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Township calls fire ruling win for taxpayers

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

An arbitrator's ruling that cuts firefighters' pay, increases their retirement contributions, institutes premium-sharing for their health insurance and allows the use of part-time and on-call firefighters has Plymouth Township officials declaring victory.

The binding decision by arbitrator A. Robert Stevenson, issued earlier this month, could save the township millions in pay and benefits over several years, said township Treasurer Ron Edwards.

"Basically all it is is parity with all the other (township) employees," Edwards said. "It's a huge win for the taxpayers."

The arbitration, a process started after the township and firefighters failed to reach a contract after months of negotiations, essentially settles the contract — but only through March of next year. The township has 15 unionized firefighters; six firefighters were laid off more than two months ago, and three in early 2010.

Stevenson ruled for the township on a majority of disputed issues, including many of the potentially most expensive, such as retirement contributions, health-care premiums, longevity pay and vacation accrual.

He sided with the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 1496 on the pay-cut issue, agreeing they should take the 5-percent cut firefighters proposed rather than the 7-percent decrease the township sought. Stevenson also ruled the firefighters could maintain their 24-hour shifts; the township wanted to institute 12-hour shifts.

But Stevenson's decision to allow part-time and on-call firefighters gives township officials the flexibility to reorganize the department.

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Memorial parade

The Plymouth Lions along with American Legion Posts No. 391 and No. 112, VFW Post No. 6695 and Vietnam Veterans of America Post No. 528 announce their Memorial Day Observance takes place Monday, May 28.

It will begin at 9 a.m. with a parade to Veterans Memorial Park, where a ceremony honoring all veterans who have served in various conflicts will be held. Special emphasis will be given to remaining World War II veterans.

Master of ceremonies will once again be Dr. Steven Monaghan, past commander of American Legion Post No. 112. The principal speaker will be Albert Crowley, a Plymouth Lion and World War II vet.

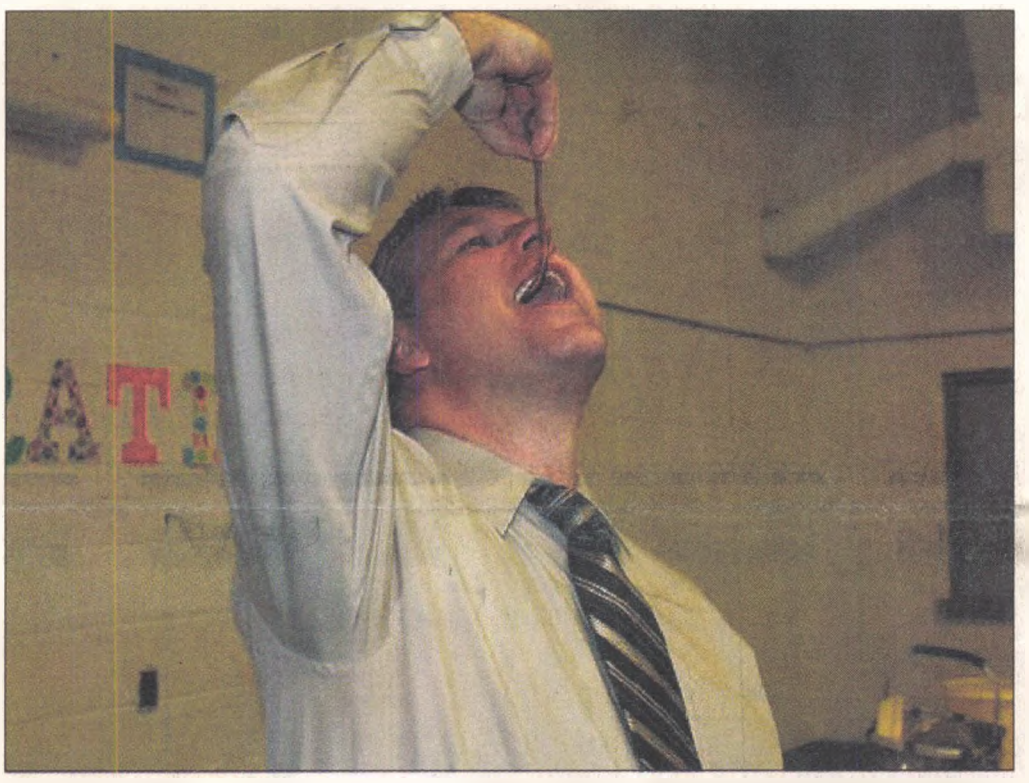
Participating in the ceremonies with the above will be the Village Voices from the Beckridge Chorale, the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Band and many local youth groups. The ceremonies will begin at approximately 9:30 a.m. and will include a fly-over by the Yankee Air Force.

Peppers tickets

Enter our Facebook contest for a chance to win two tickets to the Red Hot Chili Peppers concert at 8 p.m. Friday, June 1, at the Joe. The concert will be a homecoming for drummer Chad Smith, who graduated from Lahser High and stops in for sliders at Hunter House in Birmingham. Share the contest link with a Facebook friend and get an extra five chances to win if they also enter the contest.

Prom pics

Looking forward to prom? Why not share the magic with our readers? Send in your prom pics and we'll publish them on a special photo page and a photo gallery on hometownlife.com. Simply e-mail your best shots to Plymouth Observer Editor Brad Kadrich at bkadrich@hometownlife.com and be sure to include names and high school of those pictured. Please limit to two-three photos and send in JPEG format only.



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Chow time

Farrand Elementary School Principal Troy Reehl gets ready to swallow the worm he promised he'd eat if the PTO fundraiser reached its $10,000 goal. He was fed the worm by top fundraiser Gage Ellis. For the story and more photos, please turn to Page A4.

Quartet of hopefuls enters county race

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

The decision to shift Wayne County Commission district boundaries and move Canton into the newly redrawn 10th District with Plymouth has acted as a beacon drawing a crowded field of candidates for the Aug. 7 primary.

Two Republicans and three Democrats beat the Tuesday deadline for filing.

The Republican primary attracted political veteran Shannon Price, last seen running in the 2010 race for state representative, and high-profile local attorney Richard Convertino.

The three Democrats who initially filed for the open seat are Clifton Nealey of Canton, who ran for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education last year, Wayne County employee Matthew Fiems of Canton, and James Amar, a retired State of Michigan employee, most recently serving as the labor mediation supervisor with the Michigan Employment Relations Commission.

Price

Convertino

However, Nealey withdrew from the race and threw his support behind Amar.

Price, constituent relations staffer for Attorney General Bill Schuette, was the first to enter, announcing his intentions last September. He cited his broad political background as a former government relations lobbyist and ex-chairman of the GOP's Wayne 11th District Committee.

Price last year narrowly lost his bid for the GOP nomination in the 21st Dis-

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Free expo Tuesday at Schoolcraft College

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The ninth annual Senior Spring Expo featuring nearly 20 workshops and demonstrations along with more than 50 exhibits opens at 9 a.m. Tuesday in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, Haggerty Road (between Six and Seven Mile roads) in Livonia.

The first 100 guests through the door at 9 a.m. will receive a movie pass for two to any Emagine Theatre and a Buddy's cheese pizza voucher. In addition, prizes, gas cards and gift cards (to area merchants including Meijer, Kohl's and Target) will be awarded every hour.

The five-hour event is chock full of information and offers senior adults and their families a chance to speak one-on-one with experts in retirement planning, insurance, health and fitness.

The event is presented by the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* and *Hometown Weeklies* in partnership with Schoolcraft College. And best of all it's free — admission, parking, morning coffee and doughnuts (by *O&E* and Schoolcraft) and orange juice and cinnamon melts (courtesy of McDonald's restaurants on Haggerty Road in Novi and Northville Township), workshops, presentations and more.

Stop at the *O&E/HTW* exhibit at the expo and find out how to win tickets to upcoming summer concerts. Web Editor Larry Ruehlen will offer tips on how to set up a Facebook page or learn more about Twitter. Facebook is a great way to keep in touch with family and friends. Photojournalist John Heider will be on hand to shoot a video montage of expo attendees, presenters and exhibitors.

Come to Tuesday's expo to learn, socialize and win prizes too.

Many speakers

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Dr. Aziza Askari, the founder and doctor of dental medicine at Comfort Dental Spa in Farmington Hills (the exclusive gold level sponsor for this year's Senior Expo), will present "Oral Health is Overall Health." Dr.

