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Miracle players

Player registration for the upcoming season with the Miracle League of Plymouth runs through 4 p.m. Friday.

Players are being sought in age groups 5-8, 9-12, 13-17 and 18-plus, with a registration fee of \$85. The Miracle League is looking to build on a successful first year of providing baseball for special-needs children.

For online registration and information, go to www.plymouthwebtrac.net/wbws/webtracPLY.wsc/wb1000.html?wbp=1. Those who don't have a User ID and password can contact MLP officials at (734) 455-6620 or recreation@ci.plymouth.mi.us

Help needed

Plymouth Community United Way is looking for volunteers to clean yards and do light chores in Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton on Saturday, April 28.

Volunteers are asked to bring rakes, garden tools, hedge trimmers, and gloves. PCUW will supply yard waste bags.

To volunteer, call Betty Nolan at (734) 453-6879, ext. 7 or e-mail betty.nolan@pcuw.org before April 12.

Last November, 350 volunteers raked and cleaned the yards of 50 homes owned by senior citizens and people with disabilities.

Opening Day ticket contest

Enter our Facebook contest for a chance to win two tickets to Opening Day to watch the Detroit Tigers and the Boston Red Sox April 5 at Comerica Park. Our website, [hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com), is giving away two tickets, but you must act fast. Share the contest link with a Facebook friend and get five extra chances to win if they also enter the contest. The winner will be selected at random April 2.

You can enter by clicking on the contest link in our Don't Miss module at [hometownlife.com](http://www.facebook.com/OEHometown) or by visiting our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/OEHometown>.

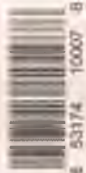
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Board closes Fiegel, spares Gallimore

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Parents of Gallimore Elementary School students walked into Tuesday's Plymouth-Canton Board of Education meeting hoping the board would disregard an administration proposal to close two schools, including theirs.

They got their wish. Board members voted 5-2 against a motion to close Gallimore Tuesday, with Trustees Mark Horvath and Mike Maloney casting the only votes to close it.

Parents of Fiegel Elementary School students weren't so lucky. In a 6-1 vote (with Vice President Adrienne Davis voting no), the board voted to shutter Fiegel beginning with the 2012-13 school year.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Did the school board do the right thing? E-mail your opinion to bkadrich@hometownlife.com.

The board also approved the move of the Starkweather alternative high school program from its current building to Fiegel, located on Joy Road just east of I-275. That move will also come at the start of the 2012-13 school year. "This has been a long process," Supt. Jeremy Hughes said before the votes. "Many things have taken place — meetings, forums — and we believe we've

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Plymouth-Canton Board of Education trustees voted Tuesday to close Fiegel Elementary School, but spared Gallimore Elementary School.



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With a great shove, Gretel (Tara Leipold) forces the witch (Shayna Jankowski) into the oven.

Youth theater troupe returning to stage

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Belo's Caught in the Act Youth Theater returns to the stage this weekend with two performances each of three different shows, at Hoben Elementary School in Canton Township.

The independent youth troupe is run by Sharon Belobraidich, a retired Plymouth-Canton Community Schools teacher and longtime theater director. The troupe, for children ages 5 through 13, had its

debut in December at Barefoot Productions' theater in Plymouth, and has been rehearsing its spring shows at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

This weekend, the company is offering two classic fairy tales, both from the Brothers Grimm: *Hansel & Gretel* and *The Elves and the Shoemaker*. The older children will take on a newer show, a slapstick mystery called *Poetic License to Kill*, by K.B. Tobin.

The actors have a new home, temporarily at least, in Hoben's cafeteria.

The Elves and the Shoemaker, with 5-, 6- and 7-year olds, is 10 a.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday. *Hansel & Gretel*, with 8- to 10-year-olds, is 2:30 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday.

Poetic License to Kill, with a cast of 11-, 12- and 13-year-olds, is 7 p.m. Friday and 12:30 p.m. Saturday.

Tickets are \$6 at the door for each show. Hoben is at 44680 Saltz, west of Sheldon.

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Local reps both file for re-election

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Though they represent opposing political parties, incumbent state Reps. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, and Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth, cite similar issues such as job creation and public education funding as top priorities they hope to continue tackling if they win re-election.

Slavens, campaigning for a third consecutive two-year term, and Heise, a freshman legislator seeking his second win, already have launched their candidacies long before the May 15 filing deadline for state House hopefuls declaring a political party.

According to the state Bureau of Elections website, Slavens and Heise as of Wednesday had no opposition — either within or outside their parties — though potential challengers still have weeks to rattle the political landscape.

Working hard

Slavens' newly redrawn 21st District includes most of Canton and Van Buren townships and all of Belleville. Heise's 20th District encompasses the Plymouths, Northville Township,



Heise



Slavens

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Officials upbeat in state of Plymouths talk

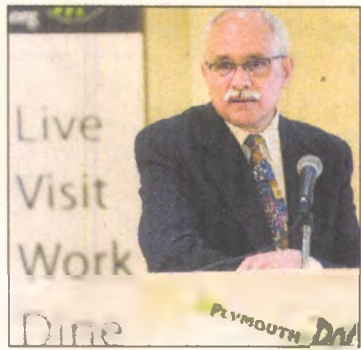
By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Businesses are expanding, Plymouth has a new look downtown and is tackling long-term problems like parking, and public schools are adding programs designed to improve outcomes and attract and retain students, local officials told area business leaders Wednesday.

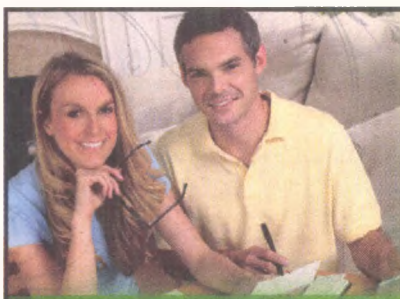
The annual state-of-the-community report, presented by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, was a mostly upbeat assessment of the area's progress over the past year. Representatives from the city, Plymouth Township, Wayne County and the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools spoke to about 112 people during a luncheon at the Plymouth Manor.

Laura Cox, a Republican who represents the area on the Wayne County Board of Commissioners, led off the program on a sour note, touching on the scandals and investigations that have beset the administration of County Executive Robert Ficano, such as the \$200,000 payout to former economic development director

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Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume talked about, among other things, fire services.



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Turkia Mullin, which she returned under pressure.

'The ugly truth'

"It's sad and frustrating that Wayne County government has become so infamous," said Cox, whose district will no longer include the Plymouth area after this year because of redistricting. Apologetic, Cox said she had "the obligation to tell you the ugly truth."

She repeated a call for Ficano, a Democrat, to step down, saying the scandals are too distracting. "It's time for new leadership in Wayne County," Cox said. Ficano has said he will not resign.

Cox also said her efforts toward greater county government transparency have been somewhat successful, and that she would miss representing the Plymouth area.

Jeremy Hughes, Plymouth-Canton schools superintendent, began by joking that he had prepared remarks but "the state of the school district changed" at Tuesday's Board of Education meeting. Hughes was referring to the impending closing of Fiegel Elementary, which was decided Tuesday.

Hughes, who said the district faced having 2,000 empty elementary seats this fall, blamed a declining birth rate, which he said is being seen across the county and the state, and competition from charter schools.

School initiatives

But Hughes listed several programs he said will improve the district, including:

- All-day kindergarten beginning later this year.
- The relocation of Starkweather alternative high school, on Holbrook in the city, to Fiegel, which is on Joy Road



Tuesday's State of the Community luncheon, sponsored by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, drew a good crowd to Plymouth Manor.

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in the township.

• The introduction of Spanish and Chinese at the elementary level.

• Plans for three academies within the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park high school complex: a technical academy focusing on math, science and engineering; a fine and performing arts academy; and an international academy that will offer an international baccalaureate diploma.

Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer lauded his management team, specifically City Manager Paul Sincock and Police Chief Al Cox, for developing a partnership with the Northville Fire Department that is expected to save \$400,000 or more a year. The partnership, which also includes a stronger relationship with Huron Valley Ambulance for emergency medical service, began in January.

"It has been an absolute success thus far because of all that hard work," said Dwyer, who also praised Northville Fire Chief Jim Allen and his firefighters. "They have a very strong focus on community. They are everywhere."

Dwyer said downtown Plymouth streetscape

improvements — a \$2 million project finished in two years instead of three as originally planned — have freshened up the center of town, and that officials are taking steps to provide convenient parking for visitors.

'Signs of a recovery'

New restaurants are coming and, throughout the town, people are fixing up their properties, he said.

"You can start to see signs of a recovery, with people building," he said. "There is more building going on in Plymouth now than in a couple of years, and it's great to see."

Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume focused on businesses in the township that are expanding their facilities or hiring, including the automotive suppliers Robert Bosch LLC, Johnson Controls and Westport Innovations, which modifies gasoline-powered engines to run on liquefied or compressed natural gas.

Several automobile dealers, including Lou LaRiche Chevrolet, Hines Park Lincoln and Don Massey Cadillac, are expanding their facilities, Reaume said.

Reaume also touted the

Inn at St. John's, a golf course, hotel and conference center on Five Mile, for its recent four-diamond AAA rating and its hosting last summer of the Concours d'Elegance of America, a show of classic, antique and collectible vehicles. Concours organizers were so pleased with the venue they made a five-year commitment to the Inn, Reaume said.

"They really are an international destination in this area," he said of the Inn.

Christine Schulz, manager at the Genisys Credit Union branch on Plymouth Road and Haggerty, pronounced the event "very informative" and said she was most interested in hearing about the changes at the schools.

"I think it'll help retain residents in this area," she said.

Lynn Coburn, who helps run a recruiting and business training agency in Canton Township, said she was impressed that local officials seem to take a team approach to their work.

"I think it's terrific, the work that they do," Coburn said.

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AROUND PLYMOUTH

"Around Plymouth" is designed to announce upcoming events taking place in the community. Items will run on a space-available basis. Send details to bkadrich@hometownlife.com.

MAD HATTER TEA

Date/Time: Sunday, April 15, 2-4 p.m.

Location: Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main

Details: The Plymouth Historical Museum hosts its annual Mad Hatter Tea where ladies wear their craziest hats. "Contain Yourself: Container Gardening Basics," will be presented by Sue Paulin, a Master Gardener in northwest Illinois. Tickets for the Mad Hatter Tea are \$20 for Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum members and \$25 for non-members, if purchased by April 6 (add \$5 to the ticket price after that date), and can be purchased at the Plymouth Historical Museum during open hours, or on the website at <http://www.plymouthhistory.org/Events.html> using PayPal.

Contact: For further information, call (734) 455-8940.

PROM DRESS SALE

Date/Time: Saturday, April 21, 9 a.m. to noon.

Location: Plymouth High School

Details: The second annual Prom Dress Sale is looking for donations of long or short formal dresses, shoes, jewelry and purses. Any items to be donated can be dropped off in the general office at Plymouth High School, 8400 Beck Road, Canton. Last year, more than 100 girls went home with a dress.

Contact: Lisa Bernages, (734) 582-5553

BUNNY BRUNCH

Date/Time: Saturday, March 31

Location: Plymouth Salvation Army Corps, Main Street just south of Ann Arbor Road

Details: The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps hosts a Bunny Brunch, an event that will help provide ad-



Wish You Were Here

Hannah and Jackson Smith of Plymouth spent their mid-winter break on the beautiful island of Oahu. They're pictured here with the statue of Duke Paoa Kahanamoku, the "Father of International Surfing," and their Plymouth Observer on Waikiki Beach in Honolulu. They also visited Pearl Harbor, climbed Diamond Head, snorkeled, hiked and enjoyed the beautiful island with their parents, Joe and Julie.

ditional awareness to the community about ministry programs such as: Men's and Women's Ministry, Summer Day Camp, Tiny Tots Pre-School, Youth Programming, Emergency Disaster Services, and Tae Kwon Do. The Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary will also be on hand with their residents. Youth will receive an Easter basket they can fill with some treats and their completed crafts. There will also be a photographer available to take a family picture that can be taken home as an additional memory of the Easter holiday.

Contact: Call (734) 453-5464 by March 26.

ROAD RALLY

Date/Time: Saturday, April 28; check in at 4:30 p.m., rally starts at 5 p.m.

Location: Participants must solve an advance clue, provided upon registration, to find out

Details: The Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors host their annual Road Rally, with competing teams racing across town solving puzzles, participating in fun activities and enjoying an evening on the town. The Rally ends at a final dinner party destination. Early bird discounted cost is \$20 per person before March 30, \$22 per person after that. Entries must be received by April 14 to ensure a spot in the Rally.

Contact: Melissa at president@plymouthnewcomers.com.

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presented our best recommendation for schools being closed, as well as realignment of school boundaries."

One, not two

Board members disagreed, at least with half of the plan. They first agreed to close Fiegel, which had also been targeted for closure last year before a last minute vote to close it failed. Trustee Barry Simescu, who voted against closing Fiegel last year, shifted his position after seeing information provided by the administration.

"Last year, I was not ready to do this ... we didn't have enough information," Simescu said. "I'm looking at the future. I believe Fiegel students will be moved to high-quality schools and get a high-quality education."

Trustee Mark Horvath, who wasn't on the board last year, agreed to close Fiegel this year. He said it makes more sense to realize some \$1 million in savings that could then be put back into remaining schools.

"What's best for the kids and for the teachers is to get as many resources into the hands of great teachers," Horvath said. "I can't support keeping buildings open just for the sake of keeping buildings open."

But Davis, who cast the swing vote to keep Fiegel open last year, also voted to keep it open this year, disagreeing that money is everything.

"Cost savings and consolidation should not be the largest factors," Davis said. "The biggest factor should be student achievement."

Trustees were far less willing to close Gallimore, a move administrators said would save nearly \$1 million. Judy Mardigan, the board's longest-serving member, said closing

Gallimore, and shifting some 400 students to other schools, wouldn't leave room either for any possible increase in population or addition of new programming.

"I really had a hard time with this one," Mardigan said. "I'm not ready to do it. I want us to be able to add additional programs, and if we close Gallimore I don't know if we'll be able to do it."

Mixed emotions

Emily Florence of Canton, who has five children in the district, including three who attend Gallimore, said decision leaves Gallimore's special-needs contingent in place, singling out efforts Gallimore teachers make with autistic children.

Still, she said, the decision left her with mixed emotions.

"I'm very relieved Gallimore has been spared, but there's that compassion for the parents at Fiegel," Florence said. "We have some great autistic improvement programs, and Gallimore is conducive to that learning environment. 'We've been innovative in our programs ... those special things that go on at Gallimore give it an edge.'"

Trustee Mike Maloney, though, pointed out the district could have used the million-dollar savings in other areas. "A million dollars is another 10 teachers," Maloney said. "Or, our textbook budget is something like \$500,000."

The board tabled two motions it would have had to consider had it closed Gallimore. One was the new boundary map, which will have to be redrawn — again — in the light of Gallimore's survival.

The other was a proposal to repurpose Gallimore to house 12 classrooms of the TAG program and use eight classrooms for preschool.

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Miracle League wins Pyramid honor

The Miracle League of Plymouth was chosen the 2012 Best Project Teams (under \$3 Million) Pyramid Award for the Miracle League of Plymouth project, a baseball field and pavilion for children with special needs.

The Pyramid Awards are sponsored by the Washtenaw Contractors Association. This particular award recognized architect Joseph Philips and contractor, Ted Barker, Shaw Construction.

Each of these prestigious awards represents the highest level of achievement in the areas of teamwork, service, or innovation. The winners are selected by independent experts in the construction industry.

Ted Barker, President, Shaw Construction; Construction Manager, Miracle League of Plymouth

"A project like this comes by once in a lifetime to construct a very special ball field in the very town you were raised in," said Barker.

"To be able to be part of such a dynamic team with Joseph Philips Architect, LLC, Bob Bilkie, and Deb Madonna, who helped raise this project from an idea three years ago to a complete success is all the award any one needs. Then to be recognized by my peers from my very own construction industry as the 2012 Washtenaw Construction Association Best Project Team is overwhelming."

According to judges, the project involved an extremely high level of cooperation between the owner, architect and contractor, resulting in true synergism between these three entities; resulted in an improvement in some critical aspect of the construction project; the improvement is documented and sufficient information is disclosed

to the Jury to complete its review; the award nomination is supported in writing by all three entities; the project is located in Michigan; and the contractor/construction manager nominee is a member of the Washtenaw Contractors Association.

"It once again goes back to form and function," said Bob Bilkie, co-chair of the Miracle League of Plymouth. "Not only does the field suit our Miracle League Players well but it is also a thing of beauty to behold. Ted and Joe are at the top of their games."

Madonna, the other co-chair of the Miracle League of Plymouth, said the MLP was "lucky enough" to be able to build a baseball field for children, some of whom have not had a chance to play.

"There is nothing better for adults than to be able to create a place for all children to play and be part of a team, to provide a place where they will make friends," she said.



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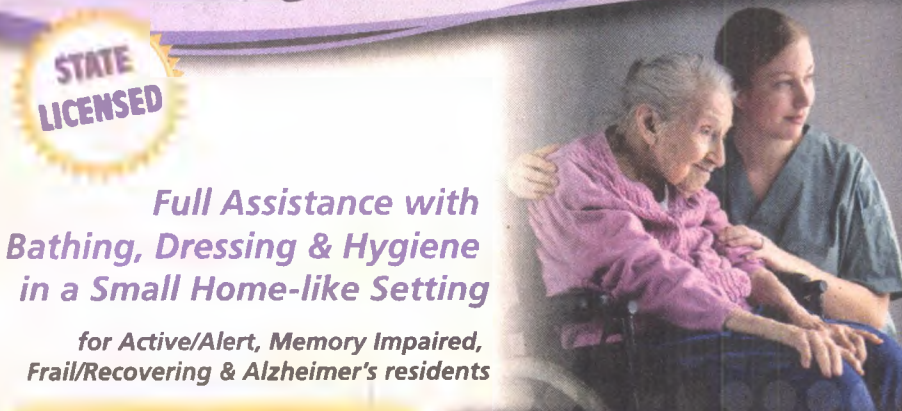


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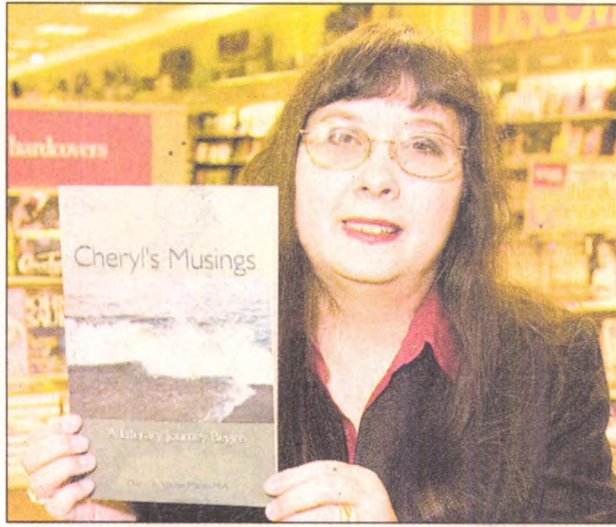
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Public can meet local authors

Highlighting literary talent from Plymouth and surrounding communities, the Plymouth District Library's annual Author Fair, set for Saturday, March 31, at 1 p.m., provides a forum for authors to meet each other and members of the community, share their work and experience, make connections, and sell books.

- Participating authors this year will include:
- William Rapai, *The Kirtland's Warbler: The Story of a Bird's Fight Against Extinction and the People Who Saved It*
 - Josephine Gambini, *Poetino Piccolino Saves the Day*
 - Gail Hershenzon, *Detroit's Woodmere Cemetery*
 - Bonnie E. Virag, *The Stovepipe: A Memoir*
 - Cheryl Vatcher-Martin, *The Cornstalks are Whispering*
 - Gretchen Hocking, *The Bar Wench from Hell*
 - Ryan Ennis, *The September Surprise: A Story Helping Kids Understand Autism and Co-Teaching*



Cheryl Vatcher-Martin of Canton is one of the authors appearing at Saturday's Local Authors fair at the Plymouth District Library.

- R. Michael Bullotta, *Hard Core*
 - Barbara J. Dickerson, *The Lambs: A Journal of Rescue and Raising Orphan Lambs*
 - Maria Dismondy, *Pink Tiara Cookies for Three*
 - Brian Bartes, *Life Lessons: A Guide to Living Your Best Life*
 - Patty O'Brien Novak, *Engineering the ABC's: How Engineers Shape Our World*
 - Cassandra Carter, *16 Isn't Always Sweet*
 - Bridget McGovern Llewellyn, *One Child, One Planet: Inspiration for the Young Conservationist*
 - Gene Dickerson, *Automotive Climate Control: 116 Years of Progress*
 - Holly Skelton, *Perfect You*
 - Lynette Mather, *Unspoken Secrets*
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NEWS BRIEFS

Weekend valet parking downtown continues for now

Valet parking will be offered in downtown Plymouth Friday and Saturday evenings until mid-April. The Plymouth City Commission last week approved a request by restaurateur Frank Yaquinto to extend the pilot valet service begun in December. For \$5 a vehicle, the service will be available in front of Yaquinto's Main Street restaurants, Compari's on the Park and Fiamma Grille, through Saturday, April 14. The hours are 6 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays.

