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Development puts Daisy in danger

Historic building could come down

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

A 120-year piece of Plymouth history could find itself facing the wrecking ball as developers hunt the former Daisy BB Gun factory on Union Street is too much of a liability for their \$30 million residential project

Representatives of Joseph Freed & Associates from Wheeling, Ill., toured the complex with several planning and

city commissioners Tuesday, giving their perspective on why the former windmill company and BB gun factory doesn't fit into their plans for the 11-acre site

"I think the quality of the structure is the biggest issue, from my perspective," said Alan Saposnik, vice president of development for Freed. "It would be more costly to renovate it, somewhere in the half-million dollar range, than to build it new"

Development associate Bral Spight

said constructing a modern building with Internet access, more reliable elevators, and a place where association fees won't escalate because of upkeep, would be more advantageous for marketing the nearly 60 condominiums planned as part of the project

"We want to make sure we're doing everything we can to provide a marketable space that people will want to live in in combination with all the amenities you have in downtown Plymouth," he said "It's not about costs for us, but the cost to the eventual owners of the building"

According to preliminary plans

presented to a joint meeting of planning and city commissioners Feb. 10, approximately 50 condos were planned for the former BB gun plant, averaging about 900 square feet They would sell for approximately \$200,000 each The plans also call for approximately 113 three-story row houses, two-story townhouses and one-story flats, ranging in price from \$400,000-\$200,000 each, as part of the project

City representatives walked through the original building, as well as several add-on structures, attempting to decide

PLEASE SEE DAISY, A4

SAVING TIME
Did You Remember?
Daylight Saving started today at 2 a.m.

Egg hunt
The Plymouth Jaycees will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt at the Plymouth Township Park softball field 10 a.m.



Book drive
The Plymouth Canton Adventurers 4-H Club sponsors its first New Book Drive to benefit the Giving Library at Mott's Children's Hospital Ann Arbor

The drive runs through April 12 with drop boxes located at the Border's Outlet on Ford Road in Canton, Mel's Golden Razor 595 Forest and Little Book Shoppe on the Park 380 S Main in Plymouth. There is a special need for toddler board books and teen books

For more information call Donna at (734) 667-2148

New Liberty posts
New Liberty Bank has appointed Stephen Lowisz to a seat on its board of directors and has named Darren R. Lalonde as vice president loans according to bank President Michael D. Weaver

Lowisz is president and CEO of Qualigence Inc. an executive research and recruiting firm based in Livonia

Business bond
State Rep. John Stewart announced a Plymouth company will receive a state bond for business expansion

The bond is offered by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation

The \$6.6 million tax exempt bond will help finance the expansion of Bishop Creek L.L.C./Argent International Inc. The project will build an approximately 85,800 square foot manufacturing facility in the Metro Plymouth Business Park and create 33 jobs



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Author, author!

Miki Sommers (left) and Alyssa Bucciarelli from Deanna Uribe's kindergarten class dance along with Grand Rapids author Kevin Kammeraad and his puppet Jacob during a recent visit to Farrand Elementary in Plymouth Township. For more on the visit, please turn to page A3

House returns MEAP money

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

As Plymouth-Canton high school students prepare to take the MEAP tests later this month, state lawmakers have drawn their "line in the sand" to make certain that students who pass the exams receive a \$2,500 state Merit Award Scholarship

The House Appropriations Committee has put back the \$60 million in scholarship money that Gov. Jennifer Granholm took out to help balance the 2003-04 state budget Under the governor's proposal, \$2,500 Merit Award Scholarships would be given to this year's graduates, with the value reduced to \$500 in the future

Republicans, including three from Plymouth and Canton, have made no secret of their desire to maintain the full \$2,500 scholarship for students who pass the MEAPs and maintain a 3.0 grade-point average Last month, Granholm proposed reducing the scholarship by 80 percent, and renaming the Engler-initiated

PLEASE SEE MEAP, A4

Plymouth honored for Massey Field

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

After more than \$65,000 in improvements and renovations at Massey Field over the past three years, the City of Plymouth has earned a coveted national award for its maintenance of the facility

The "Field of Excellence" award is one of only 13 nationwide given by Pioneer Manufacturing, a manufacturer and distributor of athletic maintenance products and field marking paint and equipment, base in Cleveland, Ohio

The Field of Excellence program recognizes outstanding athletic fields

PLEASE SEE MASSEY, A4

Four hopefuls file for school board race

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

With a 4 p.m. Monday filing deadline looming, thus far there are only four people who have formally announced intentions to run for the two, four-year seats in the June 9 Plymouth-Canton school board election

Incumbent Mark Slavens of Canton Township, who is completing a four-year term, is among the four candidates

Former board member Roland Thomas of Plymouth Township will seek a third stint on the board

Richard Ham-Kucharski of Canton will try for the third time to win a spot on the seven-member board

The fourth candidate, Roy McCutcheon of Canton, is a

first-time office seeker

According to Elizabeth Adams, the district's elections clerk, both Ham-Kucharski and Slavens paid a \$100 filing fee, while Thomas and McCutcheon turned in petitions with the minimum 40 signatures

McCutcheon, who has an 8-year-old in second grade at Field Elementary School, said his interest in running for the school board is simply to make certain his son receives a good education

However, the overall budget and athletic funds will be his main priorities, if elected

"I don't like cutting teachers, it's too easy," said McCutcheon "Every time we have a shortfall, we say we can do so many

PLEASE SEE RACE, A5



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Card carriers

Brooke Berberet (left) listens and Lauren Britton holds her new library card as the girls, from Rebekka Darby's first-grade class at Allen Elementary, get a tour of the Canton Library during the First-Grade Roundup last month. The event brings first-graders from throughout Canton and Plymouth to the library where the children receive a tour and their first library card

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LOOKING AHEAD

Living history
In Thursdays At Home read about a renovation by a family in Plymouth to transform a pale gray room into a soft green jungle motif



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Writing winners

Laura Covington (from left) Jen Murray and Jamuna Kesavan were the big winners in the annual Citizenship Essay Contest sponsored by the Plymouth-Canton Civitans. Covington, a junior at Salem High School, won \$500 for her essay, "Denying Down Time." Murray, a junior from Salem, won \$300 with her essay, "Abused Power." Kesavan, also a junior at Salem, won \$200 for her essay, "Artificial Intelligence When It's Not So Artificial." The contest theme was "Facing the Future: Hopes and/or Fears" and it was judged by eight teachers and two members of the local media.

Author to appear at store

Author Libbie Richman, a local author born in Germany who came to Michigan at a young age, will sign copies of her romance/mystery, "Let It

Be Me," at the Little Book Shoppe on the Park from 6-8 p.m. Friday, April 25. For more information, call (734) 455-5220.

FIRE LOG

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period from March 26-April 1:

■ **Tuesday, April 1** — Residential rescue runs on Haggerty, Greenview, Greenbriar, Northville Road and Jackson, commercial rescue run on Lilley, mutual aid given rescue run on Country Knoll, hazardous materials run on Bridge, and vehicle accident rescue run on Ann Arbor Road and Lilley.

■ **Monday, March 31** — Residential rescue runs on Northville Road and Newport.

■ **Sunday, March 30** — Residential rescue runs on Haggerty, Lindsay, and Maple Tree Drive, vehicle accident rescue runs on westbound M-14 at Sheldon and westbound M-14 at Hines Drive with downed wires on westbound M-14 at Hines Drive, and industrial rescue run on Plymouth.

■ **Saturday, March 29** — Residential rescue runs on Deer, Brownell, Manton and Finch, four commercial rescue runs on Haggerty: public building/school rescue run on Five Mile.

■ **Friday, March 28** — Residential rescue runs on Aspen, Irvin, Northville Road, Old Pond Circle, Arboretum and Sheridan, vehicle accident rescue run on Sheldon and Junction, and industrial rescue run on General Drive.

■ **Thursday, March 27** — Residential rescue runs on Sheridan, Van Buren, Gloucester, Point Crossing and Linden, industrial rescue run on Plymouth Oaks, vehicle accident on Ann Arbor Trail at Haggerty with special wash down.

■ **Wednesday, March 26** — Residential rescue runs on Beech Court, Dogwood, Ann Arbor Trail, Haggerty and Gprice, industrial rescue run on Port, vehicle accident rescue run on north Territorial east of Beck, vehicle accident with special washdown on Main Street north of Joy.

FLAG FLAP

David Dallas of Woodbury Financial Services on Main Street said he was only trying to display his 1875-era flag in the window.

However, after several American Legion representatives, and the Observer, questioned why he was displaying the flag in his office window upside down, Dallas decided it was time to make it right, with the Union, or stars, at the top.

"We aren't against the war in Iraq, or anything like that," said Dallas. "We just wanted to display the flag until we could get a pole to fly it from."

The flag, with only 38 stars, is now displayed right-side-up.

TOWNSHIP STREET SWEEPING

Due to the increased amounts of road debris from ash tree removal, Plymouth Township officials have started street-sweeping early, rather than wait until the usual mid-April start.

The Department of Public Works started sweeping in the Trailwood Subdivisions (Ann Arbor Road/Sheldon) and work in a clockwise direction through the remainder of the township. DPW crews will make every effort to follow behind Wayne County as they take care of ash tree removals.

Residents with unusually large amounts of debris in the roadway are asked to contact the DPW at 453-8131, Ext. 21 to be placed on a priority list.

LINEBACKERS CLUB MEETS

The next monthly meeting of the Salem Football Linebackers Club is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 16th, in Room 2703 at Salem High School.

All parents of current and future Salem football players are invited to attend. For more information, call Mike Scherbaty at 734-981-7135.

JOHNSON CREEK WINNERS

Salem Elementary School student Marilyn Ainsworth, 9, was the first runner-up in the Johnson Creek Day 2003 log contest held by the Johnson Creek Protection Group.

AROUND TOWN

Ainsworth will receive a JCD T-shirt.

Stephame Leeson, a student at Silver Springs Elementary in Northville, submitted the winning design in the contest, the theme of which was "Why is Johnson Creek a cold-water stream?" Leeson receives the JCPG Environmental Artist Award for 2003 and a Johnson Creek Day 2003 T-shirt with her logo on it.

The logo contest ceremony will be held May 17 at the Fish Hatchery Trout Celebration.

For more information, contact Michelle West, (734) 761-1010, Ext. 266 or mwest@alnm.com or visit the Web site, www.jcpg.org.

PCAC SLATE

"Reflections on the Family and Growing Older" is the topic of a two-part open exhibit at the Plymouth District Library and the Plymouth Community Arts Council, with the help of the Plymouth Council on Aging.

Written depictions of events or turning points that shaped who you are today along with photographs will be on display at the library May 5-30, while art images of the same theme will be exhibited at PCAC May 19-31.

Anyone interested in submitting work for these exhibits should call the Arts Council at (734) 416-4278 for an entry form and return it by April 22. Other PCAC offerings:

■ **Art Classes for Spring** — Parents can take a pottery class with their children or let them learn the art of the Woodaabe Tribe in Africa. How about a class that teaches the principles and elements of design that every artist uses to make art?

These classes and others are being offered beginning April 26 at the PCAC. For more information, visit the PCAC's Web site at www.plymoutharts.com or call (734) 416-4278.

■ **Adult Theater Workshop** — Shakespearean actress and director Gillian Eaton will lead adults and teens in an interactive approach to creating theater through language and process drama as both a spectator and participant at the

Plymouth Community Arts Council from 6-9 p.m. April 25 and from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. April 26. Cost is \$75 for PCAC members, \$85 for non-members.

Call 734-416-4278 for more information or to register.

CHURCH MUSICAL

Plymouth Baptist Church presents "A D, a Musical for Easter and Beyond," at 7 p.m. April 13 and April 18.

The choir becomes a chamber theater ensemble to dramatize some of the most compelling events in the Bible, according to church officials, using scriptural dialogue, narration and music.

There is no admission charge. Children under age 5 will not be admitted, however, full nursery and preschool care will be provided. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

The church is located at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. For more information, e-mail Plymouthbc@juno.com or call (734) 453-5534.

WRITER'S WORKSHOP

Local poet, author and writing teacher Jane Saylor conducts a two-day writer's workshop at the Plymouth Community Arts Council April 12-13. Two separate programs will be offered for children in the fourth through eighth grade and adults and teens.

Saylor will help participants use their own life experience as a basis for writing. Fun techniques to help spark memory will be taught. Recording family history, enriching scrapbooks and preserving treasured moments are some of the topics included.

The children's program is offered 12:30-2:30 p.m. April 12 and 1-2:30 p.m. April 13. The teen and adult program will be 9:30-11:30 a.m. April 12 and 3-4:30 p.m. April 13. The cost is \$10 per person, register by April 9 at the PCAC, 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth, or call (734) 416-4278.

This workshop is sponsored in conjunction with the Plymouth Community Council on Aging.

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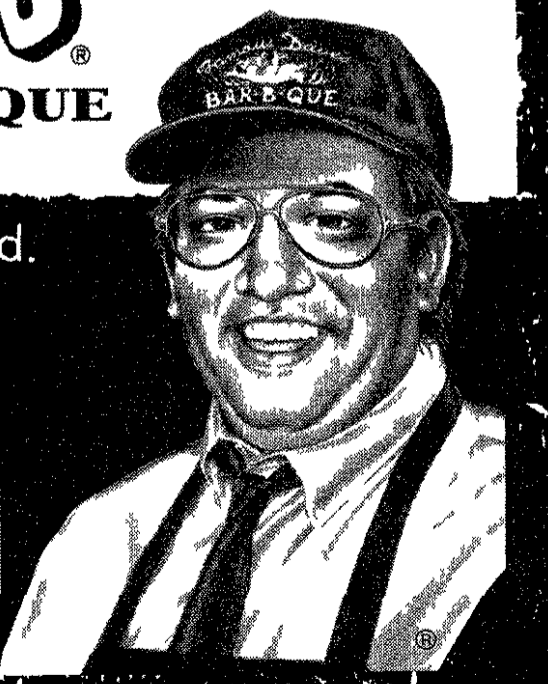
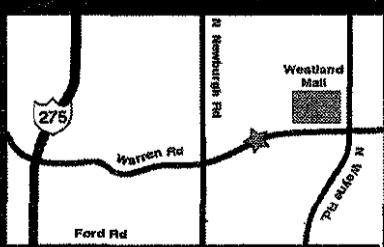
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Yack asks for help with CSX

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

He may be a voice crying in the wilderness (in his own words) or a David going up against a 21st Century Goliath, but Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack is taking on the railroads – and he's asking U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, for help.

Yack sent McCotter a letter last week expressing his concern over trains blocking crossings without penalty.

"As you are aware," Yack wrote, "railroads won a significant court victory when the court ruled that trains were permitted to block crossings without penalty. The court viewed the ordinances and actions of municipalities as an infringement of free commerce."

The court decision he referred to grew out of a case in which CSX sued the city of Plymouth in 1998 because the city had fined CSX tens of thousands of dollars over several years for blocking crossings for an inordinate amount of time.

CSX argued that federal regulations govern the speed and length of trains operating in interstate commerce. The tickets had been issued under a state statute that allowed a standing train to block an intersection for no more than five minutes and a moving train no longer than seven

minutes.

In 2000, a federal judge struck down the state statute that allowed communities to ticket trains for long delays. In 2002, the U.S. Court of Appeals upheld the decision.

Yack told McCotter that as a result of that decision "railroads have become extremely arrogant and are totally unresponsive. Grade separation projects include a contribution by the railroad. The court ruling takes away all incentive on behalf of the railroads to participate in grade separation projects. They are not on the hook for fines, and can avoid financial participation by just ignoring such projects."

Yack said he decided to write to McCotter after receiving a call from an executive at Norquick Distributing on Haggerty just south of Joy.

The facility was built three years ago and was required to post a bond with the county to improve the railroad crossing just south of their property. Because southbound Haggerty is only one lane wide at that point, Yack said Norquick was told they had to widen Haggerty so through southbound traffic could pass trucks trying to turn left into their property. That widening would extend through the railroad crossing.

"They've been trying for three years to get CSX to be responsive," Yack said.

"Norquick is prepared to pay for it. But CSX is nowhere."

When the widening didn't occur, the county posted a "No Left Turn" sign opposite the company's driveway in the southbound lane of Haggerty. Yack said trucks now have to travel south, make a U-turn in another business's parking lot and enter the company from the northbound lane.

While the court decision made reference to "interstate commerce" involving the railroads, Yack thinks there are issues of local commerce when commercial vehicles are forced to wait at crossings for as much as 45 minutes in some cases.

He also cited the environmental hazards of idling cars spewing pollutants into the air while they wait.

"When the negative impacts are spread across the United States, the impact must be awesome," Yack wrote in his letter.

Yack said he had no idea what Congress could do to remedy the problem, but he asked McCotter to consider the options.

"There is no doubt that there would be countless groups, from the trucking industry to small business associations to local governments, which would favor legislation to correct this problem," he told McCotter.

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Yuki Takemoto (from left) Jacob Bugajski and David Danes, from Judy Munsie's kindergarten class, laugh along with author Kevin Kammeraad and his puppet Jacob during a recent visit to Farrand Elementary.

To life

Author involves kids during Farrand visit

BY PAUL HURSCHMANN
STAFF WRITER

When Kevin Kammeraad comes to visit, you don't have to worry about sitting still and staying quiet.

Laughter and singing filled the air and spontaneous dancing broke out as the young author spent about an hour entertaining youngsters at Farrand Elementary recently. "You all know the words to this next song," he said, as he led the group into a variation of the popular ABC song.

With the help of a puppet named Jacob and some recorded music, Kammeraad's imagination comes to life as he entertains children while also educating them about what is involved in becoming an author.

"I hope that I encourage the kids to write and draw," he said, following the performance.

Kammeraad, a Grand Rapids resident who tours various schools with his wife Stephame, has authored a children's book of his poetry *The Tomato Collection* is, according to his Web site, "a book of goofy thoughts, some fears, and a few dreams (and) packed with fun and insightful poetry, drawings, paintings, old photographs, and characters such as Magoote Balooie, Jacob, Norwood, and Little Man Jay."

Jacob is a puppet that was created based on one of the characters/illustrations from the book. Kammeraad skillfully works the puppet, inspiring laughter and singing songs along with pre-recorded music.

One of the best moments in the show for the students was when he brought three teachers up to "perform" the story of Magoote and Achoogie, as he narrated.

Kammeraad also spends some time being a bit more serious as he describes his love for reading and writing and the process which led to *The Tomato Collection*.

He has written a second book, *I Remember*, which features more poetry, and is currently working on another book of poems with a Michigan theme.

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Kevin Kammeraad and Jacob, a puppet based on illustrations from his book, 'The Tomato Collection,' entertain youngsters.

Hospice preparing for golf outing

Taking place at Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon, the Angela Hospice golf outing begins with a shotgun start at noon Monday, May 12.

Now in its 15th year, the outing features many ways for golfers and non-golfers alike to participate. For more information on the event, to register, or

to purchase a hole sponsorship or raffle ticket, call Alice Barringer at Angela Hospice (734) 953-6018, or visit www.angelahospice.org.

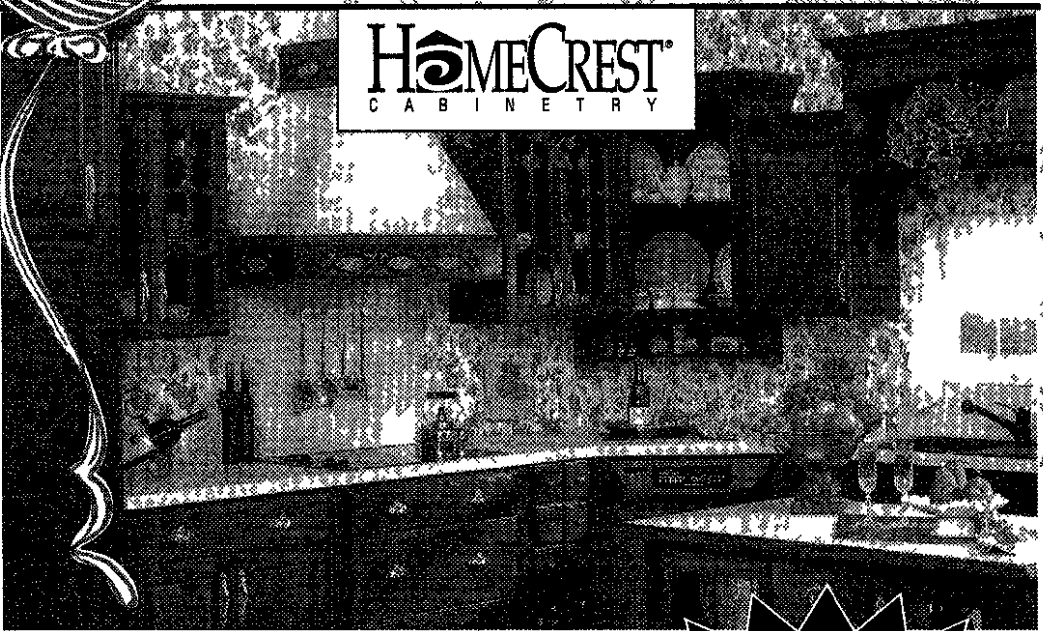
Fibromyalgia?

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Chipper 'attacks' diseased trees

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A tree-chipping machine, used to destroy ash trees diseased by an aggressive insect, arrived in Westland last week as city and state officials marshaled forces against the pesky Emerald Ash Borer.

Residents of Westland and other western Wayne County communities can haul their ailing ash tree debris to the city's public services yard, on Marquette east of Newburgh, chosen as one of six places to host the mobile chipper.

"We're pleased to do this," Mayor Sandra Cicirelli said. "This is taking a proactive stance."

With an ash tree quarantine imposed on six south-east Michigan counties, the Michigan Department of Agriculture has hired Asplundh Tree Expert Co. to move a tree chipper among several sites.