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Challengers drop out of supervisor race

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Abe Munfakh, a two-term former Plymouth Township Board of Trustees member, dropped out of the race for township supervisor Thursday, leaving incumbent Supervisor Richard Reaume unopposed.

Township Clerk Joe Bridgman confirmed the move, saying Munfakh visited the clerk's office Thursday afternoon and completed a withdrawal form.

Munfakh, who has an engineering consulting firm, Munfakh & Associates, had only entered the contest on Tuesday, as a Republican challenging Reaume in the August GOP primary. He had served as a trustee from 1988 to 1992 and again from 2000 to 2004.

Calls to Munfakh's home and workplace Thursday and Friday were not returned.

Reaume, who is seeking a third four-year term, said not having a Republican challenger means he will be able to concentrate more on his job.

"I can stay focused on running the township and serving the citizens," he said.

Also leaving the race before Friday's 4 p.m. deadline were former Republican candidates for treasurer Richard Sharland and Paul Garon. That leaves incumbent Treasurer Ron Edwards facing challenger Edwin Schulz in the August Republican primary, the winner of which will face Rita White, the lone Democrat running for the office, in November.

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Abe Munfakh withdrew his challenge to Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume in the Aug. 7 primary election.

Running for clerk in the Republican primary are incumbent Bridgman and Nancy Conzelman; there are no Democratic candidates for clerk.

No one dropped out of the trustees race, leaving 13 Republicans and two Democrats vying for four part-time spots. Running are incumbents Bob Doroshewitz, Mike Kelly and Kay Arnold, former trustee Charles Curmi, and Arthur Butler, Mark Christenson, Sandy Groth, Christopher Hull, Andrew Justus, Jennifer Mann, Don Schnettler and Janai Stepp, all Republicans. The Democrats in the race are Joanne Lamar and Alanna Maguire.

The Tuesday, Aug. 7, primary will whittle the Republican field in the trustees' race to four candidates; as there are only two Democrats, Lamar and Maguire automatically reach the general-election ballot.

Independent candidates have until mid-July to file petitions to get on the November general-election ballot.

Another would-be Republican candidate for supervisor, John Werth, had filed petitions several weeks ago but withdrew earlier this month.

In leaving the race, Werth said his candidacy would potentially violate the federal Hatch Act, which prohibits municipal appointees who oversee federal monies from seeking partisan elected offices. Werth is the public safety director in Northville Township.

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Worm snack the price for fundraiser success

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

One would think Farrand Elementary School Principal Troy Reehl would have known better, having been forced to eat a worm once before.

But there he was Friday, in front of the majority of Farrand's student body and staff, choking down a wiggler to settle an agreement he made with his PTO and, more importantly, his students.

At the beginning of the year, Reehl agreed to eat the worm if students raised at least $10,000 in the school's annual Farrand Fox Trot fundraiser.

It was the second time Reehl had agreed to eat a worm as part of a school-spirit event. He made a similar agreement a few years ago back in the West Ottawa school district, not believing for sure the students would meet the goal.

They did, and so did the Farrand kids this year.

"I did see how much it sparked the interest among the kids," Reehl said before downing the worm. "I think they just like to see their principals do silly things."

The Farrand Fox Trot raises money for the general PTO fund, which sponsors events and initiatives that promote quality education at the school, including books for the media center, school assemblies, updating classroom technology and after-school events.

Principal Troy Reehl and PTO President Tonya Barker with iPod Touch winners Alex Yoon and Carson Pardikes.

The Fox Trot was introduced in 2004 as a way to involve all students in an event that could be the primary PTO fundraiser ending all catalog sales.

According to PTO President Tonya Barker, kids found a variety of ways to raise money, ranging from doing chores for others to getting plain, old-fashioned donations. Barker said the $10,000 fundraising goal was set high figuring on a couple of variables.

"We set the bar pretty high," she said. "We figured either we'd get a lot of money or we'd save Mr. Reehl. The kids started fundraising like crazy."

Reehl took the worm from kindergartner Gage Ellis, who at $350 was the top earner in the fundraiser.

"It was funny," Gage said of watching Reehl down the worm.

The total came in at just over the $10,000, which turned out to be good for the rest of the PTO. Barker said if the kids had reached $15,000, the whole PTO would have had to drink worm milkshakes.

Reehl probably envied them their good luck.

"It doesn't taste like chicken," he said.

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SCHOOL BRIEFS

Business honors

Plymouth resident Jenna Peace was inducted into the Delta Mu Delta National Honor Society at the Madonna University School of Business Honors Convocation May 4.

Peace qualified to become a member of DMD upon completion of her junior year by having a qualifying GPA and being in the top 20 percent of her class. In addition she received a high achievement award in the undergraduate program in the School of Business.

Peace is a 2009 graduate of Agape Christian Academy in Canton. She is the granddaughter of Howard and Jan Lippert of Plymouth.

National scholar Moleca Ghannam, an exceptional senior at Canton High School, has been recognized as one of the nation's most outstanding high school seniors by Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation and has been awarded $10,000 for college.

Ghannam has demonstrated a commitment to academic excellence and civic engagement in school and the community. She was one of 200 students from a pool of 84,000 who competed for the scholarship.

Film award

East Middle School seventh-grader Varisha Imran recently won the Meijer Great Choices K-8 Film Festival.

Iman produced a Public Service Announcement on diversity called "A Diverse World Is A Better World." The video earned a $500 classroom grant which will be used for technology in the Media Center at East.

Iman's video received more than 425 online votes. She will travel to Grand Rapids in June to receive her award.

Top teacher

Plymouth High School teacher Curt Perry was named "Teacher of the Year" by the Detroit Area Council of Teachers of Mathematics. Perry has taught math in the district for 34 years in addition to being a K-12 Math/Science Curriculum Coordinator, Math/Science/Computer Department Head, District Math Task Force chair and North Central Accreditation building chairperson.

Perry graduated from Detroit Redford High School. He earned a B.S. in Education from Central Michigan University where he majored in mathematics. He received his Masters Degree from Eastern Michigan University and a Specialist in School Administration from Wayne State University. In 1978 Perry was hired to teach math at Salem High School. Since then he has taught at Lowell Middle School, Canton High School and the last ten years at Plymouth High School.

Flanagan visits

State Superintendent Mike Flanagan visits Plymouth-Canton schools Tuesday. Flanagan will spend the day visiting Plymouth-Canton Community Schools buildings and meeting with staff and students. Flanagan will visit the Board office, the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park and Farrand Elementary School.

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Also at the expo will be **Community Dental Associates; Fluke Hearing Instruments; Fox Run; Gaggos Law Firm, PC; Garden City Hospital; Golden Home Health Care, Inc.; Granite Transformations; Isagenix; Healthquest; Heartland Health Care Centers; HearUSA; Henry Ford Health System Center for Integrative Medicine; Humana; Huron-Clinton Metroparks; Independence Village of Plymouth; Keystone Home Improvement, Inc.; Kings Mill Cooperative; Law Office of David C. Brunell: The Care Plan Attorney; Managed Rehab; Managed Rehabilitation Consultants, Inc.; Manoogian Manor Assisted Living for Seniors; and Marycrest Manor.**

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HOPEFULS

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trict state House race, though party choice Lori Levi was defeated by Democratic incumbent Dian Slavens of Canton.

"This is essentially a new district," Price, 40, said, "and we need someone who will know how to get to work right away."

Convertino is a Canton resident with a Plymouth-based law firm. Most recently, local residents might remember Convertino as the attorney who defended popular teacher Ray Schepansky on gun-related charges.

"I want to restore confidence, integrity and financial accountability into Wayne County government," Convertino said. "We seem to have a battered, and beleaguered and totally ineffective county executive and a county commission that's feckless."

Amar was born and raised in Highland Park, and has lived in Plymouth the past 30 years. Amar served on the Highland Park Citizens' Participation Council, an appointment made by the mayor, and was also a member of the Recreation Taskforce and the Neighborhood Action Development Program as part of the national Model Cities program.

"I chose to run for the 10th district seat to make sure that Wayne County government is operating in a transparent environment and is providing the best services at the least cost possible," Amar said in a statement released by incumbent Commissioner Kevin McNamara, who is endorsing Amar. "My priorities will be public safety and veterans affairs. I plan to bring a sense of responsibility when it comes to oversight of contractual services."