Valets from an outside company use five on-street parking spots on Main as a staging area, but park vehicles at Saxton's Garden Center on Ann Arbor Trail, where Yaquinto pays for use of the lot. He says the valet service frees up parking spots downtown that its users would otherwise take, easing the downtown parking situation.

"We extended it because it's been popular," Yaquinto said. "I think it's a win-win. We created a lot of spots." The service is open to all visitors, and Yaquinto told the city an estimated 35 percent to 40 percent of the parties using it have destinations other than his restaurants. An average of 35 vehicles are parked through the service each Friday and Saturday night, he told the city, with up to 50 vehicles on some nights.

Yaquinto's goal was to have valet service available until arrival of warmer temperatures — which occurred early this year. "We're going to look at it again in the winter," he said.

Another downtown restaurant, Panache 447, on Forest, also offered valet service through the pilot program but recently discontinued it.

The commission's vote for the extension was 6-1, with Commissioner Diane Bogenrieder voting no.

Design phase

The council also unanimously authorized the city's engineering firm, Wade Trim, to begin design work on the 2012 street improvement program. The commission's resolution, passed March 19, sets a cap on the cost of design services at \$158,500.

Included in the program this year are the reconstruction of Harvey Street between Wing and Sutherland and the reconstruction of Sutherland between Main and McKinley, with water main and sewer improvements planned for both streets. Also included is the replacement of a water main that runs through the back yards of houses on Dewey Street and serves 10 businesses on South Main. The water line would be replaced in an easement that would be more accessible.

Also being considered is the reconstruction of a short stretch of Adams Street south of Farmer, including the replacement of storm and sanitary sewer lines there.

Some of the work being discussed could stretch into two or three construction years.

Sidewalk bucks

Sidewalks in Plymouth Township's Ridgewood Hills subdivision will be outfitted with the latest barrier-free ramps beginning this spring with the help of federal Community Development Block Grant money.

Hard Rock Concrete of Westland was awarded the sidewalk contract March 20 by a 6-0 Board of Trustees vote. Trustee Steve Mann was absent.

Hard Rock had submitted a low bid for the job, which includes replacing 7,345 square feet of sidewalk, of just over \$94,300.

Ridgewood Hills is a neighborhood of just under 400 homes east of Ridge Road and south of Powell.

— By Matt Jachman

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Family prepares to say goodbye to Kent Morton

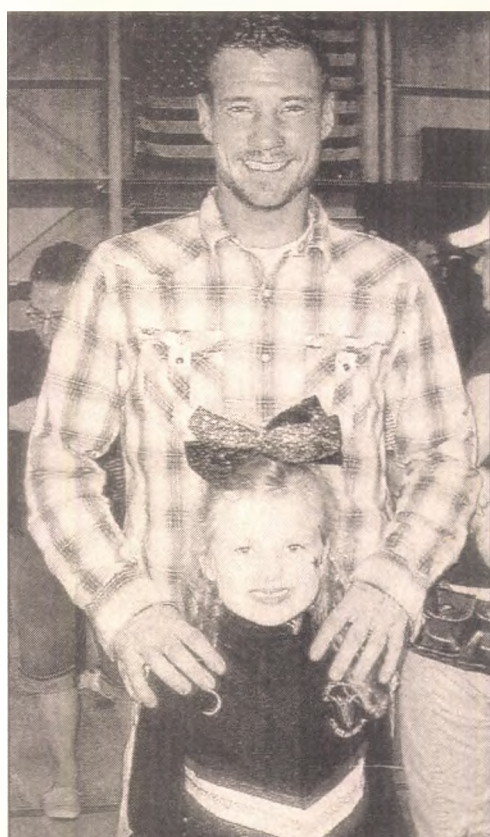
By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Fawn Salvatore is certain of two things: She is proud to call Garden City her home and immensely thankful for the businesses and people who came to the aid of her family after her son, Kent, drowned in the Detroit River Jan. 11.

"I'm so proud to be a resident of Garden City," said Salvatore. "The people complain about their little complaints, but I wouldn't want to live anywhere else. I want to thank the whole community around here. The people came in and helped us so much. I helped me a lot with the support we got from them."

The family is preparing to say their final goodbyes to Morton after his body was finally found in the river last Friday. A private graveside ceremony will be held in about nine weeks at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland after a monument to hold his remains has been engraved with the words "beloved father, son, brother and friend."

Salvatore was en route home from a three-day trip to Amelia Island, Fla., when the body of her 28-year-old son was recovered from the Detroit River. Her daughter waited until she had gotten off



Kent Morton, with his daughter Makayla, is remembered for his smile and his jokes.

the plane to call and tell her. In her heart, Salvatore knows her son waited to be found.

"He waited until momma came home, he knew I needed that time," said Salvatore. "I think he knew I needed the rest. I just sat by the beach and be at peace. I needed the time to think about him."

Hard to leave

Admitting that it is hard to leave her family — "I'm always worrying about something happening" — Salvatore had

accepted a close friend's offer to be her guest on the Florida trip. Ironically, she arrived in Florida on Tuesday, the same day a body of an unidentified man was pulled from the river, and left the day her son's body was found.

The discovery came more than 10 weeks after he fell from the Ambassador Bridge and drowned. An employee of Seaway Painting in Livonia, he had been working on scaffolding underneath the bridge 150 feet above the river when it gave way.

He survived the fall and even managed to swim briefly before being carried off by the current. He was last seen near the Bob-Lo docks south of the bridge.

His family had spent four days at river's edge, hoping searchers would recover his body. It wasn't found until March 23 in the shallows of the river near Zug Island and at the mouth of the River Rouge, further down river.

Found on him was his cell phone, which Salvatore had called many times after the accident to tell him she loved him, and his wallet with his diver's license and a movie ticket from when he and fiancée Kristi Waltsgott had gone to see *Twilight*.

"You could still read the day and time, his wallet must have been inside his Carhartts," said Salvatore. "His phone must have been on the outside, it was filled with mud."

Salvatore had her children involved in swimming growing up, and she believes that experience saved her son from serious injury in the fall. However, it was the weight of his clothing that dragged him down.

"What's really ironic is that there wasn't one broken bone in his body," she said. "That's what hurts so bad. He knew how to land in the water and if

there had been a boat or a life jacket, he could have survived. That's what bothers and hurts me."

Community support

Her family is amazed at the outpouring of support. The Garden City community has rallied around the family, attending a prayer vigil at Morning Star Church two days after Kent Morton disappeared and then filling John Santieu and Son Funeral Home to capacity for a Jan. 22 memorial.

Businesses and individuals, even strangers, have made donations to help them. Some of the money has been used for funeral expenses and some has been used for Morton's 7-year-old daughter, Makayla. Money also has been in a trust fund for Makayla and the unborn child of fiancée Kristi Waltsgott, according to a post on the In Honor of Kent Morton Facebook page.

"I need to thank everyone, but I'm afraid I'll forget someone," said Salvatore. "It has meant a lot to us. I can't list all of them, but they know who they are. They have helped us out so much."

One of those people is the woman whose brother fell off the bridge on the Canadian side 11 years ago. She has called repeatedly to find out how Salvatore is doing. A TV cameraman also has called weekly to check on

the family.

She also praises the staff of Memorial Elementary 1-2 Campus where MaKayla is a first-grader and where Salvatore has returned as a volunteer.

"The school has been wonderful in helping my granddaughter," she said. "We have received so much support from everyone. I want to thank everyone for everything they have sent. It has truly helped tremendously."

She acknowledges that she was in shock and denial after the accident, but with the recovery of her son's body, the tragedy has hit home. Easter will be a difficult time just as it was a few weeks ago when the family got together to celebrate one of his brother's birthdays. "Kent always was the one to make the jokes, he wasn't there to do that," she said. "It was different without him there. It really hit me hard."

While the family is preparing for his burial, the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration is investigating the incident. It's unclear if Morton's crew had life jackets, a life-saving buoy and a rescue boat, which are required, according to a MIOSHA official. The investigation could take months to complete.

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Big Daddy and His Girls cash in \$1.25 million lottery tickets from Northville

March 20 was the lucky day for the family referred to as Big Daddy and His Girls who cashed in their five matching 5 Mega Millions tickets from Northville at Lottery headquarters in Lansing March 23 and took home a cool \$1.25 million.

The winning tickets, which were among nine sold in Michigan for last Tuesday's drawing, were purchased at the Meijer store at 20401 Haggerty Road in Northville.

Besides Big Daddy, the Northville Lottery club includes his wife of 44 years and three daughters. He explained that

he has been playing the same numbers in the Mega Millions game since it first went on sale. The numbers are a configuration of 641, the first number he ever won a Lottery prize on years ago.

The lucky purchase consisted of five tickets with 01 04 06 11 14 as the white ball numbers, with a different Mega ball number — 01, 04, 06, 11 and 14 — on each. The five winning wagers were among nine sold in Michigan, and 68 sold across the country, for the March 20 drawing. "I was strategizing,"

Big Daddy said about his playing practices. "I didn't give them (family members) an option."

Big Daddy boasted of another March 20 accomplishment: He caught a couple of walleye that

weighed in at 9½ pounds. "That was his lucky day," a daughter said. Despite cashing in on

Friday, Big Daddy said he will continue to play the Lottery, and with the same lucky numbers.

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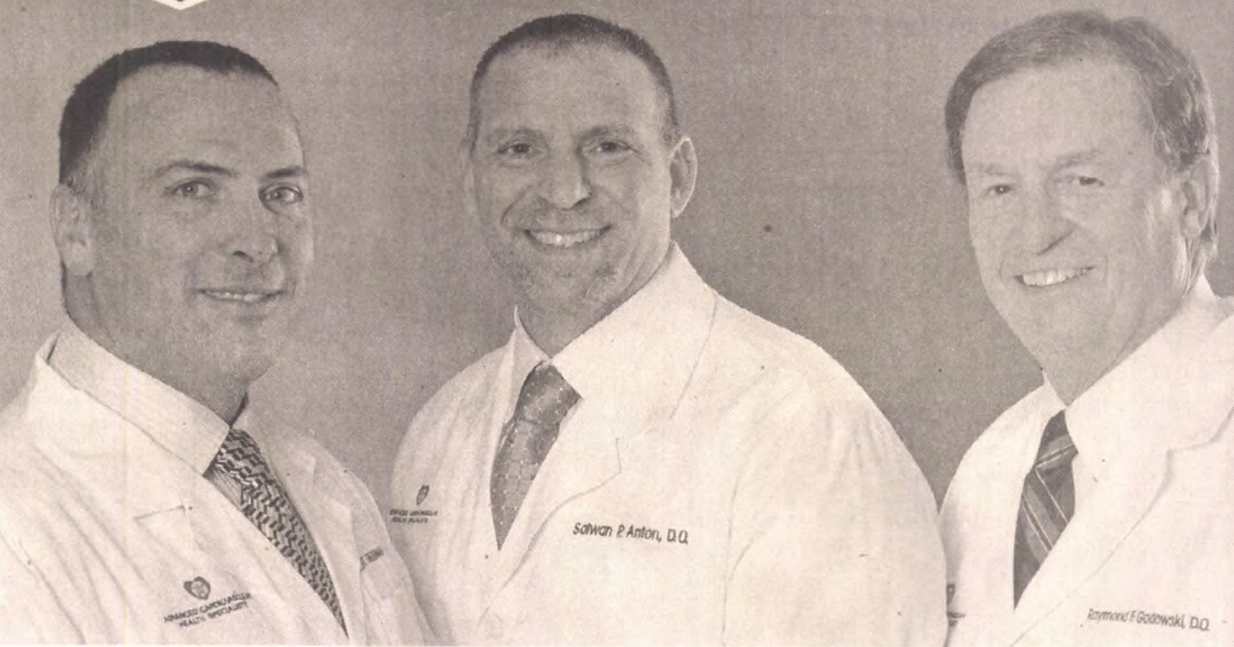
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CRIME WATCH

Chocolate bunny figure 'hop'-lifted, then returned, at Wendy's

A two-pound chocolate Easter bunny taken from a Wendy's restaurant on Ann Arbor Road Friday night was returned in about an hour after police contacted the couple who admitted to stealing it.

The shoplifting occurred shortly after 9 p.m., according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report. The chocolate bunny was packaged in a display advertising a coloring contest for children, the report said.

The couple suspected of taking the bunny had paid for their food with a debit card, police said, and the restaurant was able to give police the female suspect's name. When contacted, she agreed to meet an officer at Wendy's to return the bunny, and did so, police said. Her male companion said stealing the candy was his idea, police said.

At the manager's request, police informed the pair they were no longer welcome at the Wendy's.

Scrap stolen

An estimated eight tons of cast iron scrap was reported stolen from a business on Pilot Drive, in the area of Five Mile and Beck Road, Friday morning.

The theft was discovered, a police report said, when a hauler hired to pick up the scrap discovered the bin was empty, police said. The 30-yard bin had been full the previous afternoon, police said.

Vehicle burglaries

Three vehicles on Quail Circle, in the area of Joy Road and Ridge, were targeted in larcenies late on March 20 or early the next day.

Two of the vehicles, a Ford F-150 pickup truck and a Chevrolet Trailblazer, were parked in the driveway at one house, while the third, a Ford Flex, was parked in another driveway, a police report said. All three had apparently been left unlocked.

Items reported stolen included cash, fishing equipment and navigation devices.

In addition:

- A wallet with cash in it was reported stolen Monday from a Dodge pickup truck that was parked outside a house on Maple Ridge Drive. The victim was unsure whether the truck had been locked.

- Prescription medicine was reported stolen March 21 from a Ford Fusion that was parked outside a house on Plymouth Road. There were no signs of forced entry.

Wheels stolen

The wheels and tires were reported stolen Monday from a Chevrolet Impala parked at the Enterprise vehicle rental facility on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

The manager told police he noticed the Impala up on blocks Monday morning, with the wheels and tires missing, said detective Lt. Jamie Grabowski. The car had last been seen intact on Saturday, police said.

— By Matt Jachman



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Ford volunteers Lisa Jacobi and Dave VanHoet are part of the Ford crew unloading diapers.

Diapers are Ford's better idea

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Ford Motor Co. employees, in a move to help children and struggling families, collected 18,653 disposable diapers delivered by company volunteers Monday to the Canton-based Detroit Area Diaper Bank, a nonprofit charity that has helped meet a critical need across southeast Michigan since April 2009.

Rolling up in a box truck, Ford Volunteer Corps members dropped off supplies the diaper bank's unpaid leader, Marybeth Levine, planned to start dispersing this week to social service agencies ranging from the Wayne County Women, Infants & Children Program to the Downriver Fish & Loaves Food Pantry.

Employees from 15 locations, mostly in Dearborn but including the Livonia Ford Transmission Plant, collected the diapers and thousands of baby wipes last week during the latest Ford Accelerated Action Day effort that gives back to local communities. Donations to the diaper bank marked one of many activities across metro Detroit.

Stocking shelves

Plymouth mom and Ford employee Lisa Jacobi delivered diapers along with company volunteers Dave VanHoet of Canton, Vince Amore of Livonia, Mark Carrier of Ann Arbor and Levine's husband, Steve Levine — helping to restock the diaper bank's Extra Space Storage unit off Canton Center Road.

Jacobi said diapers are expensive and out of reach for struggling families who can't afford to buy supplies not covered by government safety-net programs.

"This is a way we can reach out and help the community," she said. Ford volunteers also

collected 147 cans of formula donated to area food banks.

Marybeth Levine and diaper bank volunteer Bruce Will welcomed the latest donation, which was timely because donations had fallen off since a major campaign ended during the 2011 holiday season.

"This couldn't come at a better time," Levine said, adding that Ford Motor Co.'s help should get the diaper bank through another month.

Action day

Will, a Ford retiree, said the company's effort provided "another reason Ford's the best."

Levine started the volunteer diaper bank (www.detroitreadiaperbank.org) in April 2009. Since then, the charity has distributed over 1.2 million disposable diapers to numerous agencies across southeast Michigan, including First Step, The Salvation Army and Starfish Family Services.

During the Ford Accelerated Action Day, the company donated \$50,000 to numerous agencies.

Efforts included painting a playroom and assembling shelves at the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries, creating an art therapy room for First Step's domestic violence program, building house walls for Habitat for Humanity and sprucing up residential cottages for Redford-based Methodist Children's Home Society — among numerous other projects.

"There is no better use of our dollars and our deeds than to invest in children," said Jim Vella, president of Ford Motor Co.'s Fund and Community Services. "Our investment in the community will help bring comfort to families today while laying the groundwork for better days ahead."

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STATE REPS

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part of Northville and the eastern portion of Canton.

Slavens indicated she is confident as she seeks what would be her last two-year legislative stint due to term limits.

"I think people see I'm working hard to move Michigan forward," she said.

Slavens cited jobs, public education funding and transparency among political candidates and their financial supporters as critical issues.

"Naturally we have to bring businesses back to Michigan. The key is get-

ting jobs to the state," she said. "I'm also fighting real hard against school funding cuts. I will continue to fight to make sure we fund our public schools, because we are failing there."

Slavens, who filed for re-election March 2, said she supports transparency in political funding for election robocalls and an effort to prohibit companies that donate more than \$100,000 to a campaign from benefiting from contracts within a year's time.

State's strides

She also touted her efforts to bring advanced battery jobs to Michigan and to eliminate lifetime health-

care benefits for legislators, though she said the adopted bill wasn't far-reaching enough because it retained the perk for lawmakers who complete six years of service by Jan. 1, 2013.

Heise, meanwhile, said Michigan has made strides though his priorities remain the same as he seeks a second term.

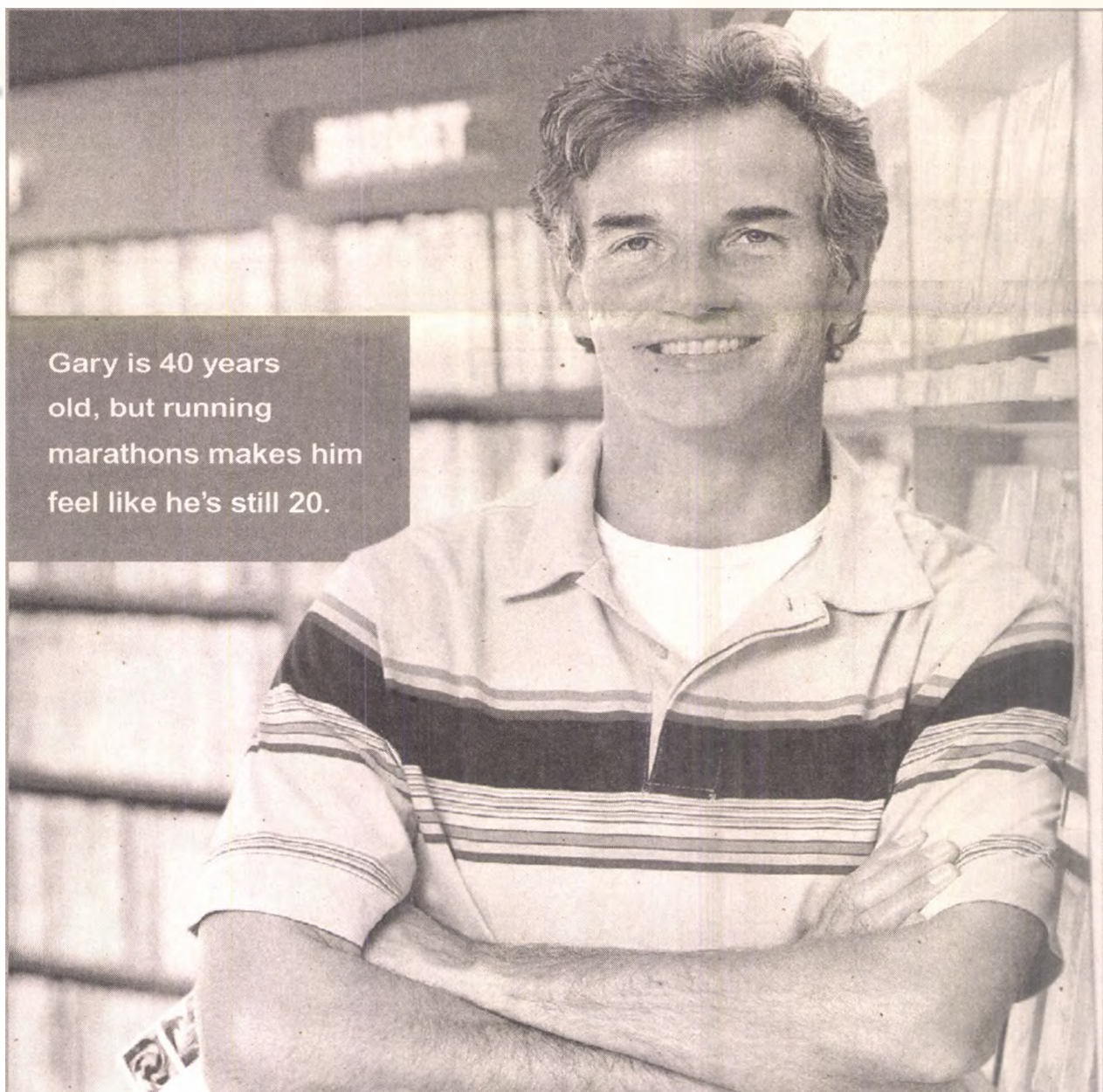
"I think it's really the same issues that I ran on in 2010 - No. 1 is jobs, No. 2 is public education and No. 3 is the state budget and the economy, which are kind of hand-in-hand," said Heise, who filed for re-election Jan. 6.