Asplundh brought a chipper to Westland on Monday and moved it to Pontiac on Wednesday.

"We'll bring it back as the ash tree debris accumulates," company spokesman H. Lee Kitzman said.

While here, work crews hauled away eight truckloads - each containing 137 yards of chipped trees, Kitzman said. The chips were taken to Genesee County, where they will be burned at a Consumers Energy plant to generate electricity, he said.

Only ash trees will be accepted at Westland's public services yard. Tree parts can be no longer than 15 feet and no greater than 30 inches in diameter.

Anyone bringing in trees should stop at the office to fill out paper work, Public Services Director Tom Wilson said. Trees will be accepted 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, he said.

Wilson has predicted that all 3,217 ash trees on city-owned property will have to be cut down due to damage caused by the Emerald Ash Borer, an aggressive, quick-multiplying insect.

The city already has taken down hundreds of trees.

For more information, call the Westland Public Services Department at (734) 728-1770.

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Grand Valley State University

The following local students have been placed on the dean's list at Grand Valley State University for the fall 2002 semester. These students are from Canton, Harry W. Bedard, Elizabeth A. Bonnell, Kristie J. Good, Tracy E. Robey, Kristine E. Roulo, Scott P. Setlock, and Laura J. Wallace. From Plymouth, the students are Lynsey L. Grzanowski, Maureen E. Kearney, and Katherine M. MacDonell.

CAMPUS NEWS

The following local student graduated from Grand Valley State University in December, 2002. The student from Canton is Randy E. Harris with a BBA.

Hope College News

Katie Seifert, a Hope College sophomore from Plymouth, recently participated in Hope College Theatre's production of "The Laramie Project." While attending Hope, Seifert has helped produce numerous

stage productions as a member of the lighting crew and has also acted in "Carousel."

In addition, she has been named to the dean's list and has participated in college chorus, the Union of Catholic Students, the Dance Marathon fund-raiser, and the Nykerk Cup contest. Seifert is the daughter of Mark and Deborah Seifert of Plymouth and is a 2001 graduate of Divine Child High School.

MEAP

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program to Michigan Opportunity Scholarships, which would then be based on need.

"Tobacco settlement money had been set aside 3-1/2 years ago, designating an amount sufficient to pay for these Merit Scholarship award winners," said Rep. John Stewart, R-Plymouth Township, a member of the House Appropriations Committee. "The Republican leadership has said we're drawing a line in the sand, the state believes in substantive quality education."

State Sen. Bruce Patterson,

R-Canton Township, said the Merit Award Scholarship has become the top issue for the Republican Caucus.

"Youngsters who work hard and achieve passing scores should be able to receive a meritorious award, not something based on need," said Patterson, who as a member of the House was the presiding officer the night the initial scholarship legislation was moved. "I fought for it then, and I'm fighting for it now. It's very important for me to keep that promise to the kids."

Patterson said voters approved the Merit Award Scholarship program when they voted last November to keep tobacco settlement

money from going to other health programs.

"The governor did not receive ratification from voters, and she needs to find money from someplace else, rather than taking it away from a program like Merit Scholarships," added Patterson. "She doesn't have the votes to change the status quo in that area."

The fate of Merit Scholarships has become of prime importance for local legislators because Plymouth-Canton Schools has received the highest number of grants the past several years, winning the coveted Governor's Cup award two consecutive years.

Of the 533 Canton High School students who took the

high school MEAP tests in 2002, 284 received Merit Award Scholarships totaling \$710,000. At Salem High School, of the 525 students who took the tests, 273 ranked high enough to be awarded a scholarship, worth another \$682,500.

Freshman Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton Township, said he will do everything in his power to keep the scholarships intact.

"We are very supportive of it, the entire Republican Caucus is, and we will do everything we can to make it whole," said LaJoy. "It's a big issue for me because it's a big issue for our community, and our kids."

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DAISY

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if they could approve a plan that would rid the city of history, including old, wooden floors and cement walls that still have BBs embedded in them from days gone by.

"I would like them to keep the building," said Planning Commissioner Margaret FitzGerald. "This building is really important to the history of Plymouth. This is how the town was built."

According to Beth Stewart,

director of the Plymouth Historical Museum, the original building was constructed in 1882 for the Plymouth Iron Windmill Company. Four years later, the site was used to build Daisy BB guns.

"They were the largest employer in Plymouth through the 1930s, '40s and '50s," she said. "There's such a huge amount of our industrial history here."

Planning Commissioner Jamie Scigliano said he's hopeful plans to be presented at Wednesday's public hearing will spare the original building.

"I think the developer needs to take into account there's an historic nature to the entire site," he said. "I like the architectural details, and I hope they expend the effort to keep that. It's still got to be a final development that's good for the city."

Tracy Hewitt, another planning commissioner who toured the site, said she'd like to see the Freed group become creative with its plans.

"Certainly, it's an important piece in the history of Plymouth, but if it can't be developed, do we want to sit on

a large industrial site that has over a million dollars of environmental contamination on it because we're not facing the realities of the structural difficulties?" she asked. "I'd like to see some creative ideas."

Sapoznik wouldn't say if the entire project would be jeopardized if city officials don't give the go-ahead to tear down the old plant. "But, the more I look at it, I'd have to really think if it would be successful or not, from a marketing standpoint," he said.

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MASSEY

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and the hard-working people who diligently maintain them," said Doug Schattinger of Pioneer.

Steve Anderson, supervisor of athletics and programming for the city's recreation department, received the award on behalf of the city.

"The hard work and improvements at Don Massey Field over the past two years are a shining example of what can be accomplished by combined multi-

governmental and community-based organization partnerships," said Anderson. "One of our motivations to go the extra mile on our athletic fields is because we want to show how much pride we have in our community."

With the improvements, Massey Field has become one of the premier baseball and softball facilities in the area. Some of the major improvements, according to Anderson, include a two-story, center block scorer's box (\$35,000), newly constructed backstops (\$15,000), an LED scoreboard (\$10,000), yellow fence capping, green outfield mesh and vinyl backstop covering, updated electrical and

irrigation systems, helmet and bat racks, and stenciling on the field.

"Many of the things for which we received the award are for the little things that aren't very noticeable, but are the things that players appreciate," Anderson said.

Many of the improvements were the result of a \$17,000 donation by Don Massey, the Plymouth car dealer for whom the field is named, and the Michigan Indians baseball team, coordinated by Jim Gendron.

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RACE

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teachers and get some to retire. That's not appealing to me. The last things we should cut are materials and teachers.

"I would also like to see closer examination of the athletic budget to see if it's self-funding," added McCutcheon. "I have a problem with putting in artificial turf (at the high school football field) when the school budget has a \$5.6 million deficit. If the athletic budget isn't self-funding, then maybe there should be pay-to-play."

It's the third attempt at being elected to the board for Ham-Kucharski. With a special needs child, "obviously I want to focus on special education and trying to get services spread around the district," he said.

However, Ham-Kucharski is also aware of the current budget problems facing the district.

"We need to work on the general funding and try to get more (money) for our district," Ham-Kucharski said. "The current economic situation will have a five-year impact. It's not a short-term bubble."

"We need to continue to involve the community and partner with business and state organizations to bring funding to us," he said. "We have to be more creative in the way we do business."

Thomas, who has served a

total of 17 years on the school board, said his experience and knowledge is what is needed on the board during these tough economic times.

"I think this is the most inexperienced board we've ever had," said Thomas. "I think I can offer the time, talent, knowledge and passion to make the vision we have as a school district a reality."

Thomas said the district needs to work with legislators in Lansing to make school funding more stable.

"Lansing needs a stable source of income for our school districts, so when the state runs out of money school districts don't suffer as well," he said. "Lansing needs to find a

way to become more effective and efficient. We need to work with legislators in a pro-active way, and offer them ideas so something will happen."

Slavens said he doesn't want to leave the board when times are tough.

"We're going to have very difficult times coming up for this school district, and I don't believe now is the time for me to leave," he said. "I feel I can help solve the financial problems we'll be facing."

Candidates have until 4 p.m. Monday to turn in petitions, or pay a \$100 filing fee, to be a candidate on the June 9 ballot.

Questions concerning the election can be directed to Adams at (734) 416-3095.

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OBITUARY

Sheri L. Rozen-Choy

Services for Sheri Rozen-Choy, 41, of Plymouth were held April 1 at the chapel of the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home with the Rev. Jennifer M. Saad of Northminster Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial was at Grand Lawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Rozen-Choy was born January 12, 1962, in Detroit and died March 29 in Plymouth. She was a system analyst for the automotive industry.

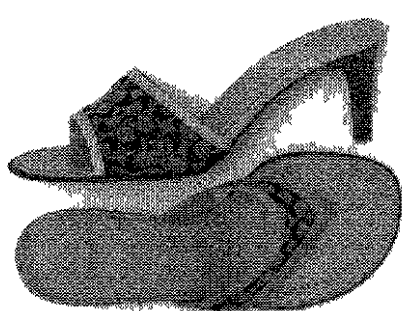
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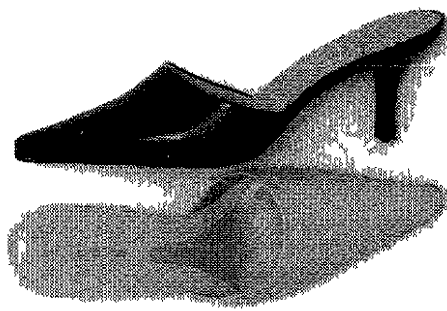
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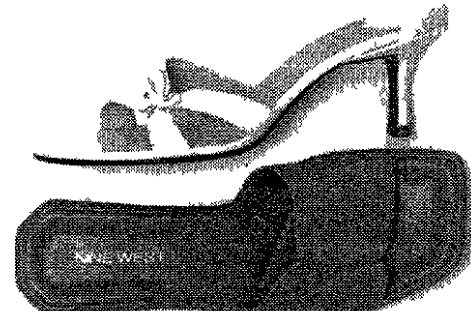
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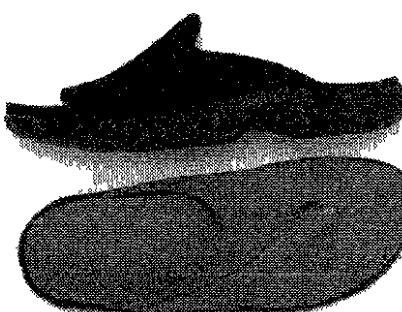
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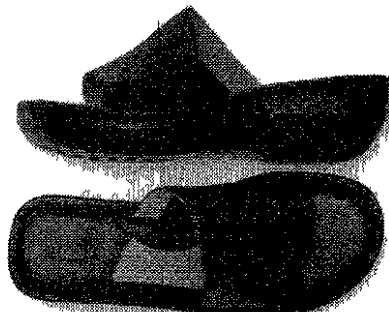
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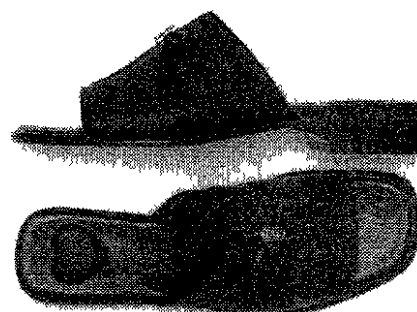
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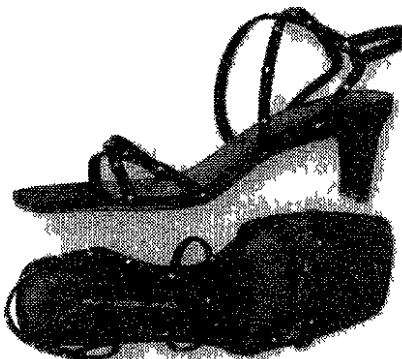
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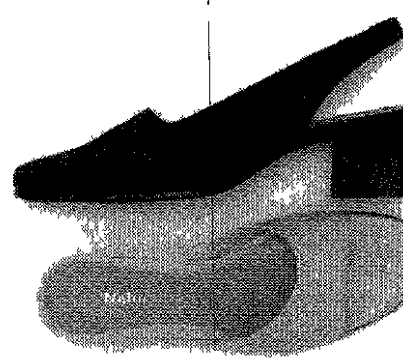
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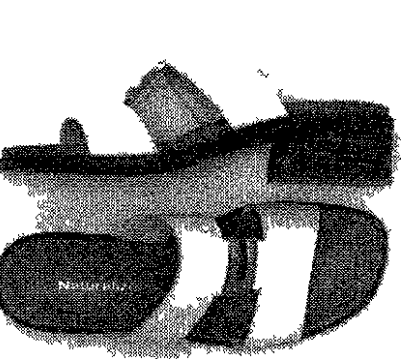
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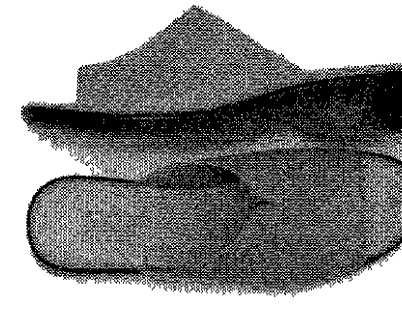
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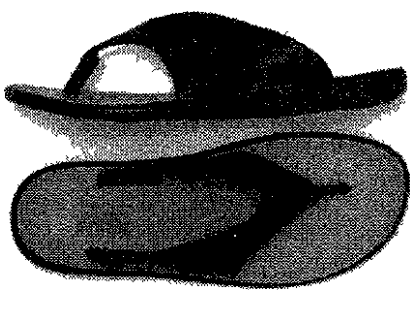
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Tai Chi Classes
The Taoist Tai Chi Society is forming new beginner classes in Livonia and Bloomfield Hills starting at 7 p.m. Monday April 7. Afternoon classes available 1 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday in Livonia. For more information call (248) 332 1281.

Pre-School Registration
Willow Creek Co-op Preschool is accepting registrations for the 2003-04 classes for 3 and 4 year olds. Call Sherry Haskell at (734) 326 5735 for more information.

Inline Roller Hockey Leagues
Skatn Station II in Canton is accepting registration for the spring season. One game a week. Call (734) 459 6401 for more information.

Handcrafters Arts and Crafts Show
Handcrafters sponsors its 21st annual Spring Arts and Crafts Show from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday April 11 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday April 12 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday April 13 at the Northville Recreation Center. Lunch will be available. Admission is \$2. No strollers please. For more information call (734) 459 0050.

Grief Workshop
Trinity Presbyterian Church sponsors a seven week grief workshop beginning at 7 p.m. Monday April 7. For registration information call (734) 459 9550. This workshop is free of charge.

Crafters Wanted
St. Thomas a Becket Church in Canton is accepting applications for the Christmas Craft Show being held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday Dec. 6. Interested crafters should contact Gloria at (734) 981 0279.

Volunteer Training
First Step of the Western Wayne County Project on Domestic and Sexual Violence is looking for volunteers. Call (734) 416 111 Ext. 202 for more information.

K of C Fish Fry
Being held 5:30 p.m. each Friday through April 18 at the Plymouth K of C Hall 150 Fair. All you can eat fish and chips for \$6 with additional items

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Art Instruction
Three Cities Art Club presents James Patterson who will help students improve one or two pieces of art they are working on. Learn new techniques as he helps others. Being held 7:30 p.m. Monday April 7 at the Plymouth Township Municipal Building.

Community Council on Aging
Come celebrate 25 years of Senior Services by enjoying dinner friends and the high school Swing Band 5:30 p.m. Monday April 14 at the Plymouth Community Cultural Center. Tickets available at the PCCA office and must be purchased by April 9. Cost is \$8/members \$10/nonmembers. Call (734) 453 1234 Ext. 236.

Plymouth Community Chorus
The annual spring concert entitled Broadway Legends will be presented at 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday May 3 & 4 at the new Northville High School. Call (734) 455 4080 for information on ticket purchase or go to www.plycommunitychorus.org

Mom to Mom Sale
Sponsored by Willow Creek Co-op Preschool from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday April 12. Located at 36660 Cherry Hill between Newburgh and Wayne in Westland. Table rentals still available. Call Maria at (734) 326 9101.

Drug Workshop
This is a two part series. Part One: Teens Using Drugs. What To Know will be presented 7:30-9 p.m. on Tuesdays May 6 and June 3 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center Classroom EC4 5305 Elliot Drive Ypsilanti. It will provide information on understanding and recognizing teen substance abuse problems. Part two is What To Do and will be presented 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays April 8, May 13 and June 10. This will provide information on what should and should not be done when a teen substance abuse problem is identified and will include a recovering teen speaker.

Preschool Registration
The Plymouth Salvation Army is opening registration for its preschool programs for Fall 2003. The 3 year old program is on Tuesday and Thursday and the 4 year old program runs Monday, Wednesday and Friday. For more information call Peggy at (734) 459 1358 or (734) 453 5464 Ext. 25.

Fish Fry
Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center is again hosting an All You Can Eat Friday night fish fry or pasta dinner at the Fox Classic Clubhouse from 5-9 p.m. The cost is \$8.75 per person.

Nursery Co-op Registration
Plymouth Children's Nursery Co-op registration has begun for the 2003-04 school year. Openings for 3 and 4 year olds various class times and days. Call Nola Wellman at (734) 453 0595 for information.



Hospital tour
Girl Scout Junior Troop 1228 toured Children's Hospital recently to learn about the various careers that are necessary to run a large hospital. The students also delivered a large selection of clothes they'd sewn themselves for premature babies. Scouts came from West, East and Pioneer Middle Schools as well as Plymouth Christian Academy. Pictured with hospital guide Carl Scurto are Scouts Ashley Burke, Danielle Mallia, Amy Hill, Barbara Wolohon, Katie Foy, Alyssa Spooner, Jackie McCormick, Paula Schubats, Kalina Dolal and Meg Gripman.

Storytime
Peggy Price Heiney presents a special storytime for children ages 5-7. Stories, creative dramatics and book selection round out this monthly session at the Plymouth Library. Registration is required. Call (734) 453 0750 for further information.

Plymouth Symphony
Plymouth Symphony League is launching the 2003 Greater Detroit Area Entertainment Book Sale. The cost is \$30. Place your order at the Plymouth Symphony Office or call Mary Thomas at (734) 453 3016.

Free Blood Pressure Screening
Free blood pressure screenings will be taken at the Plymouth District Library 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month. No appointment is necessary. Call (734) 453 0750 for further information.

Recreation Registration
The City of Plymouth is now taking registration for its classes for all ages. Classes include gymnastics, dance, core body exercise, tots, jump a rama, taekwon do, personal development, aerobics, clogging, senior trips and programs and much more. Call (734) 455 6620 for more information.

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DAR-Sarah Ann Cochrane Plymouth-Northville Chapter

A sandwich luncheon is being held at noon Monday April 21 at the Plymouth District Library. The program is Genealogy Study Aids and Sources at the Library with speaker Kathy Petlewski. Contact Pat Dickerson with questions at (734) 495 0132.

NACW-West Suburban Chapter
On April 8, Marcia Fishman will be the guest speaker. Fishman has made more than 20 trips overseas visiting

17 different countries. She will share tips in traveling as a woman. Meeting 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Ernesto's Restaurant 41661 Plymouth Road. RSVP to Brenda Durling at (734) 462 4670.

NWSMOM
The annual Spring/Summer Clothing Sale is on Saturday April 12 at Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church northeast corner of Beech Daly and Six Mile Road. Hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$1 admission for adults.

Exchange Club of Canton
Meetings are held the second and fourth Monday at Palermo's Restaurant in Canton.

P/C Vietnam Vets of America
Chapter No. 528 meets every second Monday of the month at the American Legion Post #32 9318 Newburgh Livonia. If you were a U.S. serviceman or woman and served between 1961 and 1975 you can join the Vietnam Vets. Visit the Web site for more information.

BNI Plymouth II
The Plymouth Chapter II BNI Group meets 7 a.m. Wednesdays at Denny's Restaurant located at I 275 and Ann Arbor Road. Please call (734) 459 5696 for further information.

West Suburban Stamp Club
Meetings are the first and third Fridays at 8 p.m. at The Plymouth Historical Society in Plymouth.

BPW
The Plymouth Business and Professional Women's Club meets the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Atlantis Restaurant on Ann Arbor Road. Guests are welcome. For more info and dinner reservations contact Mary Brooks at (734) 420 0320.

SEPAC
Open to all residents of the Plymouth Canton community as well as school staff and administrators. SEPAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Committee) meets every second Monday of the month from 7:30 p.m. at Discovery Middle School in Canton. For additional information please contact Rich Ham Kucharski (734) 844 1714.

Plymouth VFW
Fish fries continue every Friday from 5:30 p.m. through May 16. The price is only \$6 at the Plymouth VFW 1426 S Mill. All you can eat fish and chips additional items available. Call (734) 459 6700 for take out.

MOPS-Plymouth
The MOPS group is now enrolling for fall. Relaxing fun time for moms while the kids ages 0-5 enjoy program of games, stories, singing and play. Meets first and third Fridays of the month from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Lake Pointe Bible Chapel 42150 Schoolcraft Rd. Plymouth. Call for information (734) 420 0515.

Colonial Kiwanis of Plymouth
The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth meets at noon Thursdays at Ernesto's 41661 Plymouth Road. Plymouth. Guests are welcome. For information call Ernie Hughes membership chair man (734) 414 0400.

MOPS-Westland
Westland MOPS meets at Westland Free Methodist Church Sept through May on the second and fourth Fridays of the month. Free child care. Contact Nikki Guenther at (313) 937 2479.

La Leche League
Breastfeeding information and support group meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. For more information and meeting locations please contact Michelle at (734) 397 0197.