Neither Nealey nor Fiems could be reached for comment on their candidacies.

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COUNTY CARD

The newly redrawn 10th Wayne County Commission District drew four candidates:

Democrats
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Matthew Fiems, Canton

Republicans
Rick Convertino, Canton
Shannon Price, Canton

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- Second, a side yard setback variance of two (2) feet five (5) inches.

The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

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Leaders wary on personal property tax proposal

By Valerie Olander
Correspondent

City and township leaders in western Wayne County are wary of an eight-bill package introduced in the state Senate to reform personal property taxes without a solid plan to replace the lost revenue for local services.

The result would be a devastating blow for local governments already forced to slash budgets due to recent cuts in state-shared revenue and decreased property values.

A complex reimbursement formula proposed after the initial legislation does little to ease fears, local officials said.

The bill, SB 1072, would only reimburse local governments when the lost personal property tax revenue exceeds 2 percent of the government funds received. Distressed communities would receive a 1-percent threshold.

The package of bills recently passed the Senate, with a "poison pill" provision that says if a replacement for the revenue isn't found, the process would revert to its previous form. The state House is not expected to pick up the discussion until this fall.

"I get that this is a want or a need, to change it, but they have to replace it with something," Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer said. "Just eliminating it is absolutely foolish."

"That would be a devastating blow for the community," if the tax is abolished without a replacement, said Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume. "Many of our communities in western Wayne County would be greatly impacted by the loss of personal property tax."

What is PPT?

Personal property taxes are paid exclusively by businesses on items such as machines, equipment, furniture, fixtures, and tools.

For example, if a business buys a computer, it pays a tax based on its value over the life of the equipment, in addition to real property tax, the tax homeowners are accustomed to paying yearly.

Many neighboring states don't levy personal property tax, resulting in a move by Gov. Rick Snyder to eliminate the tax to retain and attract jobs to the state.

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX
Collections in 2011/ estimates for 2012

- **Canton Township:** $500,000 (2011)
- **Garden City:** $400,000 (2012)
- **Livonia:** $7.5M (2011)
- **Northville:** $610,330 (2011)
- **Northville Township:** $2.75M (2011)
- **Plymouth:** $350,000 (2012)
- **Plymouth Township:** $780,000 (2012)
- **Redford:** $566,000 (2011)
- **Westland:** $2M (2011)

Source: Municipal governments

Many officials said businesses deserve a break, but not at the expense of local governments without a reimbursement plan in place.

In the city of Livonia's $52 million budget the personal property tax elimination would cost the city about $7.5 million overall for the 2011 tax year, according to Mike Slater, the city's finance director.

State Rep. John Walsh, R-Livonia, who opposes the elimination of personal property taxes because of its impact on Livonia.

"There's still no consensus on how we would replace the revenue," Walsh said. "Very few of the state lawmakers would vote on it because it really would hurt our municipalities, It's a work in progress."

No tax hike

Walsh said residents do not want any taxes raised at this time, including a sales tax, so using that as a replacement does not appear feasible. Walsh expects talks between the governor's office and a bipartisan group of lawmakers from both chambers will continue, but added that no timetable was set for any action.

Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said elimination of personal property taxes for businesses would cost Canton nearly $500,000 a year — not as much as some communities that rely more on an industrial tax base.

"It still would have a significant impact, obviously," he said. "That's still a lot of money."

LaJoy said the measure would benefit businesses, but he said state lawmakers would need to find a way to replace the money for local communities.

If legislators can find a way to eliminate the tax yet replace the funding for communities, he said, "then I'm all for it." But, he said the replacement funding mechanism would need to be long-lasting, not temporary.

LaJoy said communities already have been hurt by reductions in statutory state-shared revenue, and he wouldn't welcome other measures to take away money without replacing it.

In other Wayne communities, Northville Township collected $2.75 million in personal property taxes in 2011 and the city of Northville, $610,330. The city of Plymouth expects to generate $350,000 in personal property taxes this fiscal year and Plymouth Township will collect $780,000, which is down from more than $1 million a few years ago.

Garden City Treasurer/ City Clerk Allyson M. Bettis said at 2011 millage rates, the city expects to receive approximately $400,000 for personal property taxes in 2012.

More cuts

" If the tax was eliminated, it would result in additional cuts to our budget, services, and/or personnel," said Bettis.

The legislation as written proposes to eliminate the tax for small businesses with a taxable value of $40,000 immediately. Other business sectors, manufacturing and commercial, would be phased out by 2016.

Statewide, the personal property taxes paid by businesses to local governments, generate $1.3 billion per year for local police, fire, libraries, local roads and bridges and public schools, according to the Michigan Municipal League.

Campaign

The MML has launched a "Replace Don't Erase" campaign calling for a constitutional amendment to guarantee replacement revenue for eliminating the personal property tax and protect local homeowners from property tax increases that the legislation would trigger.

The Michigan Township Association claims the constitutional amendment would not be approved by two-thirds of the legislature. The group is calling for local governments to receive a credit against the Corporate Income Tax, expected to increase if the personal property tax reform spurs more business activity within the state.

William Anderson, legislative liaison for the Michigan Township Association told the Senate Finance Committee on April 27 that the "state has no skin in the game" as the legislation currently stands.

"Many local governments that will lose 8 to 10 percent of their property tax revenues would not be eligible for any reimbursement using this 2 percent of government funds formula," Anderson said.

Staff writers Ken Abramczyk, Sue Buck, Darrell Clem, Matt Jachman and LeAnne Rogers contributed to this story.

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Downtown Plymouth prepares to 'rock it out'

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Growing up in neighboring Northville Township, Plymouth was like a second home for Gia Warner.

"We were always over in Plymouth," whether it was to take piano lessons or visit Taco Bell, said Warner in a brief interview Friday. "We were over there a lot and we was this town grow. ... I like what's its grown into."

Now, Warner returns on a regular basis, bringing her five-piece rock band, which concentrates on her own material and songs by female rock and country-rock artists. Warner and her band will appear in Kellogg Park on Friday, July 27, during the free Music in the Air concert series, which begins this Friday.

"We definitely rock it out when we play there," Warner said, adding that her shows draw 3,000 or more people. "Everybody comes out."

Warner, who sings and plays acoustic guitar, says her show is family oriented but "definitely those cool rock classics that the girls did," naming Bonnie Raitt, Sheryl Crow, Janis Joplin and Faith Hill as among those artists whose songs she covers.

"I sort of take them and make them my own," she said.

ON THE SCHEDULE

The Friday concert lineup is as follows, with all shows beginning at 7 p.m.:

- May 25: Bugs Beddow Band
- June 1: The BelAirs
- June 8: Motor City Soul
- June 15: The BluesCasters
- June 22: The Shawn Riley Band
- June 29: Al Jaquez and Friends
- July 6: Steve King and the Dittilies
- July 13: no concert
- July 20: The Sound Alternative
- July 27: Gia Warner
- Aug. 3: The Crutches
- Aug. 10: Mass Transit
- Aug. 17: Randy Brock Group
- Aug. 24: Rodeo Drive
- Aug. 31: Lady Sunshine & the X Band

Warner performs and records her own songs, too; she is currently working to complete her third full-length album, which she is calling *The Assurance of Clouds*.

"It's about love. It's about heartbreak and wishes and love redeemed and hope," she said. "I'm thinking it's the best work I've ever done."

Warner is one of the more popular acts in this year's lineup, said Tony Bruscato, operations director for the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, which organizes the shows. Each of the Friday concerts begins at 7 p.m. in Kellogg Park, starting Friday with the Bugs Beddow Band, described as Earth, Wind & Fire meets Motown.

Gia Warner is one of the acts on the schedule for the downtown Plymouth Music in the Air concert series.

"We have a pretty good lineup of the things people like," said Bruscato, adding that country, rock-n-roll and blues styles are all represented. Each concert can draw 3,000 to 5,000 people, he said.

"We're one of the largest community concert series in the state," Bruscato said.

"Everybody I know loves those events," said Warner.

Bruscato and City Manager Paul Sincock said the Friday concerts grew out of smaller, street-corner concerts on Fridays in the summer, which Sincock dated to the late 1980s and early 1990s.

"The crowds got to be pretty big on the corners and it would spill out onto the streets," Bruscato said. "Finally, the idea came, 'Why don't we just do it in Kellogg Park?'"