"I think as a state we've made great progress on

jobs and the state budget," he said, adding later, "We want to keep the momentum going. Michigan has turned the corner, but we have a long way to go. People are still hurting, and the unemployment rate is still too high ... but now is not the time to switch gears (in Lansing)."

Heise said he supports "a fairer and more equitable way of funding public education."

He touted first-term accomplishments including his role in achieving a balanced state budget and eliminating the Michigan Business Tax and surcharge that "was killing jobs in Michigan."



Gary is 40 years old, but running marathons makes him feel like he's still 20.

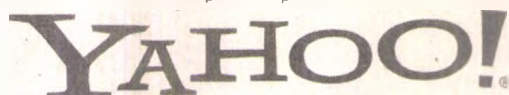
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25th annual Seedlings benefit raises record amount

The 25th annual bowling event benefiting Seedlings Braille Books for Children in Livonia raised more than \$32,000 — a new record, said Debra Bonde, director of Seedlings.

"We were thrilled," she said, adding pledges are still coming in. "I'm just struck by how generous people were. It just touches my heart. They do it partly for fun, but they also do it for the right reason."

Bowling for Braille Books, held Saturday at Plaza Lanes in Plymouth, will allow the non-profit to produce more than 3,200 braille books for children at a cost of \$10 each.

Bonde said the event drew 130 bowlers, about the same number as in past years. But a lot more bowlers turned in more than the minimum, motivated by incentives and/or excited to mark the fundraiser's 25th anniversary.

This year, those who turned in \$250 or more in pledges were entered in a drawing to win a Kindle, held Saturday

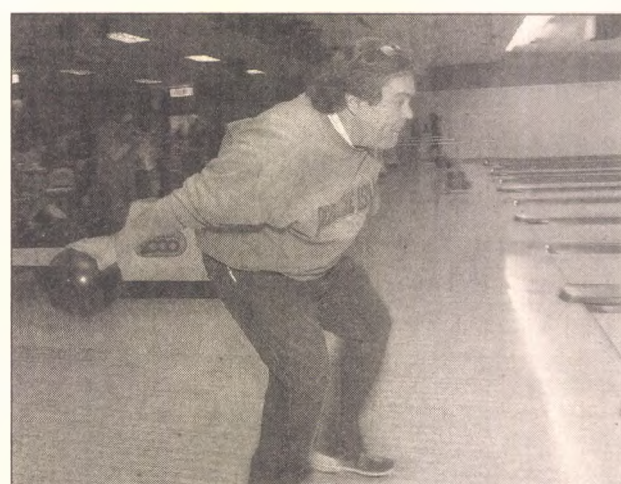


Debra Bonde, founder and executive director of Seedlings Braille Books For Children, along with Chris Edmonds, radio host at WMGC-FM, welcome bowlers to the 25th annual bowllathon.

of city of Livonia Treasurer Dennis Wright. Those who raised \$100

or more could have a braille book inscribed in their name. The mini-

mum to participate was \$60. Eighteen people



Bill Joyner bowled a high game of 165, helping the Friday Musings team defeat the Livonia Observer.

raised more than \$250 each, with the top three pledge-getters raising \$3,400 alone. Cheryl Murphy of Novi won the drawing for the Kindle.

Steve Barnhart of Canton bowled the highest game with a score of 288. "He just missed it by one pin; we were all watching," Bonde said.

While some bowlers challenged themselves to see how high a game they could bowl, Bill Joyner of Friday Musings challenged the *Observer* to a team

competition, something Bonde hopes to encourage more of.

She envisions the Lions Club taking on, say, the Kiwanis Club next year.

FridayMusings won the 2012 Bowling Throwdown, but Joyner kept his bragging rights in check.

"There can be no doubt that the real winner was and will continue to be Seedlings Braille Books for Children," he said.

By Karen Smith

A123 to replace potentially defective battery modules, packs

A123 Systems, a developer and manufacturer of advanced nanophosphate lithium iron phosphate batteries and systems, announced Monday that the company has launched a field campaign to replace battery modules and packs that may contain defective prismatic cells produced at A123's Livonia manufacturing facility.

A123 has begun building replacement modules and packs and expects to begin shipping them to impacted customers

this week. The company anticipates that the cost of replacing the affected modules and packs will be approximately \$55 million and expects it will be funded over the next several quarters.

"Recently, A123 has discovered that some of our prismatic cells made in our Livonia facility may contain a defect which can result in premature failure of a battery pack or module that includes a defective cell," said David Vieau, CEO of

A123 Systems, in a prepared statement.

"We have isolated the root cause of the defective cells and we are confident that we have pinpointed the source of the defect and corrected it. As a result of engineering analysis and testing, we believe this is not a safety issue, and we have determined the root cause and have taken corrective actions.

"We are working to get replacement packs and modules to impacted customers as quickly as possible.

It is important to note that this defect has been discovered only in some prismatic cells manufactured at our Livonia facility. Prismatic cells produced at another A123 facility are not impacted. Further, the cylindrical cells we make at our facilities in China for a number of other transportation programs, as well as the majority of our grid energy storage systems and commercial applications, are also not

affected by this defect."

Vieau said the company will continue to implement actions that officials believe will improve operations and minimize the possibility of quality issues going forward.

"This includes hiring a chief operating officer, Ed Kopkowski, who has more than 25 years of global management and operational leadership in improving quality and reducing costs," Vieau said. "A123 has produced

hundreds of thousands of high-quality prismatic cells at another facility so while the initial rapid ramp up of our Michigan operations to satisfy customer demand has resulted in near-term operational challenges, we are confident in our ability to overcome these issues. We are devoting our full resources to fixing this situation and moving forward to continue delivering high-quality products to our customers."

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LAWN MAINTENANCE AND SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES**

Western Townships Utilities Authority in Canton, Michigan is requesting proposals for lawn maintenance and snow removal services for its Middle Rouge and Lower Rouge facilities. This work includes maintenance of grassed areas, flower beds, bushes, trees and plants along with the clearing of snow and ice from both facilities' roads and parking lots. This Contract could possibly be awarded in separate segments for summer maintenance and winter maintenance.

Companies or individuals who desire a copy of the proposal documents should contact:
Ms. Sandy Forrest
Western Townships Utilities Authority
40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187
(734) 453-2793

All submittals must be received by April 19, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. A public opening of the proposals will immediately follow the closing at the Middle Rouge offices located at 40905 Joy Road.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE AND PUBLIC REVIEW OF A
PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A
100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN
TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES,
GROUPS AND PERSONS**

This is to give notice that Wayne County under Part 58 has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determination on Floodplain Management, to determine the potential effect that its activity in the floodplain and wetland will have on the human environment for a federally funded project through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Public Law 93-383, as amended; 42 U.S.C.-5301 et seq. The proposed CDBG funded project is approximately 3,500 square feet of an accessible pathway and bridge in a park setting providing ADA access to an existing ADA dock along an existing pond. Portions of the development are located within the 100-year floodplain; the development has less than 0.25 acres of the 100-year floodplain within the Charter Township of Plymouth, County of Wayne. The project is located at 46640 Ann Arbor Trail in the Charter Township of Plymouth, County of Wayne.

This notice is to notify the public and all interested parties that the proposed project is located within the 100-year floodplain associated with the South Branch Tonquish Creek. All interested agencies, groups, and persons wishing to comment are invited to express their concerns or comments regarding the project and any affect it may have on the floodplain and the natural environment. Wayne County is interested in exploring practicable alternatives to this project, obtaining information on possible adverse impacts that may result and identifying any measures that may be utilized to reduce or eliminate detrimental effects.

Written comments must be received by Wayne County on or before April 13, 2012 at the following address: 30th Floor, Detroit, Michigan 48226 ATTN: Raymond Parker, Community Development Specialist.

A conceptual site plan respecting the above project and associated floodplain impact documents are on file at Wayne County Department of Economic Development Growth Engine at the address above. The records are available for public examination and copying, upon request, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. If there are any questions, please contact Raymond Parker at 313-967-1391 or by e-mail at rparker@co.wayne.mi.us

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PLYMOUTH CHAMBER CHAT



Visitors needed to see Olivia Supnick if they wanted a 50-50 raffle ticket at last year's Showcase Plymouth at the Inn at St. John's. This year's event is set for Monday, May 14.

After hours

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts a joint After Hours event with the Canton Chamber of Commerce Wednesday, April 18, from 5-7:30 p.m. at the Red Olive Restaurant.

Plymouth Community Chamber members will be joining our neighbors from the Canton Chamber of Commerce for an After Hours hosted by the Red Olive Restaurant & Banquet Center. This event will again provide you the opportunity to expand your network of professionals from business people in our neighboring community and with many of our members at the same time.

Last year's joint After Hours with Canton drew more than 120 people.

There is no fee to attend this event; RSVP by noon April 16 to teri@plymouthmich.org or call (734) 453-1540.

Diva Day

Ladies are invited to attend the fourth annual Diva Day on Saturday, April 21, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The first 500 Divas will get free Diva-Glasses. Little Divas and Diva Dogs are also welcome.

More than 30 shops, boutiques, salons and restaurants will present special offers, unique refreshments, and chances to win Diva Day prizes. Participating shops include Bella Mia, Candy Trail, Creatopia Pottery Studio, Dearborn Jewelers, Genuine Toy Co., Gigi's Mode, Hands on Leather, Home Sweet Home, Isabella's Copper Pot, Kilwins, Magnolia - Fresh Flower Market, Merle Norman, Old World Olive Press, Penniman Gallery, R.S.V.P., Razzamatuzz, Sharer Design Group, Sun & Snow and TranquiliTea.

The event is free to attend. Look for the balloons. For more information call (734) 453-1540 or visit www.plymouthmich.org/events.

PLYMOUTH BUSINESS NEWS

Business news

From the desk of the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority:

- Look for Drought to be open in the former House of Fudge space by mid-April. Co-owner Caitlin James (along with her four sisters) says they will sell raw, organic fruit and vegetable juice. Go to www.droughtjuice.com for more information.

- Sunday brunch at Panache 447 begins April 1, with complimentary Mimosas. Walk-ins and reservations are welcomed. Call (734) 386-8447.

- The Meeting House Grand Ballroom is looking to hire a door attendant to greet wedding guests upon arrival. This would be an ideal job for a retired/senior looking to stay active. Contact Randy or Mary at (734) 416-5100.

- Forest Computer Solutions is hosting computer classes for seniors: Wednesday, April 11, start menu fundamentals; Thursday, April 19, control panel: what features you can personalize and which features you should avoid; Wednesday, April 25, setup a free account with Shutterfly. Learn how to upload pictures, crop and frame them. Add your pictures to mugs, blankets, coasters and so much more. Call (734) 259-8611.

Chase expansion

Chase announced it is expanding Chase Private Client to Canton and Plymouth, providing the best of Chase banking and J.P. Morgan investments to families and individuals in the region. The three new locations — in Canton at 45345 W. Ford Road and in Plymouth at 235 N. Sheldon Road and 980 Ann Arbor Road — are among 17 to open in Southeast Michigan this month.

"Our tailored products and services, together with our commitment to our clients and Southeast Michigan, allow us to offer the complete banking and investments experience to new and existing affluent clients," said Matthew Davis, who manages 128 tri-county area branches for Chase.

The private client banker provides clients with customized banking solutions and service, including, among others: preferred rates, waived fees, and specialized lending and mortgage products. Private clients also benefit from expedited service in the privacy and comfort of the Chase Private Client office, and access to a dedicated 24/7 service hotline to speak directly with a representative when they need assistance.

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

Bridal vendor offers 'respected' designs

Observer: Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature?

Bridal Couture: Our aim is to help brides find the wedding gown of their dreams. We have a wide selection of gowns by some of America's and Europe's most respected designers. In our Plymouth store, we are proud to introduce three new designers: Blush by Jim Hjelm, Enzoari and Private Label by Pronovias.

Observer: How did you come to open your business?

Bridal Couture: Having thoroughly enjoyed planning my own wedding and helping family and friends shop for their gowns, I was excited and delighted to have an opportunity to work in Bridal Couture. It is such a pleasure doing something I love.

Observer: Why did you choose Plymouth?

Bridal Couture: Plymouth has such an enchanting and exciting downtown shopping area. We are proud to be part of that.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Bridal Couture: We have absolutely beautiful gowns and our staff are second to none. Both professional and courteous, it is our pleasure to guide brides through the process of purchasing the "dress of their dreams."

Observer: How has it changed since you opened?

Bridal Couture: Bridal Couture recently celebrated its four-year anniversary, and has received awards from two major bridal publications, "Brides Michigan" and "The Knot." "Brides Michigan" has recognized hometown wedding vendors and announced Bridal Couture of Plymouth won the attention of the editor. In addition, "The Knot" announced Bridal Couture has been rated by local brides and voted "The Knot Best of Weddings 2011 Pick." Bridal Couture was also named "The Knot's Editor's Pick."

Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

Bridal Couture: People are still getting married, so brides are still shopping for wedding gowns.



Bridal Couture of Plymouth manager Jacqueline Connelly poses with some gowns, and with the Editor's Choice award from Brides magazine.

BRIDAL COUTURE OF PLYMOUTH

Business name and address: Bridal Couture of Plymouth, 408 S. Main, Plymouth

Your name: Jacqueline Connelly, manager

Your hometown: Plymouth

Business opened: 2007

Number of employees: 4 at Plymouth location

Your business specialty: Bridal gowns and accessories, bridesmaids dresses, formal wear.

Hours of operation: Monday-Wednesday-Thursday, noon to 8 p.m.; Friday, noon to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

Bridal Couture: Hopefully, our reputation for providing excellent customer service and a variety of unique and stylish gowns will continue to grow and so will our business.

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Key effort



Meals are packaged, and then Kids Against Hunger KAH ships them within the U.S. and international shipping is provided by the U.S. Government or by international feeding partners.

Student group packs food for the hungry

Imagine if you couldn't feed your family — or yourself — thereby diminishing your ability to be properly nourished.

Statistics show more than a billion people globally do not have enough to eat, more people than the populations of the United States, Canada and the European Union combined. Statistics quoted by members of the Plymouth Kiwanis Club say that every six seconds of every day a child dies of starvation or malnutrition related diseases around the world. Over 10.9 million children under five die in developing countries each year. Malnutrition and hunger-related diseases are the cause of 60 percent of these deaths.

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Key Club, a community service-focused after school group, felt the need to help battle this monumental global concern by holding a food packaging on Thursday, March 20, at Canton High School after school.

Sixty-three students participated in the activity, along with their teacher-advisor Lesnie Orsborn, and nine members of the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Ply-

mouth. They packaged more than 10,700 meals in about 50 minutes. This was the club's fifth year to hold a food packaging.

"I'm extremely proud of these students who volunteered for this project and what they have accomplished," Orsborn said. "They work very hard throughout the school year on finding various community service projects to undertake and raising the money to fund many of them."

Meals put together by the students are formulated by food scientists to provide a rich source



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Canton Key Club members worked with members of the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth to package 10,700 meals.

of easily digestible protein, carbohydrates, and vitamins needed by an undernourished child's body and mind, according to Mike Burwell, executive director of the Kids Against Hunger

Coalition. "The food is acceptable to the broad diversity of ethnic tastes and religious differences around the world," Burwell said. "It offers all nine of the essential

amino acids required for complete nutrition, something that can't be said about other typical food relief sources such as rice or beans alone. It is also very simple to prepare, requiring only six cups of boiling water to make a complete meal."

The P-CEP student volunteers assembled contents of the bags using these ingredients. The bags are then boxed up, loaded onto a pallet and stored to await shipment. KAH ships them within the U.S. and international shipping is provided by the U.S. Government or by international feeding partners.

The P-CEP Key Club is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth. The students raised money over the past several months to purchase the required bulk raw ingredients, which cost some \$2,800.

"One of the major

fund-raising efforts the Key Club does to fund this food packaging is operating the City Parking Lot during the Fall Festival and the Ice Festival in downtown Plymouth," said Nicole Mott, P-CEP Key Club president. "People who use the lot during these special events donate money to park while attending these two major events."

Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth regularly organizes food packaging activities on behalf of the Kids Against Hunger organization by partnering with other local community service groups that provide both funding and volunteers for these packaging activities. Kids Against Hunger [www.kidsagainsthungercoalition.com] is an international food relief campaign that started in 1974 in Minnesota; it opened an operation in Michigan in 1999.



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Look at the details when refinancing

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

A client called to say that he received an offer that sounded so good that he couldn't believe it. He wanted my opinion as to whether he should pursue the deal which basically dealt with refinancing his home using a home equity loan.



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

The client owes approximately \$50,000 and has about 10 years left on a 6.25 percent mortgage. Currently the house is worth approximately \$200,000 to \$250,000. The client was approached by his bank to refinance the home using a home equity loan and was quoted a rate

of 2.5 percent on the home equity loan. The client told me it seemed like a no-brainer that he should refinance because he would be substantially cutting his payments down. The question he had for me was, what was he missing?

Don't rush

I love the fact that he didn't rush into anything and wanted to get a second opinion before he signed on the dotted line. All too often, people hear about a deal and rush into something before they get all the facts. Taking a step back and looking at the details is something that always works in your favor.

I told him to factor fees into the equation. All too often, when it comes to things like refinancing or transferring charge card debt, people forget about what fees are involved.

Check interest rate

The next factor, partic-

ularly when dealing with a home equity loan, is the interest rate. Is it fixed? Is it adjustable? Or is it a gimmick rate? The fixed-rate home equity loan, which is unusual, will remain the same throughout the term of the loan. An adjustable rate mortgage is one that periodically adjusts based upon the changing interest rate environment. Some adjustable rate loans will have no cap, which means that there is no limit as to how much the interest rate could rise.

On the other hand, some adjustable rate home equity loans will have a cap which limits how high the rate could increase. Obviously home equity loans without a cap are more risky than those with a cap.

Don't fall for gimmicks

The third type of loan rate is a gimmick rate.

A lot with charge card companies will offer a low rate but unlike an adjustable rate mortgage or a home equity loan where the adjusts based upon changing conditions, a gimmick rate is going to give you a lower rate for a period of time and then automatically adjust upward.

In analyzing whether to accept an offer, knowing how your interest rate can be affected over time is important.

The last factor to consider is a home equity loan which is considered a line of credit and is somewhat different than a traditional mortgage. Typically, in a traditional mortgage, once you get the mortgage, that's it. The mortgage company cannot rescind it based upon changing circumstances. That is not the case with home equity loans. Many people unexpectedly found that out, over the last few years,

when they received notices from their bank saying their home equity loan was due.

The problem that many people found was that since the value of their home had dropped so much, they no longer had equity. Therefore, the bank, under the terms of the loan, had the right to call in the loan, which many did. This is something that anyone who gets a home equity loan must consider.

Resolution

In my client's situation, he found that after he looked at the three factors explained here, it didn't make sense for him to refinance using a home equity loan.

He will continue to make the same payment he's making today; consequently, with the lower interest rates he will be able to cut a few years off the back end of his mortgage. This is not

necessarily a strategy that will work for everyone.

The bottom line is if you see a deal about transferring your charge card balance or refinancing your home, whether it's via a mortgage or a home equity loan, don't immediately sign on the bottom line. Ask the right questions, understand the product and only then, make the decision that best suits your particular situation. One last note, always remember if someone is trying to pressure you into making a move, that is generally a good sign that you ought to walk away.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit his website at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

OUR VIEWS

Delay tactic

Sparing Gallimore pushes tough choices down road

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education members Tuesday lauded the work of district administrators who put together the facility utilization recommendation that included the closing and repurposing of two elementary schools.

But the administrators — particularly assistant superintendent for facilities Phil Freeman and director of student services Kurt Tyszkiewicz — could be pardoned for wondering if at least five board members had their fingers crossed behind their backs.

After months of exhaustive work, working and reworking and then reconfiguring their recommendation, Freeman and Tyszkiewicz, using statistics and figures compiled by the firm the board

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Did the school board do the right thing? E-mail your opinion to bkadrich@hometownlife.com

hired to conduct a facilities survey, finally came up with their plan. The recommendation was to close Fiegel and Gallimore elementary schools, and repurpose them — Fiegel as the new home for the Starkweather alternative high school program, Gallimore for some combination of the TAG program, a Young 5s pre-kindergarten program and/or the Tanger special education program.

For months, administrators answered questions and reworked the plan, listening to board members talk about “ripping off the Band-aid” rather than taking a slower approach. School administrators provided every figure — salient or not — asked for by board members, then had to watch as trustees — largely on a 5-2 vote against closing Gallimore — tossed half the plan in the garbage.

The reasons offered included concern about closing too many classrooms, cutting out room for growth or new programming. But what it came down to was this: Faced with a really difficult decision, they blinked.