Canton Rotary Club
The Rotary meets at noon on Mondays at the Roman Forum in Canton on Ford Road. All guests are invited to join us for lunch for more information on our community and international service projects. For more information call Laura at (734) 207 8517 or e-mail to ExecSec@rotary6400.org

Astronomy Discussion
Plymouth Library offers a free monthly Family Astronomy Discussion Group from 7:30 p.m. for both individuals and families with children 6 years and older. Door prizes, slides, video and handouts. Call Mike Best at (734) 459 2378.

MOMS Club
A local chapter of the MOMS Club welcomes interested stay at home mothers in the Canton/Westland area to meet the third Tuesday of each month. MOMS Club offers weekly activities, playgroups, community

service opportunities and a lot more! For more information please contact Wendy at (734) 398 6957.

Plymouth Canton Jaycees
Looking for people 21-39 interested in making friends, helping with good causes and having a good time. The Jaycees meet at 7:30 p.m. every second Wednesday of the month at the Plymouth Township Clerk's office. Call (734) 453 8407 or show up at the group's monthly meeting.

Community Democrats
The Community Democratic Club meets at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month at UAW Local 845 Hall. Business meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. The club serves Canton Northville, Plymouth and the Livonia 13th District. For further information call Becky Tavarozzi (734) 398 5845.

Toastmasters
Develop your public speaking communications and leadership skills. Guests welcome. No pressure to speak. Being held at St. John Episcopal Church in Plymouth. This group meets at 7 p.m. every first and third Monday of the month. Please call (734) 459 0715 for more information.

K of C Breakfast
The Knights of Columbus holds a breakfast buffet 8:30 a.m. to noon every Sunday at the Knights of Columbus Hall 150 Fair St. Plymouth. All you can eat buffet. Newly remodeled breakfast room. Call (734) 453 9833 for further information.

Kiwanis Breakfast Club
The Plymouth Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club meets 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center 525 Farmer Plymouth. Guests are welcome. Call Charr Briggs at (888) 209 6424.

BNI
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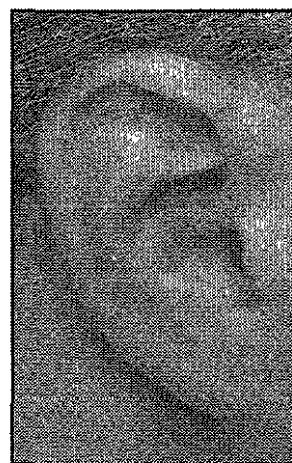
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Ficano creates 2 departments for senior and family services

Two new county departments have been created as part of a major reorganization of county government announced Tuesday by Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano.

"We're creating a new Department of Children and Family Services and a new Department of Senior Citizens and Veterans Services," said Ficano. "These two departments represent a new, targeted focus on how Wayne County can provide existing services and programs more effectively to make the lives of our children, families and seniors better every day."

Ficano made the changes as part of his reorganization plan for executive branch of Wayne County government, which is required by the county charter. The reorganization plan also includes the new Department of Homeland Security, announced in January.

"Our reorganization plan reflects the new responsibilities of county government in

important areas such as homeland security," said Ficano. "It also improves the alignment of core services in every department. Our plan sharpens the focus of each department's primary mission and makes it easier to assure the availability, quality and delivery of county services."

As part of the new alignment, the county executive's reorganization plan consolidates existing services and programs related to children, youth and families from the Department of Health and Community Services and the Department of Community Justice into the new Department of Children and Family Services. Also, Health and Community Services will now be known as the Department of Health and Human Services.

"The Health and Human Services Department is a great example of how our changes make basic services better. We've re-emphasized the primary mission of Health and

Human Services for a greater focus on its core functions in health, indigent health, mental health and prevention," said Ficano. "This is vital as we look to make more progress in improving the overall health of our population and to improve access to health care and screenings so that no child and no family in need is without a safety net."

Another significant change is the consolidation of county services and programs for seniors and veterans under the new Department of Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs.

The reorganization plan also establishes a new division in the Department of Corporation Counsel to assist in the County's compliance with the Health Insurance and Portability and Accountability Act adopted by Congress in 1996.

Under the Charter, the county executive's reorganization plan must be submitted to the county commission, which has 90 days to review and approve it.

State sets up Web site to monitor gas price gouging

Gov. Jennifer Granholm has launched a new state Web site - www.michigan.gov/gasprices - to help inform Michigan motorists about gasoline purchases in the state and to ensure that they pay a fair price at the pump and aren't "gouged."

"Michigan consumers deserve a fair shake at the gas pump and this Web site will help make sure they get it," Granholm said. "In these times of uncertainty over oil and gasoline supplies this website offers a new, valuable resource to give Michigan drivers convenient access to accurate, up-to-date information that helps ensure a fair and competitive market for gasoline."

The Web site, fulfilling the governor's Executive Directive 2003-6, serves as a source of information regarding gasoline quality, quantity and pricing in the state. It was developed cooperatively by the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) and Information Technology, in coordination with the Michigan Public Service Commission and

Michigan Attorney General's Office.

It features an online gasoline gouging complaint form and a searchable database for the most recent average gasoline prices by city or zip code, based on daily credit card transactions across the state. A list of the state's more than 5,200 licensed gasoline stations is also available on the site.

Other components include information on MDA's toll-free hotline for gasoline quality and quantity complaints, consumer tips and information on buying gasoline, fuel efficient driving and the difference in gasoline grades as well as links to several sites that offer additional gasoline supply and pricing information.

"While the quality and quantity of gasoline have long been areas closely watched by MDA, this Web site and initiative builds upon the state's consumer protection efforts at the pump and helps ensure a fair marketplace for the state's gasoline industry," said MDA Director Dan Wyant. Since the governor's execu-

tive directive was issued Feb. 26, 116 consumer complaints related to motor fuel have been received by the state. Of those, 19 were related to pricing, with the remaining 97 on quantity of quality issues. Despite high retail gas prices in recent months, there is no evidence of gas gouging based on market conditions and factors.

Under the Michigan Consumer Protection Act, a retailer is prohibited from gouging or charging a consumer a price that is "grossly in excess of the price with similar property or services are sold." In the case of gasoline, this is a figure primarily determined by comparing the wholesale and retail costs. Consumers who believe they may have been gouged are encouraged to visit

www.michigan.gov/gasprices and fill out the "Gasoline Price Gouging Complaint" form. Granholm and Wyant also urge any consumer who suspects they may have received adulterated fuel or an incorrect amount, to call 1(800)MDA-FUEL (1(800)632-3835 to file a complaint.

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Expanding

General Mills has introduced new varieties across a range of its product lines. New fruit snacks, microwave popcorn and grain snacks are available under the Betty Crocker Pop Secret and Nature Valley brand.

New on the fruit snack shelf is a collaboration between Sesame Street and Betty Crocker. Sesame Street Elmo Fruit Snacks is the first fruit snack appearance for the children's program. Pop Secret is adding two new flavors: honey butter and toffee butter. Described as slightly sweet, these are for snacking or for alternatives to more indulgent treats. Meanwhile, Nature Valley is adding a blue berry yogurt coating to its Chewy Granola bars.

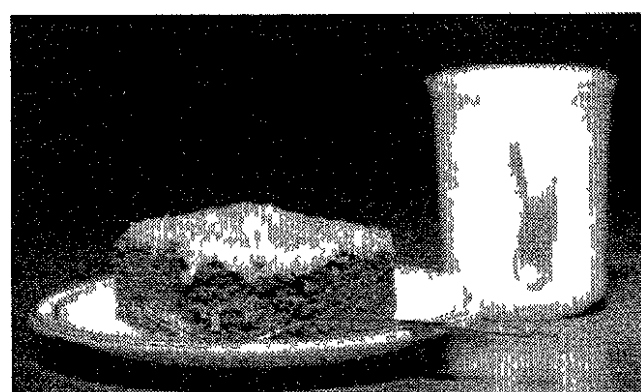
Pork dishes feted

The Consumer's Choice Pork Awards were awarded recently to honor supermarket products that were scored by consumers for taste, product appeal, fit to lifestyle trends and likelihood of purchase. This year the National Pork Board received more than 80 entries from consumers, industry experts, manufacturers and retailers during the call for nominations.

A panel of industry experts narrowed the entry pool to 10 products, and a jury of everyday American consumers judged the finalists. Among all the Consumer's Choice Pork Awards nominations, five products received the award of excellence.

The winning products included Pork Roast Au Jus (Hormel Foods), Heat & Serve Brats (Johnsonville Sausage), Quick n' Easy Gourmet Entrees Pork Roast in Bourbon Sauce (RMH Foods), Jimmy Dean Fresh Taste! Black Pepper Premium Precooked Bacon Slices (Sara Lee Foods) and Maple and Brown Sugar Glazed Ham (Tyson Foods).

Manufacturers of the winning products were awarded a Consumer's Choice Pork Awards golden fork trophy and granted free exclusive use of an official award seal for merchandising efforts.



The Dakota's German chocolate cake

Maifest celebrated

German dishes have a loyal following in metro Detroit

STORY BY LANA MINI ■ STAFF WRITER



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Karl Kurz displays several of the Dakota Inn's favorites. Pictured in the left foreground, then clockwise, is Kartoffelpuffer (German-style potato pancakes) served with applesauce and sour cream, sauerbraten with spaetzle and red kraut, Jager schnitzel, a pork cutlet breaded and sauteed and served with mushroom sauce, mashed potatoes and mixed vegetables, and bratwurst and knackwurst with hot German potato salad and sauerkraut.

Karl Kurz admits that German food isn't a leading cuisine with the masses. It's heavy, it's hearty and its preparation and cooking process is long.

But it has loyal lovers and those lovers have kept the Kurz family in business at the Dakota Inn restaurant, 17234 John R at the corner of Dakota Road in Detroit for 70 years. The restaurant will have many anniversary celebrations throughout the year.

A 70-year-old restaurant is a rarity in metro Detroit, and the fact that the Dakota serves German cuisine makes it even rarer. Right now, Kurz is getting ready for one of the busiest times of year: Maifest - when the spring season is celebrated with German potato pancakes, German schnitzels, German potato salad, and of course German beer.

The restaurant was founded by Kurz's grandfather, Karl Kurz, in 1933. Then it was passed on to his son and then to the current Kurz owner. The recipes of pork, marinated beef, potatoes and kraut have been passed down to each generation. German food is marinated, boiled and spiced.

Kurz travels to Germany a few times each year for inspiration to tweak his menu, but mostly it remains the same: sauerkraut, hickory smoked pork chops, seasoned boneless chicken with mushrooms and Swiss cheese, red kraut, Ruben soup, schnitzels and of course, beer.

The decor has remained the same, too. It is filled with German beer steins, polished darkwood furniture and wall paneling, hand-painted German scenes and servers decked out in traditional German style clothing.

"It is truly an authentic German restaurant and the potato pancakes are one of the most popular items, it's something that everyone is familiar with," Kurz said.

The pancakes are more common than foods like sauerbraten where the meat is marinated for up to 14 days. Bavarian-style potato salad, unlike "traditional" picnic fare, is served hot and is flavored with chunks of bacon. Even that requires a morning's preparation time: peeling potatoes, boiling and slicing them and cooking the bacon and tossing it all with vinegar, oil, salt and pepper.

Perhaps it's the time-consuming cooking methods that makes the Dakota Inn so popular. German cuisine is something that some would rather order than cook - at least for those who aren't German, said Kurz.

EVENTS AT THE DAKOTA INN

■ Special spring beers: Reissdorf Koelsch is now on tap, flown in from Cologne, Germany - the only city that brews Koelsch.

■ Maifest 2003: Reservations are being accepted for the popular May spring festival celebration. Admission is \$3 per person. Tables go fast. Call (313) 867-9722.

■ Einbecker Mai Ur-Bock (Einbeck, Germany) & Spaten Premium Bock (Munich, Germany) beers will be available on tap.

PLEASE SEE GERMAN, B2

Vintage 2001 highly touted for German wines

If you're an aficionado of German wines, then you've probably purchased some wines from the 2001 vintage, the greatest since 1976. If you didn't know this, get on board and purchase some before they're gone. We've got a few recommendations for you.

In Germany, October and November are critical months for harvesting classic late-ripening riesling grapes. "Vintage 2001 was exceptional in the Mosel and Saar," said Stefan Bollig of Bollig-Lehnert in Trittenheim. "September rains that harmed the 2001 vintage in other parts of Europe, were followed by six weeks of sunshine in Germany. Quantity was down, so gains were in quality."

In 2002, grapes were even riper in early October than they



Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

were in 2001 but intermittent rains for the next six weeks did not produce the same results as 2001. Yet, vintage 2001 was not great throughout Germany. Near Trer, for example, it was only good.

From Bollig-Lehnert, we recommend 2001 Trittenheimer Apotheke Riesling Kabinett (\$11), 2001 Piesporter Goldtroepfchen Riesling Auslese (\$18), 2002 Piesporter Goldtroepfchen Riesling Spaetlese (\$13) and 2001

Trittenheimer Altaerchen Riesling Eiswein (\$32/375mL)

VINTAGE 2002 PRAISED

"In our region of the Saar," said Karin Fischer of Dr. Fischer, "vintage 2002 was better than 2001 because there is more expressive fruit. We have more Spaetlese in 2002 and outstanding ice wine made at the end of December."

"Every year is very different in each of the 13 wine regions of Germany. Much depends on personal preference. I suggest that consumers not be too taken by vintages and an early reading of them. Mosel and Saar wines take time to develop to their full potential."

Recommended from Dr. Fischer: 2001 Bocksteinhof

Riesling Kabinett (\$10), 2001 Ockfener Bockstein Riesling Kabinett (\$12), and 2002 Ockfener Bockstein Riesling Spaetlese (\$15).

The Dr. H. Thamsch estate in Bernkastel has a major holding in the most famous German vineyard, Berncasteler Doctor. Wine producing in the Thamsch family goes back more than 350 years, so those in the know have gobbled up the 2001s but in a recent tasting, we found both the 2002 Berncasteler Doctor Riesling Kabinett \$28 and 2002 Brauneberger Juffer-Sonnenuhr Riesling Spaetlese (\$17) truly excellent.

A RHINE CLASSIC

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of the Pfalz region, has a warmer microclimate, favoring it with the chance to fully ripen grapes, even in lesser years. In top years, the wines are not only aromatic, but full-bodied and rich.

Recommended from Fritz-Ritter are 2001 Duerkheimer Absfrohthof Riesling Spaetlese (\$12), 2001 Ungsteiner Herrenberg Riesling Spaetlese (\$12) and 2001 Ungsteiner Herrenberg Riesling Auslese (\$20).

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SPICY GERMAN MUSTARD

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1 tablespoon brown mustard seeds
1/4 cup mustard powder
1/2 cup cold water
1 cup apple cider vinegar
2 tablespoons brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon allspice
1/4 teaspoon dill seed
1/4 teaspoon tarragon leaves crushed

Soak mustard seeds and the powder in the cold water for three hours. Combine the remaining ingredients in a glass or porcelain pan and simmer until the mixture is reduced by half, about 10 minutes. Pour through a strainer onto the mustard mixture. Transfer to a double boiler. Cook and stir until thickened, about 10 minutes. Spoon into a container and cover. Refrigerate for three days before using.

Use in potato salad or pretzel recipes below.
Source: Vegetarian Gourmet

SAUERKRAUT WITH ONION

2 large heads green cabbage (about five pounds total)
1 large onion
4 tablespoons vegetable oil divided
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1 1/2 teaspoons caraway seeds crushed
1/2 teaspoon pepper

Cut each head of cabbage into quarters and cut out the cores. Slice cabbage and discard tough ribs. Dice onion. In an 8-quart Dutch oven over medium heat, heat two tablespoons. Then cook onion until tender. Turn the heat to high and stir in half the cabbage. Stir frequently, until cabbage is tender-crisp, about 10-12 minutes. Place in a bowl. In the same Dutch oven in two more tablespoons oil, cook the remaining cabbage until tender-crisp. Return the cabbage mixture in the bowl to the skillet. Stir in salt, caraway seeds and pepper. Heat through. To serve, spoon the cabbage mixture onto the platter lined with cabbage leaves. Makes 12 side-dish servings.

GRILLED BRATWURST

6 bratwurst
6 peppercorns
1 can beer
4 cloves
1 onion medium chopped
6 hard crust rolls

Place bratwurst, beer, onion, peppercorns, and cloves in a 3-quart saucepan. Simmer for 20 minutes. Drain. Grill bratwurst two to five inches from charcoal about 10 minutes, until browned. Sprinkle with water to form a crisp skin. Serve in hard rolls with mustard or mustard recipe below.

GERMAN POTATO SALAD

9 boiled and peeled potatoes cut into thin slices
1 apple finely diced
1/2 onion finely diced
3 tablespoons sweet relish
1 1/2 teaspoons spicy mustard (bottled or from recipe above)
2 tablespoon pickle juice or 1/2 teaspoon vinegar and 1/2 teaspoon sugar
6 tablespoons mayonnaise

Paprika salt and pepper to taste
4 hard boiled eggs diced

Mix all ingredients together carefully, season to taste, garnish with parsley.
Cool in refrigerator for at least one to two hours, but the dish is best cooled overnight.

COCONUT PECAN FILLING AND FROSTING

1 cup evaporated milk
1 cup sugar
3 egg yolks
1/2 cup butter
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 1/3 cup coconut
1 cup chopped pecans

Combine all except coconut and pecans in a saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, about 12 minutes.
When mixture thickens, remove from heat.
Stir in coconut and pecans. Cool until it can be spread.

GERMAN

FROM PAGE B1

Especially during Marfest when German locations offer specials on schnitzels and the Dakota Inn offers some German beers that can only be found there during the spring months.

"Most of our clientele is definitely not German," said Kurz who, of course, is "Most Germans who are going to eat German cuisine will cook it at home."

The majority of those Germans live on the east side, Kurz said, in cities like Roseville, Eastpointe and Sterling Heights. And that's why most of the area's German markets and bakeries are located on the east side - with the exception of a few such as Burghardt's Bakery in Livonia that carries breads and pastries or Nitsche's in Utica that sells meats and imported mustards and more.

"German sausage is the food item that most non-Germans will buy," said manager Michael Kosh of Nitsche's Sausage market on Gratiot in Roseville. Nitsche's has a 3,000-square-foot store that carries items like bratwurst, knockwurst and every schnitzel along with imported noodles, candies and mustards. It also has an attached 6,000-square-foot smokehouse where the meats are processed. Its employees offer advice on how to prepare the food. The schnitzels can be boiled and the red kraut seasoned with vinegar, salt and pepper.

"Gratiot Avenue is the place for German businesses," Kosh said, mentioning other locations like Winter Sausage and Alexander & Hornung meats located nearby. Nitsche's in Roseville was recently bought by Dearborn Sausage Company, but the business will retain the original name.

"Newcomers to German food are brought in by friends," Kurz said.

"Most of our customers have been coming here for years and a loyal customer is someone who wants (German food) here twice a year."

"It's not so popular because of the cholesterol and all the meat but we do offer a vege-

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 1/2 pint (1 cup) whipping cream
Topping
 1 quart (4 cups) fresh strawberries
 3 tablespoons white vanilla chips
 2 teaspoons oil

stand 5 minutes Add 3/4 cup vanilla chips to pudding mixture, stir occasionally until melted Place plastic wrap over surface of pudding, refrigerate 1 hour to cool

In small bowl, beat whipping cream until stiff peaks form Fold 1/3 of whipped cream into cooled pudding mixture Fold in remaining whipping cream Spoon pudding mixture into cooled baked pie shell, spread evenly Twist stems of strawberries to remove or use tip of sharp knife, being careful to not cut berries Place strawberries, pointed ends up, on filling, gently pressing about 1/4 of each berry into filling

In small saucepan, heat 3 tablespoons vanilla chips and oil over low heat until melted, stirring constantly until smooth Drizzle over strawberries Refrigerate at least 3 hours or until serving time Serves 8

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Recipe courtesy of Pillsbury

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Oscar-nominated 'Spellbound' launches documentary series

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER



'Spellbound, a suspenseful and riveting film nominated for an Oscar in the category of Best Documentary, follows eight driven youngsters as they compete in the National Spelling Bee

Uptown Palladium 12 The film doesn't open until Wednesday, April 30 in New York.

'Spellbound, which is Welch's first film, is a behind-the-scenes look at the National Spelling Bee from the viewpoint of eight young competitors from different walks of life

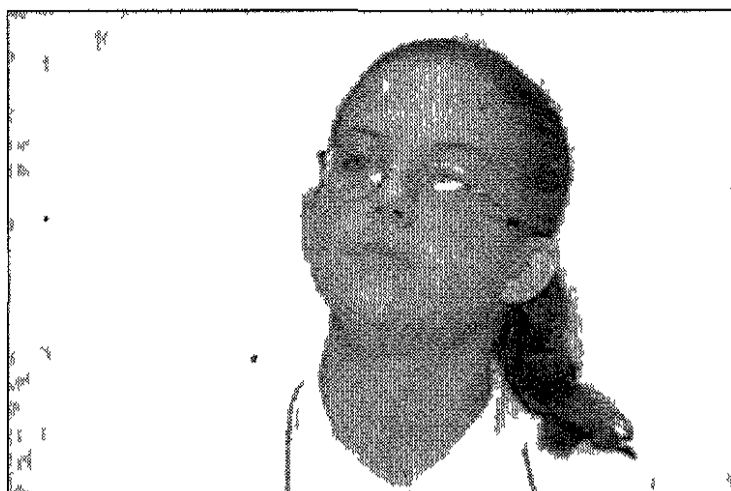
The film's DVD version is expected to include footage of a young speller from Michigan, Allyson Lieberman, a student at Greenhills School in Ann Arbor

Critics have described the award-winning film as suspenseful, exciting and hopeful. "I knew the outcome and thought it was riveting," said Allyson's mother, Julie Kovach. "Allyson ended up on the cutting room floor, but I think (Welch) really captured the whole experience"

AT THE BEE

Although Allyson, now 14, was slightly disappointed she didn't make it into the film, she was impressed by the story in 'Spellbound'

"It shows the real personalities and the diversity of the people at the Bee," she said. "The National Spelling Bee isn't as publicized as it probably should be. It's really a great opportunity for all types of kids"



'Spellbound' is scheduled to open April 30 in New York, but local movie-goers will be treated to an advance screening, along with a visit from the filmmaker, April 9 thanks to Detroit Docs and the Woodward Film Society

FILM PREVIEW

What: Advance screening of the Oscar-nominated documentary 'Spellbound' followed by a Q & A with director Sean Welch to kick off planned documentary series

When: 7 p.m. Wednesday April 9

Where: Uptown Palladium 12 theater 250 N. Old Woodward Ave. downtown Birmingham

Tickets: General admission \$8 students and members of Woodward Film Society or Detroit Docs \$6 call (248) 644-FILM or visit Uptown Palladium 12 box office

Not only does the film explore the emotional struggle and pressure felt by competitors, but also speaks to the hopes of children and families from all types of backgrounds in a way that critics say captures the American Dream.

