- Dobbs of news
- Festive night
- Vicar's residence
- Wool supplier
- au vin
- Perfume label word
- Elevator guy
- Grammy-winning rapper
- Ultimate success (2 wds.)
- Exile isle
- Trash holder

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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AGA	OMAR	AHOY
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ADS	TREATS	
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	6	1	8	2	7	9	5	4	3
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