While the decision to close a second school certainly would have come with its consequences, there are also repercussions from not making the decision. Aside from the \$40,000-plus the board spent for the advice of Plante Moran CRESA, there's the cost — in salary and blood, sweat and tears — of at least two administrators putting in what is estimated at perhaps as many as 60 hours per week or more. That's a lot of money and sweat equity to simply ignore.

Aside from that, there are the fiduciary considerations. Leaving Gallimore open costs the district nearly \$1 million in savings. As trustee Mike Maloney (who, along with Mark Horvath, was the only one to vote to close both schools) pointed out, \$1 million could mean 10 teachers, or a couple of years' worth of textbook purchases.

And can a district that faces another double-digit deficit afford to toss aside a \$1 million savings? Board members will have to find that money elsewhere. And, we believe getting it in union concessions — as they did last year — will be tougher to do.

Sure, there could be revenue enhancements; the board heard Tuesday about a \$40 per-student increase in foundation funding based on student performance. If those turn out to be wishful thinking, the board will be back trying to find yet another million-dollar reduction. And even if the district does get that money, it now would only replace the Gallimore savings, rather than enhancing them.

Closing Gallimore would have been an awful, heart-wrenching decision with traumatic consequences to its students and staff. We'll be just as glad as anyone if the district manages to balance its budget and grow programs at Gallimore.

The tough decision avoided Tuesday could manifest itself in any number of ways, from larger class sizes to fewer teachers to being right back at the table a year from now faced with a similar choice.

Difficult decisions loom for the seven people elected to make them. And there are only so many times you can blink.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What do you think of negative political campaigning? Does it affect your vote one way or another?

We asked these questions at the Plymouth District Library.



“I don't like it. They might be saying something positive about themselves (rather) than negative about the other side.”

Betty Fiske
Livonia



“I wouldn't watch 'em. ... I can't even watch any of the commercials because they are so negative.”

Nancy Paton
Plymouth



“A little bit, yeah. ... I don't think it's appropriate or positive to poke holes or tear down somebody else's agenda. I think it reflects more on the character and the integrity of the person who's doing that.”

Michele Curry
Plymouth



“Absolutely. I don't even consider voting for people who run a negative campaign. ... If it's true, that's fine, but slur techniques, no. ... Slander does not have a place.”

Cheryl Hodges-Selden
Plymouth Township

LETTERS

Half-day option

At the school board meeting March 20, Supt. Dr. Jeremy Hughes proposed the district offer two classrooms of a young-fives program for the 2012-13 school year. According to Hughes, children who turn 5 between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30 would be eligible. He further stated that if there was not enough demand to fill those four sections, the district would consider “backfilling” those seats with half-day kindergartners.

While we agree a young fives program is a wonderful idea, a young fives program is not the same as kindergarten. This program does nothing to address the concerns of the parents with kindergarten-ready children who have already turned 5 prior to Sept. 1.

Parents asking for half-day kindergarten do not need a young fives program. These parents believe their children are ready for kindergarten but not ready for a seven-hour day of school. Many of the parents also want half-day kindergarten so they have the opportunity, for one more year, to spend a portion of each school day with their children engaging them in their own enrichment activities.

While a young fives program serves a purpose, it is not a substitute for kindergarten.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters by the following formats:

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Deadline: Letters should be received by 9 a.m. Monday to be published Thursday.

If the enrollment process for the young fives is not completed until late summer, parents wanting the half-day kindergarten option will be forced to make other arrangements for their kindergartners, such as enrolling them in a charter or private school.

Some parents, who cannot afford private school, will be forced to enroll their children in the district's all-day program and, as has been suggested by administrators, pick their children up mid-day. Since the full-day curriculum has instructional periods spread out throughout the entire day, this is not a good solution for those children. It seems a much more responsible plan would be to commit

to a certain number of sections for a half-day kindergarten program.

We keep hearing the state has forced the district's hand because the district will operate with a loss if it does not receive full funding for each and every kindergartner. What the district is not making clear is the district will receive enough revenue from the state to more than adequately cover the costs of running a kindergarten program whether it is a half-day or full-day program. We are wondering whether the district has considered if it loses even 50 students to private half-day programs, it will lose approximately \$178,350 in potential revenue. This financial fact alone justifies offering at least two sections of half-day kindergarten.

With 114 parent signatures in just two weeks time and based upon the district's own survey (showing 17 percent of parents want a half-day option), the district can assume that there is enough interest in half-day kindergarten to fill at least one classroom with a morning class and an afternoon class. Please do the right thing and use this decision as an opportunity to show the community you serve that not every decision is motivated by money.

Karin Young and Jennifer D'Angelo
Plymouth

STAFF COLUMN

No easy answers when property rights clash

By **Matt Jachman**
Staff Writer

When it comes to rezoning disputes, I'm solidly on the fence, and as a reporter, that's probably where I should be.

It isn't just media objectivity that keeps me in the middle, but also the clash between two principles, each of which has significant weight in society, and both of which most of us have probably held, or benefited from, at different times.



Matt Jachman

That conflict could be described as the right to develop property for profit and convenience vs. the right to peacefully enjoy one's home and preserve a way of life that we and our immediate neighbors think is best.

More broadly, zoning controversies — such as the current one in the city of Plymouth, where a developer wants to replace an outdated warehouse on 36 acres off Sheldon Road with a shopping plaza of between 200,000 and 300,000 square feet — provide a vantage point from which to view the interaction of several social issues, from suburban sprawl and suburban abandonment to crime and class conflict to changing shopping and driving habits.

In Plymouth, residential neighbors of the site on Sheldon, especially in the New England Village subdivision, face the possibility of big-box stores nearby at what is now an underused warehouse site. Instead of the current 160 trucks visiting daily during the week, they could be

seeing thousands of cars, trucks and vans, seven days a week, coming and going for extended hours.

And no matter how tight a ship developer Grand/Sakwa runs — it has proposed a generous buffer zone, plus security and traffic control measures, and has been publicly credited for quality projects — problems like litter, increased noise and crime are almost inevitable. That such a center would require more city resources, such as police protection, is a certainty.

Then there's downtown Plymouth, widely admired for its walkability, its charm, its selection of shops and restaurants. Big-box shopping is antithetical to that ideal, and could very well hurt it.

Given those circumstances, opposition to the Grand/Sakwa proposal is understandable. Who would not sympathize? Who would want to live alongside such a facility?

Yet, based on economics, and property rights that are seemingly enshrined in our society along with capitalism and the Constitution, Grand/Sakwa has a case.

The company is proposing substantial investment in an area that is not meeting its economic potential, and it would bring much-needed jobs and tax dollars. When detractors say other sites could be developed as retail, the developer replies there are none of comparable size in the immediate vicinity. And some possible uses for the site under the current industrial zoning — sludge-hauling, anyone? — might prove more objectionable than those permitted under the business zoning being sought.

More to the point, however, is that it is our shopping habits — or society's in aggregate, as gauged

by demographers and market researchers — that tell Grand/Sakwa that their venture would be profitable. A sort of democracy of the marketplace, if you will, that favors big-box stores over denser, more urbanized retail districts.

For all of its charm and friendliness, all of its eclectic shops and cafes, Plymouth is a commercial anomaly; most people in this region, even those who enjoy downtown Plymouth on a regular basis, do the majority of their shopping at malls and strip centers. Should Plymouth be artificially protected from these market forces?

All this is not to suggest a solution to the zoning dilemma; as I've said, I'm on the fence. And the Plymouth City Commission, when it votes on the matter, will be charged with looking at a different, very specific set of issues, having to do with zoning compatibility, the proper mix, what's called for in the master plan, etc.

However, having followed these disputes for more than 16 years, I am certain of one thing: No matter how localized, each has implications for the larger society. Today's new upscale Plymouth retail center could be tomorrow's faded Livonia strip mall. Conversely, the millions in economic investment turned down in Plymouth today could be the boon tomorrow for places like Commerce Township or Hartland.

Matt Jachman is a reporter for the Plymouth Observer who can often be found on deadline at the coffee shops in downtown Plymouth. He can be reached at (313) 222-2405 or at mjachman@hometownlife.com.

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Here's why I love to call Plymouth home

By Jill Halpin
Guest Columnist

It occurred to me recently that I have been a Plymouth resident just shy of 40 years, moving here as a 7-year-old with my family back when there was a Daly's Drive-in on the corner of Main Street and Ann Arbor Road and a Jack-in-the-Box restaurant just kitty-corner. As for my current age ... I'll let you do the math.



Jill Halpin

Back then, downtown Plymouth was home to a big S.S. Kresge drug-store complete with a soda fountain, Cloverdale Dairy on Forest Place, the Penn Theater and a penny candy shop in Old Village. I fell instantly in love.

Driving past my old church in downtown Plymouth one recent sunny morning, I caught a glimpse of the building's second-story fire escape and was almost instantly transported back to those

(not) so long ago days.

It was that very fire escape one warm spring afternoon that a few young friends and I ventured down in order to escape the weekly youth fellowship group to which my loving mother dutifully delivered us each week.

It wasn't so much about getting out of church; it was about something much more important. It was about something that has been somewhat of a sign of spring in Plymouth for many years: the seasonal opening of Dairy King, the local ice cream store.

All it took was a quick push out-the-window; down the ladder and a little jump and we were on our way to town for a little ice cream, a lap or two around Kellogg Park and back in time to sneak into line for class dismissal.

Now, of course, as the mother of two grown children, I must claim shock and surprise that I engaged in such reckless behavior. On the other hand, I must admit that my shame is somewhat tempered by the

fond memories of this escapade and a few other assorted hijinks that were just a part of "growing up in Plymouth."

A special community

I feel lucky to have been raised in Plymouth and to be a part of what truly embodies a community. I am reminded of this time and again as I venture through town taking care of daily errands and visiting with friends new and old.

Not long ago, I hurried into Bodes Corned Beef House, a longtime Plymouth mainstay, to pick up a regular carryout lunch order to share with my 94-year-old grandfather, an Alzheimer's patient.

I am fortunate that my grandfather still knows who I am and remembers bits and pieces of the fun we had when I was growing up. More importantly, I am fortunate he still enjoys our weekly ritual of Bodes fish-and-chip luncheons.

He is also sharp enough to know when it is time to eat, and mealtime is still

mealtime no matter what, especially when you are hungry. Being on time for lunch is not much for him to expect of me, but on this particular day it seemed like a monumental task with one obstacle after another jumping in my way.

So it was on a recent afternoon that I found myself in line at Bodes, a little breathless with wet hair and no makeup, in a hurry to get over to meet my grandfather before our appointed lunch hour. The waitress had my order ready and, sensing my hurry, quickly rang me up.

I opened my purse to pay and found ... nothing. In my haste, I had left my wallet at home on the kitchen table. Not only was I penniless at the counter, I had also driven there without a driver's license — shhhh.

There I stood, just some loose change in the bottom of my purse and full panic creeping in.

"I ... I ... I forgot my wallet. I'll have to come right back ..." I started.

Without a bit of hesitation, the waitress replied, "No. Take this to your

grandfather now and come back later. We don't want him waiting and eating cold food."

"I'll be right back with it," I said. "I'll feed him and be right back."

"I know you will," she said with a smile.

Did I mention that I feel lucky to live in Plymouth?

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Long-time local peace activist Rudy Simons will give a talk on a possible war with Iran at the Citizens for Peace meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 10, at Unity of Livonia.

The title of his talk is "War on Iran? Views from Iran, Israel & U.S." Attendees will hear three views from Simons, as he speaks from the perspective of an Iranian, an Israeli and an American as they consider the prospect of war with Iran. Simons will share his

insight into the political mood of Iran and its people. He will provide viewpoints unavailable to the majority of Americans since he is one of a few U.S. citizens who has traveled throughout Iran with the Fellowship of Reconciliation. Since the 1920s, the Fel-

lowship of Reconciliation has sent delegations of peacemakers to regions of the world in conflict and to nations regarded as U.S. enemies. This people-to-people outreach, a form of civilian diplomacy, has taken Simons to Iran, Israel and Palestine four times in the past six years.

A group discussion will follow his talk. The public is invited to this free presentation. Unity of Livonia Church is on Five Mile between Middlebelt and Inkster. For more information, call (734) 425-0079 or go to www.citizensforpeace11.blogspot.com.

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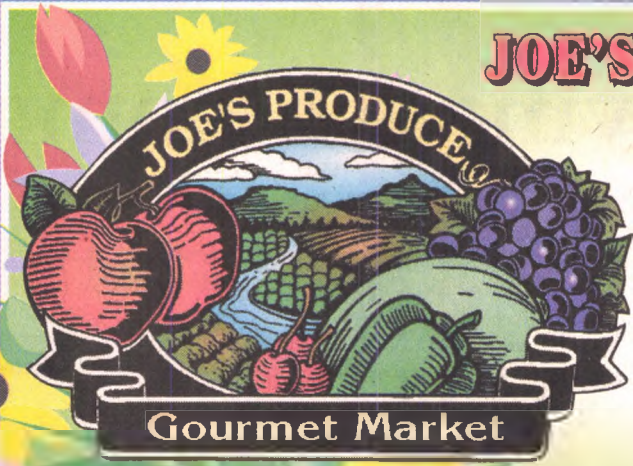
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GIRLS SOCCER PREVIEW - PART 1

Wildcats' grit on display Not bad for starters

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

In a matchup between two programs that met for the Division 1 state title two years ago before one repeated last season, it was a sophomore goalkeeper who stole the show.

Plymouth Wildcats net-minder Kylie Robb (three saves) flung her body all over her goal box to keep two-time defending state champion Novi off the board, punching away corner kicks and deflecting crosses wide of their intended target. The game ended in a 1-1 tie in the season opener for both squads.

"She stepped up good for a first start for a sophomore. Kylie did a really good job for us, made a couple really big saves, especially second half there when they started putting the pressure on us," Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich said. "Opening night for both of us, so we all got some stuff to work out. But overall, at the end of the day, I think both teams looked pretty strong out there."

"Both teams had their opportunities to put that one away late going down late."

After Novi's offense gave a few good looks early on that either went wide or were thwarted by Robb, Plymouth picked up momentum and took a lead in the 26th minute, when junior Stephanie

'CATS AT A GLANCE

Coach: Jeff Neschich.
Last year: 12-3-5, second place KLAAs South.
Losses to graduation: Marissa Williams (GK), Katie Hoss (D), McKenzie Messing (F), Jen Babcock (MF), Katelyn Quinlan (D).

Key returnees: Co-captains Kate Watson (sr., GK), Alyssa Burris (sr., D), Kylie Robb (soph., GK), Emily Burkman (soph., D), Alyssa Dillon (soph., D/MF), Lauren Babcock (soph., D), Jillian Aguirre (soph., D), Nicole Ineich (sr., D), Stephanie Sheridan (jr., MF), Zoe Foster (jr., MF), Ashley Melnick (sr., MF/F), Morgan Klubunde (jr., D/MF), Maria Farmer (soph., MF), Sydney Rouse (soph., D/MF), Megan Peplinski (sr., F), Abby Livingston (sr., MF/F).

Top newcomers: Amanda Lopez (sr., F), Madi Lewis (jr., F).

Neschich's take: "The commitment, attitude of a desire of this group of girls is exciting to be around." Led by the seniors, there is plenty of talent and experience at each position, he added.

Dillon tapped a short corner kick from the right side in to junior Madi

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JOHN KEMSKI

Salem's Nancy Krutty (No. 2) and Ann Arbor Skyline's Margo Apostoleris (No. 7) converge on the ball during Monday's season opener. In the background for the Rocks is Sarah Martin (No. 12).

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Salem's game plan for success during the 2012 girls soccer season was on display for all to see Monday as the host Rocks defeated Ann Arbor Skyline 3-1 in the opener.

Sophomore forward Emily Hawks hung around the Eagles' goal mouth to chip in a pair

of goals and the senior 1-2 punch of co-captains Katelynn Krause and Emily Lundh teamed up beautifully for the other goal.

It was chilly and windy on the varsity turf field at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. But college-bound midfielders Krause (Grand Valley State) and Lundh (Eastern Michigan) didn't need

long to heat up.

With the match tied 1-1 nearly midway through the second half, Lundh's indirect kick from about 25 yards out on the left side of the pitch soared toward the front of the Skyline goal.

Krause — who a couple minutes earlier missed on a header off a corner kick — didn't miss again, redirecting the ball over Sky-

ROCKS AT A GLANCE

Coach: Joe Nora, 13th season (112-62-26).
Last year: 8-7-2 record, third place KLAAs Central.
Key returnees: Co-captains Emily Lundh (Sr., MF), Katelynn Krause (Sr., D), Gusty Kummer (Sr., MF), Claire Huddas (Sr., MF), Maddy Kummer (Jr., D), Sarah Martin (Jr., D), Emily Tardiff (Jr., F), Nancy Krutty (Jr., MF), Ali Eggenberger (Jr., GK), Olivia Kayer (Soph., D), Megan McCormack (Sr., D).

Top newcomers: Emma Camp (Soph., MF), Emily Hawks (Soph., MF), Katie Binsfeld (Soph., MF), Josey Jakary (Fr., F), Morgan Siterlit (Soph., MF), Hayley Rogers (Fr., F), Kylie Knight (Fr., D).

Nora's take: "Our goal is to play simple, smart, quick soccer. We have the talent to do so and have been working hard to improve our field vision and communication to attack and defend as a unit. We have some depth this year and the competition this creates along with playing strong teams in our division will help us prepare us for the postseason."

line junior goalkeeper Tori Norris.

"It was a good ball from

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Quartet crucial to Canton's season

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

A nucleus of big-time players will be called upon to spearhead Canton's varsity girls soccer team to success in the KLAAs South Division this spring.

Gone from last year's KLAAs South Division and Division 1 district champs (13-6-2 overall) are goalie Kayla Bridges and midfielder Melanie Pickert, among others.

But second-year head

coach Jeannine Reddy expects another winning season, particularly with a quartet of outstanding senior co-captains leading the charge.

Those co-captains include forwards Ally Krause, Kayln Berinti, midfielder Megan Trapp and defender Robyn Mack.

Michigan State University-bound Krause, described by the coach as being "one of the greatest players in the state," will key the attack.

Room to roam

Because opponents will play extra attention to her, that should open up room on the pitch for players such as Berinti (Alma) and Gabby Malec.

"It gives us a lot of opportunities for other players to be able to score because a lot of them are going to be marking her (Krause) all the time," Reddy noted.

Berinti, like Krause starting her third year on varsity, is "looking forward to playing with Ally

up top. She's real fast, she has a great shot and she's got a good understanding of the game."

As for Malec, in her second season with the Chiefs, her forte will be getting on the end of corner kicks and other cross-net plays.

"She's real good at reading balls in the air," Reddy stressed. "(She's) good on headers, crosses."

The forwards will ben-

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One of the top returnees for Canton is assistant midfielder Megan Trapp (No. 19).



Returning for Plymouth's varsity girls tennis team is No. 1 singles player Lindsay Stemmerger, shown from last season.

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PCEP girls tennis teams feature talent, experience

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Spring is in the air and so is swing — the kind expected to be featured by all three Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity girls tennis teams.

The Park squads all took part at the recent

GIRLS TENNIS PREVIEW

Midnight Madness tournament with weekend tournaments (last Saturday at Canton; this Saturday at Salem) also preparing them for the 2012 season.

Last year's KLAAs South Division champi-

on, Plymouth, is looking to stay at the top despite a roster turnover. But the Chiefs also are confident they can bump up from third place and challenge for the crown.

Salem, who finished 10-3 overall last year but third in the very

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Change of heart?

Canton's Samulski given time to decide future

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Brian Samulski told school administrators his decision to step down after seven seasons as head coach of Canton's varsity girls basketball team.

But after telling players who will return in 2012-13 of that decision Saturday morning, he apparently spent an uneasy weekend with a queasy feeling in his stomach.

"I just didn't feel right," Samulski said Tuesday. "I may have rushed the decision."

So Monday, he asked Athletic Director Sue Heinzman not to post the job opening just yet. He requested a two-week mulling over period and she granted his request.

"I have given (Samulski) two weeks to evaluate his decision regarding stepping down," verified Heinzman in a Tuesday e-mail to the *Observer*.



JOHN KEMSKI

Canton varsity girls basketball head coach Brian Samulski, shown coaching during the 2011-12 season, is mulling over whether to step down from the helm.

Samulski initially had resigned in large part because he felt he could not continue meeting the year-round demands of being a successful coach.

He also wanted to be able to spend more time with his wife and two young children.

"What it really came down to was, if I was

going to coach, I was going to be coaching not to disappoint Sue (Heinzman), not to disappoint (assistant coach) Bob (Blohm), not to disappoint the girls and not disappoint the parents," he said Saturday. "And I don't think that's a great reason to do it. You got to do it because you do it. For some reason right now, I don't have that."

A number of former Canton players e-mailed or texted Samulski messages following Saturday's announcement to the team, but those words of praise and gratitude for the coach did not necessarily sway his original decision to resign, he stressed Tuesday.

Samulski said he just wanted a little more time to be 100-percent certain of whatever decision he makes.

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Whalers power way back into OHL series

The Plymouth Whalers needed a win Tuesday night to avoid falling into a deep hole in their OHL Western Conference first-round playoff series against Guelph.