REAL TIME OR REAL VIEWS?

So why are documentaries gaining in popularity?

The genre is like reality television in that documentaries unfold stories about real people

But Walny thinks the public has embraced the form for other reasons

For one, the genre has evolved in sophistication today's documentaries employ a

variety of film-making techniques and styles

The availability of inexpensive equipment has opened up film-making to a pool of talented individuals, as well, she said

Documentaries bring us real life, but do so with artistic vision and an eye towards enlightenment

"Reality shows are more for people who want to escape reality," she said. "Docs open up your eyes to reality"

Membership with Detroit Docs is \$35 (\$25 for students), call (248) 214-6952 or visit www.detroitdocs.org Membership with Woodward Film Society is \$25, call (313) 471-3123

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Look at other photos to improve your own

Did you know that one of the best ways to improve your photography is by closely looking at the pictures of others?

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Put on your 'detective hat,' tune in your emotions and ask yourself some important questions as you 'read' a photograph. In doing so, you'll gain insight and technical skills that will certainly help you in taking your own pictures

Begin by asking what the subject or main theme of the photograph is. Does it move you and how do you respond to it? How do you suppose the photographer felt about it?

Study the lighting. Is it harsh or soft? What direction is it coming from and what time of the day do you think it was? Ask yourself what might happen to the picture if the lighting were different

What camera position was used - near or far, low angle or high? Why do you think the photographer used a particular camera position and what does it do for the picture? How might another camera location affect the photograph?

What lens do you think was used and why? Was it a wide-angle, normal or perhaps a telephoto?

How about depth-of-field? Is there a lot or a little? Would a change in depth-of-field alter the final image?

What about shutter speed - fast or slow? Is the subject

Focus on Photography



Monte Nagler

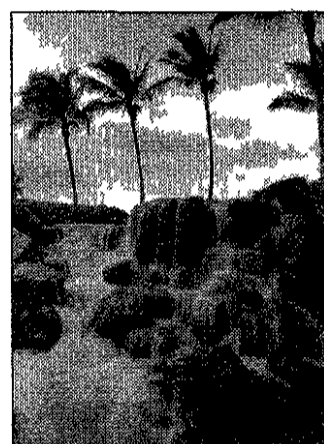
blurred in motion or caught at the peak of the action? Look for the use of filters or any other special effects, too

Of course, you should carefully study the composition. How are the elements of the picture arranged and does it all make sense to you?

Is the photograph telling a story? If so, tune into your feelings of it. Try to interpret what the photographer is trying to say and what your responses are

So, you see? Becoming a photo "detective" can give you deeper insight into photography which will most certainly help you with your own pictures

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave a message for him at (734) 953 2047




There's a lot to 'read' in this Monte Nagler photo of these Hawaiian waterfalls taken on the Big Island

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Making contact Please submit items for publication to Linda Chomin two weeks in advance of the event *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* 36251 Schoolcraft Livonia MI 48150 or fax (734) 591 7279

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The Print An Exhibition of Michigan Printmakers to April 13 117 W Liberty Ann Arbor (734) 994 8004 Ext 104

Ann Arbor Artisan Market

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Arnold Klein Gallery

Books to April 12 11 a m to 5 30 p m Tuesday Saturday 32782 Woodward Ave Royal Oak (248) 647 7709

Artifacts Art Club

Members exhibit a variety of media through April 30 Livonia City Hall lobby Five Mile east of Farmington Road (734) 591 3094

Arts League of Michigan

Art for the People works by 16 Michigan artists Farmington Hills City Hall 31555 11 Mile Road to April 6 (248) 473 1856 www.artsleague@voyager.com

Artspace

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Au Courant Interior Design Studio/Gallery

Lynne Avadenka New Work to April 26 11 a m to 5 p m Wednesday Friday 11 a m to 4 p m Saturday by appointment 23255 Woodward Ave Ferndale (248) 548 3770

Birmingham Historical Museum

Leaving Footprints The Artistry of Robert Thom to April 12 556 W Maple Birmingham Admission \$2/adults and \$1/seniors students and BHS members (248) 642 2817

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Livonia Artists Club

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Museum of African American History

Marching Toward Justice The History of the 14th Amendment through May 11 at 315 East Warren Detroit (313) 494 5800

Orchard Lake Framing & Gallery

A Glassy Occasion continues to April 30 show features sculptural decorative and function forms by a group of artists Wine and cheese open house 5 9 p m Saturday April 12 3477 Orchard Lake Road Orchard Lake/Keego Harbor (24) 681 7447

Paint Creek Center

Juried drawing exhibition featuring 17 Michigan artists to Saturday April 12



Glass art

'Sea of Glass,' sculpture by Janet Kelman through Wednesday, April 30, Janet Kelman/Art & Architectural Glass, 1205 E. Lincoln, Royal Oak, (248) 547-8332, www.janetkelman.com Studio open house 1-5 p m Sunday, April 6 and 13 or call for an appointment

downtown Rochester (248) 651 4110 www.pccart.org

Revolution

Solo exhibition of paintings by New York artist Brenda Goodman to April 26 11 a m to 6 p m Tuesday Saturday by appointment 23257 Woodward Ave Ferndale (248) 541 3444 www.revolutin.com

Susanne Hilberry Gallery

John Rowland new work to April 19 700 Livernois Ferndale (248) 541 4700

The Print Gallery

Fine art posters by Roy Lichtenstein to April 7 10 a m to 6 p m Monday Saturday Thursday until 8 p m 29173 Northwestern Highway Franklin Plaza at 12 Mile Road Southfield (248) 356 5454 www.monat/samania.com www.everythingart.com

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MEETING

Three Cities Art Club

West Bloomfield artist James Patterson critiques work brought in by those in attendance 7 9 p m Monday April 7 Plymouth Township Municipal Building 42350 Ann Arbor Road at Lilley For more information call Marly Meredith at (248) 262 9711 (weekdays) (734) 397 2348 (nights and weekends)

LECTURES

African American Art Series

New York artist Nanette Carter discusses her abstract works combining painting and printmaking 7 p m Wednesday April 9 and Nil Quarcoopome curator of African Art and head of African Oceanic and New World Cultures department at Detroit Institute of Arts explores the uses and adaptation of kente in the U S 7 p m Wednesday April 16 Wayne State University's Helen L DeRoy Auditorium 5203 Cass Detroit No charge (313) 577 2960

CALL FOR ARTISTS

Colored Pencil Society

Detroit Chapter #104 is seeking artists for an exhibition Outside the Lines to be held Aug 11 to Sept 2 at Alfred Berkowitz Gallery at University of Michigan Dearborn Slide deadline is May 1 For a copy of the prospectus call (586) 775 7924 or send e mail to jupek19@aol.com

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April is Michigan Glass Month here is just a partial listing of exhibits and events For a brochure stop by any of these locations

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Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

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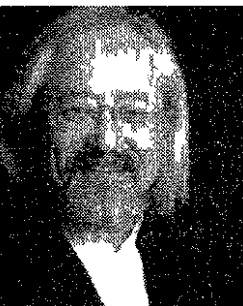
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BY ROGER PETERSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

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Between lakes Erie and Ontario, the Buffalo area - <http://www.buffalocvb.org/home.html> - has things to entertain you and places to stay - and an airport if you're not driving into the region.

Look under "Sports and Recreation" for information on the Bills and Sabres, plus horse racing and drag strips. Save some time to explore the city itself, click on "Architecture" to learn about stately homes and the city's parks.

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Then head out into the countryside of the Greater Niagara Region - <http://www.greaterniagara.com> - a five-county area full of scenery, history, and places to relax.

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The center is located in Chautauqua County - <http://www.tourchautauqua.com> - home of parks, beaches, camping, hiking and fishing, plus art galleries and places to dine and spend the night.

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Click on Destinations for an interactive map that will take you to counties and cities in the region, with links to Web sites. Head to Steuben County for the Corning Museum of Glass, or Tompkins County, site of the city of Ithaca, Cornell University and spectacular waterfalls.

Wineries, you asked? Uncork New York - <http://www.nywine.com> - is a guide to vineyards all over the state.

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<http://www.fingerlakes.net/trailsystem/> - which stretches 550 miles through the area from the Catskills to the Alleghenies. If hiking isn't your thing, GORP has Biking the Finger Lakes - http://gorp.com/gorp/publishers/countryman/bik_fing.htm - a series of excerpts from a guide book they just happen to have for sale.

Swing up to Rochester - <http://www.visitrochester.com> - where the "Things to Do" include a visit to the George Eastman House, home of the founder of Kodak and a photographic museum. And if your schedule allows it, take in the Rochester International Jazz Festival - <http://www.rochesterjazz.com> - June 5-14.

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Sidelines

Lynn at NCAAs

Eric Lynn a freshman at Oakland University and a Salem HS graduate helped OU score its first ever points at the NCAA Division I swimming competition

Lynn combined with Chris Sullivan Sean Broadbent and Doug Drazin to finish 16th in the 400 yard medley relay (3:17.76) The same foursome broke the school record in the 200 freestyle relay earlier in the meet (1:19.47) a time they set earlier this season qualifying them 11th However they were disqualified in the finals

In the 200 medley relay Lynn together with Scott Dickens Sullivan and Broadbent placed 15th (1:29.85)

Agape wins

Canton Agape Christian got its first softball win of the season Thursday beating Taylor Baptist Park 14-4 in a six inning mercy

Amy Henry was the winning pitcher tossing six innings and allowing four runs on six hits with six strikeouts Rachel Blum took the loss for Baptist Park

Lisa Ther paced Agape's hitting attack with a 4 for 4 plate performance with three runs scored and one run batted in Raina Baldwin had two hits two runs scored and two RBI and Tara Armbruster had two RBI Blum also led Baptist Park's attack with two hits and two runs scored

The Wolverines are 1-2 for the year Baptist Park is 1-1

Skating at Cube

Local adult figure skaters will compete at the National Championships April 9-12 at Ann Arbor's Ice Cube Arena

More than 500 skaters from across the nation will be on hand competing in four disciplines: freestyle interpretive ice dance and pairs during the four day event Ages of those taking part range from 25 to 75 years and are grouped according to age and skill level

The event is hosted by the Ann Arbor Figure Skating Club

Those from the Plymouth Figure Skating Club are Amy Anstead Gary Grace and Marie Sherry

All event day tickets are \$5 for adults \$3 for children under 12 years and seniors over 60 years. Four day all event tickets are \$15 Tickets may be purchased at the door

Sign-up extended

The Canton Soccer Club has extended its registration for the spring 2003 season until Friday because limited spots are still available

Age groups that have vacancies are under five years girls under eight boys under nine boys under 10 boys under 11 boys and under 12 boys

Registration forms are available on line at www.cantonsoccerclub.com or at the CSC office located in High Velocity Sports at 46245 Michigan Ave in Canton

For more information call (734) 480 7046



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Chris Thomason (right) and Canton's Steve Kiljanczyk (left) dueled to the finish in the boys hurdle events at Wednesday's city meet, Thomason finishing first in both with Kiljanczyk right behind in second

Canton rolls to triumph in city meet

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Field events have been a strength for Canton's boys track team over the years, and at the city meet Wednesday against Salem and Plymouth the Chiefs showed they have no intention of surrendering their advantage

Canton swept the top spot in all five field events, Brad Waidmann getting wins in two of them, to help the Chiefs score 100.5 points to 72 for Salem Plymouth HS's all-freshmen team, competing in the meet for the first time, scored 2.5 points

Because the track at Canton/Salem is under construction, the meet was moved to Northville HS

"We were pleased," said Canton coach Bob Richardson. "Our field events came through for us, as we told them they had to do."

"And the sprinters did what they had to do."

Waidmann came out on top in the high jump (6-feet, 1-inch) and the discus (128-9) Other winners for the Chiefs in the field events were Dan Driscoll in the long jump (19-5), Bryan Frawley in the shot put (44-9) and Jon Chapman in the pole vault (11-0)

"Last year, we would be down 40-5 after the field events and still win the meet," said Salem coach Geoff Baker. "This year, we can't do that. We don't have that kind of depth on the track."

The Rocks did lead in the distance events, but in the sprints - one their strengths a year ago - they couldn't match Canton

Salem did have a couple of individual-event winners on the track. In the distance events, the Rocks' Justin Hajduk led the way, winning the 1,600 (4:33.9) and the 3,200 (10:09.9), and in the hurdles, Chris Thomason was first in both the 110s (16.0) and 300s (42.7)

However, Canton came out on top in the sprints, winning the 100 with Corey Walser (11.5) and the 200 with Devin Thomas (24.0), the Chiefs also won the 400 with Brian Soash (51.2)

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Rocks still figure to contend

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

The losses are significant, to be sure. The challenge facing Salem's girls track team is how much their underclassmen can contribute

The Rocks were champions in the Western Lakes Activities Association for four-straight years, but that run ended in 2000. The last two seasons they've been second to Walled Lake Central

"We were second in everything last season," noted Salem coach Mark Gregor. "The division, the conference, the regional."

Bettering those marks won't be easy, considering the losses. Gone are Ashleigh Shear, Stacy Schmedding, April Aquinto, Celena Davis, Jessica Shamberger, Erriane Bundle and Melissa Drake, among others

"They were with us quite a while and had a good deal of success," said Gregor.

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The losses affect every area for Salem, but if anything can be said of Gregor's program, it's that he always has numbers with an ample supply of talent. In fact, one of the more encouraging traits regarding this season's squad was the 35 sophomores and 17 freshmen on the roster

Those with experience include senior Jennifer Early, a thrower who placed third in the conference in the shot put, Lynden Gault, a sophomore who was eighth at last season's WLAA meet in the 400, Lauren Kane, a sophomore distance runner who was fifth in the 1,600 and seventh in the 3,200 at conference, Laura Friedman, another sophomore who runs middle distances, Erin Jensen, a senior middle-distance runner

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Returnees bolster Chiefs

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Last season, Rachel Lindman sped to a second-place finish for Canton in the 400-meter run at the Western Lakes Activities Association Girls Track Finals. She also filled in well in other sprints, in the hurdles and on relays

Kristen Bartlett was a strong long jumper, placing sixth in the conference. Both will be missed. But Canton coach John Venning knows that he has a lot of talent returning, enough to certainly improve upon last season's seventh-place finish

"Looking at our lineup, with some of the kids we have coming back and some of the new kids coming up, I think we could be in the top three," Venning said

Among the top returnees is senior Christina Redd, the defending WLAA champion in the 100-meter dash and a sixth-place finisher in the 200

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Other seniors to watch are Cindy Rotramel in the high jump and sprints, Jessica Johnson, who missed last season after suffering a knee injury but has shown promise in the sprints and shot put, Lindsay Karmiemi in the hurdles and relays, and a group of mid-distance to distance runners that includes Sarah McCormack, Jessica Levely, Tonda Shumbo and perhaps Mary Maloney

The seniors will be strongly supported by the underclassmen. Junior J.Q. Williams placed fourth at the conference meet in the pole vault, and sophomores Katie Cezat and Amber Lee both scored at conference, Cezat finishing eighth in the high jump and Lee eighth in the 100

The aforementioned mid-

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Chiefs to pursue WLAA title

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

It all started so well for Canton's boys track team last season

The Chiefs won their third-straight Observerland Invitational title, matching the record set by Livonia Churchill for most consecutive titles. It seemed they had the makings of a very sound team

But it didn't quite work out that way. Two close dual-meet losses to Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division rivals

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Walled Lake Western and Livonia Churchill

may have shaken their confidence. Whatever the cause, the best Canton could do at the WLAA Finals was sixth. It was the same at the state regionals - another sixth

"It was a disappointment," admitted Chiefs' coach Bob Richardson of the conference finish. "We thought we'd finish higher up the ladder than that."

They'll get a chance to do just that this season. With 40 returnees on the roster, and only three major losses in personnel, Canton has the pieces to put something solid together

Not that Richardson is about to make any rash predictions. "We want to improve upon where we ended up in the league last year," he said. "We want to end up in the top three, if possible."

It should be. The losses, it's true, are big ones. Gone are hurdlers Dane Kobus, Ken Page and Pawel Paszkowski, and distance man Aaron Schmidt. Kobus also competed in the long jump and shot put, while Page and

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Canton's Jessica Johnson was a winner in the shot put in Wednesday's city meet

Rocks rule girls meet

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

All things considered - and there was an awful lot to reckon with - the six teams involved did a commendable job at Thursday's city track meet

For the first time ever, Plymouth HS joined in the fray, although the Wildcats all-freshmen teams had neither the numbers nor the experience to make a major impact in the outcome

Perhaps the greatest adjustment was the location of the meet. The track at Canton Educational Park is being rebuilt and won't be usable until next year. Which means all home track meets for Canton and Salem will be away - including the city meet, which was held at Northville HS

Despite the chilly conditions, the results posted for a first meet were commendable. In the girls' meet, Salem sent a message that it will remain a title contender in the Western Lakes Activities Association race by beating a solid Canton team, 96.5-76.5. Plymouth finished with four points

"With all the potential distractions out of the way, we competed really well,"

said Salem girls coach Mark Gregor. "We scored in every event and were very competitive in every event."

In the girls meet, the Rocks' superior depth was the difference. The first-place finishes were nearly split down the middle, Salem getting seven and Canton six, with each team winning two relays

Neither team had a double-winner in individual events. Winners for Salem in individual field events were Anna Wilson in the discus (107-feet, 10-inches), Bethany Bartlett in the high jump (4-10) and Ashley Aquinto in the pole vault (8-feet)

On the track, the Rocks got firsts from Andrea Lang in the 100-meter hurdles (17.5), Alysa Johnson in the 400 (1:04.4), Laura Friedman in the 800 (2:35.9) and Lauren Kane in the 3,200 (12:24.5)

For Canton, field-event winners were Andrea Nyberg in the long jump (15-6 1/4) and Jessica Johnson in the shotput (33-10 1/2)

On the track, Christina Redd won the 100 dash (13.1), Sarah McCormack was first in the 1,600 (5:34.9), Lindsay

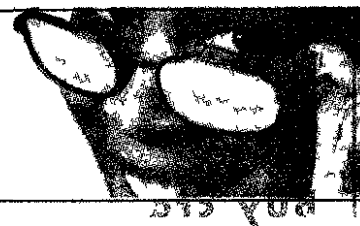
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GIRLS TRACK

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Kariniemi in the 300 hurdles (53.41) and Mary Maloney in the 200 (27.7). Salem relay wins were by Gault, Lang, Vraniak and Johnson in the 4x200 (1:52.9) and Friedman, Johnson, Katy White and Cyndy Edwards in the 4x400 (4:22.3). Canton relay victories were from Redd, Cindy Rotramel, Maloney and Jessica Levely in the 4x100 (54.1) and by Sarah McCormack, Becky McCormack, Sarah Stobbe and Jessica Levely in the 4x800 (10:21.0). "I think we were in the hunt," said Canton coach John Venning. "But don't take anything away from Salem. They ran out of their minds. I told our kids (the Rocks) did a better job warming up and cooling down than we did. According to Salem's Gregor, there were several things his team did better at than even he anticipated. Our speed events were a bit faster than the week before, Gregor said. And those two discus throws (Salem's Jennifer Early was second with a throw of 106-1) were excellent for this time of year. The big question for us (coming into the meet) was in the hurdles and sprints, and a sophomore (Lang) and a freshman (Dana Eldred) did a good job for us. A lot of people did good jobs for both teams. In other words, it was a good beginning for both.