The lineup — the schedule has been at 14 shows each summer for several years — costs more than $40,000 a year, Bruscato said. He said longtime sponsors Blue Cross-Blue Shield, Hines Park Lincoln and a number of individual sponsors who pay $1,000 to have their name attached to one show are the heroes of the series. "Without those folks, there might not be a concert series," he said.

Warner said the audience at the shows have a welcoming, friendly vibe; Bruscato said concertgoers take advantage of the many restaurants downtown and in the area. "I've seen pizza delivered in the park" during shows, he said.

This year, the Burger Spot/E.G. Nick's and the Plaka Mediterranean Grill will have food booths in Kellogg Park during the concerts.

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City workers to host DMS open house

Balloons, photo opportunities, a hot-dog-and-chips picnic and a seeding giveaway will help mark National Public Works Week in the city of Plymouth.

All that and more will be on hand Wednesday during an open house hosted by Plymouth's public works department, formally known as the Department of Municipal Services. The free event is 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the DMS yard, on Goldsmith west of Sheldon Road.

DMS assistant director Chris Porman said visitors will be able to learn the department's role, take a look at some of its heavy equipment, and sit down to a dinner of hot dogs, a drink and chips. Dinner will be served between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m.

It'll be the first DMS open house since 2009. The department is responsible for street and sidewalk maintenance, the water and sewer system, the cleanup of public areas in the city, special event setup and cleanup, and oversees solid-waste, recycling and park grass-cutting contracts.

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ARBITRATION

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Weighing response

Local 1496 attorney Michael O'Hearon indicated he and firefighters were still formulating a response to the decision, which totals 137 pages.

"The arbitration is still fresh and we're still reviewing it and we're going to be considering what options we have after we do a complete analysis," O'Hearon said.

The issues decided by Stevenson are "all very weighty items, O'Hearon added.

"The impact of this decision is significant," he said.

Township officials and Local 1496 have been in dispute over the contract for years, and firefighters haven't had a raise since 2008.

The pressure was turned up in 2009 when other township bargaining units, including police officers and command officers, agreed to concessionary contracts. Firefighters offered some concessions, but township officials said they didn't see enough savings, and three firefighters were laid off in January 2010.

Later that year, pressure again increased when officials in the city of Plymouth announced plans to leave the shared Plymouth Community Fire Department, leaving a smaller coverage area, a lighter work load and budget gap of more than $900,000 a year, about a quarter of the department's budget. Plymouth ended up partnering with the Northville Fire Department, which relies mostly on on-call firefighters

Local 1496 firefighters eventually offered concessions that both sides agreed would save around $300,000 a year, and pushed to be able to do more patient transports to hospitals in medical emergencies, with union members saying that would be a way to generate revenue. But township officials characterized the concessions as "too little, too late," and questioned how much money would be raised through increased patient transports.

Decision effects

The dispute culminated on March 1, when six firefighters were laid off in what township officials described as a cost-cutting move. Fire Station 2, on Wilcox Road, was closed, and the township now typically has five firefighters on duty at any given time at the two remaining open stations. The private Huron Valley Ambulance began basing a paramedic crew in the northeast part of the township to supplement the emergency medical response with the closure of Station 2.

In addition to giving an OK to part-time and on-call firefighters, and cutting pay by 5 percent, Stevenson's decision:

- Caps, at 13.5 percent, the township's contribution toward firefighters' pensions to the state's Municipal Employees Retirement System. Firefighters will now be responsible for anything over that; contributions are a percentage of each employee's pay and currently total about 22.5 percent. Firefighters wanted to maintain a 7-percent cap on their contributions.
- Institutes a defined-contribution retirement plan, rather than a guaranteed pension, for new hires.
- Caps longevity pay, which is based on years of service, at $1,000 a year, rather than keeping the $2,150 annual maximum. Longevity pay for new hires was abolished.
- Requires firefighters to pay 20 percent of their health-insurance premiums, which Edwards said will cost the typical firefighter about $3,000 a year, and the township the remaining 80 percent. The union had proposed an insurance premium contribution of 1 percent of base pay.
- Cuts the number of paid holidays for firefighters to 12.5 a year from 13.
- Slows the rate of vacation-day accrual for firefighters with 10 or more years of service. Firefighters will now get nine days of vacation after 10 years instead of 10, and 11 days of vacation after 15 years instead of 13. A middle tier on the accrual chart (12 days for between 13 and 15 years of service) was eliminated.

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Green honors

Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox (R-Livonia, right) is joined by students and staffers from Plymouth-area schools during the Michigan Green Schools Recognition Ceremony held May 10 in Wayne. Cox, whose district includes Plymouth, presented certificates of recognition to representatives from Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, Allen and Bird Elementary and Central, East and Pioneer middle schools for their involvement with the Green Schools program. The statewide program, administered on the local level by Wayne County, sets up 20 points of educational environmental activities, and schools achieving 10 of the points within an academic year attain official Michigan Green School status.

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.

NEW MORNING OPEN HOUSE

Date/Time: May 23, 9:15 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Location: New Morning School, 14501 Haggerty, Plymouth

Details: New Morning School will be hosting two Open House/Parent Informational Meetings for families interested in enrolling their children in preschool through 8th grade. New Morning School is a non-profit, parent cooperative, offering individualized education that is tailored to your child's needs, daily student planning, small classrooms with 12:1 student-teacher ratio, and multi-age classrooms where children are grouped by ability

Contact: More information is available at www.newmorningschool.org or please call Joan Barrett at (734) 420-3331.

OPEN HOUSE

Date/Time: May 26, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location: PLAV Post 166, 39375 Amrhein Road (at the southeast corner of Echols)

Details: The Polish Legion of American Veterans (PLAV) will host an open house in conjunction with Memorial Day. Both veterans and the public are invited. Refreshments will be made available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Contact: For details call Roger L. Kehrier at (734) 453-2031.

DAR MEETS

Date/Time: May 21, 6 p.m.

Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main

Details: The Daughters of the American Revolution Plymouth-Canton-Northville chapter meet to hear from guest speaker Sue Daniel, who will talk about the "One Room Schoolhouse."

Contact: (734) 453-0750

PET-A-PET

Date/Time: Third Saturday of the month, 10 a.m.

Location: Woodhaven Retirement Center in Livonia

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Contact: Laurie Patterson at (734) 953-0438.

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Location: Liberty Street Brewing Co., 149 Liberty in Plymouth

Details: David Stanton's artwork will be on view in the "upper hall" gallery. What makes Stanton's painting so engaging? Exhibit organizers said, "They aren't just windows into his own soul, they're invitations for the viewer to open up their own and maybe let their inner child come out and play for a bit."

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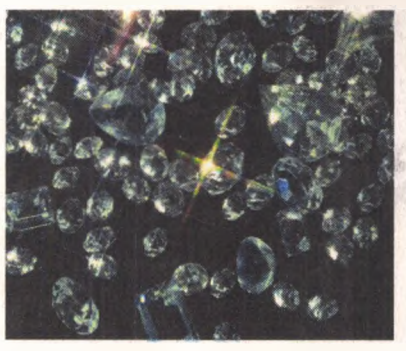

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Just say no to variable annuities

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Q: Dear Rick: I was at a speech you delivered a few weeks ago and I asked about variable annuities. I have the bulk of my money in a variable annuity. It was a rollover from my 401(k) Plan. I asked you a question about variable annuities and you were negative towards them. You said they have high fees and adverse tax consequences. I asked my adviser who sold me the annuity and he told me all I'm paying is $30 a year in fees and that variable annuities have great tax advantages because all the money grows tax deferred. My annuity is coming up for renewal and I'm confused as to what I should do. My adviser wants me to roll it into another annuity. What do you think?

Money Matters

Rick Bloom

A: There is no doubt in my mind that you should not roll the money into another variable annuity. As I mentioned at my talk, variable annuities have high fees and adverse tax consequences. Let me first explain the tax consequences.

With a variable annuity, all the money grows tax deferred. You only pay taxes when you withdraw the money. In some situations, that can be a slight benefit. However, when the money is withdrawn, it does not receive the favorable capital gain treatment like other investments. The distribution is taxed as ordinary income.

Currently, the maximum tax someone would pay on capital gains is 15 percent. Someone's ordinary income tax bracket can be double that. The ordinary income tax bracket for most Americans is 28 percent and their capital gain rate is 15 percent. Thus, by deferring the taxes, you are actually doubling them. Even though you can defer the taxes for a number of years, it doesn't offset the fact that your rate is nearly double.