And they did just that, in a big way. Sparked by three goals in the first nine minutes of Game 3, and with five power-play goals for the night, the Whalers pounded Guelph 7-1 before just over 2,000 fans at Compuware Arena.

With the victory, Plymouth is down 2-1 in the series with a chance to even things up Thurs-

day night at Guelph. The win also assures another home game; Game 5 will be played 7 p.m. Saturday at Compuware.

Scoring twice each for the Whalers were forwards Stefan Noesen and Andy Bathgate, while forwards Alex Aleari (Farmington Hills), Tom Wilson and Michael Whaley tallied single goals.

Noesen also chalked up three assists, as did defenseman Austin Levi (Canton) as the Plymouth power play struck on five of eight attempts. Chipping in with two

assists were forwards J.T. Miller and Rickard Rakell.

Stopping 33 of 34 shots for the win was netminder Scott Wedgewood.

The lone blemish on his resume came at 13:54 of the first, when winger Scott Kosmachuk scored on the power play to cut Plymouth's lead to 3-1.

But the Whalers got it right back when Wilson (PCEP alum) beat Garret Sparks (39 saves) at 3:24 of the middle stanza.

That lead grew to 6-1 after two frames, following tallies by Whaley and Bathgate.



RENA LAVERTY

Plymouth Whalers forward Stefan Noesen (No. 11) beats Guelph goalie Garret Sparks for a first-period goal Tuesday. At left for Plymouth is forward Alex Aleari.

Capping the big win was Bathgate's power-play tally at 11:41 of the third, from Noesen and Miller.

GUELPH 5, PLYMOUTH 3: On Sunday, visiting Plymouth rallied from a three-

goal deficit in the first to even the contest early in the third.

But the Storm's Francis Menard broke the tie midway through the third and an empty netter with five seconds left finished off the Whalers.

Noesen scored two power-play goals for the Whalers, his second tying the game at 3-3 with 14:57 remaining in regulation.

Also scoring for Plymouth was Rakell, set up by Aleari and defenseman Colin MacDonald.

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Emily and a good finish from Kaitlynn," Salem head coach Joe Nora said. "She's just very strong in the air. She's going to win 80 percent of those balls in there."

Nora said the senior leaders "did a great job and everyone kind of follows behind them. It was a great team effort."

Nothing fancy

He noted that the style of play shown Monday is what Salem will need to continue in order to move up the ladder in the KLA Central Division.

"The way we play, we like to play a simple style of soccer," he continued. "Knock it around and find the open player."

With about 23 minutes left in the first half, Hawks did just that. Stationed at the Skyline goal, she finished a play started by junior forward Emily Barfuss to make it 1-0.

Skyline did make it 1-1 with about four minutes to play in the first half.

A corner kick by junior Justine Jahnke was headed in by junior Carmen Flesher.

But helped by a solid defense, not to mention nine blocks, that was



JOHN KEMSKI

Dribbling the ball down the field Monday night is Salem senior co-captain Emily Lundh (No. 6), while Madeline Turner of Ann Arbor Skyline tries to close in.

the only ball to get behind Salem junior goalkeeper Ali Eggenberger (six saves).

Several times, Eggenberger scampered out to curtail rushes by Skyline forwards.

She had help from her friends, too. After Krause scored to give the Rocks a 2-1 lead, with 23:47 remaining in the contest, Salem sophomore defender Olivia Kaye blocked a hard drive taken from the top-right corner of the 18-yard box.

That play was just one example of how Salem

worked to maintain the lead.

"If you can get out there and close those opportunities down and block those shots you make it easy," Nora said. "Everything else that got through, Ali was right there to smother."

Early gauge

Hawks then gave the Rocks a two-goal cushion with 7:32 remaining.

A diving stop by Norris on a point-blank bid by Krause left the goalie out of position as the ball bounced toward the right

post. Hawks was there to chip it into the gaping cage.

Nora said his team already is bonding nicely, although having three games the first week will further help players "learn how to play" as a unit.

"We're a good mix, with half veterans and half new players," Nora noted. "Very quickly, we've kind of blended and if we keep our chemistry up and our work ethic we'll have a good, fun season."

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PCEP figure skaters at state finals

Plymouth-Canton Educational Park figure skaters competed last weekend in the team and individual state championships in Traverse City.

On Sunday, the PCEP Level A and C figure skating teams finished seventh and third, respectively. The teams are coached by Barb Miller and Suzi Smith.

Thirteen individuals skated Saturday. Those skaters, places and respective categories are as follows:

Emily Barlow (fourth place, intermediate test track free skate); Delaney Hoberecht (fourth, junior/senior free skate); India Johnson (third, pre-gold solo dance; fourth,

novice/senior showcase); Stephanie Lyle (third, solo dance preliminary); Lindsay Magaldi (third, beginner/preliminary showcase); Lindsay Magaldi and Maddie Smith (fourth, beginner/pre-juv showcase duet); Victoria Massey (first, intermediate/novice free skate); Aileen Peer (fifth, pre-preliminary test track free skate); Natalie Puckett (first, solo dance gold); Cherry Qian (fifth, juvenile test track free skate); Audrey Reding (third, pre-preliminary test track free skate); Maddie Smith (sixth, beginner/preliminary showcase); Emma Swales (seventh, preliminary test track free skate).

MU offense rolls, 18-0

It didn't take long Tuesday afternoon for Rochester College's baseball team to discover it was out of its element at Ilitch Ballpark on the campus of Madonna University.

The Crusaders scored early and often before registering an 18-0 triumph

COLLEGE BASEBALL over Rochester (15-9). The

non-conference victory improved the Crusaders to 21-12.

Eight difference MU pitchers scattered eight hits while Alex Charles and Logan Curtis spearheaded the offensive explosion with three RBI each.

Starting pitcher Josh Vandemark (3-0) earned the mound win for the Crusaders after yielding just one hit and a pair of walks in two frames of work.

The winners' pitching parade also included stellar efforts from (in order of appearance) Justin Hicks, Tommy Moore, Andy Omilian, Erik Wright, Travis Schuba, Dan Stoney and Randall Stempel. Hicks (two

innings) and Wright (one inning) both struck out three batters each. Stempel whiffed a pair in his lone inning of work.

MU lashed 16 hits while taking full advantage of seven Rochester errors.

In addition to Charles and Curtis, Ryan Lech and Matthew Cook laced a pair of hits for the Crusaders.

Good weekend

MU took three of four weekend games from host Siena Heights to improve its Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference mark to 5-3.

On Saturday, the Crusaders split a pair with the Saints, dropping the opener 2-0 before rebounding to claim the nightcap, 5-3.

The Crusaders' offense was stymied by Siena Heights' starting pitcher Corey Alexander in game one as MU managed just four hits. The Saints

scored the game's only runs in the sixth to help Alexander earn his fourth win in six decisions.

MU junior Jeremy Gooding pitched well in defeat, striking out 10 Saints while yielding just one earned run.

Sophomore lefty Aaron Saarela (2-4) helped the Crusaders salvage a split when he no-hit the Saints for 5.2 innings before getting relief help from Robert Fraser and Stempel, who earned his fourth save of the season.

Siena's Jake Sperry also pitched well, no-hitting the Crusaders for 4.1 innings before yielding four runs in the bottom of the fifth.

Junior outfielder Steve Pelletier delivered a clutch two-run double in the Crusaders' four-run fifth. Cook also ripped an RBI double for the winners. Six different Crusaders notched at least one hit.

On Sunday, MU swept the Saints, 9-3 and 4-1. MU pitchers registered 19 strikeouts in the twinbill while the offense came to life with 17 hits.

Cook earned the game-one victory after delivering eight strong innings. Junior second baseman Tyler Cotter (Livonia Churchill) excelled at the plate with the first three-hit game of his MU career.

Pelletier went 2-for-5 with three RBI for the winners. Cook and Curtis also chipped in with two-hit efforts at the dish.

Josh Deeg was brilliant on the mound in Sunday's second game, striking out eight in 5.2 innings to pick up his third victory over the season. Deeg had to leave the game in the sixth after absorbing a line shot to his leg.

Pelletier ripped a key two-run single in the fourth to increase MU's lead to 3-0.

Leading 3-1 in the sixth, the Crusaders plated an insurance run when Charles singled home Drew Adamiec with two outs.

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Lewis and looped around behind Lewis to the top right corner of Novi's goal box.

Lewis fed the ball back to Dillon, who was without a nearby defender, and she placed a perfectly dipping left-footed shot into the top left corner of the goal just inside the back post, out of the reach of Novi senior netminder Sam Pavlika (one save).

"We blew it. Credit them for running that play, but we blew it," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "Anytime a team puts two players out there, you put two players on the ball. That's like common knowledge in soccer."

However, it only took Novi four minutes to respond when sopho-

more Gabby DeLeon found junior Erin Dircks at the top of the goal box for a quick turn around a defender that led to a free shot from the penalty spot, which Dircks ripped into the right side of the net before Robb could attempt a diving save.

"I thought we did all right," Neschich said. "We did have the one breakdown they did get the goal on. We got that sorted out a little bit."

"Their formation threw us and we knew it was coming, but we just had the wrong matchups on it. I think we got it sorted out at halftime and didn't give them any opportunities up the center like that again."

Clutch stops

With the sun gone, Robb made two jumping saves nine minutes into the second half. The first kept Novi senior Jes-



CHRIS JACKETT

Plymouth sophomore netminder Kylie Robb (right) punches a ball from Novi senior Jessica Jarvis during Monday's season-opening 1-1 tie.

sica Jarvis from a header attempt and the second was off a high chip from 40 yards out about 10 seconds later that was coming in just below the crossbar if Robb's vertical leap hadn't gotten the job done.

Along with Jarvis and Dircks, junior Nata-

lie Krygier, senior Kelli Timar and sophomore Kendall Kramer were instrumental in getting the Novi offense running.

The teams came close the rest of the way, but could not break the tie.

Plymouth senior defender Alyssa Burris saved a shot just a foot in front of the goal line at her right side with a volley that went straight up and fell toward the center of the goal, but was eventually cleared after a scramble in front of the net with 16:22 remaining.

It was Lewis who would get the last chance to break the tie, as she broke up the middle of the offensive third past Novi sophomore defender Jacqui Kozlowski and curved to the left away from Kozlowski before ripping a left-footed shot wide of the right post with nine seconds remaining.

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Reddy is enthusiastic about seeing how the team progresses, beginning with games this week at Saline and Novi.

"We're pretty young," Reddy said. "But with that group, Ally, Megan, Rachel and Robyn, it should be pretty solid defensively in the back. "And with Ally up top and Megan, together with their leadership they should be able to get the girls to play together real well."

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CHIEFS

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efit from a strong transition game, keyed by senior midfielder and fourth-year player Trapp (Eastern Michigan).

"She's going to be my strongest center-mid," said Reddy, about Trapp. "She's got a good understanding of the game. I put her there because she can control what's going on forwards and backwards. I expect a lot out of her."

Helping her out will be

returning sophomore Erica Lucas and freshman Chloe Donlin.

Reddy said Donlin is "real strong, (has a) good understanding of the game. She kind of reminds me of Melanie Pickert."

There's plenty of experience in the back, with third-year player Mack and returning sophomore Rachel Winters always in sync.

"They'll be playing in the (middle-back) together," she said. "They communicate well, they see the game real well together. Very aggres-

sive and composed players."

Also on defense are senior Alex Bryden and junior Natalie Schmidt, both returning players.

Looking to crack the rotation will be sophomore newcomer Gabby Epelman, also a candidate for minutes in the midfield.

"Her attitude is great and she's real competitive, and that's what I need back there," Reddy added.

Dividing time in goal will be returning senior Danielle Schendel and junior newcomer Kaitlyn



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Canton's Janani Shanmuga is moving up from No. 2 singles (which she is shown playing in this 2011 photo) to No. 1 singles.

TENNIS

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competitive KLAA Central, also could have a successful year.

Following is a look at how the teams look heading into the season's first dual matches.

Plymouth

The Wildcats, coached by Rob McLaren, lost nine seniors from the 2011 team that went 6-4 overall and 5-0 in the division.

Senior co-captain Lindsay Stemberger is back, however. She is slotted for No. 1 singles.

Also in the singles lineup are promising freshman newcomer Keerthi Chekuri (No. 2), junior Kirthi Duraiswamy (No. 3) and sophomore Miranda Cerny (No. 4).

McLaren moved senior Sarah Mitchell from singles to No. 1 doubles, which she will share with senior Erin MacKenzie.

"Her presence at the 1-doubles spot along with Erin will really help anchor our doubles lineup," McLaren said. "Sarah was really great about the switch. She said she was willing to do whatever it takes to help the team."

The Wildcats boast a second freshman ready to make her mark in Sarah Gamble — sharing No. 2 doubles with junior Marlowe Susselman.

"With the addition of freshmen standouts Sarah Gamble and Keerthi Chekuri," the coach noted, "we were able to strengthen both our singles and doubles lineups this year."

The rest of the doubles teams include senior co-captain Katie Bartek and senior Sarah Dillon at No. 3, seniors Ellie Anderson-Lauren Chipman at No. 4 and seniors Carly Curvin-Lindsey Dean at No. 5.

Also looking for playing time are seniors Calley Kiethler and Nisha Gopal.

With big KLAA South matches Tuesday against Livonia Churchill and Thursday against Canton, the team's success at the recent Midnight Madness tournament could be a primer to a winning year.

Plymouth took first in the tournament, with six of seven flights finishing first or second.

"Our first goal this year, as always, is to win the division," he said. How the Wildcats fare next week against Churchill and Canton "will have a big impact on how we do in our division."

Canton

Sure to be nipping at Plymouth's heels at the top of the KLAA South will be Canton, which features a strong core of nine returning seniors led by co-captains Hayley Cook and Sydney Liedel.

"Hayley will be returning to singles but will be playing third singles and is a consistent and patient player," Chiefs head coach Barb Lehmann said. "Sydney will continue at (No. 1) doubles but with a new partner, senior Erin Fowler. "The two together have strong shots at the baseline and at the net. The only learning curve they have is togetherness which has already reached a high level of teamwork."

Canton (third in the KLAA South last year, 3-2) features senior Janani Shanmuga at No. 1 singles.

"Janani comes to the position after having successful years at singles and with her level of skill should be a strong level," Lehmann said.

At No. 2 singles will be senior Hannah Ferree, moving up from doubles for the first time. "She is a solid player with a strong arm."

Cook will play at No. 3 singles, and another returning senior is Madison Johnson — who like Ferree is competing for the first time in the singles lineup. She is slated to compete at No. 4 singles.

Johnson has already risen to the challenge, placing second at last weekend's Canton-hosted quad tournament.

Filling remaining doubles spots will be seniors Claire Babala, Kristen Hollingsworth, Emily Erley, Jamie Emens and Kinari Shah.

"They are each talented players with strong shots and will help to cre-

ate a powerful finish," Lehmann said.

Rounding out the squad and providing important depth are Jennifer Ghandour, Alexis Madau, Jasmine Njm-Henry and Sasha Gill.

Salem

According to Rocks head coach Lin Ware, her 2012 lineup is still being finalized.

That should all shake out following this week, when Salem scrimmages against Livonia Ladywood and takes part in Saturday's quad featuring the three PCEP teams and Hartland.

But despite losing seven seniors to graduation from the team that went 10-3 overall, Salem still will have plenty of talent and experience on the roster.

Ware will have senior tri-captain Morgan Spencer and junior Ashley Walker in the No. 1-2 singles positions, although the order they compete in is likely to change during the season.

"Both are excellent players, with a lot of experience," Ware noted. "On any given day, one beats the other."

Seniors Sushmi Diraviam and Narges Pourmandi will take the No. 3 and No. 4 singles positions, respectively. They moved up from last year's doubles lineup.

At No. 1 doubles will be senior tri-captain Sarah Bellaire and senior newcomer Kathy Kemp.

Then the tandem of junior Katie Vena and senior Courtney March will fill No. 2 doubles; they were a doubles team the past two seasons on Salem's junior varsity.

At No. 3 doubles is the returning varsity tandem of senior tri-captain Meghan Barry and senior Monica Topolovec. Salem's 4-5 doubles teams will be comprised of varsity newcomers.

At No. 4 are junior Abi Collingwood and senior Kalaya Thomas; seniors Maggie Sniedeman and Lily Gonzalez will compete in the No. 5 spot.

Completing the doubles lineup will be the No. 6 tandem of senior Kai-ia Gavlas and freshman Tiffany Chan.

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Chiefs score big in first games

Plenty of goals and wins are getting Canton's varsity girls lacrosse team off to quite a start.

The Chiefs opened the season with a 15-8 victory over Farmington on Friday and followed that up with Monday's 14-4 drubbing of Farmington North-Harrison.

Although just about everybody found their way to the scoresheet, the big gun so far for the Chiefs is senior attacker Stephanie Bower. She scored four goals in the opener and then tallied five against FNH.

Also scoring multiple goals Monday was senior attacker Kaitlyn Allard, with two goals along with three helpers.

All told, there were nine different players in on the scoring. Those included Annelise Niermann (two goals, two assists), Cassidy Tucker (two goals), Julie Podorsek (one goal), Julia Beard (one goal), Megan Bis (one goal) and Annika Nuler (two assists).

Goalies Melissa Neal and Erin Zuluzec shared duties in the victory.

Against Farmington, augmenting Bower's big game (she also had two assists for five points) were Sarah Davenport (three goals), Tucker (one goal, two assists), Podorsek (two goals), Beard (one goal, Bis (one goal), Nuler (one assist).

Neal stopped nine of 17 shots in goal, with defenders Kelly Harris,



JEFF CARTER

Salem attacker Rose Krasofsky (No. 96) scored six goals in the opener against Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard.



Canton's Julie Podorsek (left) wins the draw during Friday's opener against Farmington.

Laura Murphy, Meredith White and Kristen Larsen giving her plenty of support.

Rocks rally

Sparked by Rose Krasofsky's six-goal performance, Salem rallied for a 9-6 win over Ann

Arbor Gabriel Richard in Friday's season opener.

Also scoring for the Rocks were Jenna Carter, Alex Godre and Kiersten Vala.

Salem trailed 5-3 at halftime and surged ahead 6-5 in the second half only for the Irish to even things up at 6-6.

But the Rocks kept the offense coming, and freshman goalie Samantha Howe (12 saves) played an impressive game in her varsity debut to preserve the victory.

"Another new face that just excelled at keeping attackers out of the critical scoring area was Gracie Savage," Salem head coach Dave Medley said. "She showed us she has some wheels and can cover field distance quickly."

Medley said it was encouraging that "all offensive players with the ball involved their teammates."

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Canton football camps

Football players of all ages have something they can benefit from thanks to a trio of camps being run in mid-late June by the Canton High School football program. All of the camps will take place at the varsity turf stadium at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. All participants will receive Chiefs football T-shirts.

• Kicking it off from June 11-14 is the "Football Skills Camp," for youngsters entering grades seven-nine. Prospective participants must pre-register by May 21 (\$45), although latecomers to sign up will owe \$55.

Sessions will run from 5-7:30 p.m. and focus on

improving fundamentals while learning the Chiefs' football philosophy.

• Next up, June 18-21, is the "Wing T/3-4 Camp" for those going into grades 10-12.

Times are 2-5 p.m. June 18 and 5-8 p.m. June 19-21 with registration fees \$25 (if pre-registered by May 21) and \$30 (for latecomers).

On the agenda will be become a "tough and agile back" and efficient passing and throwing quarterback."

• Wrapping things off June 25-28 is the "Fundamental Football Camp," for kids entering grades three-six. Times are 9 a.m. to noon all four days. Fees to sign up are \$75 (if signed up by June 1) and \$100 for those who register after that date.

Campers will learn about blocking, running, throwing and catching on offense and "proper footwork and techniques" on defense.

For more information, e-mail Enza Lana-va of the Canton Chiefs Booster Club at elanza-va@wowway.com or call her at (313) 300-1173. All checks must be made payable to the Canton Chiefs Football Boosters Club.

AAU openings

The LaZers AAU Girls 16U Elite Basketball Club has openings for the spring/summer season. Varsity level players are sought for the team. Call Coach Z for information at (734) 286-1009 or e-mail him at zgdodominic@sbcglobal.net.

Crusaders sweep both ends

Eight was enough (twice) Saturday afternoon for the Madonna University softball team, which unleashed some heavy lumber in its double-header sweep of visiting Bethel College (Ind.).

The Crusaders grounded the Pilots twice, 8-4 and 8-0, at University Field to improve their season mark to 14-9. Bethel slipped to 5-9.

Freshman hurler Angela Pavlanis earned a pair of victories, including a complete-game two-hitter in the night-cap.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

MU freshman second baseman Kasey Trierweiler also sparkled, so much so that she earned Wolverine-Hoosier Player of the Week laurels.

In game one, the Crusaders trailed 4-3 until the bottom of the fifth when Jackie Barley was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded to knot the game at 4-all. One out later, sophomore catcher Kristen Drabek reached on an infield single to plate the go-ahead run. MU padded its lead with three runs in the sixth on

an RBI single by Barley and a two-run round-tripper by Erin Mayes.

MU's top-of-the-order hitters Arielle Cox and Trierweiler set the table nicely for the winners, combining for five hits and four runs scored.