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CITY MEET RESULTS

SALEM 96.5
CANTON 76.5
PLYMOUTH 4

April 3 at Northville

Discus 1 Anna Wilson (S) 107 feet 10 inches 2 Jennifer Early (S) 106.1 3 Megan Piwowar (S) 77.4 4 Kara Jones (C) 70.8
High Jump 1 Bethany Bartlett (S) 4 10 2 Cindy Rotramel (C) 4 8 3 (tie) Katte Cezat (C) Lyndsey Miles (S) 4 6
Pole vault 1 Ashley Aquinto (S) 8 0 2 Allie Vraniak (S) 6 6 (fewer misses) 3 Pam Reasor (C) 6 6 4 Sara Schmidt (S) 5 6
Long Jump 1 Andrea Nyberg (C) 15 6 1/4 2 Lynden Gault (S) 15 3 3 Carolyn Heaney (S) 13 9 4 Thea Bude (C) 13 5 1/2
Shot put 1 Jessica Johnson (C) 33 10 1/2 2 Jennifer Early (S) 30 2 3 Anna Wilson (S) 29 9 4 Maggie Fisher (S) 29 1
4x800-meter relay 1 Canton (Sarah McCormack, Becky McCormack, Sarah Stobbe, Jessica Levely) 10:21.0 2 Salem (Lauren Kane, Allison Janda, Erin Jensen, Laura Friedman) 10:37.0
100 hurdles 1 Andrea Lang (S) 17 5 2 Lindsay Kariniemi (C) 18 5 3 Kate Calille (C) 18 9 4 Amy Masterson (S) 19 2
100 dash 1 Christina Redd (C) 13 1 2 Vraniak (S) 13 4 3 Bartlett (S) 13 6 4 Amber Lee (C) 13 9
4x200 relay 1 Salem (Gault, Lang, Vraniak, Alysa Johnson) 1:52.9 2 Canton (Levely, Stobbe, Redd, Rotramel) 1:55.8
1600 1 S McCormack (C) 5:34.9 2 Kane (S) 5:42.0 3 B McCormack (S) 5:58.0 4 Liane Griffiths (S) 5:59.0
4x100 relay 1 Canton (Redd, Rotramel, Mary Maloney, Levely) 54.1 2 Salem (Bartlett, Heaney, Miles, Vraniak) 54.6
400 1 Johnson (S) 1:04.4 2 Stobbe (C) 1:04.8 3 Gault (S) 1:05.1 4 Janet Hanchet (P) 1:05.4
300 hurdles 1 Kariniemi (C) 53.41 2 Dana Eldred (S) 53.44 3 Lang (S) 53.47 4 Cezat (C) 54.1
800 1 Friedman (S) 2:35.9 2 S McCormack (C) 2:38.1 3 Beeler (P) 2:42.7 4 B McCormack (C) 2:45.6
200 1 Maloney (C) 27.7 2 Redd (C) 28.0 3 Gault (S) 29.0 4 Miles (S) 29.7
3200 1 Kane (S) 12:24.5 2 S McCormack (C) 12:45.7 3 Griffiths (S) 12:50.9 4 Burns (P) 13:16.0
4x400 relay 1 Salem (Friedman, Johnson, Katy White, Cyndy Edwards) 4:22.3 2 Canton (Stobbe, Maloney, Cezat, Kariniemi) 4:37.9

CANTON 100.5
SALEM 72
PLYMOUTH 2.5

April 3 at Northville

Discus 1 Brad Waidmann (C) 128 feet 9 inches 2 Mike Galbraith (S) 121.3 3 Ben Dzalo (S) 119.9 4 Jon Marsh (S) 118.0
High Jump 1 Waidmann (C) 6 1 2 Andy Rossow (C) 5 8 3 (tie) Matt McClellan (C) Scharcnburg (P) 5 3
Long Jump 1 Dan Driscoll (C) 19 5 2 Rodney Preston (C) 19 0 3 Justin Rumao (S) 18 10 1/2 4 Coleman (P) 18 10
Pole vault 1 Jon Chapman (C) 11 0 (fewer misses) 2 Driscoll (C) 11 0 3 Jayson Wurtzbacher (S) 10 0 4 Rich Hensel (C) 9 0
Shot put 1 Bryan Frawley (C) 44 9 2 Snider (C) 43 11 1/4 3 Galbraith (S) 43 11 4 Dave Hull (S) 43 9
4x800 meter relay 1 Salem (Joe Crist, Dave Anderson, Justin Hajduk, Jim Leddy) 9:01.0 2 Canton (Phaltiel Whitlock, Andrew Laintart, Scott Reidsma, Ray Eisbrenner) 9:29.1
110 hurdles 1 Chris Thomason (S) 16 0 2 Steve Kijljanczyk (C) 16 1 3 Waidmann (C) 16 4 4 T.J. Winowiecki (S) 16 9
100 1 Corey Walsler (C) 11 5 2 Brandon Reeves (C) 11 6 3 Steve Shull (S) 12 1 4 Mike Wilson (S) 12 2
4x200 relay 1 Salem (Shull, Wurtzbacher, Will Schultz, Wilson) 1:35.4 2 Canton (Driscoll, Dave Calille, Rossow, Devin Thomas) 1:35.5
1600 1 Hajduk (S) 4:33.9 2 Aaron Lanning (C) 4:35.4 3 Leddy (S) 4:41.5 4 Adam Warner (S) 4:51.2
4x100 relay 1 Canton (Driscoll, Rossow, Reeves, Walsler) 45.8 2 Salem (Shull, Rumao, Wurtzbacher, Wilson) 46.2
400 1 Bran Soash (C) 51.2 2 Jesse Williams (C) 52.7 3 Shane Azizi (C) 53.5 4 Joe Halpa (C) 55.0
300 hurdles 1 Chris Thomason (S) 42.7 2 Kijljanczyk (C) 43.0 3 Winowiecki (S) 43.7 4 Jeremy Boothroyd (S) 44.5
800 1 Leddy (S) 2:04.0 2 Lanning (C) 2:06.6 3 Crist (S) 2:09.4 4 Anderson (S) 2:14.9
200 1 Thomas (C) 24.0 2 Reeves (C) 24.6 3 Williams (C) 24.6 4 Shull (S) 25.0
3200 1 Hajduk (S) 10:09.9 2 Lanning (C) 10:13.0 3 Randy Bearden (S) 10:43.5 4 Warner (S) 10:59.8
4x400 relay 1 Canton (Azzi, Williams, Matt Trevarthen, Soash) 3:37.5 2 Salem (Dzialo, Halewicz, Brian Kutnick, Thomason) 3:43.9

THE WEEK AHEAD

OHL PLAYOFFS

Sunday April 6
Plymouth at London 6 p m
Tuesday April 8
London at Plymouth (Compuware) 7:30 p m
Wednesday April 9
Plymouth at London 7:30 p m
Friday April 11
London at Plymouth (if necessary) 7:30 p m
Saturday April 12
Plymouth at London (if necessary) 7:30 p m

PREP BASEBALL

Monday April 7
South Lyon at Canton (2) 3:30 p m
Canton Agape at A.A. Greenhills 4 p m
Churchill at John Glenn 4 p m
Franklin at W.L. Central 4 p m
W.L. Western at Stevenson 4 p m
Wayne at Northville 4 p m
Taylor Light & Life at Redford CC 4 p m
Clarenceville at Harper Woods 4:30 p m
Cranbrook at Luth. Westland 4:30 p m
Tuesday April 8
Roeper vs Ply. Christian (at Griffin Park) 4:30 p m
Canton Agape at Britton Macon 4:30 p m
Churchill at Garden City 4 p m
Luth. Westland at Luth. N. West 4:30 p m
Wednesday April 9
Canton at Northville 4 p m
Churchill at W.L. Western 4 p m
John Glenn at Stevenson 4 p m
Salem at Wayne 4 p m
U.D. Jesuit at Redford CC (2) 4 p m
Clarenceville at Cranbrook 4:30 p m
Thursday April 10
Oak Christian vs Canton Agape 4:30 p m at Griffin Park
Garden City at Franklin 4 p m
Redford CC at Country Day 4:15 p m
S field Christ at Luth. Westland 4:30 p m
Franklin Road at Huron Valley 4:30 p m
Friday April 11
S field Christ at PCA (Griffin Park) 4:30 p m
Northville at Churchill 4 p m
W.L. Western at Franklin 4 p m
Stevenson at Salem 4 p m
W.L. Central at John Glenn 4 p m
Wayne at Taylor Kennedy 4 p m
New Haven at Clarenceville 4:30 p m
Harper Woods at Luth. Westland 4:30 p m
Saturday April 12
(all double headers)
Salem at Saginaw Arthur Hill TBA
Novi at Canton noon
Dearborn at John Glenn 11 a m
Wayne at Trenton 11 a m
Churchill at Berkley noon
Redford Union at Stevenson 1 p m
Redford CC at Brother Rice 2 p m

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Monday April 7
A.A. Huron at Salem (2) 4 p m

PCA vs Canton Agape (2) 4:30 p m at Canton Softball Center
John Glenn at Churchill 4 p m
W.L. Central at Franklin 4 p m
Stevenson at W.L. Western 4 p m
Divine Child at Ladywood 4 p m
Clarenceville at Harper Woods 4:30 p m
Kingswood at Luth. Westland 4:30 p m
Tuesday April 8
Zoe Christian at PCA 4:30 p m
Canton Agape at Britton Macon 4:30 p m
Garden City at Churchill 4 p m
Luth. Westland at Luth. N. West 4:30 p m
Wednesday April 9
Northville at Canton 4 p m
W.L. Western at Churchill 4 p m
Stevenson at Wayne 4 p m
Riv. Richard at Ladywood 4 p m
Clarenceville at Kingswood 4:30 p m
Thursday April 10
Oak Christian vs Canton Agape 4:30 p m at Griffin Park
Luth. Westland at S field Christ 4:30 p m
Franklin Road at Huron Valley 4:30 p m
Friday April 11
Allen Park at Canton 4 p m
PCA at S field Christ 4:30 p m
Churchill at Northville 4 p m
Franklin at W.L. Western 4 p m
Salem at Stevenson 4 p m
John Glenn at W.L. Central 4 p m
Ladywood at Regina (2) 4 p m
New Haven at Clarenceville 4:30 p m
Harper Woods at Luth. Westland 4:30 p m
Saturday April 12
Taylor Invitational 9 a m
(all double-headers)
A.A. Pioneer at Churchill noon
Redford Union at Stevenson 1 p m

PREP BOYS TRACK

Monday April 7
Redford CC vs G.L. St. Marys at (Ladywood) 4 p m
Tuesday April 8
PCA at Lutheran East TBA
Harper Woods Lutheran Westland at Clarenceville 4:30 p m
Thursday April 10
Canton at Northville 5:30 p m
PCA at Whitmore Lake 4:30 p m
Churchill at W.L. Western 3:30 p m
Franklin at W.L. Central 3:30 p m
Stevenson at John Glenn 3:30 p m
Salem at Wayne 3:30 p m
Saturday April 12
Jefferson Invitational TBA
April Showers Relays 10 a m

PREP GIRLS TRACK

Tuesday April 8
Ladywood at Mercy 4 p m
Tuesday April 8
Harper Woods Lutheran Westland

at Clarenceville 4:30 p m
Thursday April 10
Canton at Northville 5:30 p m
W.L. Western at Churchill 3:30 p m
W.L. Central at Franklin 3:30 p m
John Glenn at Stevenson 3:30 p m
Salem at Wayne 3:30 p m
Saturday April 12
West Bloomfield Invitational 9 a m
April Showers Relays 10 a m
Jefferson Invitational TBA

PREP GIRLS SOCCER

Monday April 7
Salem at Novi 7 p m
Thurston at Franklin 7 p m
Wayne at W.L. Northern 7 p m
Tuesday, April 8
Canton at Troy 7 p m
B.H. Roeper at PCA 4:30 p m
Luth. Westland at G.P. Liggitt 4:30 p m
Marrian at Ladywood 5:30 p m
Wednesday, April 9
Churchill at John Glenn 5:30 p m
Franklin at Stevenson 7 p m
W.L. Western at Wayne 7 p m
Thursday April 10
G.P. North at Canton 7 p m
S field Christ at PCA 4:30 p m
Luth. Westland at Kingswood 4:30 p m
Ladywood at Mercy 5:30 p m
Friday April 11
R.O. Kimball at Salem 7 p m
John Glenn at Garden City 4 p m
S field Christ at Luth. Westland 4:30 p m
A.A. Huron at Churchill 5:30 p m
Wayne at Taylor Kennedy 5:30 p m
Woodhaven at Franklin 7 p m
Saturday April 12
Troy Athens at Canton 12:30 p m
Salem at Rochester 3 p m
Stevenson at Roch. Adams 12:30 p m
Regina at Ladywood 1:30 p m

PREP BOYS TENNIS

Monday, April 7
Redford CC vs Brother Rice (S craft) 4 p m
Tuesday April 8
Garden City at Wayne 4 p m
Wednesday April 9
Churchill at F.H. Harrison 4 p m
Plymouth at Franklin 4 p m
Divine Child at John Glenn 4 p m
Redford CC at Country Day 4:15 p m
Thursday April 10
Redford Union at Churchill 4 p m
Friday April 11
Stevenson at Churchill 4 p m
Salem at Franklin 4 p m
Northville at John Glenn 4 p m
Wayne at Canton 4 p m
Saturday April 12
Essexville Garber Invitational 9 a m
W. Bloomfield Tournament 8:30 a m

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ner, Liane Griffiths, a junior distance runner. Stephame Hajduk, a senior distance runner and Ashley Aquinto a sophomore pole vaulter/sprinter. There are plenty of others to keep an eye on, like senior Bethany Bartlett, a superb gymnast who has struggled with injuries. That's one reason she didn't compete last season. She came out this season, however, and has looked good in the high jump and in sprints. "She's faster than we thought," said Gregor. Anna Wilson, a sophomore thrower, has looked good, too, and with Early will give the Rocks a strong one-two punch in the throws. Maggie Fisher, another sophomore, has also shown promise in the shot, giving Salem three throwers capable of surpassing 30 feet. Allie Vraniak, a freshman, has looked very strong in the sprints, the jumps and, perhaps, the pole vault, while sophomore Lyndsey Miles is a solid sprinter and high jumper. Allison Janda, a freshman, is a threat in the distance races, and Carolyn Heaney, a sophomore, will help in the long jump and relays. The hurdles were one event in which Salem was hit hard by graduation. However, they do have some capable replacements in senior Amy Masterson, sophomore Andrea Lang and freshman Dana Eldred. "I think we have talent in every event," said Gregor. "At this point, we just need to



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Maggie Fisher earned a fourth-place finish for Salem in the shot put at the city meet.

keep developing. We have four meets in 10 days, so that will give us a chance to take what we learn and refine it." For Gregor, the season has a natural recess - spring break during the last week of April - that should help his young team. "During Easter break we can backtrack and see what needs the most work and where we need to fix things up," he said. As for the WLAA race, reigning two-time champ Central has, according to sources, lost quite a bit - more than the Vikings can replace to remain a serious contender. What may also figure into the mix is the loss of the three Farmington-

area schools (they joined the Oakland Athletic Association) and the addition of Wayne Memorial. Lavonia Stevenson and Livonia Churchill are both strong, so is Northville. And Canton is an up-and-coming threat. For Salem to regain its former status as WLAA champ, it needs to adhere to Gregor's rather simple philosophy on building a championship-caliber team. "Develop all 17 events, make sure you're competitive in everything and go from there." Sounds like a winning formula.

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Salem still a threat in WLAA

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

A year ago, one could say the Salem boys track team was just that a track team.

Forget that field event stuff. The Rocks would routinely finish the field events in a huge hole, then turn it completely around on the track and, more often than not, pull out a victory.

That won't be the case this season. It can't be — not if Salem plans to improve.

A year ago, the Rocks placed seventh at the Western Lakes Activities Association meet. If they hope to move up in the standings this season, they'll have to improve everywhere.

"I think we'll be a better overall team than last year," said Salem coach Geoff Baker. "We've got some juniors who can step in."

"And that's where we as coaches have to step in. We've got to develop the talent."

He has lost quite a bit. Chris Vraniak, who scored in the distance events at the WLAA meet, has stress fractures in his legs and won't return. And some of last season's sprinters have opted not to run

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What Baker has to build around is a solid distance group, which starts with seniors Justin Hajduk and Jim Leddy. At last season's WLAA finals, Hajduk emerged with wins in both the 1,600-meter and 3,200-meter runs.

Both runners, however, have experienced injury problems that hopefully are behind them. Hajduk sprained an ankle during the fall cross country season and has had to overcome other foot ailments.

"Hajduk is just getting back into shape," said Baker. "As for Leddy, back and hip problems limited him last season. He's finally healthy," his coach said.

Other distance runners to watch are senior Randy Bearden, junior Adam Warner and senior Dave Anderson. Sophomore Joe Crist will help in the middle to distance runs, from the 400 to the 1,600.

The hurdles could be another area of strength for the Rocks with senior Chris Thomason, who was eighth in the conference in the 110s last

season, and seniors T.J. Winowicka, Jeremy Boothroyd and Dave Hannon. Salem still has a respectable sprint crew, but not as deep as last season's. Mike Wilson, fourth in the 200 at the 2002 conference meet, and Steve Shull and Justin Rumao are all seniors. They'll be complemented by juniors Jayson Wurtzbacher and Will Schultz.

Rumao will also try to help the Rocks overcome their weakness in the field events with his ability in the jumps. Mike McQueen, a junior, is a promising candidate in the high jump, but Baker admits, "We're looking right now. We'll throw some people out there and see what they got."

The throwing events are a bit more well-stocked. Three seniors — Dave Hull, Mike Galbraith and Ben Dzialo — are the top candidates. Hull and Galbraith in both the shot put and discus and Dzialo in the discus.

Dzialo, an all-state swimmer, will also run the 400 for the Rocks.

A sophomore who also may get some time is Jon Marsh, in both the shot and discus

"Our throws may surprise us," said Baker. "We've got some good potential."

The sprints remain a concern, however. "Natural speed, we're just not blessed with," said Baker.

One blessing, in a matter of speaking, was the defection of the three Farmington schools (including defending champ Farmington Harrison) to the Oakland Athletic Association. Wayne Memorial has helped offset the losses by joining the WLAA.

"The Lakes Division is tough," said Baker. "But the Western Division is real tough. As far as I'm concerned, it's Canton Northville has a good distance (crew) and (Livonia) Churchill always puts a good team out there."

As for where the Rocks will fit in, Baker wouldn't say with any degree of certainty. "We've got our work cut out for us," he said.

Salem has a good foundation to build around. Filling the spots in the lineup with respectable talent will be the key to its success.

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distance/distance crew is further bolstered by juniors Sarah Stobbe and Carrie Oleszkowicz and freshmen Becky McCormack and Kristin Ward. Freshmen Kayla Coleman and Izabella Paszkowska have shown promise in the hurdles, Paszkowska also looking good in the high jump.

So how good can this team be? A partial reply. The 3,200 relay team that finished third at the WLAA finals a year ago returns intact, but one of the promising newcomers could possibly supplant one of the returnees.

"Our 3,200 relay is better than last year, it should be stronger than last year," Venning said. "And the high jump is definitely a team strength. We could possibly put four kids at the regional."

"In the hurdles, we may not have a lot of speed, but we do have experience. It could possibly become a strength. And in the sprints, you just can't beat Redd and Lee."

There are weaknesses. Venning must address in the throwing events, for one, and

while there is a solid, experienced distance crew, the Canton coach admitted "I don't know if we're in the league with Livonia Stevenson and Livonia Churchill, but I think we can handle anyone else in the league."

Venning added "We just have to work through the entire lineup to get better. This is a very hard-working group. The seniors are primed, they're ready. And Redd will tell you flat out she's going to state this year. Period."

With four relays 'coming back pretty much intact' — they all scored in the top six at the WLAA's — the Chiefs seem ready.

Still, there's plenty to overcome in the WLAA. Salem remains a powerhouse, and defending league champ Walled Lake Central isn't likely to surrender its title without a battle. Churchill and Stevenson have strong distance runners, and Northville is usually solid.

If the Chiefs can improve on what they did last season, they'll move up in the standings. It's just a matter of how far.

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CANTON BOYS

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Paszkowski were in the high jump (Page also ran sprints), all of them ran in the relays.

Still, there are some impressive seniors and juniors returning, and the newcomers aren't too shabby, either. Among the returning seniors are Corey Wilson and Brian Soash who lead the sprinting corps, with Aaron Lanning as the top distance threat. Dan Driscoll competes in the pole vault, the long jump and relays, Bryan Frawley is in the throwing events, Jesse Williams can run anything up to the 1,600 effectively, and Steve Kiljanczyk is the most promising answer to fill the void at hurdles.

Also back is sprinter Shane Azizi, who has seen little action

the past couple of seasons due to a rash of injuries. "He's been pretty healthy," said Richardson.

Brad Waidmann is best among the juniors. As a sophomore, Waidmann won the high jump at both the regional and conference meets, his best jump last season was 6-feet, 4-inches. He's already cleared 6-2 this season.

"He's got better jumps than that in him," predicted Richardson.

Another strong returning junior is Jon Chapman, a pole vaulter who cleared 12-feet last season but has been hampered by a knee injury this spring. Richardson is hopeful Chapman will be able to compete, but plans to limit him to the pole vault.

Some newcomers to watch are juniors Devin Thomas

(sprints), Brandon Reeves (sprints), Scott George (distance) and Ron Opdyke (hurdles, sprints, high jump), sophomores Dave Calille (sprints) and Steve Cheek (distances), and freshmen Cyrus Azizi (sprints) and Andy Rossow (sprints, high jump, long jump).

The Chiefs always seem to be strong in the field events, and Richardson doesn't expect that to change. The sprints, with so many newcomers adding to the mix, also seem well-stocked.

In the hurdles we lost a lot," he admitted, "but so far at the meets we've been at, we've done pretty well there. And we're a little thin in the distances."

Richardson had hoped Lanning would be joined by Cheek to give the Chiefs a solid one-two punch, but Cheek suffered a separated shoulder while snowboarding, which set

back his training.


"Those are two areas we're hoping people will surface," he said.

Still, with 80 guys on the team, Richardson will have choices. "I definitely think we have enough talent to be in the top three (at conference)," he said.

Farmington Harrison, the defending WLAA champ, and North Farmington and Farmington have defected to the Oakland Activities Association, but Western, Livonia Stevenson, Livonia Churchill and Westland John Glenn figure to be strong — as well as Salem, of course.

Just who emerges as a true title contender won't be clear for another month or so. Canton plans to be one

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Salem's Jim Leddy won the 800 (2:04.0).

But while Canton was able to sweep the top three spots in the 200 and 400, and the top two places in the 100, Salem was unable to do the same in its positions of strength — the distance runs.

In both the 800 and 1,600, Canton's Aaron Lanning came

in second to prevent Salem's dominance.

"We had Lanning to break up any 1-2-3 finish for Salem," said Richardson. "What was really important was how Lanning fit in there for us."