In your situation, there is absolutely no tax benefit with a variable annuity. After all, your money was in a 401(k) Plan; which means it was already tax deferred. Therefore, if you had transferred the money into an IRA, that money would have grown tax deferred. The variable annuity did nothing for you.

With regards to fees, I believe your salesperson did not tell you the whole story. In addition to the annuity fee, which generally is low, there are also other fees. First, you also have an insurance fee. Remember, variable annuities are an insurance product. What this fee is depends upon the annuity but it can be significant. In addition, what he did not tell you is that you also pay higher fees for the investment sub accounts within your variable annuity. It is not unusual that the management fees on these variable annuities could be more than double what you would have paid for the same fund outside the variable annuity framework.

Like many insurance policies, fees can be difficult to discover. Unfortunately, you have to read the prospectus — which sometimes are written by lawyers, for lawyers. It's not unusual for you to pay two to three percent per year in unnecessary fees with a variable annuity. While that doesn't seem like a lot, considering how low returns are today, two to three percent is significant.

Another downside of most variable annuities is that they have substantial back-end penalties. In most investment products, if you want to sell your investment after you buy it, no problem. That's not the case with a variable annuity. With a variable annuity, if you want to sell the product before maturity, you generally have to pay a back-end penalty. I'm not a fan of products with high back-end penalties; after all, what is the benefit for the investor? Simply put, there is no benefit for the investor.

I stand by my statements that variable annuities are too expensive and are not an investor-friendly product. If your goals are like mine, to keep more money in your pocket where it belongs, then you would reach the same conclusion. For the great majority of people, variable annuities are a product that should be avoided. 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.

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Car show benefits CRUZ'N member

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528 and CRUZ'N 528 host a benefit car show 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 23, with all proceeds to benefit Sue Willim, a valued member of the CRUZ'N 528 family who suffered a stroke in September.

Willim has been involved with the car shows since their 2004 beginning, and has sold 50/50 raffle tickets since 2006. She's a Chapter 528 Associate VVA member.

Proceeds from this benefit show will help defray medical costs for Willim and her family. Car registration for this night only is $1, and the show will feature CRUZ'N 528 DJ "Koz," along with 50/50 raffle, door prizes, burgers, hot dogs, chips and refreshments.

The show takes place at VFW Post 6695, 1426 S. Mill (Lilley) in Plymouth. Rain date is Wednesday, May 30.

The event kicks off the 2012 season. The Wednesday night car shows are hosted by the Mayflower/Lt. Gamble VFW Post 6695 and sponsored by Vietnam Veterans of America Plymouth/Canton Chapter 528.

CRUZ'N 528's Wednesday Night Veterans Car Shows have been a huge success since 2004, with an average of 85 cars each Wednesday, with some shows exceeding 130 cars. The cruisers enjoy the camaraderie, bench racing and tall tales.

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Since 2004, CRUZ'N 528 has distributed more than $19,000 to needy veterans and veterans organizations such as VA Hospital Ann Arbor, the Ambulatory & Burn Center for the Intrepid, San Antonio, Texas, purchased tickets for WWII veterans to visit the WWII Memorial in Washington and in 2008 purchased/packed and mailed 92 packages with special-need items to the troops in Iraq.

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Ficano resignation resolution on agenda for Thursday

Wayne County Commission Chairman Gary Woronchak has scheduled a meeting for Thursday to discuss a resolution calling for Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano to resign from office.

The resolution will be discussed at 10 a.m. at a meeting of the commission's Committee of the Whole in the county's headquarters in the Guardian Building in downtown Detroit.

Laura Cox

Woronchak's action followed unsuccessful attempts by Commissioner Laura Cox, R-Livonia, to have the measure taken up at the Commission's regular meeting on Thursday, May 17.

"Contrary to some early reports, I did not personally block Commissioner Cox's attempts to force the issue," said Woronchak, D-Dearborn. "We followed the procedures and rules of the commission, and when she finally made a proper motion under our rules, the commission voted against her request to add the resolution to today's agenda."

Cox attempted to have the matter taken up with two procedural motions. One was ruled out of order by the chairman because it was not made at an appropriate place on the agenda, and the full commission did not challenge the ruling of the chair.

Cox later made a proper motion under the "New Business" portion of the agenda to have the resolution added, and after some debate, the full commission rejected taking it up by a 9-6 vote.

"This resolution has been in process for a few months, and up until now it appeared there was just one commissioner interested in moving forward," said Woronchak. "I have consistently indicated that if a growing number of commissioners wanted to take it up, we would have the debate.

"Consistent with that position, since six commissioners voted to add it to the agenda today, I have referred it to the Committee of the Whole, where we will discuss the matter thoroughly. And the entire commission, not just one member, will decide where it goes from there."

Ficano's office did not return a call or email from *The Observer* on Friday.

Humanities grant funds Glenn's World War II project

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

A teacher at John Glenn High School is looking for World War II veterans and people who worked in defense industry as part of a project planned for the 2012-2013 school year.

Michele Anderson plans to have students to interview members of the country's "Greatest Generation" for the project which will culminate in a World War II style USO dance for them.

"I want to make sure their story is told and I want students to understand what they did," she said. "I think that's important because we're losing these people now."

The project is being funded through a $6,545 grant from the Michigan Humanities Council. The grant was one of six given out in Wayne County and among 30 statewide. Anderson, chair of the high school's social studies department, had applied for the grant.

"I thought we real hit the goal of the humanities council had a good chance going in," said Anderson, the chair of the high school's social studies department. "I was hopeful, but it was a complicated application with a lot of forms and documentation. I was worried I'd mess something up."

The grant was one of six given out in Wayne County and among 30 statewide. It will be used to fund a year-long project in which students in U.S. History and American War classes will interview veterans and their families, do documentation and research that will be put on a DVD, The students also will create posters about their work.

"Anyone who has contributed will receive a free DVD of the completed project," Anderson said.

All the work will culminate in a World War II USO dance at the high school on May 8, 2013 — Victory in Europe Day.

Anderson estimates that 300 students in all will be involved. In addition to the history classes, members of the JROTC and Interact Club will be involved. The high school band and choir will provide the music and songs of the era at the dance.

She's also getting help with the project from the Westland Rotary Club and American Legion.

While the main body of work will be done during the 2012-2013 school year, the process is starting know. Anderson is looking for veterans and/or their families and people who worked in the war industry who are interested in being interviewed. People can call her at (734) 419-2300, ext. 5227, or send her an e-mail at andersonm@wwcsd.net

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Credit union hosts shredding events

Community Financial Credit Union is inviting local residents to protect confidential information and shred their documents at the credit union's free shredding events on Saturday, June 9.

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Riding on ... safely

State officials push safety as motorcycle season gears up

By Stacy Jenkins
Observer Staff Writer

Warm spring weather always brings out the rumble — of motorcycles on the roadways.

Michigan's Secretary of State Ruth Johnson, who has been riding motorcycles since age 12, rode in to the Motor City Harley-Davidson dealership in Farmington Hills on Tuesday, on a midnight blue Sportster, to bring attention to motorcycle safety.

Johnson was joined by riders from around the state and safety officials from Michigan State Police, the Office of Highway Safety Planning and the Michigan Department of Transportation.

"Michigan has more than a half a million motorcyclists and as we head into the warm weather, we need to do everything we can to be safe — wear the proper gear, stay aware and take rider education classes," said Johnson, who noted more bikers will likely be on the roads this summer, given the anticipated $4 per gallon gas.

Scott Wilson, general manager of Motor City Harley-Davidson, said his dealership's rider education class called Rider's Edge, has had 2,858 students since it started in 2000.

"We really want to put an emphasis on training and making sure people have the right equipment," said Wilson.

Jennifer Loberman, of Farmington Hills, is the marketing director at Motor City Harley-Davidson and longtime rider. She noted that women are the fastest growing demographic in motorcycle riding. She encourages riders to enroll in the Rider's Edge program.

"Rider's Edge isn't a lecture, it's a fast-moving, interactive seminar," she said, adding that it provides education to raise the comfort level of the rider in a controlled and safe environment.

The state has rolled out its Ride Safe to Ride Again campaign to raise awareness.