Pavlanis dominated the Pilots in the game two, striking out one and walking no one in a sterling two-hit effort. Offensively, the Crusaders were sparked by Carlee Meek (2-for-3, three RBI), Barley (2-for-3, two RBI) and Trierweiler, who added two hits and two RBI.

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Age 80 of Farmington Hills. Beloved wife of Jim for 60 years. Dear mother of Norman (Brenda), Tom (Kathy) and Vera (Doug) Williams. Cherished grandmother of Angela, Candace, Amy, James, Alex and Jake. Sister of Elizabeth Bandon and the late Robert Rauhauser. Memorial service will be on Thursday, March 29th 11 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington 26165 Farmington Rd., Farmington Hills, MI. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or First Presbyterian Church of Farmington
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GREVE, BRUCE ROY
Of Grand Blanc, formerly of Westland, age 85, died Saturday, March 24, 2012.
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JOHNSON, BEVERLY ANN
March 21 1961 – March 25, 2012 Beloved wife to Barry Hodges, daughter to Jean and David Johnson, step-daughter to Max Pokryfky. Wonderful mother to April, Tom, and Mitchell, B.J. Hodges and Ashley. Sister to David, Lillian and Colin, Nana to Monique, Crystal, Autumn, Greytan, Chelsie, Colin and his new sibling on the way. Dearest aunt to many nieces and nephews. Beverly lost her fight with cancer, and passed after a remarkable life and last moments with all caring family gathered around.

MCGLINNEN, HELEN MARILYN

February 19, 1924 – March 27, 2012. Helen Marilyn McGlennen passed away peacefully on March 27, 2012 in Farmington Hills Michigan, surrounded by her loving family. Helen was born in Detroit. She and her family moved to Farmington (Hills) in 1960. She graduated from Wayne State University with a BS in science and went on to receive her Master's in Education from the University of Michigan. She taught in the early elementary grades in the Clarenceville School District for 25 years. She was an active member of Delta Kappa Gamma, an international honorary education society. Helen was married for 53 years to Frederick McGlennen, who preceded her in death in 1996. Helen is survived by three children: Paul (Elizabeth), Darby Duke (Lawrence), and Kathleen Kreidler (Charles); granddaughters: Amanda Becker, Sarah Sullivan, Kristen McGlennen, Suzanne Duke-Mancall, and Catherine Ricker; great-grandchildren: Zephan, Mack, Katelyn, Ashley and Jack. Helen enjoyed music, theater and reading. She was a wonderful entertainer and cook and loved to host fun parties for her friends and family in her lovely home. She and Fred loved to travel and enjoyed trips to Europe, Ireland, the Holy Land and California. She was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church. A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 31, 2012 at 11:00 am at the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington.

MOORE (STEPHENS) JOYCE L.

Age 85, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family, on Monday, March 26, 2012, in Livonia, Michigan. Joyce was born on February 25, 1927 in Cincinnati, Ohio, the daughter of Esta Alice (Marie) and James Stephens. She graduated from Western High School in Detroit, and worked at Detroit Edison until her marriage. On May 14, 1949, she married Chester G. Moore in Detroit, Michigan. After her retirement from Michigan National Bank, and Chester's retirement from Metro Agency, Joyce and Chester divided their time between their homes in Michigan and Naples, Florida. Joyce was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, James Lawrence Stephens, USN, and her grandson, Andrew Moore. Joyce is survived by her loving husband, Chester, five children, Carol (Fred) Baker of Naperville, Illinois, Peggy (Samuel) Townshend of Enon, Ohio, Roger (Rochelle) Moore of Livonia, Patrick (Karen Braun) Moore of Franklin, Michigan, and Kimberly Moore of Lamar, Colorado. She was the beloved grandmother to 14 grandchildren, David Baker, Anne Baker Mareachen, Laura Baker Starzec, Lisa Baker Guerro, Steven Townshend, Amy Townshend Jaster, Elizabeth Townshend Volesky, Jennifer Townshend, Aaron Moore, Corey Moore, Adam Moore, Daniel Moore, USMC, Brian Moore, the late Andrew Moore, and 13 great-grandchildren. A celebration of her life will be held in Franklin, Michigan on Saturday, March 31 from 1-4pm. For details, contact Metro Agency 800-522-4030. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to: Livonia Rotary Foundation, c/o Metro Agency, 32646 Five Mile Rd., Livonia, Michigan 48154

MOORE, HENRY E.

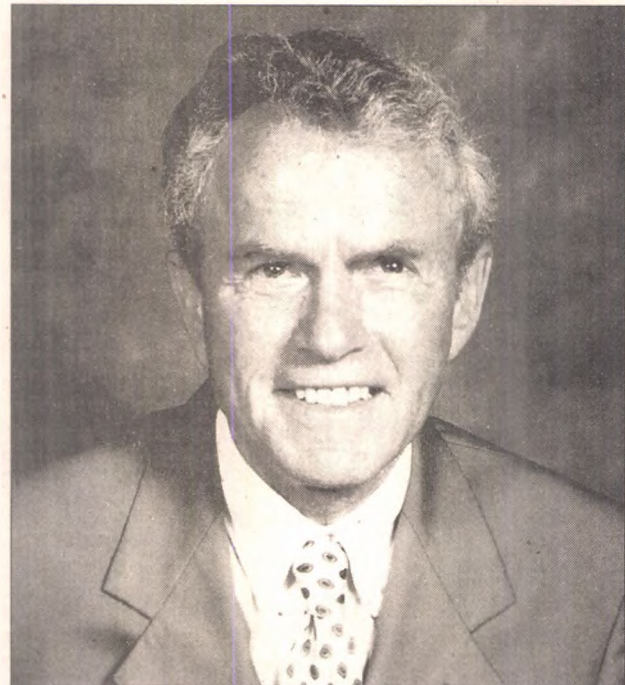
Of Canton, passed away February 27, 2012. Born September 6, 1936, he is survived by his wife of 54 years, Audrey A. Moore and brother, David Moore, sisters Rachel Moore and Kristin Hay, and mother, Rev. Viola Moore. On March 31, 2012, a Memorial Service for Henry will be held at 11 AM from the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home, 42600 Ford Rd., Canton. Memorial visitation will be held prior at 10:00 AM at the same location. Memorial gifts may be sent to Michigan Eye Bank, The National Cancer Society or St. Joseph Mercy Hospice.

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Maier

Livonia prayer breakfast set for May 3

Dr. Paul L. Maier, professor emeritus at Western Michigan University, guest lecturer, and author will be the featured speaker at the 38th annual event Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, May 3.

The annual event is planned for 7 a.m. in Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, between Middlebelt and Inkster Road. Doors open at 6:15 a.m.

The former WMU history professor is widely known outside the university setting for his lectures, writings, television appearances and newspaper and radio interviews. Maier retired in April 2011 after 50 years as one of the most popular professors and experts in ancient history and early Christianity at WMU.

He is a graduate of Harvard University and Concordia Seminary. He holds a doctor of philosophy degree and also pursued post-graduate studies as a Fulbright scholar at the Universities of Heidelberg, Germany and Basel, Switzerland.

He is the recipient of numerous awards and honorary degrees and his insights and expertise on current events are widely sought after. His message will be "How We Got the Bible."

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and include a full breakfast and program. Tables of 10 also are available. Ticket orders and information on tables and sponsors are available by calling Sally Butler at (248) 476-9427. Tickets must be purchased by Friday, April 20.

The program also features the Tyndale Artists Ensemble under the direction of Dr. Jerry Smith. Scripture readings by local clergy and local leaders along with audience responsive prayer are part of the annual event which is patterned after the National Prayer Breakfast held annually in Washington, D.C.

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Once upon a time ... Livonia story concert aims to enthrall listeners

By Sharon Dargay
 O&E Staff Writer

Three storytellers will spin yarns for youngsters Saturday, March 31 in the 2nd Annual Once Upon a Time Children's Story Concert at the Livonia Public Library.

"We know kids will have a wonderful time and the adults will have fun, too," said Judy Sima, president of the Detroit Story League, a co-sponsor of the event along with Livonia Public Schools. "Part of what our organization does is public service and our public service is storytelling. We're hoping to fill the auditorium."

This year a hootenanny will start the action at 2 p.m. with Detroit Story League members, Ami Jackson and Margaret Lockard, leading the sing-along. Members Carolyn Graves and Rosie Chapman, along with guest teller, Genot Picor, will entertain listeners until 4 p.m. Barbara Jones Clark will serve as "maestro" for the concert, which is aimed at children, 4-10.

"There will be refreshments," Sima noted. "We'll give every child a gift to take home. It's a nice afternoon for kids."

The storytellers will represent a diversity of storytelling styles and content. Chapman is known for her portrayal of Harriet Taubman. She also tells African folk tales. Picor tells native American tales and stories about Michigan history. Graves is a member of North Oakland Sto-

ONCE UPON A TIME

What: Children's Story Concert presented by the Detroit Story League and Livonia Public Schools

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Where: Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia

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rytellers and Parent Tellers in Warren, in addition to Detroit Story League. The parent group performs in classrooms.

"The story she'll tell this time is 'When a Monster is Born.' It's kind of a fun story. The monster has to decide if it's going to become a good student or eat the teacher," Sima said. "She gives (the audience) alternatives."

Live entertainment

All professional tellers perform tales from memory, Sima said. Some use minimal costuming or props. When Chapman portrays Harriet Taubman, for example, she dons a bandana and uses a walking stick. Sima sometimes uses nose



Margaret Lockard will lead the hootenanny at the Detroit Story League children's concert Saturday, March 31, at the Livonia Public Library.

masks — and recruits listeners to wear them — as she tells particular tales. Others may incorporate music.

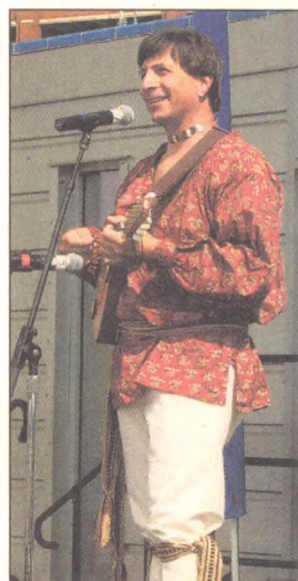
"One thing we do as storytellers is to teach kids how to listen to a live performer," Sima said, adding that children learn when to applaud, how to behave at a live concert.



Jackson



Graves



Gino Picor will be the guest storyteller at the Detroit Story League's "Once Upon A Time Concert" this weekend in Livonia.



Chapman

what grandpa did ... to share happy and sad stories of the family," she said. "It gives (children) a sense of who they are."

Sima, a retired school librarian, also suggests that parents occasionally create stories with their children.

"It's important to read to kids, but also put the book down and make up stories with them."

The Detroit Story League meets noon-3 p.m. the third Saturday of the month at libraries throughout Metro Detroit. Its next meeting is April 21 at the Chaney Branch Library, 16101 Grand River Ave., at Greenfield, in Detroit. On May 19, the group will meet at the Royal Oak Public Library, 222 East 11 Mile, one block east of Main street, in downtown Royal Oak.

For more information about joining the Detroit Story League, its events and for storytelling resources, visit www.detroitstorytelling.org.

Family stories

Folk tales are the mainstay of professional storytelling, although the trend in personal stories has grown, Sima said.

"I think especially with adults the trend has been toward personal stories from your family or your own life."

She hopes parents will leave the concert this weekend eager to tell their own stories to their children.

"The reason we keep doing this is to encourage people to tell family stories to children. When you've got TV and Game Boy, people don't sit around and talk to each other... to find out

"To know you're going to something live is exciting. I've gotten preschoolers to sit and listen for 45 minutes."

She said a simple story performed live by a skilled teller can mesmerize youngsters — even those who are more accustomed to video and computer entertainment.

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Dave Birchler, (left) Ron Graham, and Keith Birchler rock out at a previous "Jammin' to End Famine."

Family sets annual concert to help hungry children

The Birchler family's fifth annual "Jammin' to End Famine" concert will feature four bands on Friday, April 20, at Monaghan's Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Proceeds will benefit Kids Against Hunger, a nonprofit organization that aims to feed hungry children in the US and abroad. Kids Against Hunger sets up food packaging satellites in the US and worldwide through partnerships with humanitarian organizations, enabling it to deliver its specially-formulated rice-soy casserole to starving children and their families in more than 40 countries.

Jammin' to End Famine will start at 6:30 p.m. and is geared toward all ages. John Birchler will open the show as a mem-

ber of a cappella vocal jazz group, The Grunions. Jim Birchler's high school band, The Overdays, will reunite to fire up the dance floor with 50s rock n' roll, followed by 60s tunes by The Paisley Fogg, with Tom, Keith and Dave Birchler. Tom's son, Mark Warren, and 2 Dayz Gone will turn up the heat with energetic 80s rock.

The concert will include free pizza and salad, as well as a cash bar. Tom's daughter, Emily, will offer free face painting for children.

Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for students and are tax deductible. They will be available at the door or in advance from Tom Birchler at (248) 722-1820 or by e-mailing him at tbirchler@mi.rr.com. Make checks payable to Kids Against Hunger.



Circus in town

Richard Curtis, the singing ringmaster, will be on hand when the Shrine Circus swings into town Friday, March 30, at Hazel Park Raceway, located at Dequindre and 10 Mile in Hazel Park. The Circus will feature an all-new show, featuring one of the nation's few tiger acts, Arabian horses, an elephant revue, a bicycle troupe, high-wire artists, performing Dobermans, a freestyle motor show and the Shrine clowns in addition to classic clown comedy from Europe. Seats start at \$25. Show times are 10:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., March 30-April 1 and April 6-8. Tickets are available at www.detroitshrinecircus.com and (866) 992-CIRCUS.

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The event is free. Look for the balloons in downtown Plymouth. For more information call (734) 453-1540 or visit www.plymouthmich.org/events.

Theater sets auditions for two plays

Two Muses Theatre, a nonprofit, professional theatre dedicated to providing opportunities for female artisans and women in theatre, will hold auditions Monday, April 2, for two comedies.

Auditions will run from 5-9:30 p.m. at the Barnes & Noble Theater Space, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Specific audition times will be scheduled by appointment in half hour blocks.

Two Muses Theatre co-founder Diane Hill, will direct both shows. *Sylvia*, a modern romantic comedy about a marriage and a dog, will be performed Friday and Saturday evenings, June 7-July 1. *A Little Work*, which its author, Anita Diamant calls "a mash-up of *Nip/Tuck* and *The Man Who Came to Dinner*," will run Friday and Saturday evenings, Sept. 6-30.

The cast will rehearse *Sylvia* nights and weekends through May. Rehearsals for *A Little Work* will be nights and weekends in August.

"We are looking for-

ward to presenting these two, very funny shows," stated Hill. "*Sylvia* is a huge crowd-pleaser, and it's an honor to be directing the world premiere of *A Little Work*. Collaborating with such a notable author as Anita Diamant is exciting, both for Two Muses and local actors."

Roles are available for four men and seven women to play ages 20-50. No prepared material is required. The auditions will consist of readings from the scripts.

Anyone interested in auditioning should e-mail to Auditions@twomusetheatre.org and specify the half hour block they want. Participants should arrive early to complete the necessary paperwork and review the scene excerpts. Callbacks will be 7:15-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 4, and actors who are called back should be prepared to stay the entire time. To learn more about the shows and view a complete list of characters, visit www.twomusetheatre.org.

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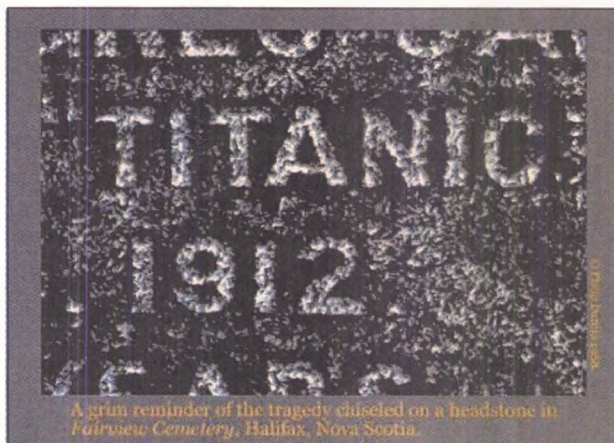
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Time/Date: 9 p.m. Friday, April 13

Location: Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser, Detroit

Details: Kevin Smith and Jason Mewes, popular for their roles as Jay and Silent Bob in "Clerks," "Mallrats," "Dogma," "Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back," and "Clerks 2," will perform live, recording their comedy podcast "Jay and Silent Bob Get Old." Presented by The Crofoot, tickets are \$45, \$25, and \$20

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Time/Date: Beginner instruction at 12:30 p.m.; dance starts at 1 p.m., Sunday, April 22

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Details: Shirley Temple's "The Little Colonel," and "The Poor Little Rich Girl," tickets \$5

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Music

THE ARK

Time/Date: Brian Vander Ark, March 29; The David Wax Museum, March 30; Justin Roberts & the Not Ready for Naptime Players, March 31; Elephant Revival, March 31; California Guitar Trio & Tony Levin, April 1; A.J. Croce with Teddy Richards, April 4; Peggy Seeger, April 5; Ralph Stanley and the Clinch Mountain Boys, April 6; Seth Glier and Stolen Silver, April 7; Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, April 9; Mississippi Heat, April 10; Galant tu perds ton temps, April 12; Mr. B's Piano Celebration, April 14-15; Shape Note Singing, April 15; The Tannahill Weavers, April 16; Good Old War and The Belle Brigade, April 17; The Guggenheim Grotto, April 18; Anais Mitchell and Cuddle Magic, April 19; Loudon Wainwright III, April 20; The Elders, April 21; James Hunter, April 22; Lambchop and Kelly Jean Caldwell, April 23; Johnny Winter, April 25; Dougie MacLean, April 26; Horse Feathers, April 27; Heywood Banks, April 28; Caroline Herling, April 29

Location: 316 South Main; Ann Arbor

Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY

Time/Date: 7-9:30 p.m. the third Saturday of the month; sign up for open mic from 6:15-6:45 p.m.

Location: JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth
Details: The show includes open mic performances and a featured performer. Admission is \$5. Annual memberships are \$25 for individuals and \$50 for families. Members may attend monthly concerts free of charge.

Contact: Mike Mullen at (248) 719-3464 or e-mail to mjmmullen@yahoo.com

JAZZ AT THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. last Tuesday of the month

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres.
Contact: (734) 453-1780 or e-mail to plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC

Time/Date: 7 p.m. April 30

Location: The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: "Celebrates the music and dance of China. Tickets are \$8 adults; \$4 for youth
Contact: (734) 451-2112; (734) 394-5300, ext. 3; www.michiganphil.org; www.canton-mi.org/village-theater/

PLYMOUTH COFFEE BEAN

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Monday, Friday, Saturday

Location: 884 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: Open mic on Monday; live music Friday-Saturday. Americana, folk, rock, pop, country and soul by solo singers, duos and bands

Contact: (734) 454-0178

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m. Empty Chair Night starts at 87 p.m., with doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia; Benefit concert on April 20 is at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Empty Chair Night with Annie and Rod Caps and Joel Palmer, April 1; Chris Trapper, April 13; Grievous Angel, April 14; Trinity House Benefit Concert featuring Jill Jack and Mary Seelhorst, John Latini and Jamie-Sue Seal and the Potter's Field, April 20; Tracy Kash Thomas Trio, April 21; The Choir featuring Derri Daugherty and Steve Hindalong, April 22; Wayward Roots with Adam Plomaritas, April 27. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Empty Chair Night tickets are \$12 and \$9 for subscribers. Only cash and checks are accepted

Contact: (734) 464-6302

VIVACE MUSIC SERIES

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 21

Location: The Birmingham Temple, 28611 12 Mile, between Inkster Road and Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Details: University of Michigan Gilbert and Sullivan Society perform songs and scenes from Gilbert and Sullivan favorites, such as "The Mikado," "Pirates of Penzance" and "HMS Pinafore." Tickets are \$23 general admission and \$20 for seniors

Contact: Joyce Cheresh at (248) 788-9338 or Ann Sipher at (248) 661-1348

Something different

ACROBATS

Time/Date: 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. March 30

Location: The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: The Kenya Safari Acrobats perform gravity-defying human pyramids, balancing, tumbling, dancing and more. Tickets for the 10 a.m. show are \$8; for the 7:30 p.m. show are \$25 for adults and \$20 for seniors and youth. Buy tickets online at www.CantonVillageTheater.org or by phone at (734) 394-5460. They're also available at the box office one hour before the show
Contact: (734) 394-5300

DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. daily

Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

Details: Admission is \$11 for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior

citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 14; children under 2 are free
Exhibit: The Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibit runs March 31-June 17 and includes 108 photographs chosen from more than 40,000 entries by aspiring amateurs and established professional photographers; free with Zoo admission
Contact: (248) 541-5717

EASTER FUN

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Saturday, March 31

Location: Heritage Park Playground and Splash Pad, located on the east side of the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton

Details: Eggstravaganza is aimed at kids, 11 and under, and consists of egg hunts, crafts, games and visits from a puppeteer and Easter Bunny. Treats will be available for purchase during the event. No pre-registration is necessary but \$2 per participant will be collected on site

Contact: www.cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5460

MARSHMALLOW DROP

Time/Date: 11 a.m., Friday, April 6

Location: Nankin Mills, located on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland

Details: Children will scramble to collect more than 20,000 marshmallows that will be dropped from a helicopter. Youngsters will have the chance to trade the marshmallows they collect for a prize.