The relays were pretty much a wash, each team winning two. Canton was first in the 4x100 with Driscoll, Andy Rossow, Brandon Reeves and Walser (4:6.2) and in the 4x400 with Shane Azizi, Jesse Williams, Matt Trevarthen and Soash (3:43.9), while

Salem captured the 4x200 with Steve Shull, Jayson Wurtzbacher, Will Schultz and Mike Wilson (1:35.4) and the 4x800 with Joe Crist, Dave Anderson, Justin Hajduk and Jim Leddy (9:01.0).

Canton returns to the Northville track for a Western Lakes Activities Association dual meet Thursday, while Salem runs at Wayne Memorial.

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Welton pitches Agape to a pair of wins

Clay Welton continued his comeback from an illness-plagued junior season by pitching Plymouth Christian Academy to an 18-3 win over Canton Agape Christian Thursday at Griffin Park.

Welton, pitching his second victory of the week (he defeated Livonia Clarenceville 17-1 Monday), allowed two earned runs on three hits and four walks, with 12 strikeouts in the five-inning mercy The Eagles improved to 2-0.

Mike Bommarito took the loss for Agape. PCA scored five runs in the first inning and got five more in the second. Grant Garber

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and Andrew Shumaker were both 4-for-4 at the plate, Garber slugging two doubles and driving in four runs and Shumaker getting one double and five RBI.

Dave Bahbah contributed three hits and a run batted in, and Evan Alexander had three hits and three RBI.

Brother Rice 9, Canton 0: What Canton coach Scott Dickey thought would be a team strength this season betrayed the Chiefs Tuesday at Birmingham Brother Rice.

Canton committed five errors which resulted in four unearned runs.

I don't know if we had the jitters or what, Dickey said. "We made five errors — that was pretty much the story."

Dickey was pleased with starter Carl McDevitt, who allowed nine hits but no walks in seven innings.

"Carl pitched very well," said Dickey. "But (the Warriors) are a very good hitting team."

The Chiefs offense wasn't all that sharp, either, although it should be noted that they were up against one of the state's top five teams. Canton managed just four hits, two of them by

Matt Kay (one a double). Jon Western also had a double.

In addition, injuries continue to plague the Chiefs. Already lost to the lineup were Doug Davidson, who suffered a knee injury during a football scrimmage last fall and is in rehabilitation, and Kevin Kwiatkowski, who reinjured his shoulder in the preseason after separating it in soccer last fall.

Against the Warriors, third baseman Jason Jopps suffered a fractured wrist and is expected to miss two-to-three weeks.

Tuesday's second game was called after three innings due to darkness.

Pitcher's return should make PCA into a winner

BY C. J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Yes, there are quite a few losses from last season's Plymouth Christian Academy baseball squad. But one player who was, shall we say, partially absent last season returns this year in full strength.

That player is Clay Welton. And he could be the difference between mediocrity and excellence for the Eagles this season.

Last year, Welton was plagued by mononucleosis, which sapped his strength. The result: a 3-3 record on the mound with a 3.11 earned-run average in just 27 innings pitched.

The righthander, now a senior, has already shown he's returned to form. He pitched PCA's first two games of the season and got wins in both, the Eagles beating Livonia Clarenceville 17-1 and Canton Agape Christian 18-3 last week. Welton allowed three earned runs in 10 innings with 22 strikeouts.

When not pitching last year, Welton played shortstop, at the plate, he hit .605 with three home runs and 25 runs batted in. He'll do the same this year.

However, don't misunderstand. There's a lot more to this team than one player.

"I think we can make a move with these guys," said Eagles' coach Don Shumaker, referring to the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference standings. "We can score a lot of runs, so we'll see."

Six other players return with experience. Dave Bahbah, a junior, is back in centerfield after hitting .378 with 12 RBI in 2002. Also back is senior first baseman Evan Alexander, he hit .242 last season. Welton, Bahbah and Alexander share the team's captaincy, and both Bahbah and Alexander will do some pitching.

Another strong returnee is sophomore (and coach's son) Andrew Shumaker, a righthand-

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ed pitcher and, when Welton's pitching, a shortstop who hit .444 with 17 RBI as a freshman. Brian Dustman, a senior designated hitter/outfielder, was a starter at the end of last season; he hit .417.

Drew Gallagher, a junior, will take over at third base. He did not start last year, but he batted .350 in part-time action. Sophomore outfielder Nate Bixler was called up from the junior varsity late last season and showed promise; he'll be the Eagles' lead-off hitter this year.

Others to watch are sophomore Jordan Johnson, a second baseman, senior Blake Weidon, a transfer from Livonia Stevenson who will be a designated hitter and utility player, and junior Jim Frank and senior Bob Loman, both utility players.

Freshman Grant Garber takes over as the team's catcher. Against Agape last Thursday, Garber went 4-for-4 at the plate with two doubles and four RBI.

Can that type of success continue? Welton is the key. A year ago, the Eagles were 10-12 overall and 3-6 in the MIAC.

"I hope (it continues)," said Shumaker. "We're off to a good start. We've scored 35 runs and only given up four."

"This team really works hard, there's a lot of dedication. They have a great work ethic. And Clay's a good anchor to build around."

As for the MIAC, two-time defending champ Southfield Christian is rebuilding but Allen Park Inter-City Baptist and Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, which finished one game out of first last season, have a load of veterans.

If PCA's younger players can make the grade, Welton will make the Eagles a contender.

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Madonna continues to tumble, loses a pair

The fast start by Madonna University's baseball team has dissipated, and at the worst time — at the start of Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference play.

On Wednesday against Concordia College in Ann Arbor — a team that had won just six of its previous 28 games — the Crusaders lost twice, 3-1 and 4-2. The two defeats (their eighth in their last nine games) dropped

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them to 0-6 in the WHAC, and evened their overall record at 13-13. Concordia is 8-22 overall, 2-8 in the conference.

In the opening 3-1 loss, Madonna managed just five hits against the Cardinals. Dave Nester doubled in the Crusaders only run of the game. The pitching loss went to Roy

Rabe (from Livonia Stevenson), who worked all seven innings and gave up three earned runs on 11 hits and one walk, striking out three. The loss was Rabe's first, leaving him at 3-1 for the season.

In the second game, Madonna's bats weren't working any better. The Crusaders had just three hits, Nester getting a double and scoring one run.

Mark Cole (Farmington/Catholic

Central) started and surrendered four runs (two earned) on seven hits and two walks, striking out three in 2 2/3 innings to fall to 3-3. Chris Behrens and Adam Klone (CC) combined to pitch the last 3 1/3 innings, holding the Cardinals scoreless on just one hit.

The Crusaders have a double-header scheduled at Siena Heights at 1 p.m. today and a non-conference twinbill at Tiffin University Tuesday.

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its REGULAR April meeting Tuesday, April 15, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

The Plymouth District Library will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tape of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the Plymouth District Library. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Plymouth District Library by writing or calling the following:

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA April 10, 2003 "Revised Meeting Location"

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, April 10, 2003 AT 7:30 P.M. The meeting will be held in the Arts II Room at the Summit on the Park located at 46000 SUMMIT PARKWAY, CANTON, MI 48188. The following Agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag
Roll Call Randy Blaylock Jim Cisek Cathy Johnson Phyllis Redfern and Steven Johnson
Acceptance of Agenda

- Joseph Holt 3030 Tall Oak Lane, Canton, MI 48188 requesting a variance to Zoning Ordinance Article 2 00 Section 2 09 A 3b, regulations for rear yard setback requirements in order to construct a deck. Parcel # 102 04 0079 000 (Building)
- Tracey Huff of Graphic Visions Inc 16857 Northville Road, Northville MI 48167 representing Scott Salzeder of Singh Homes Tottenham Subdivision, 7125 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield MI 48325 is requesting a variance for property between Michigan Avenue and Palmer Road on Lilley. The ordinance being appealed is Sign Ordinance 120 Section 6 6 2, off premise temporary sign requirements. Parcel # 102 04 0000 000 (Building)

(Approval of February 13 2003 Minutes)
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to federal guidelines the Charter Township of Plymouth decided on February 11 2003, to submit the following projects for funding from the 2003 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program:

LOCATION	2003 PROJECTS	ALLOCATION
201 South Main	PLYMOUTH COUNCIL ON AGING	8 900 00
1160 Sheridan	SENIOR TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM	24 800 00
42376 Schoolcraft	MULTI YEAR SENIOR CENTER IMPROVEMENTS	86 900 00
46555 Port	ADMINISTRATION	13 400 00
	TOTAL	\$134 000 00

MARILYN MASSENGILL, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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1990 Jeep SW	Cherokee 1J4FJ28EXLL259370	03 527

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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Public Act 263 of 2001 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Comprehensive Plan of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 21 2003 in the **Chestnut Room, at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway at 7 00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan:

WINDMILL INVESTMENTS FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM VERY LOW DENSITY (1 DWELLING UNIT/ACRE) TO MEDIUM HIGH DENSITY (UP TO 8 DWELLING UNITS/ACRE) FOR PARCEL NO 126 99 0008 001. Property is located at the southeast corner of Geddes and Denton Roads.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday, April 17 2003 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON Chairman

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GOLFERS WANTED

The Hickory Creek Ladies Golf League is searching for new players in the Plymouth/Canton area. Hickory Creek is located on Ford and Napier in Canton. The league will meet at 8 a.m. Thursdays beginning May 1 for nine holes of golf. Contact Susan Morman at (734) 414-9941 for more details.

YOGA CLASSES

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Sunrise Yoga classes are available from 6:30-7:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Intro to Fitness Yoga is available from 7-8 p.m. Mondays, Fitness Yoga for Kids (ages 6-10) will be from 6-7 p.m. Mondays.

Classes begin the week of April 7 and will run for 10 weeks. For cost and registration information, call the Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620 or check the Web site at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us

SPRING CLASSES

The city of Plymouth is accepting registrations for its spring recreation classes. Youth programs include Jump-A-Rama Play Program, Fitness Yoga for Kids, Gymnastics, Dance, Tae Kwon Do and Ceramics. Adult and senior programs include Scrapbooking, Gardening, Creative Writing, Yoga, Hammer Dulcimer and Fitness.

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CRUISERS SIGN-UP

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DISC GOLF LEAGUE

A new youth disc golf (frisbee golf) league that will play this spring at Freedom Park (southwest corner of Sheldon and Palmer) in Canton is seeking area youths from ages nine to 14 to join. The league will begin with two weeks of practices/clinics from April 21-May 1, followed by six weeks of competitive match play through June 12.

The sign-up period concludes April 18. Call Matthew Cunningham at (248) 344-9505 for details.

RUGBY PLAYERS

The Washtenaw Rugby Football Club, a high school rugby club, is still searching for players currently in grades nine-through-12 who are inter-

ested in participating in their spring season.

The club features a no-cut policy, and everyone who comes to practice will play. No experience is necessary.

Training for the spring season has begun but new players are still welcomed and encouraged to give the game a try. A pre-season scrimmage against Brighton and Howell is scheduled for Saturday, with the tentative location in Brighton. The clubs home opener will be April 9.

For more information, please call (734) 761-1988 or e-mail magnette@umich.edu

T-BALL SIGN-UP

The city of Plymouth Recreation Division will have registration for its 5-6 year-old T-ball league from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. April 1-18 at the Recreation office, located at 625 Farmer in Plymouth in the Cultural Center.

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■ Brain cancer

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The implanted drug delivery system allows for precisely timed delivery of chemotherapy into the spinal fluid. The system requires a one-day hospitalization for surgical placement of a small pump implanted in the abdominal region, a catheter that delivers medication to the spinal fluid, and a catheter to measure spinal fluid chemotherapy levels.

To learn more about the study, call (313) 916-8662.

■ Resource guide

Where do you go when you are unemployed and need to see a doctor? What do you do about locating rent or utility assistance when you no longer get a paycheck? A new publication called the "Where to Turn Guide" available through The Information Center, Inc., can help find answers to these questions and others.

Made possible with funding from SBC Michigan, the guide is packed with resources to help those who are unemployed or just looking for resources in Wayne and Monroe counties. Resource categories include unemployment information, job services, health care, financial assistance, and counseling services.

The Information Center, Inc., The Family Resource Place, based in Taylor, is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to the national goal of the Alliance of Information & Referral Systems, bringing people and services together. To obtain your free copy of the "Where to Turn Guide," call The Information Center, Inc. at (734) 282-7171.

■ Medicare counseling

Senior citizens with Medicare questions and concerns can get assistance through Beaumont Hospital's Department of Older Adult Services. The department's staff of trained volunteers can provide counseling on Medicare long-term care insurance and insurance plans that supplement Medicare. Call toll free (800) 328-2248 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday for an appointment with a Medicare counselor.

■ Colon cancer

The Michigan Cancer Research Consortium Community Clinical Oncology Program at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital is participating in a research study headed by the Mayo Clinic that tests a prototype stool assay system for detecting DNA alterations that occur with colorectal neoplasia. The study will test the presence of pre-cancerous and cancerous cells indicative of colon cancer.

Eligible individuals participate in an enrollment visit where their blood is drawn, collected, and mail three whole stool samples to Mayo Clinic and undergo a colonoscopy.

Eligibility criteria include:
■ Between ages 50 and 80. If female, must be postmenopausal. (Beginning June 1, the age criteria will include only those age 65-80.)

■ No colorectal exams in the past 10 years.
■ No recent stool testing.
■ No prior colorectal surgery.

For more information, please call the Michigan Cancer Research Consortium's toll-free study line at (877) 590-5995.



BY RENEE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

Give so others can live.

Those five words, part of the Gift of Life Michigan's new campaign, speak volumes — of bravery, compassion, healing, gratefulness, altruism, and most significantly, the beginning of new life.

As of March 1, 2003, there were 2,369 Michigan patients waiting for a transplant, and behind each number, there is a face, a family, a story.

April is Michigan Donor Awareness Month. According to the Gift of Life Agency in Ann Arbor, last year 226 organ donors yielded 551 transplanted organs. While Michigan residents are increasingly adding their names to the donor register (487,265 in 2002), more are needed to provide happy endings to the stories of those waiting for an organ.

"Well, I just feel it's the greatest gift you can give someone. I feel very fortunate that I was able to get the gift of life, or I wouldn't be here today," said George Kopp of Livonia, who received a liver in 1998.

Kopp had acquired hepatitis C from a blood transfusion years before. It took a long time for the hepatitis C to do the damage. The liver transplant was the only thing that saved me," he said.

For 18 months prior to his transplant, which took place at University of Michigan Hospital, Kopp took medications to stabilize

his condition. It was 18 months full of medical problems, he said. He received his transplant Dec. 5, 1998, however, he did not regain consciousness until mid-January due to a reaction to an immune-suppressant drug. Once the drug was changed, his body no longer fought to reject the new organ.

"I feel a lot better than prior to the surgery," he said of his current condition.

Today, Kopp is active in the Gift of Life program and writes a letter once a year to the donor family in care of Gift of Life. He has not heard back. He understands. His celebration began with someone else's grief.

The hardest part of the transplant was knowing that someone had to die so you could live," he said.

HEART TO HEART

For the past 15 years, Ronald Hawkins of Canton has enjoyed life thanks to a family who donated a loved one's heart.

In 1984, at age 39, Hawkins had a heart attack while playing golf. He was taken to University of Michigan Hospital and given medications to stop the attack and open his arteries. However, Hawkins' heart attack continued to progress and eventually damaged his heart's electrical system.

Four years later, Hawkins received a new



Mary Rowley and her mother, Kathy Glowacki, enjoyed a trip to Disney World in January. "If it wasn't for your kidney, I wouldn't have been able to go," Glowacki told her daughter.

heart at Henry Ford Hospital. Because his condition was so unstable, he was hospitalized for four months prior to the transplant. During his wait, he was literally tethered to a host of life-saving machinery, including three leads from a pacemaker.

When you get a new heart, you have that all taken out and thrown away, he said.

Hawkins continues to feel good.

Before I went in (for the transplant), my electrical system was so bad that if I walked 100 yards, I was exhausted. Sometimes I would faint. My heart would beat at 200-300 beats a minute, he said. I'm very lucky. My heart has been doing quite well. I just made a change in medication.

Like Kopp, Hawkins writes a letter every year to the donor family in care of Henry Ford Hospital. He has never received a response. And like Kopp, he is active in the Gift of Life program, stocking the Canton Secretary of State office with brochures and talking to people in line for their driver's license about becoming an organ donor.

Your percentage of dying in a car accident is small, but if everyone signed up as a donor, you wouldn't have so many deaths of people waiting for transplants. People

April is Michigan Donor Awareness Month

The number of organ and tissue donors set new record volume levels for 2002, according to Gift of Life Michigan.

"Gift of Life is proud to announce that for the second year in a row, new volume records were set for the recovery of organ donors and tissue donors," said Thomas M. Beyersdorf, executive director of Gift of Life in the agency's February publication. "This is the first time since 1986 that two consecutive record volume years were achieved." In 2002, Michigan had 226 organ donors and 742 tissue donors.

Currently waiting for a transplant in Michigan as of Feb. 1, 2003:

Kidney, 1,782
Heart, 84
Lung, 87
Liver, 388
Pancreas, 90

On Monday, April 7, all Secretary of State branch offices in Michigan will be promoting organ and tissue donation to their employees and customers. Volunteers will greet visitors and answer questions about organ and tissue donations.

Commonly asked questions about donation:

What can I donate?

Organs and tissues that can be donated include heart, kidneys, lungs, liver, intestines, pancreas,

corneas, bone, skin, heart valves, tendons.

Do I need to tell my family about my decision to be a donor?

Yes, your family must give consent before donation takes place.

How is consent obtained?

Organ and tissue donation will not begin without permission from the donor's legal next of kin. In order of priority are spouse, adult son or daughter, parent, adult brother or sister, and legal guardian.

Is there an age limit for donation?

No, almost anyone can become a donor, provided the family has granted permission and the donor meets medical criteria.

Are there any costs to my family for donation?

No, it costs nothing to donate and no costs are passed on to donor's family or estate.

Will my religion approve of donation?

Most major religions approve of organ and tissue donation, and consider donation a benevolent gift.

Can normal funeral arrangements be made?

Yes, donation will not disfigure the body or change the appearance for an open-casket.

Will doctors work as hard to save my life if they know I am an organ and

tissue donor?

Yes, the No. 1 priority at the hospital is to save your life. Organ and tissue donation can be considered only if death is imminent and your family has given their consent.

What is the Gift of Life Agency?

The Gift of Life Agency (GOL) is a full-service organ and tissue recovery organization that acts as the intermediary between donors, physicians and hospital staff. The GOL provides all services necessary for organ and tissue donation and transplantation.

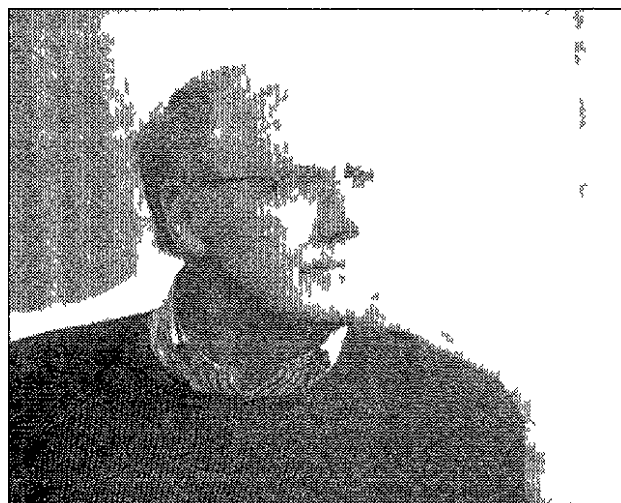
How do I add my name to the registry?

You can fill out a postage-paid card (obtained from Gift of Life) and register by mail. You can also register online through the Michigan Department of State's Web site at www.sos.state.mi.us.

What is the Michigan Organ and Tissue Donor Registry?

The Registry is a confidential, 24-hour-a-day, computerized database that documents your wishes regarding organ donation.

Source: Gift of Life brochure. Organ & Tissue Donation saves lives. For more information, call the Gift of Life Agency at (800) 482-4881 or visit www.tsm.giftoflife.org.



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George Kopp received his transplant Dec. 5, 1998.

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APRIL

Grief support

Angela Hospice 14100 Newburgh Road Livonia offers ongoing grief support groups every second and fourth Tuesday. Next meetings are 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. April 8 and 22. Call Joan Lee at (734) 464-7810.

Anger management

Biochemist Sandy Baumann will offer Getting the Red Out Letting Go of Anger 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays April 8 and 15 at Schoolcraft College 18600 Haggerty Rd. Livonia. Learn about the physiological effects of anger on the mind and body along with common myths about anger. Recognize the steps of escalating anger in another person and discover many ways to deal with your own anger. Cost is \$48. Call (734) 462-4448 by April 7.

Herbs & Supplements

St. Colette's Parish Health Ministry will present Marilyn Dean speaking on Herbs Supplements and Vitamins 7 p.m. Tuesday April 8. Learn how to read labels ingredient safety vitamins antioxidants and herbs. St. Colette is located at 17600 Newburgh Road (across from Laurel Park Place) between Six and Seven Mile roads Livonia. Call Joanne at (734) 464-4436.

AD/HD

CHADD (Children and Adults with AD/HD) will hold its April meeting 7 p.m. Tuesday April 8 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 39020 Five Mile Road (between I-75 and Newburgh) Livonia.

Dr. Art Robin professor of psychiatry and neurosciences at Wayne State University and a specialist in adolescent and adult AD/HD will be the guest speaker. Recorded information line (313) 438-3099. Call Ken Smith state director for CHADD at (313) 438-3763.