Michael Prince, director of the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning, said motorcycle fatalities, through the years, have steadily increased, however, there were 109 statewide in 2011 compared to 125 in 2010.

"Motorcyclists are much more vulnerable," he said. "They are 39 percent more likely to die in a crash than (people in passenger vehicles)."

He advocates high visibility gear for motorcyclists.

A FEW FACTS

- 80 percent of motorcycle crashes result in injury or death for the motorcyclist.
- Intersections are the No. 1 spot for crashes with motorcycles. Always look twice.
- Passenger vehicle motorists should always watch for motorcyclists, not follow too close and share the road.
- Motorcyclists should be properly trained and licensed; wear the appropriate safety gear; know the laws for riding under the influence.
- Four out of every 10 crashes involve riders that do not have a valid driver's license or a motorcycle endorsement.
- Most crashes happen on short trips of less than five miles or at speeds slower than 30 mph.
- About one out of every three motorcycle fatalities involve drugs or alcohol.

PHOTOS BY STACY JENKINS

Michigan Secretary of State Ruth Johnson rides around the lot at the Motor City Harley-Davidson dealership on a midnight blue Sportster.

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson held a press conference to promote May as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, on Tuesday, at the Motor City Harley-Davidson dealership in Farmington Hills.

"I want to wish everyone a very safe riding season — we want you all to be back riding in 2013," said Prince.

Johnson introduced a new video, which is now playing in all Secretary of State offices, on motorcycle safety. She said it focuses on the importance os wearing the right gear, paying attention on the road — especially in construction zones — and getting training and the motorcycle endorsement.

"We're hoping that a little nudge will help get more riders trained and hopefully save lives," said Johnson.

RJ Wilson, who is with the Motorcycle Safety Foundation and is an instructor at Macomb Community College, said the safety courses are 20 hours, over one weekend — 4 hours in the classroom and 16 hours riding.

Michigan State Police Lt. Mike Shaw said nearly half of all motorcycle crashes are caused by riders who do not have the endorsement on their license or the proper training.

"There's no substitute for proper training," he said.

No helmets?

The recent repeal of Michigan's helmet law means there's an extra emphasis on safety, officials said.

Under the new law, riders who are at least 21 years of age, have had a license for at least two years or have taken motorcycle safety classes, and also carry at least $20,000 in medical insurance, are allowed to ride without a helmet.

"If you decide you don't want to wear a helmet — which we do not recommend — then you don't have to wear a helmet," said Shaw.

Enjoying the ride

Loberman, who fell in love with motorcycles while riding on the back of her dad's Harley-Davidson dyna low rider, said she enjoys the freedom of riding.

"I enjoy the 'me time' and the freedom of having the wind in your face. Whatever is going on, it kind of fades away once you get on your bike," she said.

Loberman, who is a member of the local chapter of Harley Owners Group, the official Harley-Davidson riding group, said she shares a close bond with other riders.

"Bikers never cease to amaze me," she said. "(They) are very charitable. There's a special kinship among all riders. You have to be a rider to understand it."

She said "four wheels might move the body, but two wheels move the soul."

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Secretary of State Ruth Johnson stops for a photo with RJ Wilson, who is a motorcycle safety instructor at Macomb Community College and a member of the Motorcycle Safety Foundation.

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Meeting dates: January 10, February 7, March 6 & 20, April 17, May 8 & 22, June 12

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Joe Bridgman, MMC
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Pageant seeks 2012 Miss Lebanon Emigrants USA

Lebanese American women will vie for the honor of representing Lebanon and its culture at the American pre-pageant competition that will be held Thursday, May 24, at the Greenfield Banquet Hall, 4770 Greenfield, Dearborn.

The winner of the Dearborn beauty pageant will join pre-pageant winners from more than 35 other countries at Castle Assouf in Dhour Shweir, Lebanon, on Aug. 11.

Joumana Kayrouz, president and owner of the Law Offices of Joumana Kayrouz, P.L.L.C., said the pageant promises to be a magical evening for those who attend.

As president of Miss Lebanon Emigrants, USA – 2012, Kayrouz has been charged with developing and implementing plans for the event, which is held annually since the 1950s and honors both American and Lebanese culture.

The evening will feature entertainment by internationally renowned artists, Ayaman Zbib and Nancy Afiouni. Miss Lebanon Emigrants, USA - 2011 winner Krystelle Khoury will speak about her experiences during the past year before turning over the crown to the 2012 winner in Lebanon.

Khoury was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., and raised in Zahle, Lebanon, until the age 11, when she emigrated back to the United States and continued her education. Khoury's exposure to many diverse cultures, both in the United States and Lebanon, has fueled her desire to learn more about the world. Even while doing so, she remains very passionate about her studies and improving the environment. She is currently attending St. Francis College, where she is majoring in biology. She has hopes of attending medical school.

"It amazes me how fast the time has flown by, and I'm eager to see who I will be passing down the crown to," Khoury said. "One of the most valuable lessons that I have learned this year was that beauty truly is inner and not outer. This is not about who'd the prettiest, it's about who is the strongest, and who has the fire inside them to positively project their energy on stage. You might be capable of doing things that you would have never imagined yourself doing, just give yourself that chance."

The winner of the Dearborn beauty pageant will join pre-pageant winners from more than 35 other countries at Castle Assouf in Dhour Shweir, Lebanon, on Aug. 11. Many of the Miss Lebanon Emigrants USA contestants have gone on to international fame, including Rima Fakih who won in 2008 and was named Miss USA at the pageant in 2010.

Georgina Rizk, who became Lebanon's first Miss Universe in 1971, will be attending in her first official visit to the United States in more than 20 years along with Lebanese Minister for Tourism HE Fady Abboud.

"I am very excited about this year's event," Kayrouz said. "While we will be celebrating beauty and culture, we will also remember the shared American and Lebanese values of community and giving back – which have always been key components of the Miss Lebanon Emigrant organization from the 1950s, with partial proceeds from the evening going to St. Jude's Children Research Hospital in Beirut."

The winner of the USA contest will receive an all-expense-paid 15-day trip to Lebanon to participate in the Miss Lebanon Emigrants 2012 beauty pageant. There are other benefits, including tuition for one semester at one of the American Universities in Beirut and a three-day vacation cruise. The winner of the Miss Lebanon Emigrants 2012 pageant will receive more than $50,000 in prizes and benefits.

For more information, visit www.MissLebanonEmigrants.com or visit the group's Facebook page at www.Facebook/groups/285559908196342.

Contestants from around the world compete for the honor of representing Lebanon and its culture in the Miss Lebanon Emigrants pageant.

Local man follows long road from former Soviet Union to U.S. success

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Dan Milstein came to the U.S. at the age of 16 Dec. 4, 1991.

"We were political refugees," he said. "Jews were not welcome" in the former U.S.S.R.

He came here with his parents, younger brother and grandmother. Each was allowed a suitcase and minimal money.

Fast forward and Milstein, 36, is a successful businessman and CEO of Gold Star Mortgage Financial Group of Ann Arbor. He lives in the Northville-Novi area with a Northville Township address and is a single dad to a daughter, 9.

Dan Milstein

Milstein will be honored May 19 with first-place kudos in the Paris Book Festival, in the how-to category for "The ABC of Sales." The international competition recognizes books for general excellence.

"I took pride in everything I did," said Milstein, who began as a teen working at McDonald's and is grateful for that opportunity. He'd work long hours and attend Huron High School in Ann Arbor, graduating in 1993.

"And of course I didn't speak any English. It was a huge challenge," said Milstein, who graduated with honors from Cleary University in Ann Arbor with a B.B.A. in business management.

"The ABC of Sales" stands for Always Be Closing, with the book published in June 2011. "I've learned by default," said Milstein, who's also had sales disappointments. "I wrote about my experiences and my challenges."

Day job

Milstein has been recognized as the No. 1 loan officer in the U.S. and has achieved more than $3 billion in personal mortgage originations. His company, of which he's founder and president, has been named a Top Workplace in Michigan for three years by the *Detroit Free Press*.

"The ABC of Sales" (Gold Star Publishing) also earned an honorable mention earlier this year in the New England Book Fair and the San Francisco Book Festival as well as first-place honors in the DIY Book Festival, Los Angeles.

The book sold 10,000 copies in March and became the top Sales Book on Amazon and the 31st top seller of all eBook sales.