Contact: (734) 261-1990; www.waynecountyparks.org

STORY SLAM

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 11

Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor

Details: The Moth Grand-SLAM Championship features winners from the last 10 Michigan StorySLAMS in a battle of wits and words; tickets \$16 available at www.themoth.org

Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

Theater

INSPIRE THEATRE

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. April 20-21, 27-28 and 3 p.m. April 22 and 29

Location: 33445 Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Neil Simon's "Rumors;" tickets, \$12
Contact: (734) 751-7057; inspiretheatre.com

MOTOR CITY YOUTH THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. March 23-24 and 30-31; 2 p.m. March 25 and April 1

Location: Grantland Street Playhouse, located on Grantland, a half block west of Inkster Road, south of I-96, in Livonia

Details: Cast members, age 5-16, perform the musical "Annie Jr." Tickets are \$10
Contact: (313) 535-8962

OCC

Time/Date: 8 p.m. March 29-31

Location: Smith Theatre on the Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge Campus, located on Orchard Lake Road, south of I-696, in Farmington Hills

Details: "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead;" general admission \$8, seniors and students, \$5
Contact: Ken Faulk at (248) 522-3666

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE



Ham, Bacon, and Caramelized Onion Tart

Serves: 6 to 8
Prep Time: 20 minutes
Cook Time: 1½ hours

6 slices thick-cut ham, cut crosswise into ¼-inch strips
4 ounces cooked ham, cut into ¼-inch dice
1 onion, halved lengthwise and thinly sliced
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon pepper
1 9-inch deep-dish pie shell, homemade or store-bought, chilled

1½ cups heavy whipping cream
3 large eggs, lightly beaten
1 teaspoon ground nutmeg

In large skillet over medium-low heat, cook bacon, stirring occasionally, until crisped, 10 to 12 minutes. Use slotted spoon to transfer bacon to large bowl.

Add ham and heat, stirring occasionally, until browned, 3 or 4 minutes. Use slotted spoon to transfer to bowl with bacon.

Add onion, salt and pepper to skillet and cook, stirring occasionally, until soft, 3 or 4 minutes. Reduce heat to very low and cook, stirring occasionally, until onion is golden brown and very tender, 12 to 14 minutes. Transfer onion to bowl with bacon and ham and set aside to cool.

Meanwhile, preheat oven to 350°F. Place pie shell on baking sheet and bake until pastry is pale gold along the rim, 20 to 25 minutes.

Add cream, eggs and nutmeg to bowl with bacon, ham and onion, whisking to combine.

Remove shell from oven (leave oven on). Pour cream mixture into shell and bake until top is golden and a knife inserted into center comes out clean, 45 to 50 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes before slicing and serving.

Serving Suggestions: This versatile tart serves as a main dish, or can play a supporting role to a holiday meal. To dress up the presentation, make the tart in an 11-inch fluted tart pan.

Nutrition per serving: Calories: 400; Fat: 31g; Saturated Fat: 15g; Cholesterol: 180mg; Sodium: 550mg; Carbohydrate: 16g; Protein: 13g; Fiber: 1g

— Courtesy Family Features

An elegant Easter feast

Bring ease and elegance to your Easter feast with a classic roast ham served up with a sweet twist. Thyme-Basted Ham with Roasted Grapes is a sophisticated centerpiece that pairs deliciously with inspired brunch ideas.

For time-strapped cooks, this refined recipe is a breeze to create — all that's left to do after purchasing the ham is to prepare a quick grape jelly glaze and finish heating the ham in the oven.

Sumptuous sides celebrating the flavors of the season make it a meal. Ham and Peas with Mint and Tarragon, and savory Ham, Bacon, and Caramelized Onion Tart require less than 20 minutes of prep time in the kitchen, elevating taste and simplicity for an effortlessly elegant Easter brunch.

And for hassle-free leftovers, ham is hard to beat. In addition to sandwiches, toss Easter ham into a breakfast scrambler, or sprinkle over a spring salad for a hearty after-Easter meal.

For recipes, tools to help you prepare the perfect ham and more easy leftover ideas, visit www.PorkBeinspired.com or www.Facebook.com/PorkBeinspired. Follow the National Pork Board @allaboutpork for a limited-time chance to win a free Easter ham.

Thyme-Basted Ham with Roasted Grapes

Serves: 15 to 20 (4-ounce servings)
Prep Time: 20 minutes
Cook Time: 2 to 2½ hours

6 to 8 pound cooked bone-in ham, trimmed
Pepper
½ cup grape jelly
4 tablespoons unsalted butter (½ stick), cut into 4 to 6 pieces
2 tablespoons chopped fresh thyme
3 cups whole grapes, red, green, or a combination
4 shallots, halved lengthwise and cut into ¼-inch slices

Preheat oven to 325°F. Position rack in lower third of oven.

Place ham flat side down in large shallow roasting pan and score a diamond pattern about ¼-inch deep into any fat. Season with pepper and bake for 1½ hours.

Meanwhile, in small saucepan over medium heat, combine jelly, butter and thyme, whisking occasionally until jelly and butter melt together and mixture comes to a gentle boil, 1 to 2 minutes. Cover and set aside.

In medium bowl, combine the grapes and shallots. Set aside.

Baste ham with jelly mixture. Continue basting, basting the jelly mixture and/or pan juices about every 15 minutes. When ham temperature reaches 120°F, add grapes and shallots to roasting pan, stirring to coat with pan juices. Continue basting and basting until internal ham temperature reaches 140°F, 15 to 18 minutes per pound total cooking time. Remove ham from oven, transfer to cutting board, and let rest 15 to 30 minutes. (If grapes and shallots aren't tender yet, return roasting pan to oven.)

Slice oven ham to serve and arrange on plates or a platter. Season roasted grape, shallot, and pan juice mixture with pepper and spoon some on top of ham. Serve remaining grape mixture on the side.

Serving Suggestions: Serve with roast potatoes, fresh peas or steamed asparagus. If you're cooking for a smaller crowd, use ham steaks instead, basted with a smaller amount of the jelly mixture.

Nutrition per serving: Calories: 280; Fat: 11g; Saturated Fat: 4.5g; Cholesterol: 105mg; Sodium: 2040mg; Carbohydrate: 14g; Protein: 33g; Fiber: 0g

Ham and Peas with Mint and Tarragon

Serves: 4 to 6
Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cook Time: 5 to 10 minutes

4 ounces cooked ham, cut into ¼-inch dice
3 cups peas, fresh or frozen
3 tablespoons unsalted butter (½ stick), cut into 4 to 6 pieces
¼ cup coarsely chopped fresh mint, plus sprigs for garnish
2 tablespoons coarsely chopped fresh tarragon, plus sprigs for garnish

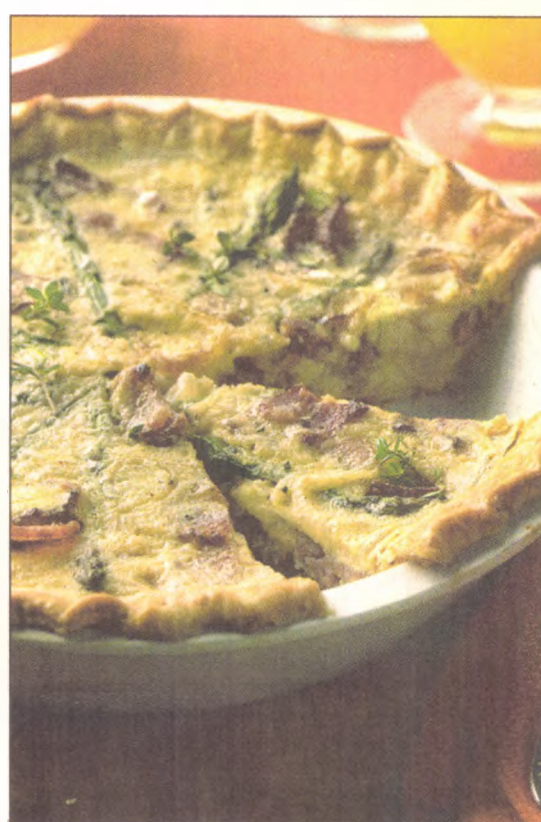
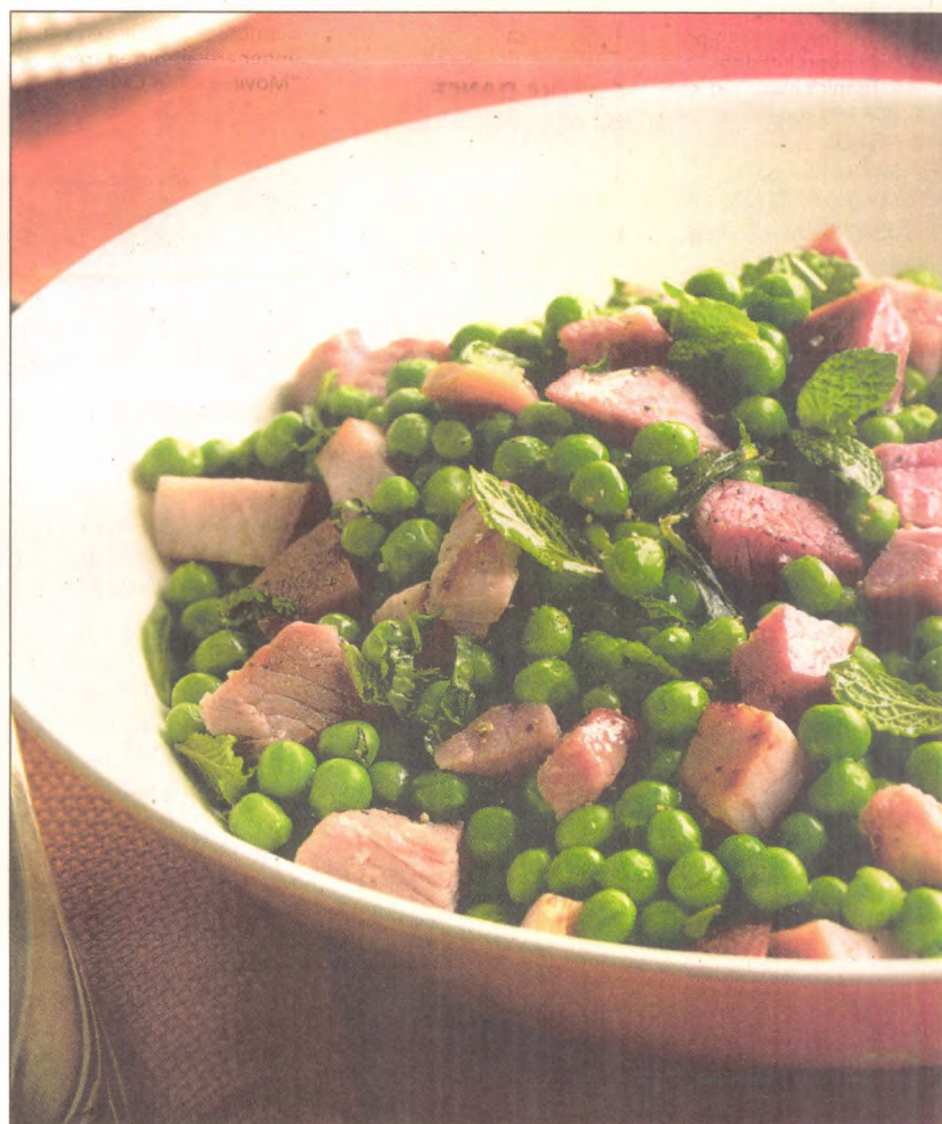
Salt and pepper
Bring medium saucepan of well-salted water to a boil over high heat. Add peas and cook until tender, 3 to 8 minutes depending on size of peas.

Drain peas, reserving 2 tablespoons cooking water. Return peas and cooking water to saucepan. Add ham, butter, mint and tarragon, stirring until butter melts. Season with salt and pepper.

Transfer to a bowl, garnish with mint and tarragon sprigs, and serve.

Serving Suggestions: Adapt this recipe to your taste by experimenting with other light and delicate herbs — try cilantro, parsley, chives or a combination.

Nutrition per serving: Calories: 200; Fat: 11g; Saturated Fat: 6g; Cholesterol: 40mg; Sodium: 85mg; Carbohydrate: 15g; Protein: 11g; Fiber: 6g



BUILD A BETTER SANDWICH

In America, the ham sandwich reigns supreme. For Easter leftovers, think beyond the classic ham and cheese with these inspired takes:

- French and Brie Baguettes: For a French-inspired lunch, cut open a baguette and fill it with sliced ham, sliced Brie, mixed greens, and a mixture of honey and Dijon mustard.
- Ham Reuben: Make your ham sandwich corner-deli style. Combine sliced ham, Swiss cheese, and sauerkraut on rye bread — grill the sandwich if you like.
- Ham, Cheddar and Chutney Quesadillas: For a ham "melt" with familiar flavors, fill a quesadilla with sliced ham, shredded cheddar, and store-bought chutney, and heat through until cheddar is melted.



Honey-Tart Cherry Glazed Salmon with Rustic Tart Cherry Salsa

Tart cherries — today's hottest super fruit

Now more than ever, Americans are aware of health and nutrition and look to their diets as a means to get nutrients naturally. According to top trend forecasters, antioxidants remain a major indicator of health-promoting foods, with nine out of ten of adults aware of antioxidants, and one-third making a strong effort to consume more, according to the study "Mintel 2009; Multi-Sponsor Surveys, 2010."

Known for their powerhouse of antioxidants, tart cherries have emerged as one of today's hottest super fruits. Today there are more than 50 scientific studies specifically on tart cherries, and with the help of Wendy Bazilian, a registered dietician who holds a doctorate in public health, the cherry industry recently launched "The Red Report," a new scientific look at the power of tart cherries.

"The power of this Super Fruit is undeniable," said Bazilian, author of *The SuperFood-sRx Diet: Lose Weight with the Power of SuperNutrients*. Bazilian explains that what is really amazing is how far tart cherries have come over the last few years. "For example, the fruit has long been anecdotally associated with pain relief benefits. Today, there's a strong and significant body of evidence backing that up."

Beyond their health benefits, tart cherries are shaping key nutrition trends.

"A growing body of research suggests that the powerful antioxidants in tart cherries are linked to a broad range of benefits — anti-inflammation, heart health, pain relief, exercise recovery and more. Some of the latest reports call out the tart

cherry as 'the' Super Fruit to watch," Bazilian said.

Good Reasons to Eat Red

Available every day of the year in dried, frozen and juice forms, tart cherries can be a powerful way to boost fruit intake and meet current dietary recommendations of two daily fruit servings. Experts suggest consuming one to two servings of cherries daily can help provide some of the health benefits identified in the research.

Try this flavorful recipe for Honey-Tart Cherry Glazed Salmon with Rustic Tart Cherry Salsa for dinner this week. Add Apple, Pecan, and Cherry Winter Salad.

Download "The Red Report," find more recipes and tips, or learn more about the health benefits of cherries at www.chooscherries.com.

Honey-Tart Cherry Glazed Salmon with Rustic Tart Cherry Salsa

Salsa:

Serves: 4

1 cup chopped tart cherries (thawed from frozen)
1 small red onion, diced (about ½ cup)
1 jalapeño, chopped
1 tablespoon honey
1 clove garlic, minced
1 teaspoon grated ginger
Salt and pepper, to taste

Salmon:

1 pound salmon fillet, cut into four pieces
¼ cup tart cherry juice (juice from frozen cherries will work)
¼ cup honey
In medium bowl, stir together ingredients for salsa until well combined. Cover; chill until ready to serve.

Preheat oven to 350°. Line baking sheet with nonstick aluminum foil or parchment (foil preferred). Rinse salmon

fillets under cool water; pat dry with paper towel. Arrange on baking sheet.

In small bowl, whisk together cherry juice and honey. Spread half of mixture over salmon fillets, reserving second half.

Slide baking sheet into oven; bake for 15 to 17 minutes, until just about cooked through. Drizzle second half of tart cherry-honey mixture over fillets; bake for an additional 2 to 3 minutes, until slightly golden at edges.

Serve salmon fillets on bed of greens with tart cherry salsa on top.

Recipe courtesy of the Cherry Marketing Institute in partnership with www.SarahsCucinaBella.com

Apple, Pecan, and Cherry Winter Salad

Makes: 4 servings

Ingredients:
4 cups baby spinach
4 cups mixed greens or other winter green/lettuce of choice
½ cup pecans, chopped
1 cup dried tart cherries
1 large apple, thinly sliced
½ cup scallions, sliced
4 ounces sharp white cheddar, thinly sliced

Directions:

In a large bowl, toss with spinach, lettuce/greens, pecans, dried cherries, apple, scallions, and cheese together. Drizzle with Maple Cherry Vinaigrette dressing, toss together, and serve.



Maple Cherry Vinaigrette

Makes: 1 cup

Ingredients:
½ cup olive oil
2 tablespoons maple syrup
2 tablespoons 100% tart cherry juice

1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon pepper

Directions:
Combine all ingre-

redients in a jar or bowl and whisk or shake together until the dressing comes together.

Drizzle over salad before serving. Keep remaining dressing refrigerated until ready to use.

Canton woman gets creative with Michigan apples

Debbie Chamulak of Canton recently took top honors in the Michigan Apple Committee's 4th Annual Online Recipe Contest.

She won a KitchenAid mixer and her recipe for Michigan Apple Won Ton Cups beat out 147 other entries. The Michigan Apple Committee plans to distribute the unconventional recipe, along with two other winning entries from Ohio and Michigan, on recipe cards at orchards, farm markets, trade shows and select grocery stores.

Chamulak, 60, is married, has three children, a grandchild and "one more on the way."

The *Observer* asked this avid cook about herself and her culinary creation:

Q: What compelled you to enter the apple recipe contest?

A: I read the story in the *Canton Observer* and decided to enter the contest for the creative challenge. I did not already have a recipe in mind. I created the Michigan Apple Wonton Cup recipe specifically for this competition.

Q: Have you entered other recipe contests?

A: Yes, I have entered a

few other competitions in the past. Locally, I entered the Canton Cherry Hill Village Cherry Festival in 2008. I won with my cherry strudel recipe.

Q: What do you think makes Michigan Apple Wonton Cups a winning recipe?

A: Michigan apples are the featured ingredient and utilized in two ways, cider and solid fruit. It's a simple recipe that looks and tastes more complex than it really is.

Q: What are your other specialties?

A: Primarily, I enjoy baking at home more than anything. My specialties are pastries, biscuits, and yeast breads — or so I'm told.

Q: Are you an avid cook?

A: I would consider myself an avid cook. I have always been an advocate for cooking family dinners at home.

Q: Do you have a background in culinary arts?

A: I have never formally studied culinary science. My only experience comes from what I have learned from my 90-year-old mother, 9th grade home economics class, and trial and error.

Michigan Apple Wonton Cups

Makes 24 servings

Ingredients:
3 finely diced Michigan Apples, such as McIntosh and Fuji
¼ cup sugar
½ teaspoon cinnamon
2 tablespoons cornstarch
1 ½ cups of Michigan Apple Cider
24 wonton wrappers
(Optional caramel sauce and whipped cream)

Apple Filling Directions:

Combine 1 cup of the cider, apples, ¼ cup of sugar and cinnamon in saucepan. Cook apples for about 5-7 minutes. Take remaining cider and combine with the cornstarch. Add to the apples. Cook and stir over medium heat until thickened. Set aside to cool.

Bake:
Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Lightly spray small size 24 cup muffin pan with cooking spray. Line each muffin cup with 1 wonton wrapper, letting the edges hang over. Fill each cup with apple filling. Sprinkle tops of cups with a little sugar. Bake in oven for 15 minutes or when wontons are brown on the edges. Can be served with optional caramel sauce and whipped cream.

— Sharon Dargay

Celebrate Easter with a brunch or buffet

If you want to spend more time with family — and less in the kitchen — on Easter Sunday, April 8, make a reservation now and plan to eat out.

Many local restaurants offer brunch or lunch and dinner buffets on the holiday. Here's a sampling: • Courtyard Grille, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth: The restaurant will serve plated brunch creations from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., including such items as "Design Your Personal Frittata," \$12; Eggs Benedict, \$12; Crab Cake Melt, \$14; and White Chocolate Strawberry Waffles, \$10. Dinner entrees will be served from 3-7 p.m. (734) 453-2002

• Fiamma Grille, 380 S. Main, Plymouth: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The four-course meal includes an entree choice of Marinated Flat Iron Steak, Panko Encrusted Alaskan Halibut, Baked Lamb Strudel or Roasted Chicken and Mac & Cheese. \$28, adults; \$10 for children, 9 and under; (734) 416-9340

• Sive Restaurant at The Inn at St. John, 44045 Five Mile, Plymouth: Sive Restaurant offers a prix fixe menu from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Cost is \$47 for adults and \$14 for children, ages 5-12. The four-course meal includes a choice of two entrees. Entree selections include Rotisserie-style Chicken, Quick-Smoked Salmon, Braised Short Ribs, Shrimp Stir Fry, Seafood Crepe, Pork Tournedos, or Tomato-Zucchini-Chevre Clafoutis, and Mediterranean Omelet, Pork Belly Omelet, Green Eggs & Ham, Earl Grey Benedict, Bananas Foster Waffle or Lemon Poundcake French toast. Call (734) 357-5700 for reservations.