Mini-med school

The U-M Medical School is enrolling students in its third annual Mini Med School 7-9 p.m. every Tuesday from April 8 to May 13 on the Medical School campus. The tuition is \$75 per person. Complimentary parking provided. Program focuses on infectious disease and covers a range of subjects: the microbial world immunization and vaccination diagnostic laboratory procedures and the uses and abuses of antibiotics opportunistic infections in immunocompromised patients and HIV/AIDS respiratory and gastrointestinal infections the evolution and ecology of infectious diseases emerging infections bioterrorism and biological warfare. Space is limited. Registration forms and payment must be postmarked no later than March 25. For a copy of the registration form visit www.med.umich.edu/medschool/minimed or call (800) 742-2300 and enter category 6540.

Adoption

Child & Parent Services of Bingham Farms will conduct an adoption program titled Building Families Through Adoption 7:30 p.m. Wednesday April 9 at the Birmingham Community House 380 Bates Birmingham. Meet families

who have participated in domestic and international adoptions. Cost is \$3. Call (248) 644-5832 for reservations.

Thyroid

Michigan Thyroid Support Group will meet 6:30 p.m. Monday April 14 at the Plymouth Library in downtown Plymouth. Dr. Nussbaum from The Center for Holistic Medicine will discuss treatment of thyroid disease. Call Tracy Green at (734) 453-7945 or email mthyroid@yahoo.com. Visit Web site at <http://community.mlive.com/cc/thyroid>.

Toxins

Arbonne International will sponsor a Women's Toxin Awareness Seminar 7 p.m. Tuesday April 15 at the Canton Summit in the Arts 11 Room. Learn how toxins in the environment can cause allergies hormonal imbalance and sickness. Call Colleen Weaver at (734) 397-7789.

Prostate cancer

Join Dr. Jeffrey Forman for a free super/lecture on Managing Prostate Cancer Treatment Side Effects 6:15 p.m. Tuesday April 15 at the Weisberg Cancer Center 31995 Northwestern Highway Farmington Hills. RSVP (248) 538-6514.

Blood drive

VFW Post 9885 6440 N. Dix Road Westland will sponsor a Red Cross blood drive 2-8 p.m. Wednesday April 23. Walk-ins welcome. For an appointment call Larry Tebor post surgeon at (734) 377-8329 or (734) 261-2807 and leave name telephone number and time desired.

Health fair

Attend NorthRidge Church's first ever health fair! 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday April 26. Spring into Good Health is for the whole family. We'll have booths set up throughout our Activity Center and Chapel for things like physical fitness fire safety child safety heart disease and diabetes information. We'll have hearing evaluations and cholesterol testing and smoking cessation information. There will also be a massage table. Call (734) 414-7777 Ext. 225.

Yoga

Botsford Center for Health Improvement 39750 Grand River Novi will offer a six week session of Gentle Yoga for Beginners 10-11 a.m. Monday beginning April 28. The fee is \$55. The class emphasizes stretches for strength flexibility relaxation and energy enhancement. Learn techniques to help alleviate insomnia anxiety and stress. Includes breathing and meditation exercises. To register call (248) 477-6100.

ONGOING

Self-help groups

Anyone seeking information on a variety of self-help groups may visit the Michigan Self Help Clearing House at the Michigan Protection Advocacy Service Web site www.mpas.org. If you have a disability rights issue contact the MPAS at (800) 288-5923.

Bipolar

The MDDA Bipolar Support Group

meets 3-5 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday at Beaumont Hospital Administration Bldg 3601 W. 13 Mile Road Royal Oak. Call Kathie at (248) 544-1097.

Divorce support

The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College will offer a Divorce Support Group 7-9 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Call the WRC at (734) 462-4443.

Bereavement

Together to Share a grief support group meets 10 a.m. the first Monday of each month at American House on Middlebelt Road in Livonia. The group meets 3 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at Dorvin Nursing Center on Middlebelt Road in Livonia. Both groups are facilitated by a bereavement coordinator from Heartland Hospice in Southfield. Call (800) 770-9859.

Overeaters Anonymous

Support group for overeaters meets 7 p.m. every Friday at Providence Park Novi 47601 Grand River Avenue Novi. Helpline (313) 438-HELP or (248) 474-9456.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Everyone is welcome to Providence Hospital sponsored AA meetings held Noon every Tuesday and Thursday at Providence Medical Office Center Novi 39500 W. 10 Mile Road (at Haggerty) Novi. Call (248) 348-9362 noon every Wednesday at Mission Health Medical Center Livonia 37595 Seven Mile Road Livonia. Call (734)

953-1188 and 8:30 p.m. every Wednesday at Providence Hospital 16001 W. Nine Mile Road Southfield. Call (248) 333-4911.

Gambling

The Gamblers Anonymous Support Groups meets 7:30-9 p.m. Mondays at St. Mary Mercy Hospital 36475 Five Mile Road Livonia in Classroom 4. Call (734) 655-2944 or (800) 494-0277. Group is open to anyone with a gambling dependency.

Cancer

Join Focus on Living a cancer support group offered 7-8:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Mercy Hospital Livonia. The group is designed to help cancer patients and families come together to help each other in living with a cancer diagnosis and treatment. Co-sponsored by the American Cancer Society. Call (734) 655-8940 or (800) 494-1650.

Tremor Disorder Support

Shari Finsilver of Orchard Lake leads a local support group for those who suffer from Essential Tremor a debilitating and incurable movement disorder. The group meets 7-8:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at Temple Israel 5725 Walnut Lake Road in West Bloomfield. Contact Finsilver at (248) 683-4138 or Finsilver@earthlink.net or visit www.tremorsupport.com. To learn more about the International Tremor Foundation visit www.essentialtremor.org or call (888) 387-3667.

Transplant Center holds donation awareness event

The University of Michigan Transplant Center is pleased to announce a campus-wide organ and tissue donation event scheduled for Thursday, April 10 through Sunday, April 13. The U-M Organ and Tissue Donation Drive is being coordinated by the Interfraternity Council of the U-M.

During the drive, members of each fraternity and sorority on the U-M Ann Arbor campus will distribute Michigan Donor Registry cards and lapel pins urging people to consider their wishes about organ and tissue donation. The students will also accept donations for U-M Transplant Center.

As part of Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Month, which is designated for April this year, students will work to spread the word on the U-M campus about the importance of each student making a personal decision about donation and to share that decision with a family member. Michigan Donor Registry cards are also a vehicle to record one's wishes. Several hundred thousand people are currently listed on the Michigan

Donor Registry, and nationwide, more than 80,000 Americans are awaiting organ transplants.

The four-day event is sponsored by the U-M Transplant Center, Gift of Life Michigan, the U-M Interfraternity Council, the U-M Panhellenic Association, and Big George's Home Appliance Mart of Ann Arbor. Big George's has long been a supporter of organ and tissue donation initiatives in Michigan.

For this event, Big George's also has issued a challenge to all of the participating fraternities and sororities to distribute as many Michigan Donor Registry cards as possible and also to generate funds for the Transplant Center. Big George's will recognize the most successful fraternity or sorority by awarding them a 50-inch television set for their house.

For more information about the U-M Organ and Tissue Donation Drive, or organ and tissue donation and transplantation, call (734) 936-3460 or visit www.med.umich.edu/trans/public.

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think they won't die, but if you're on the receiving end (of a transplant), that's when you really want it done," he said.

TO MOM, WITH LOVE

Mary Rowley of Livonia never hesitated about her decision to donate a kidney to her mother, Kathy Glowacki of Westland, whose kidneys were damaged by years of chronic pyelonephritis. Glowacki had begun dialysis, a process much rougher on her body than she had anticipated.

"She was very sick, and I certainly didn't want to see her going through any more sickness than she had to endure, said Rowley. "We underwent testing, and, voila, we were a match."

The three years prior to Glowacki's transplant were the worst. She could no longer walk through a grocery store without suffering complete exhaustion. She underwent her transplant Feb. 24, 1999, at Henry Ford Hospital.

"It's not a day you can forget," she said.

Glowacki recently had her anti-rejection medication cut down from 11 pills to 10 pills a day, a small but significant milestone, she said. She continues to relish her new-found health. "It's amazing because after the transplant you realize how sick you really were."

Glowacki was hesitant to allow Rowley to donate a kidney. She worried not only about Rowley, but about her other two daughters, both of whom have kidney disease. If they needed a kidney, to whom would they turn? Rowley was the only daughter with disease-free kidneys.

"I needed time to process it," she said. However, her two other daughters assured their mother that with eight children between them, they would find a donor if necessary.

Rowley had her kidney removed through the traditional large side incision. A short while later, Henry Ford Hospital routinely began doing laparoscopic kidney removal. Although Rowley's after-surgery pain and recovery was greater than her mother's, she would do it all over again.

"Oh yes, definitely I'd just ask for a double dose of pain medication," she said.

MAKE A DECISION

Rowley said her six weeks of post-surgical pain has given her mother a better quality of life. It also has created a "special bond" between them (she's quick to point out that doesn't mean she's the favorite daughter!).

"I keep an eye out for her. I say, 'Don't do that to my kidney!'" Rowley is feeling great, except for an occasional twinge in her side. Also, she can no longer wear clothes with a too-tight waistband - a small price to pay for giving her mother the gift of life. She encourages people to sign the backs of the driver's license as soon as they receive it.

"Do it when you get it. Don't wait. All your parts can be donated."

George Kopp tells people to talk to their families in addition to signing the back of their licenses. And put your name on the donor register.

"There's no money involved, just putting your name on the list," he said. "You're recycling organs and giving them to someone else." To the families of donors, he says, "Your loved one, part of him or her, is alive in someone else."

For more information about the Gift of Life Agency contact Tammie Havermahl at (800) 482-4881 or e-mail thavermahl@giftoflifemichigan.org.

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The bad news is that these changes are inherited there is nothing you can do or medicine you can take to prevent these changes. In addition enlargement of your knuckles occurs because of the laying down of calcium that is extra bone around the finger joint. That means that a hand surgeon cannot perform cosmetic surgery to restore your fingers to their former contours. These changes in your knuckles are called bouchard nodes when they occur at the middle joints of your fingers and are known as heberdon nodes when they happen in the distal joints of your hands.

In a minority of cases the pain does not stop. If such occurs you should see your doctor as treatment is indicated. The first step is to make sure you do not have rheumatoid arthritis which can present in a similar manner. Physical examination of your hands and noting the firmness of your hand joints usually suffices to establish you have heberdon or bouchard nodes. Therapy with anti-inflammatory medication or joint injection will control the pain. In time the inflammation resolves and you no longer need treatment.

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Morning surge in blood pressure linked to strokes

In older people with high blood pressure, a sharp increase in blood pressure in the morning increases the risk of stroke and is linked to brain lesions known as "silent" strokes, according to a recent study published in *Circulation* Journal of the American Heart Association.

"This study is the first to show that an excessive morning blood pressure surge is a predictor of stroke in elderly people with high blood pressure," says lead author Dr. Kazuomi Kario, from the department of cardiology at Jichi Medical School in Tochigi, Japan. "This finding was independent of ambulatory blood pressure levels and target organ damage."

Ambulatory blood pressure is a 24-hour continuous blood pressure measurement. Target organ damage is the damage to organs such as the brain, heart or kidneys caused by high blood pressure.

"This study also extends previous work showing that people with an extreme dip in blood pressure overnight are at increased risk for stroke, and that the reason may be the morning surge rather than the excessively low blood pressure during the night," says Kario.

Kario's team followed 519 Japanese patients with high blood pressure (average age 72) for an average of 41 months. All participants underwent ambulatory blood pressure monitoring and a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scan to determine the presence of silent cerebral infarcts (brain lesions that indicate a "silent" stroke). High blood pressure (hypertension) is diagnosed when average systolic pressure (the top number in a blood pressure reading) is 140 millimeters of mercury (mm Hg) or greater, or average diastolic pressure (bottom number) is 90 mm Hg or greater.

Researchers calculated the morning blood pressure surge by measuring the average systolic blood pressure during the two hours after awakening, and subtracting the average systolic blood pressure during the one hour that included the lowest sleeping blood pressure.

Participants were divided into two groups. The morning surge (MS) group included 53 patients who had a morning blood pressure increase of 55 mm Hg or greater. The non-MS group included the remaining 466 patients who had a morning blood pressure increase of less than 55 mm Hg. The average morning blood pressure increase was 60 mm Hg in the MS group, and 29 mm Hg in the non-MS group.

The researchers found that participants in the MS group were more likely to have multiple "silent" strokes (57 percent) than the non-MS group (33 percent) according to their MRIs at the start of the study. In addition, 19 percent of those in the MS group had a stroke during the follow-up period compared with 7.3 percent of people in the non-MS group.

Even after adjusting for age and ambulatory blood pressure, the relative risk of stroke for people with a morning surge was nearly three times higher than for people without the surge. Researchers also found that a 10 mm Hg increase in the morning blood pressure surge increased stroke risk by 22 percent.

Kario says, "The results suggest that the morning surge in blood pressure could be a new target for drug treatment to prevent target organ damage and subsequent stroke in patients with high blood pressure. He adds that even though the study was not designed to investigate the effect of blood pressure-lowering medication on stroke risk, they did observe that such medication was associated with reduced stroke risk."

"Thus, controlling the morning surge with antihypertensive medication might decrease stroke risk," says Kario.

Kario's study is the largest and most definitive investigation of the long-recognized pattern of higher cardiovascular event rates in the morning hours.

The clinical inferences of the data from this study are clear," says Kario. "Patients who experience surges of blood pressure after arising are at risk for stroke and likely other cardiovascular events. The presence of such surges can be identified by home blood pressure measurements. And, if the early morning blood pressure is above 140/90 mm Hg, additional antihypertensive therapy is indicated."

He adds that it would be logical for drug treatment to include antihypertensive medicines that are effective for 24 hours or longer.

CLARIFICATION

It was incorrectly stated in the article "Reducing the Fear Factor" (Health, Sunday, March 30) that Dr. James G. Henderson, director of Troy Internal Medicine, was the primary Michigan

investigator for a Mayo Clinic study on fecal DNA evaluation. Dr. Naresh Gunaratnam, gastroenterologist and director of clinical research at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, is the lead investigator.

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The homes, well under construction, are on the site of a historic farmhouse on North Territorial just west of Sheldon Road

Condos have private entrances, individual basements and provide all living space on one floor at either the ground or upper level

All units contain 1,400 square feet with two bedrooms and two bathrooms. Lower are priced at \$225,000

Uppers with the same floor plan and base price also include an unfinished bonus space of 400 square feet, (\$10,000 premium - \$16,000 finished) or 170 square feet (\$5,000 premium - \$10,000 finished) over the garage

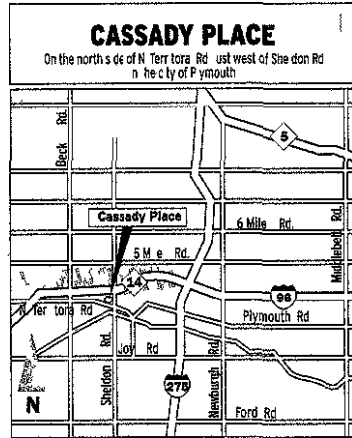
All condos include as standard features single-car garage, patio or balcony, air conditioning, gas fireplace and individual laundry

Also included at base price are range, microwave and dishwasher in the kitchen, jet tub and separate shower in the master, ceramic flooring in the foyer, hallway, kitchen, baths and laundry, and carpeting throughout the rest of the home

Crown moldings are included at base price in the lower-level units, a sloped ceiling and skylight in the uppers

Brick-paver walkways, covered porches, vinyl siding and dimensional shingles are standard exterior features/materials

Landscaping is included. "We have nice value for the money," said Peter Zorney, project manager. "Young people purchasing their first home like it because of the price point. People who are empty nesters



find it attractive because all exterior maintenance is taken care of"

This is comparable quality or better than for a home of \$700,000, said Marcello Scappaticci, the builder

Cassidy Place is within walking distance of downtown Plymouth and all of its amenities, Zorney said

"Historical things, a nice park in the middle of the city where they do a lot of nice things every year - festival, ice shows - a lot of shopping," Scappaticci said

A 130-year-old farmhouse with three or four bedrooms, two baths and 3,100 square feet of living space will remain at Cassidy Park and is listed for sale at \$398,000. Plans call for moving a barn to Plymouth Township Park, Zorney said

Stone around the foundation, shutters and Victorian scrolls at the condos will match similar features on the farmhouse

Vegetation and a large oak tree on site have been retained and evergreen trees will be planted around the perimeter

"A lot of people recognize my company and still remember other projects we built," Scappaticci said. Those include Tall Oaks Condominiums, Central City Parkways Condos and Wilderess Park Apartments, all in Westland. The model at Cassidy Place



Cassidy Place Condominiums in Plymouth provide modern amenities inside, a traditional farmhouse appearance at curb appeal

features an open living area grouping a living room, dining area and kitchen. The kitchen sinks and counter orient toward the gathering areas. A breakfast bar is at a peninsula counter

The laundry and pantry are opposite each other off the kitchen, a mud area off the entrance to the garage. The second bedroom and main bath are just off the foyer

Cassidy Place Condominiums, serviced by city water and sewers, are within the Plymouth-Canton school boundaries

The property tax rate is \$39.64 per \$1,000 of state taxable value, half of sales price for new construction. That means the owners of a \$225,000 lower would pay about \$4,500 the first year

All utilities are individually metered. The monthly association fee has been set at \$170. Pets are allowed

The sales model at Cassidy Place Condominiums is open noon to 6 p.m. daily. Scappaticci's office number is (734) 416 9118

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This is a home of distinction in excellent condition! It offers a great open floor plan with spacious rooms and it has been freshly painted with contemporary colors. Upgraded light fixtures are to be found throughout and there are ceiling fans in all bedrooms. In addition, the home is wired for network connections in several rooms. Its great room has a natural fireplace with gas log and the kitchen features a counter bar and all appliances. For convenience, the laundry with pantry area is located on the first floor. The recently finished basement has a large family room with bar, bonus room and ample storage. The home has a 2.5 car garage with built-in work bench and cabinets for storage, a lovely brick paver patio and a two tier deck. The professionally landscaped yard, which backs to the wooded commons area, is well maintained and has landscape lighting and an in-ground sprinkler system. Located near expressways and shopping, this stunning residence is in the Novi School District. Stop in for a visit today, or contact Felicia for additional information or to arrange for a private showing.

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BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

If your home is more than 30 years old, chances are it harbors some galvanized pipe.

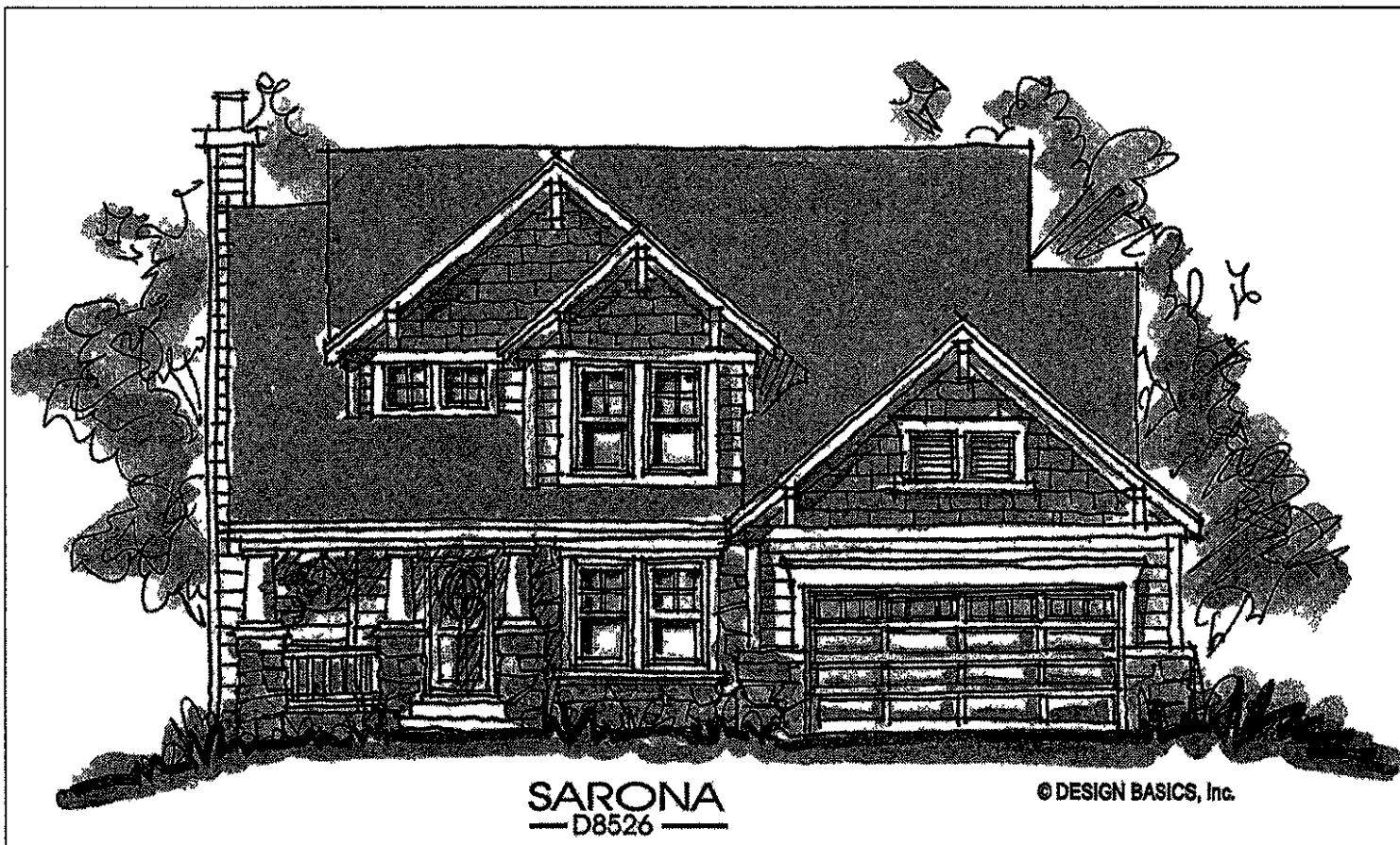
The water system for most modern homes are plumbed in copper. Copper isn't as expensive to install as galvanized pipe, and has better lasting quality.