He won't go to Paris or to San Francisco this weekend for the book awards ceremony. "I'm too busy," he said. "I will not be traveling this weekend. I was there (Paris) not too long ago."

His company has over 500 employees in 43 offices in the U.S., with one opening soon in Plymouth, in addition to Livonia and Southfield. The main office is in Ann Arbor.

Kirkus Indie Reviews says of the book: "His message is clear: love the product, love the customer and do whatever it takes to close the sale. An excellent, persuasive handbook for salespeople."

Of his business success, Milstein said, "We decided not to participate in the financial meltdown." He'd worked as COO of a mortgage company before founding his own business, and previously in banking, including for TCF and Comerica.

He's pleased his parents and brother have also done well professionally and notes the importance of hard work in business success. Milstein will receive his honorary doctorate from Cleary June 2 and give the commencement speech.

"My story's still being written," he said. His second book, due out in August, will focus on sales. The third will be a novel based on his life: "Ninety-nine percent of it's going to be a true story."

He chose Northville-Novi to live and is glad about that. "It was conveniently located to all our offices," Milstein said. "And it's a beautiful area."

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Kidney disease motivates Westland woman to take a walk

By Lindsay White
Correspondent

An estimated 5,000 people gathered at the Detroit Zoo today for a common cause: to fight kidney disease and support the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan's (NKFM) Kidney Walk. Among them was Sharon Wroblewski, the team captain of Team Kidney Beanz, who walked in the event for a second year.

Although she did not find out she had kidney disease until she was 18 years old, Wroblewski was familiar with it. In fact, Wroblewski is one of many individuals in her family who have been diagnosed with polycystic kidney disease, a condition that causes numerous cysts to grow on the kidneys.

Over time, PKD cysts can replace much of the kidneys, leading to a reduction of kidney function and ultimately, kidney failure. About 600,000 U.S. residents have PKD, making it the fourth leading cause of kidney failure. There is no treatment for PKD at this time.

Luckily, Wroblewski found out about her kidney disease early on and did not experience kidney failure for some time. "They found it in the early stages," said Wroblewski. "It was something that had to be monitored throughout the years."

'Silent killer'

Since kidney disease often has no signs, it has been referred to as "the silent killer." Of the more than 900,000 Michigan residents living with kidney disease, most don't know they have it. Wroblewski admits that being told she had kidney disease was hard to fully understand at first, mostly because she never felt sick. "Even up until the point that I started dialysis, I didn't feel any different," she said.

She said she'd sometimes feel a slight pain in her back in the kidney area, but the pain was due to the cysts caused by PKD specifically. Over time, her kidney function slowly declined under the weight of PKD and in August 2011, she was advised to go on the transplant waiting list. In March, Wroblewski had the surgery for the peritoneal catheter and began dialysis less than a week later.

Peritoneal dialysis requires regular exchanges throughout the day and can be managed without visiting a medical facility, but also has many risks related to having a permanent tube in the abdomen. Sharon chose to do peritoneal dialysis because it allows her to live a relatively normal life.

"I have to go straight home from work to do my dialysis, but then I can go to dinner with friends or run errands," said. "Not being on hemodialysis for four-six hours every other day allows me to continue working and doing my daily activities."

Genetic link

PKD is genetic and can be easily inherited, requiring only one gene. Sharon said that it has affected her family greatly and has led to significant loss over the years, including an aunt, an uncle and her father.

"As far as my dad's side of the family, four out of the five kids had kidney disease," Wroblewski said. "My dad and three other siblings have polycystic kidney disease, and I don't even know how many of my cousins also have it. I've already had two cousins who have had kidney transplants."

Although Wroblewski and her family have experienced many challenges and inevitable losses from PKD, she has exerted much of her energy toward raising awareness about kidney disease by participating in the NKFM's Kidney Walk at the Detroit Zoo. She said this opportunity has allowed her to connect with other people who have kidney disease, and also walk in the honor of her father alongside so many others that have experienced loss due to kidney failure.

"I started a Kidney Walk team and invited friends and family to join. Even people I didn't know joined the team and became friends that way."

Wroblewski is proud to say that this year Team Kidney Beanz has been highly motivated and successful in its fundraising efforts. Through holding a dine-to-donate event, raffles and more, the team has raised more than $5,000 and continues to move forward.

In fact, Team Kidney Beanz is one of the top walk teams at this year's event.

The walk took place at 8:30 a.m., but people can still help out teams like Kidney Beanz. To make a donation to the Kidney Walk at the Detroit Zoo or for more information about the programs offered by the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan to help people with and at risk for kidney disease, go online to kidneywalk.org or call (800) 482-1455.

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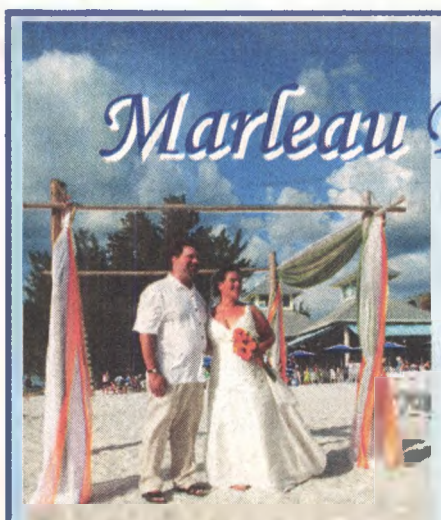

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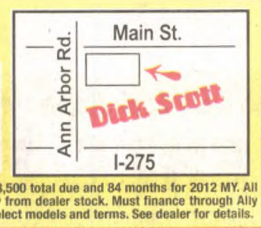

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Park teams put it in overdrive

Salem boys nip Plymouth in last event for regional title, Canton third

ED WRIGHT

Runners from Redford Union, Salem and Westland John Glenn compete in the 3,200-meter relay Friday at PCEP.

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

A photo finish in the final event of Friday's MHSAA Division 1-Region 4 boys track and field meet enabled Salem to edge campus rival Plymouth for a championship Rocks head coach Kyle Meteyer never saw coming.

Entering the 1,600-meter relay at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, the three teams that call that venue home were almost having another "city meet."

Salem and Plymouth were deadlocked with 77 points going into the 1,600-meter relay — with third-place Canton trailing with 73.5 points.

But in the fourth leg of the race, Salem's Thom Crawford nipped Livonia Franklin's Brett Gutowski; the Rocks won the race 3:28.47-to-3:28.48 and captured their first regional championship since 2009 with 87 points.

Plymouth took second with 82 points, followed by Canton (76.5), Livonia Stevenson (76) and Franklin (67).

"We knew we had to finish," Crawford said. "I ran a couple other events today, so I'm a little tired. But we came out strong and finished it.

"I knew I had to finish the last 100 and just leave it all out there."

Down to the wire

Also part of the regional champion relay team for Salem were Colin McCormack, Joe Amado and Chase Minshew.

"It's funny, I looked at the fully automatic picture they take at the end, and they had to zoom in to see who actually won because it was that close," Meteyer said. "And Crawford tipped his shoulders forward, and that was enough to get him the win by that one or two hundredths of a second.

"Great race. It's been such an up-and-down season for us. We had a losing record in dual meets, we didn't do great at Observerland, we were mediocre at the conference meet and then to come here to tonight and win the whole thing in the

Please see TRACK, B4

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Lining up his next putt Wednesday at Hilltop Golf Course is Plymouth's Josh Heinze.

'Cats top Chiefs in showdown

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

On an otherwise perfect afternoon at Hilltop Golf Course the only downer was either Plymouth or Canton had to lose the KLAA South Division dual meet.

The Wildcats remained unbeaten (7-0) by nipping the Chiefs (6-2) by a 148-151 score, in a match that puts Plymouth in the driver's seat for the division championship.

"The cross-campus rivalry is always fun," Plymouth head coach Chris Moore said. "Each team obviously wants to win, however all of the boys have a great time no matter the outcome.

"Canton is a very good team,

Please see GOLF, B4

Canton freshman Donnie Trosper watches the flight of the ball after a shot during Wednesday's dual meet against Plymouth at Hilltop Golf Course. Trosper was medalist with a 34 score.

PREP BASEBALL

Chiefs pitch way to sweep

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Wednesday's doubleheader victory over visiting Wayne Memorial meant Canton's roller-coaster baseball season is in ascent mode.

And Chiefs head coach Mark Blomshield said it would be nice if that were to last a while.