• Flemming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar, 17400 Haggerty, Livonia: 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. \$34.95 for adults; \$16.95 for children, 12 and under. Adult menu includes an appetizer; a choice of entrees, including Filet Mignon Benedict, New Orleans-Style French Toast, Fleming's Frittata, Steakhouse Filet Mignon Cobb, and Prime Rib of Beef; Potatoes O'Brien; a choice of desserts. The children's menu includes a fresh fruit salad, French toast, cheese omelet, chicken strips and fries, steak and fries and dessert; (734) 542-9463.

• George Murphy's at The Creek, 36000 Seven Mile, Livonia: Two seatings, 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. are available. \$19.95 for adults; \$8.95 for children, 4-10; free for children under 4. The buffet includes such items as English roast, spiral ham, roast turkey, mashed potatoes, Green Beans Almondine, breakfast favorites, salads, assorted breakfast breads, desserts. (248) 473-1300

• Hickory Creek Golf Course, 3625 Napier, just north of Ford Road, Ypsilanti: Seatings at 10:30 a.m., noon, 1:15 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Features prime rib, honey-glazed ham, walleye, mac and cheese, roasted chicken, red skin potatoes, vegetables, salads, fresh fruit, pasta, appetizers, desserts. \$21.95 for adults, \$9.95 for children, ages 5-10; free for children, 4 and under. Reservations at (734) 454-1850.

• The Inn at St. John, 44045 Five Mile, Plymouth: The Inn at St. John will serve a buffet in the Atrium. The buffet will



include a cheese and bread table, salad table, seafood table, stir-fry table, breakfast favorites, omelet and egg station, entree station, children's station and desserts. \$45, adults; \$38, seniors, 62 and up; \$12 children, 5-12; and free for children, 4 and under. Call (734) 357-5700 for reservations.

• The Longacre House, 24705 Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills: 1 p.m. Reservation deadline is March 31. Cost is \$30 for adults, \$20 for children under 12, and free for 3 and under. For reservations or for more information, call (248) 477-8404.

• 1 Under Bar and Grill, 35780 Five Mile, Livonia: Brunch buffet with seatings at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. \$21 adults; \$15.99 seniors; \$7.99 kids, 10 and under; free for age 6 and under. Buffet includes beef tenderloin, oven-roasted turkey, honey-baked ham, herb-roasted chicken, Parmesan-breaded whitefish, mashed potatoes, roasted potatoes, pasta, mac & cheese, chicken salad, chicken fingers and Tater Tots for youngsters, vegetable medley, corn, Caesar salad, fresh fruit, assorted mini desserts, pies, cakes, tortes, and beverages. Omelet and waffle stations available at the 11 a.m. seating. Reservations at (734) 464-5555.

• Panache 447, 447 Forest, Plymouth: The restaurant will begin serving a plated Sunday brunch, 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. April 1. Look for items such as an oversized baked pancake topped with drunken berries, candied pecans and whipped cream, spinach and goat cheese frittata; and stuffed French toast. The restaurant is open to requests from its guests, too. Call (734) 386-8447 for reservations.

• Station 885, 885 Starkweather, Plymouth: Offers brunch from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and dinner from 2-6 p.m. Both are buffets. \$21.99 for adults and \$10.99 for children, 3-10. The brunch buffet includes breakfast favorites, made-to-order omelets, salads, a carving station and chocolate fountain and desserts. The dinner buffet features a carving station, pasta, salads, sides, other dinner items and a chocolate fountain and desserts. Call (734) 459-0885 for reservations.

• Sweet Lorraine's, located in the Livonia Marriot Hotel, 17100 N. Laurel Park Dr., Livonia: 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. \$32.95 for adults; \$9.95 for children, 12 and under; free, children 5 and under. Buffet includes soup, carving station with Herb Roasted Prime Rib and Slow Baked Dearborn Ham, omelet and waffle stations, salads and sides, main course with such entrees as Oven Roasted Atlantic Cod Piccata, Butternut Squash Ravioli Farmhouse Quiche and more, desserts and child's mini buffet; (734) 953-7480.

— Compiled by Sharon Dargay

Veteran policeman: Guard your home against vacation season break-ins

By Julie Brown
O&E Staff Writer

Sgt. Pat Sullivan hasn't seen a huge number of vacation break-ins during his some 21 years with the Canton Police Department.

"It happens occasionally, like any community," said Sullivan, taking a break from recent duties at the Canton Home Expo. "It hasn't been a big problem."

The veteran policeman agreed holding mail through the post office, or having it picked up by a relative, is vital when vacationing. That's true for your newspaper as well.

Sullivan said inexpensive timers for lights should be used throughout the house "so it looks like somebody's moving around the house." Those timers are available at hardware stores.

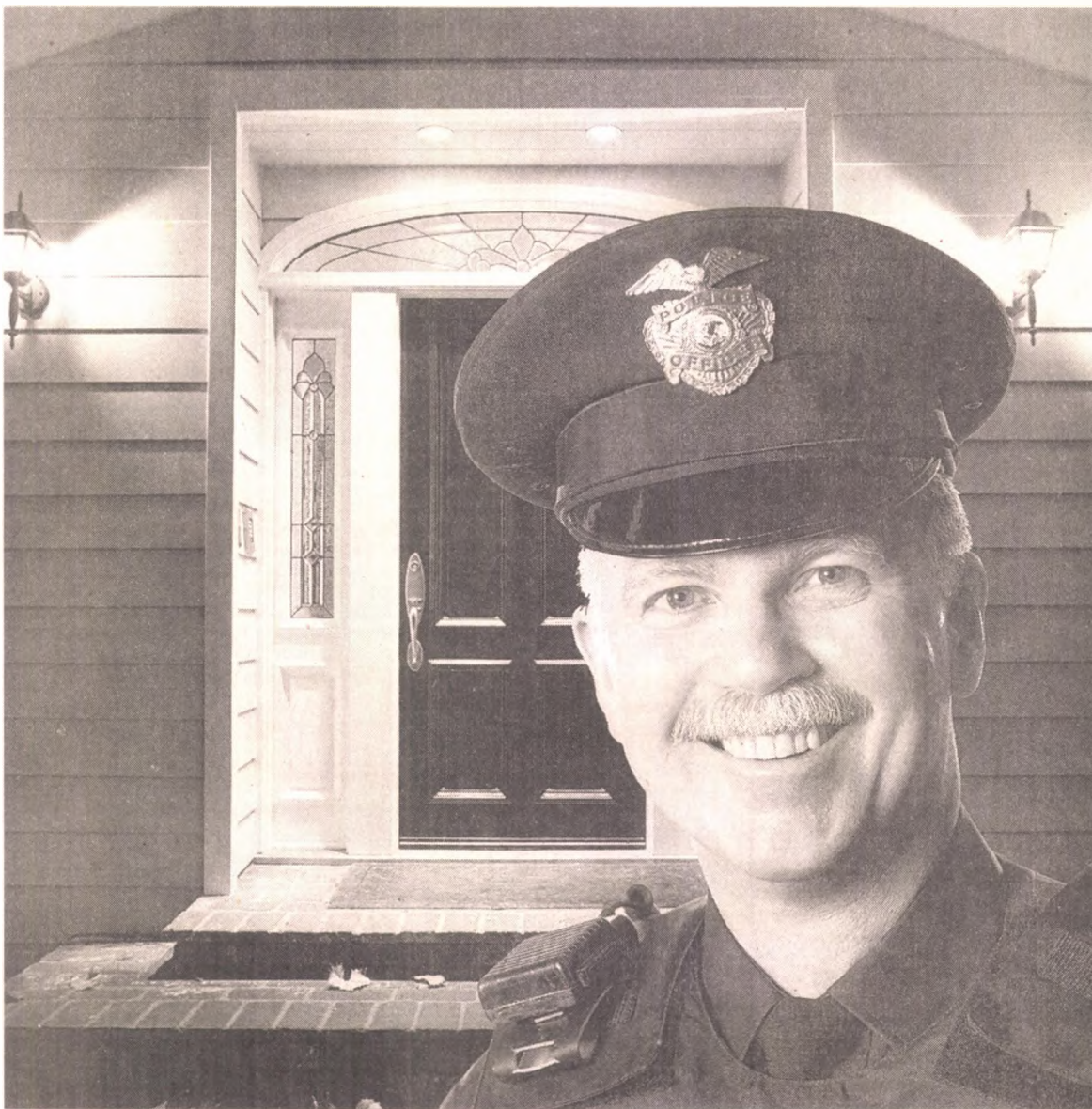
Good neighbors come in handy during vacations. "It's always a good idea to let your neighbors know," he said. A friend or relative can stop by to check on the house, including for pipes that have burst, a water leak or a hose on the washing machine flooding the basement.

Neighbors shouldn't hesitate to call if they see something unusual, Sullivan said.

"Most people when they see something suspicious they'll call us. It's always best if you're not sure to call. We would much rather be bothered on the front end than have somebody's house broken into."

Sullivan also recommends motion lights for a home's exterior. "It gives the impression that somebody's in the house," he said, a good idea even if you're just away at work or on errands.

Door locks should be checked to make sure they're effective, and windows and doors locked



for safety. Sullivan noted sliding doors in the back of a home are easy targets for thieves, especially in older homes. He recommends putting a sturdy stick or dowel in the track.

"It makes it very difficult to get in," said Sullivan, who also recommends keeping shrubs and trees

trimmed so there's no easy opportunity for a thief to break in undetected.

Sullivan's public safety table was among some 135 at the 11th annual Canton Home Expo at the Summit on the Park. The event is sponsored by Canton Township, the Canton Chamber of

Commerce and the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

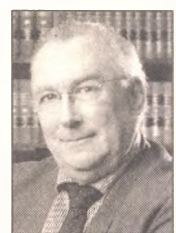
It draws some 5,000-6,000 people each March, said John Weyer, Canton building official. "It's more family oriented," Weyer said. "We do a lot of activities," including children's workshops courtesy of The Home Depot.

Consult lawyer on mentally ill resident

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: We have a schizophrenic resident in our unit who was put in by her daughter and sort of "warehoused" in our condominium project. She is dangerous in our opinion and may set the place on fire. What can we do?

A: When the family, police and/or social service agencies are unwilling or unable to resolve the problem, injunctive relief from the court looks like the only remedy. Once a lawsuit



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has been filed against the owners of the unit and/or the daughter and the matter is before the court, the court can bring the social service agency into the case to possibly create an effective solution, whether it be mandatory in-home assistance or caretaking or removal of a resident from the unit. You are best to consult with your attorney in that regard.

Q: We do not have a management company for our homeowner association and I am concerned about whether or not our deed restrictions will continue indefinitely. Do you have any comments on that?

A: Although most newer generation recorded restrictions in the declaration contain automatic rollover provisions regarding the enforceability of the declaration, many of the older ones have a clause that say they would expire on a certain date, usually 30 or 40 years after recordation, unless certain action is taken to extend them. Recently, we have seen several situations in which the board or the managing agent did not pay attention and allowed that expiration period to come and go. That is obviously something that each association should monitor and seek legal counsel if they have, in the sense, legally expired.

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 12-16, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
47290 Bayview Ct	\$160,000
6657 Brookshire Dr	\$130,000
7860 Capri Dr	\$161,000
6634 Edgewood Rd	\$150,000
245 Edington Cir	\$140,000
39890 Edmunton St	\$130,000
47178 Glenhurst Dr	\$229,000
45599 Graystone Ln	\$75,000
48266 Greenwich Ln	\$240,000
2448 Hogan Way	\$167,000
48997 Ivybridge Way	\$60,000
49503 Jackson Ln	\$308,000
46416 Killarney Cir	\$170,000
6437 Kings Mill Ct	\$380,000
45672 Larchmont Dr	\$242,000
42583 Lilley Pointe Dr	\$53,000
7287 Memorial Dr	\$145,000
1406 N Sheldon Rd	\$62,000
45599 N Stonewood Rd	\$120,000
3914 Raddcliff Dr	\$75,000
41912 Riverwood Ct	\$130,000
45101 Seabrook Dr	\$278,000
1540 Stafford Dr	\$105,000

2071 Vine Way Dr	\$60,000
41016 Westfield Cir	\$144,000
44411 Westminster Way	\$132,000
44119 Yorkshire Dr	\$126,000
GARDEN CITY	
33680 Bock St	\$80,000
31944 Brown St	\$50,000
31507 Chester St	\$40,000
31562 Chester St	\$43,000
30906 Dover St	\$69,000
6928 Gilman St	\$44,000
985 Helen St	\$35,000
30230 Rush St	\$79,000
6540 Whitby St	\$65,000
LIVONIA	
32284 Allen St	\$148,000
30107 Bentley St	\$135,000
19997 Brentwood St	\$65,000
32172 Camborne Ln	\$278,000
36959 Clarita St	\$282,000
29943 Curtis Rd	\$175,000
28546 Elmira St	\$41,000
33895 Gable Dr	\$137,000
31642 Haldane St	\$127,000
32458 Hees St	\$95,000
18872 Hillcrest St	\$96,000
11260 Karen St	\$50,000
19026 Laurel Dr	\$305,000
30840 Lyndon St	\$135,000
31844 Maine St	\$89,000
20224 Melvin St	\$185,000
33050 Myrna Dr	\$190,000
15623 Nola Cir	\$2,000

8914 Parkside Dr	\$205,000
19505 Rensellor St	\$52,000
16232 Riverside St	\$165,000
16261 Southampton St	\$190,000
18018 University Park Dr	\$67,000
33439 Vargo Dr	\$164,000
NORTHVILLE	
39707 Dun Rovin Dr	\$230,000
19818 Irongate Ct	\$93,000
41515 Ladywood Ct	\$210,000
42512 Lake Success Dr	\$60,000
15943 Merion Ct	\$455,000
15986 Morningside	\$117,000
18213 Parkshore Dr	\$513,000
41837 Rayburn Dr	\$206,000
19720 Scenic Harbour Dr	\$206,000
39639 Springwater Dr	\$125,000
132 Walnut St	\$168,000
PLYMOUTH	
41243 Greenbriar Ln	\$188,000
41683 Greenbriar Ln	\$175,000
13080 Haverhill Dr	\$350,000
1641 Lexington St	\$15,000
40805 Newport Dr	\$36,000
343 Red Ryder Dr	\$111,000
13900 Ridgewood Dr	\$272,000
9385 Saddlebrook Ct	\$320,000
345 W Ann Arbor Trl	\$310,000
REDFORD	
9347 Beech Daly Rd	\$45,000
14233 Breakfast Dr	\$143,000
9150 Centralia	\$47,000
25666 Deborah	\$53,000

24937 Dover	\$40,000
17619 Fox	\$45,000
14116 Inkster Rd	\$14,000
26770 Joy Rd	\$13,000
8911 Leverne	\$53,000
11310 Leverne	\$65,000
12880 Leverne	\$30,000
19710 Macarthur	\$50,000
19392 Negaunee	\$16,000
14217 Sarasota	\$40,000
19350 Wakenden	\$15,000
WESTLAND	
36070 Abbey Dr	\$125,000
36088 Abbey Dr	\$110,000
39244 Armstrong Ln	\$92,000
33131 Avondale St	\$61,000
32754 Benson Dr	\$90,000
31176 Cooley Blvd	\$108,000
7430 Donna St	\$104,000
36625 Fairchild St	\$76,000
5640 Farnum St	\$14,000
8513 Haller St	\$80,000
8513 Haller St	\$26,000
7715 Lear Ct	\$96,000
8154 Milburn St	\$53,000
8224 Ravine Dr	\$155,000
37120 Riviera Dr	\$30,000
34369 Rosslyn St	\$79,000
2442 Stieber St	\$12,000
2259 Wilshire St	\$75,000
1232 Windham St	\$75,000

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BEVERLY HILLS	
31804 Allerton Dr	\$270,000
32351 Arlington Dr	\$230,000
32071 Auburn Dr	\$231,000
16313 Birchwood Ave	\$220,000
20038 Carriage Ln	\$273,000
31259 E Rutland St	\$120,000
BINGHAM FARMS	
30545 Oakview Way	\$166,000
BIRMINGHAM	
364 Chesterfield Ave	\$905,000
2735 Dorchester Rd	\$178,000
247 E Southlawn Blvd	\$475,000
540 Graten St	\$220,000
857 Redding Rd	\$415,000
510 Westchester Way	\$260,000
1756 Yorkshire Rd	\$275,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
1169 Banbury Cir	\$426,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
1962 Bent Tree Trl	\$250,000

2760 Bradway Blvd	\$495,000
5275 Brookdale Rd	\$935,000
2426 Sanders Pl	\$158,000
3542 W Bradford Dr	\$240,000
4314 W Orchard Hill Dr	\$233,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
8425 Arlis St	\$388,000
4575 Commerce Woods Dr	\$199,000
3231 Creekview Ln	\$330,000
2265 Fairgrove Ct	\$228,000
2969 Gabriel Dr	\$110,000
5355 Inverrary Ln	\$153,000
6103 Lochmore Dr	\$178,000
3518 Moberly Rd	\$280,000
2254 Palmetto	\$183,000
31190 Country Way	\$60,000
29542 Eastfield St	\$110,000
35280 Eadythe Dr	\$120,000
29242 Glen Oaks Blvd W	\$90,000
39242 Heatherbrook Dr	\$282,000

25989 Kilreigh Dr	\$133,000
37630 Lancaster Dr	\$139,000
29163 Oak Point Dr	\$265,000
29164 Oak Point Dr	\$267,000
23060 Pueriva Dr	\$103,000
21402 Riverwalk Ct	\$244,000
21414 Riverwalk Ct	\$250,000
31971 Rocky Crst	\$100,000
21274 Sycamore Ct	\$115,000
28072 Thorny Brae Ct	\$140,000
21650 Waldron St	\$50,000
29199 Wilton Dr	\$208,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE	
18760 Hampshire St	\$155,000
18180 Lincoln Dr	\$135,000
18641 Rainbow Dr	\$130,000
18130 Ramsgate Dr	\$87,000
17371 Roseland Blvd	\$116,000
MILFORD	
359 N Main St	\$65,000
1835 Wixom Trl	\$170,000
NOVI	
43831 Algonquin Dr	\$171,000
45920 Ashford Cir	\$475,000
27331 Benjamins Way	\$45,000
22511 Brookforest	\$132,000
22883 Cranbrooke Dr	\$81,000
43136 Emerson Way	\$245,000
29601 English Way	\$245,000
41701 Kenilworth Ln	\$120,000

24509 Olde Orchard St	\$39,000
24870 Reeds Pointe Dr	\$312,000
41811 Sycamore Dr	\$158,000
20888 Veranda Dr	\$253,000
SOUTH LYON	
58358 11 Mile Rd	\$145,000
61523 Brookway Dr	\$255,000
229 Brookwood Dr	\$31,000
118 N Reese St	\$65,000
501 N Reese St	\$107,000
61120 Palamino Ct	\$270,000
27210 Pontiac Trl	\$48,000
23851 Prescott Ct	\$61,000
26438 Shumans Way	\$229,000
52798 Trailwood Dr	\$2,000
SOUTHFIELD	
21691 Hidden Rivers Dr N	\$22,000
28800 Inkster Rd	\$100,000
27835 Larkmoor St	\$81,000
29399 McDonnell Ct	\$71,000
19621 Melrose Ave	\$36,000
27035 Nantucket Ct	\$110,000
16051 Pennsylvania St	\$65,000
29730 Pierce St	\$67,000
23664 Rutland Ave	\$120,000
16120 Sherfield Pl	\$55,000
25660 Southfield Rd # A201	\$37,000
White Lake	
5470 Cuthbert Rd	\$163,000
9155 Sandison St	\$45,000

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

R.E.I.A. of Wayne County

Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne County will meet 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 2, at the Southgate Red Lobster, Eureka Road and Trenton, next to the 7-Eleven.

Matt Bezanson of Sherlock Homes Inspection Ltd. will present facets of mold in buildings. Bezanson's mold education goes back to 2001, and he has done mold inspection and testing all over southeast Michigan.

Oakland Investors

"How To Buy Homes at Auction" featuring Andy Meisner (Oakland County Treasurer's office), Pamela Rose (generic auctions) and Darrell Sanders (buying HUD properties) presented at

the regular meeting of the Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland on Thursday, April 12, 5:30-9:30 p.m. at Club Venetian, 29310 John R. Rd, north of 12 Mile, Madison Heights. Seminar free to members. \$20 nonmembers. www.REIAofOAKLAND.com; (800) 747-6742.

Seminar on Tuesdays

A free Reverse Mortgage Seminar is 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road, Livonia. No obligation. Learn about reverse mortgages. RSVP with Larry Brady at (800) 260-5484, Ext. 33.

Free Foreclosure Tours

Free Foreclosure Tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96. E-mail Georgia@addvaluerealty.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com.

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