Hard water and time cause galvanized pipe to corrode and leak. If the budget doesn't allow for full replacement of

the galvanized material, troubled sections can be replaced using copper.

Remember that copper and galvanized pipe should never come into contact with one another because they are dissimilar metals. This contact can result in a condition known as electrolysis, and will speed the demise of the pipe.

A dielectric union placed between the copper and the galvanized pipe will make for a safe-and-easy connection.



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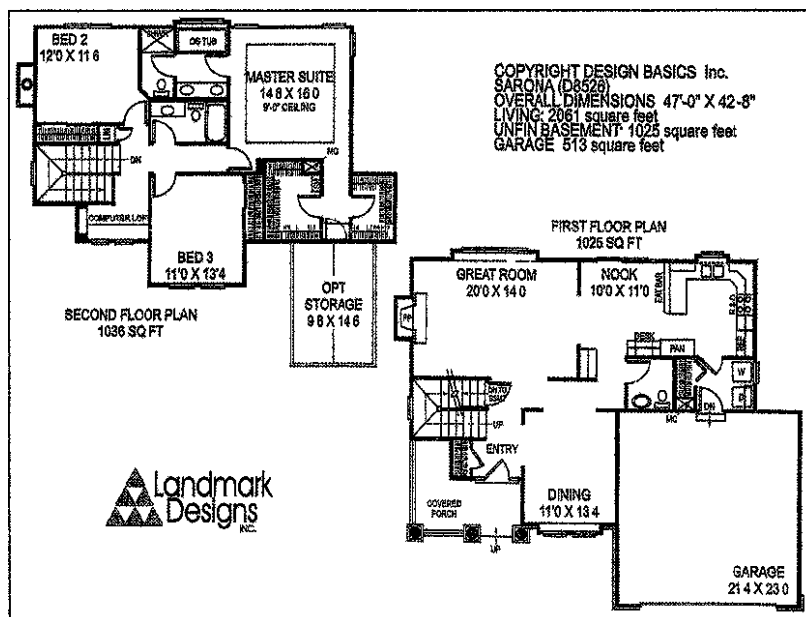
Family home has numerous windows, open layout

The Sarona mixes traditional siding with rock accents to form an attractive facade. The three pillars for the porch along with the rock corners on the garage add eye appeal. Numerous windows and a large dormer bathe rooms with light as well as adding character to the home. The Sarona has 2,061 square feet of finished living area and an unfinished basement of 1,025 square feet of area to be developed later.

Entry into the Sarona faces the great room in the rear and has the dining room on the right. A coat closet is tucked between the stairs and the door. The great room has a fireplace on the left wall, with large windows and a window seat in the rear. Opening off the great room is the nook and kitchen. Sliding doors open off the nook to the back yard.

The kitchen runs down the right and rear walls with an eating bar facing the nook. A desk as well as a pantry is opposite the nook. The utility is at the front part of the kitchen, with doors from the kitchen to the two-car garage. This is easy access to the pantry for storing groceries. Beyond the nook is a half bath. The dining area is in the front of the home and has large windows that look out over the street.

Upstairs is the sleeping area. There are two bedrooms with wall closets and large



option storage room. The master bath has an oversized tub and shower as well as dual sinks.

The entire layout of the Sarona is quite open and would be ideal for a family with smaller children that need to be close to Mom and Dad. The extra storage area is great for Christmas items, sports

equipment, etc. Overall, eye appeal and usability makes this home a good choice.

For a study plan including scaled floor plan(s), elevations, section(s) and an artist rendering send \$24.95 to Landmark Designs, 33127 Saginaw Road E, Cottage Grove, OR 97424. Please specify plan name (Sarona) and the number (D8526). A catalog featuring hundreds of home plans is available for \$12.95 or save by ordering both for \$29.95. For faster processing call (800) 562-1151.

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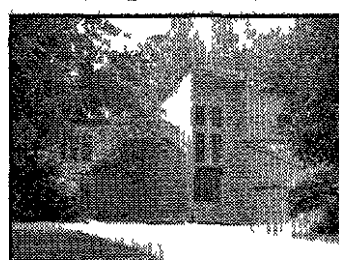
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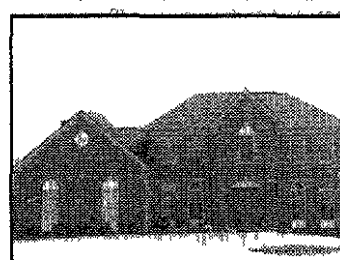
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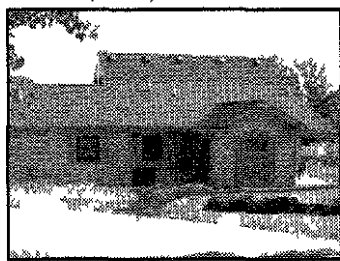
ALMOST NEW COLONIAL - Neutral & open with 9 ceilings crown moldings hwdw flrs Conan counters Andersen windows 4B 2.5BA master suite w/trey ceil & jetted tub Cherry cab in kit Over 1/2 acre lot w/cedar decking in back \$369 900 (90TIM) 248 363 1200



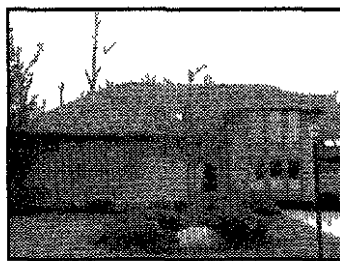
FARMINGTON HILLS CONTEMPORARY - 4 bedrooms 2.5 baths wonderful spacious updated huge kitchen updated ceramic baths Vaulted ceiling in great room family room w/fireplace doorwall circular staircase in foyer approximately 1/2 acre manicured property Custom deck & patio \$319 900 (26PLE) 248 626 8800



BLOOMFIELD - Terrific townhouse condo with finished walkout Newer Pella windows newer kitchen marble foyer den LR w/hwdw floors marble FP crown moldings and doorwall to elevated deck overlooking woods and golf course Huge MBR and his and hers WIC \$369 900 (93SAW) 248 642 8100



HIGHLAND - Laketfront cape cod 3 bdrm 2.5 bath 2 car att garage FFL family room & dining room w/covered patios all on approx 5 acres of land lakes and wet lands Approx 800 ft frontage on 2 lakes and your own putting green gar allows for 2nd floor addition \$260 000 (04GAF) 734 455 5600



FARMINGTON HILLS - Quality and elegance in this exquisite home with first floor master bedroom great room with fireplace exercise room 1st floor laundry & finished walk out lower level marble foyer central vac attached garage and private yard \$594 900 (21HID) 248 524 1600



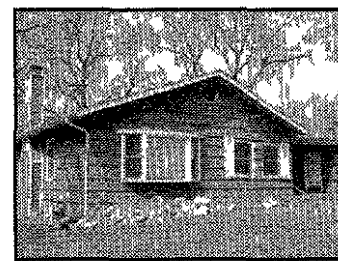
LAKE ORION GORGEOUS GROUNDS - Approximately 1.5 acres huge tiered deck has great view of pond Finished walkout basement has ceramic wet bar and bath Island kitchen has 2 way fireplace formal dining room lots of extras in this home \$409 000 (99VAL) 248 652 8000



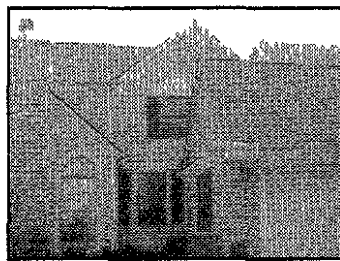
PRIME LOCATION IN FARMINGTON HILLS - This large spacious home is great for large families Beautifully finished walk out lower level opens to brick paver patio & overlooks river running through commons Swim & tennis club membership \$349 900 (69VAL) 248 363 1200



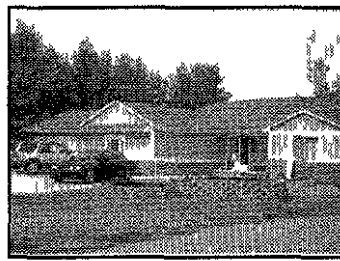
PANORAMIC VIEWS - Remarkable sunsets will be yours in this very open floor plan home with lake frontages viewable from front and rear 2 story fieldstone fireplace hardwood floors in a stunning kitchen 2 shorelines for your boating pleasure \$1 200 000 (37WAR) 248 626 8800



WEST BLOOMFIELD - Updated ranch w/Birmingham Schools Privileges on all sports Walnut Lake Updated kitchen some windows and much more This is a must see! \$325 000 (20SUN) 248 642 8100



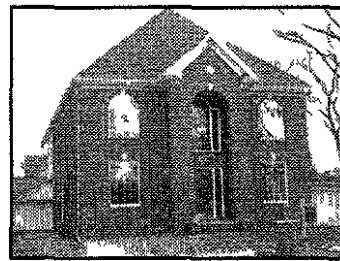
LINKS OF NORTHVILLE - 2 bedroom 2.5 bath condo w/2 car attached garage basement family room w/doorwall cathed ceiling fireplace & newer carpet 1st floor laundry master bedroom w/master bath w/whirlpool tub & skylight Better than new \$318 000 (18LOC) 734 455 5600



HARTLAND - Four bedroom 2.5 bath home with first floor master suite Two story foyer Formal dining room Great room with cathedral ceiling Large kitchen with oak floor and granite counters Full basement three car garage \$319 900 (97BRI) 248 524 1600

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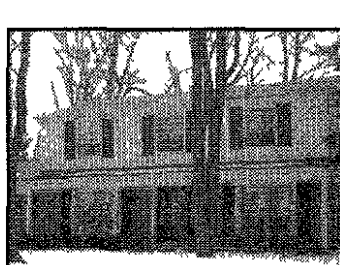
FINE HOMES & ESTATES



BIRMINGHAM - Bring your art books and imagination Walk to downtown Birmingham Fabulous kitchen fireplace in master and FR High ceilings maple flooring and staircase 2nd floor laundry 2 jetted tubs and wet bar Perfect for entertaining \$879 000 (37PIE) 248 642 8100



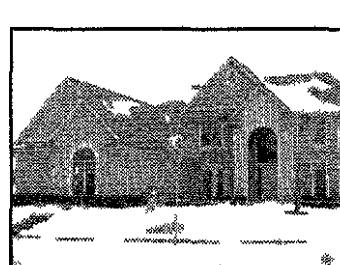
NORTHVILLE BEAUTY - Freshly updated 4 bedroom 2.5 bath Colonial in Whisper woods Sue Andersen windows throughout Beautifully landscaped private yard with underground sprinklers Quiet cul de sac location \$332 900 (05AMB) 248 349 5600



WEST BLOOMFIELD - 4 bedroom 2.5 bath in West Bloomfield offers 2 car attached garage basement family room w/FP dining room & library Pella windows thru out (02) newer roof gutters sump pump drain lines & circuit breakers (00) 1st flr laundry All in a great sub \$272 000 (27NOR) 734 455 5600



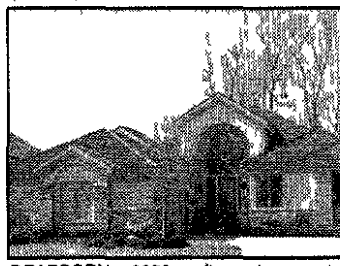
ROCHESTER HILLS - Home zoned as daycare or other small business large office at front of home Circular driveway Three bedrooms 2.5 baths 1st floor laundry and full basement with newer carpeting and half bath warranty \$325 000 (54SOU) 248 524 1600



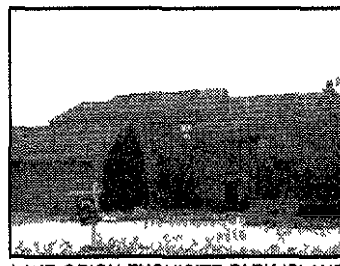
ROCHESTER - Gorgeous builders model with fabulous layout Master suite with sitting area and marble bath Sunroom off nook oak library with built in shelves and marble fireplace in 2 story great room Custom moldings and partially finished walkout \$874 900 (24RAM) 248 642 8100



DOWNTOWN NORTHVILLE CUSTOM WALKOUT - 3BR 3BA + 2 lav GR w/field stone FP Gourmet kit w/WI pantry Hwdw foyer & kit 2 zoned furnaces 90+ 40 year architectural shingles in LL walkout FR w/2nd FP BA Grand view on approx 1 acre \$684 900 (30SEV) 248 349 5600



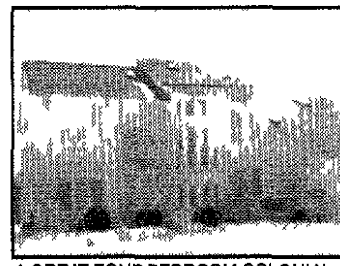
DEARBORN - 3350 sq ft ranch presents 2 bdrms 3.5 baths finished basement 2 car attached garage in gated community at the TPC golf course overlooking fairway master suite w/jetted tub & sep shower spacious white kitchen w/granite counter \$699 900 (5PRES) 734 455 5600



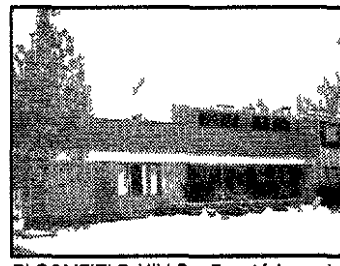
LAKE ORION EXQUISITE PARK ISLAND - Soaring cathedral ceiling and windows great views from every room All sports lake with dock Master suite with dual WIC marble surrounded tub and shower extensive use of marble and granite finished basement \$937 500 (72PAR) 248-652 8000



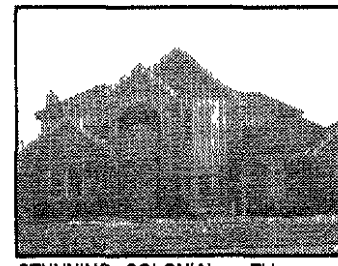
COMMERCE - Forest Bay Community Perfectly sized 3 bdrm home w/unfinished walkout 3 car garage first & second floor laundry formal dining room and gorgeous amenities Move right in and bring your boat for deeded dock too \$489 900 (62WOO) 248 363 1200



A GREAT FOUR BEDROOM COLONIAL - This home must be seen to be appreciated from the astounding curb appeal to the fine details on the inside Featuring 2 master bedrooms for your pleasure 1 up & 1 on entry level The kitchen is spacious & the laundry is conveniently placed on the 1st floor \$489 000 (19DEL) 248 626 8800



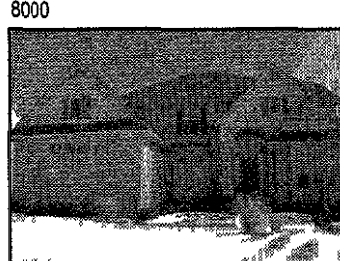
BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Beautiful wooded ravine lot approx 1/2 acre Remodeled kitchen great room addition 4 BRs 2 full baths and 2 half baths Deck balcony and Bloomfield Hills Schools \$779 000 (50LAH) 248 642 8100



STUNNING COLONIAL - This one is beautiful inside & out 4BR 2.5BA with 2 story foyer with hardwood floor oak kitchen dual staircases all neutral colors & lots of added features throughout Added features in basement Prof landscaper sprinkler system Wow \$322 900 (36SOU) 248 349 5600



PLYMOUTH - Favorite neighborhood walk to park & downtown curb appeal & wider lot! most hardwood floors refinished formal dining room w/cherry wainscoting crown molding library has mahogany wood accents built in desk & French doors to family room \$333 000 (08ROO) 734 455 5600



CLARKSTON - LIVE WHERE YOU PLAY Fabulous Oakhurst golf community on the 10th fairway Spacious home soaring ceilings thru out library large kitchen with island and hearth room 2 way fireplace hardwood floors extra deep finished walk out with in law suite \$589 900 (39OAK) 248 652 8000



CUSTOM BRENTWOOD TUDOR - 2001 built 3BR 2.5BA home with premium amenities Main floor mstr w/2 WIC & jetted tub J & J bath upstairs w/loft FR GR w/fireplace hwdw flrs vaulted ceilings FFL part fin LL huge 4 car gar Wooded lot w/sprinkler system Clubhouse \$459 900 (69MAY) 248 363 1200



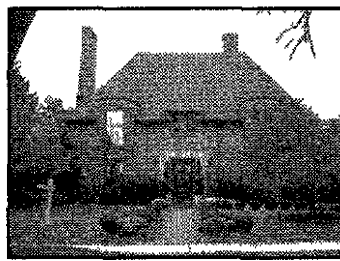
PERFECTLY PRIVATE Great for entertaining! Beautiful contemporary nestled in woods overlooks ravine open floor plan w/vaulted ceilings Beautiful 1st floor MBR his & her walk in closets treyed ceiling Custom kitchen w/island Jenn Aire gas cook top & ovens Hardwood floor \$850 000 (51DEE) 248 626 8800



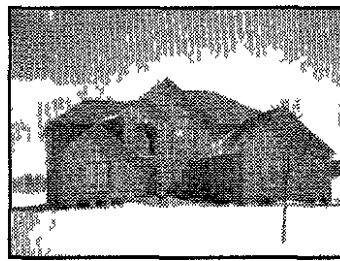
BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Uncompromised quality detail and taste Kitchen with granite stone and pewter tiles wood floors crown moldings and handcrafted iron stair railing Master suite with dressing room Bloomfield schools a must see! \$585 000 (05WIN) 248 642 8100



SPACIOUS FRANKEL COLONIAL - 4BR 2.5BA home with large open foyer huge kitchen w/opening to FR Hardwood floors on upper level Balcony off master Very private with beautiful landscaping surrounding large in ground pool patio & deck Gas fireplace \$389 000 (12VAL) 248 349 5600



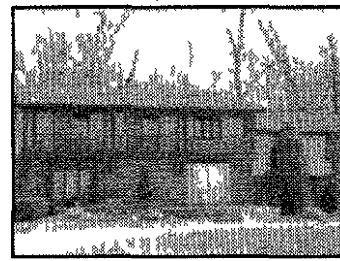
BIRMINGHAM - Totally renovated five bedroom 3.5 bath home in Quanton Lakes estates Gourmet kitchen 3 4 fireplaces library family room formal dining room year round sun room in law suite Custom details throughout A "must see" home \$1 395 000 (91PIL) 248 524 1600



OAKLAND - You'll love this home on premium lot of over an acre Two story great room w/gas fireplace Supreme hardwood floors formal dining room island country kitchen and pantry extra deep basement and 3 car garage \$497 900 (59BAR) 248 652 8000



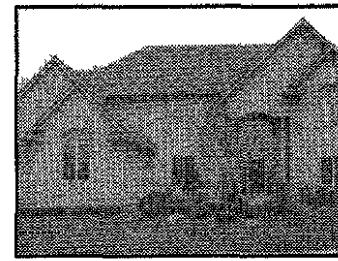
SERENE WOODCREEK ESTATES - Beautiful 4BR 2.45BA home on large estate sized lot Master suite w/private deck 2 story entry & LR W/O LL 3+ car garage Newer carpet neutral decor deeded docking on all sports Commerce Lake Hurry up and see this home \$429 900 (21WOO) 248 363 1200



BLOOMFIELD - With Birmingham Schools 5 bedroom Colonial with panoramic view of lake Open floor plan great lot circular drive w/brick stairs leading to brick porch Pool newly remodeled kitchen many updates spacious master bedroom w/walk in closets Great for home entertaining \$649 000 (50INK) 248 626 8800



BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Extensively updated 4BR 2.1BA home in Bennington Green Beautiful newer kitchen with all appliances Included Formal DR and LR fireplace in FR w/doorwall to landscaped lot with in ground pool Finished basement 2 car side entry garage Very sharp! \$455 000 (17WAT) 248 642 8100



BROADMOOR PARK COLONIAL - 4 bed room 3.5BA LR FR library dining room 3 car garage Finished LL with sauna Jack and Jill bedrooms 2 fireplaces \$539 000 (40NOR) 248 349 5600



ROCHESTER HILLS - Builders spec w/dimensional shingles maple kitchen cabinets ceramic tile bathroom bay windows Waterproofed basement with 5 year manufacturer's warranty against leaking Still time to pick your colors \$319 900 (21GRA) 248 524 1600



TROY - Elegance abounds Private yard hardwood floors island kitchen library family room w/gas fireplace 2 story foyer freshly painted recessed lighting newer kitchen appliances 1st floor laundry and tons of storage \$523 700 (56SAR) 248 652 8000



UPGRADES GALORE - 5 large bedrooms mstr & w/dot whirlpool tub steam shower and tpic Huge oak w/leaded glass lighting over island w/jenn air formal DR central vac intercom skylites 2nd floor laundry LR FR w/plc 3 car garage 30x40 in ground heated pool \$409 900 (26ROT) 248 363 1200



UPDATED TO PERFECTION! A beauty inside & out Vintage Rochester 3 or 4 bedroom 3 full baths 1st floor MBR and home warranty and newer carpet Living room w/fireplace & beamed cathedral ceiling FR w/loft skylight Dining room & breakfast room Parlor style study/bay window \$339 900 (75LUD) 248 626 8800



BEVERLY HILLS - Great opportunity to buy approx 2 acres in Beverly Hills 4BR 2.2BA Cape Cod that needs updates but has a wonderful FR breakfast room and 2 fireplaces Loads of potential with a bonus room in lower level \$379 900 (21WES) 248 642 8100



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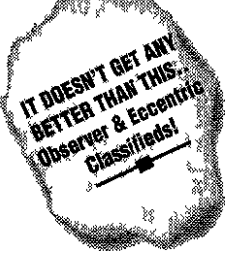
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