"It's always good to be back on the winning track," said Blomshield, whose team swept the Zebras 7-2 and 4-2 in the KLAA South Division twinbill. "It seems like we're always up and down."

Standout pitching by Brent Mattson was a key factor in the opening victory. Mattson went the distance, giving up just three hits and three walks while striking out eight.

"We had pretty solid contributions from just about our entire team," Blomshield said. "It was a couple good team victories right there, everybody got in, solid pitching.

"Brent Mattson threw a nice complete game in the first game, I think he only threw 85 pitches. He threw a lot of strikes and had a nice breaking ball today."

Canton (16-7, 10-6) broke out some "small ball" to plate runs in each of the first four innings in Game 1 to take early control. The Chiefs collected 13 hits, including 11 singles and two doubles.

In the first Ryan Bazner (2-for-2, two runs, one RBI) singled, went to third on a base hit by Nick Hazergian and came home on an infield hit by Jake Boucher (2-for-4, two RBI).

The Zebras (12-15, 4-11) did take a 2-1 lead in the second, parlaying

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Senior duo leads by example

Sending a pitch toward home plate during a recent game is Canton senior Alyssa Boucher.

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

There is a way Canton softball coach Jim Arnold wants his players to go about their business — on and off the field.

And senior co-captains Jesse Larner and Alyssa Boucher flawlessly epitomize that approach.

"As a coach, that's what you want," Arnold said. "You want the older players to teach the younger players. And it keeps multiplying going down the line, year after year after year.

"And with these two seniors, they're showing good leadership, doing things the right way and being responsible for your actions."

Of course, it doesn't hurt that Larner is an aggressive outfielder who hustles on every play and comes through with plenty of clutch base hits.

Or that Boucher can carry the load in the circle and at the plate, especially this year when top pitcher Hannah Warren went down with an injury.

"These two senior captains are showing these kids how to play Canton softball," Arnold said. "That's what we need."

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Canton senior Jesse Larner enjoys a moment during the dugout before a recent softball contest.

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Wildcats clinch KLAA South with 11-5 win

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

It took a couple innings longer than Val Canfield wanted, but Plymouth did the expected Wednesday and clinched the KLAA South Division softball crown by splitting a twinbill against visiting Livonia Franklin.

After falling 3-1 in the opener, the Wildcats were up 11-1 with two outs in Franklin's fifth — thus one out from a mercy-win victory.

But Franklin pushed across a run and added three more in the sixth, prolonging matters a bit. Plymouth (25-5 overall, 14-2 in the South) finally wrapped up the 11-5 victory.

"The most unsettling part of softball is that it's so unpredictable," Canfield said. "You can just never sink your feet in and get comfortable because you never know what's going to happen. as we're finding out with these games."

On Monday, the Wildcats will host Central Division champ Northville in the Kensington Conference championship game.

"That's a big game on Monday," Canfield said. "But this is the first step."

On the plus side, the Wildcats strung together 11 hits and scored 11 runs in the second. That turned out to be only offense the squad got it going at the plate.

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Plymouth's Karen Rebain (left) beats a tag attempt by Livonia Franklin third baseman Lauren Michael Wednesday, during a Breast Cancer Awareness Day softball contest. Both teams donned pink shirts and socks for the occasion.

"We just need to connect with each inning and not just pick one inning," Canfield noted.

Nine batters in a row collected base hits in the rally.

Karen Rebain singled in runs to bookend the rally, with other run-scoring hits collected by Brooke Senkbeil, Kayla Rebain, Lindsay Lutton and Mik Marciniak.

Other hits included a double by Brittney Miller and singles by Bri Giordano and Elaine Gerou.

Going the distance in the circle was Marciniak, who also pitched the eight-inning opener. Franklin pushed across two runs in the top of the eighth to snap a 1-1 tie.

Players from both teams wore pink T-shirts and socks to participate in the annual "Breast Cancer Awareness" benefit event.

There were concessions and silent auction items available, while the Wildcats wore T-shirts with the "Cats for a Cure" slogan on the front.

"It's always such an honor to put this together because it's going to such a great cause," Canfield said. "Just having big numbers with attendance and doing whatever we can to find a cure."

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In case you missed it

This photo ran smaller than anticipated last month in the Observer, so here it is again. Salem senior guard Tyler Stewart recently signed his national letter of intent to play mens basketball at Madonna University. Taking part in the signing ceremony were (from left) MU assistant coach Adam Kerfoot and head coach Noel Emenhiser, Salem coach Bob Brodie, Stewart and his parents, Kristi and Rob Stewart of Canton.

LEADERS

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Larner is in her fourth season with the varsity, which began with her splitting time as catcher and outfielder.

Now, she is a mainstay in left or right field and a key reason why the mostly young Chiefs are 13-6 and on the upswing as tournament time approaches.

And there's no doubt she'll run full blast on a routine infield grounder.

"One of the main things, especially with softball, is definitely having a good attitude no matter what's happening on the field," Larner said. "And always trying, hustling."

Larner said she gets as much of a rush out of diving to make a great catch as she does out of clearing the fence for a home run.

"If I do that (diving catch) in a game it's a highlight," she noted. "So I like being aggressive.

"But it's always fun hitting home runs. I have two so far this year Against (Westland) John Glenn it was really cool, because there's a tree in center field (over the fence) and I hit it."

She almost blushed when she talked about her feats of strength.

Talk about it

Meanwhile, according to Boucher, also in her fourth season with the varsity, the key to being senior leaders is communicating the importance of learning, evolving.

"A lot of it is we try and just tell them that every game makes you better," said Boucher, who said last Monday's 1-0 win over Salem in the Massey Classic was a high point of her senior year so far. "If they do make a mistake, if they do miss something, that will make you better for the next time.

"So me and Jesse are pretty big on learning from what you did and making yourself a better player."

Another plus is showing that setbacks aren't the end of the world.

Earlier this season, Boucher sprained an ankle and missed some playing time. But she didn't complain and has come back even stronger.

"When I first got injured I was definitely upset that I couldn't play the next day," Boucher said. "But you have to be there for your team.

"If one of us does get injured, I want them to know hey, you're still there for everyone else."

That is definitely appreciated by her coach.

"She's really worked hard through her injury to keep us in the ballgames," Arnold said.

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SENIOR CO-CAPTAINS

Jesse Larner: The 18-year-old, a four-year varsity player on the softball Chiefs, will attend Western Michigan University and pursue a finance degree. She also played two seasons of varsity girls basketball.

Larner, whose parents are Chuck and Debbie Larner of Canton, started playing fast-pitch softball in third grade with the Thunderbirds. She also has played several seasons for Compuware's fast-pitch summer travel team.

Alyssa Boucher: Also an 18-year-old Canton resident (her parents are Tracy and Tony Boucher), she is in her fourth season with the varsity softball team.

Boucher has verbally committed to play softball at Lake Superior State University. She expects to pitch and play outfield.

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Canton's Jesse Larner settles under an outfield fly ball during a recent game.

BASEBALL

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a hits-batsman (Tom Briggs), infield hit by Jacob Massey, error and squeeze-bunt-turned-single by Tyler Schmittou (who beat the throw to first).

Canton tied it 2-2 in the bottom half against Wayne starting pitcher Jacob Massey.

Doubling to right was Nick Tata (2-for-3, two runs). He moved to third on an infield single by Mitch Clinton (3-for-3, two runs, one RBI) and scored on a sacrifice fly by Weston Price (2-for-3, one run, one RBI).

The Chiefs took the lead without the benefit of a hit in the third, with a fielder's choice by Boucher scoring Bazner (hit by a pitch).

Two more runs crossed the plate in the fourth, opening up a 5-2 edge. After Tata singled, Clinton smoked a double down the left-field line to score the first run. Clinton then scored on a wild pitch.

Run-scoring singles in the sixth by James Hall (1-for-3) and Bazner finished the scoring in the first game.

Opportunistic

Canton went on to the sweep, getting the most out of a three-hit offense.

A sacrifice fly by Chad Russell in the second inning helped the Chiefs take a 2-1 lead and Canton tacked on two more in the third.

Tata's single brought home one of the runs and Bazner, who had singled, stole home against Wayne starter Briggs for the other tally.

"We had some nice situational bunting, Ryan Bazner stole home," Blomshield said. "That turned out to be a pretty big run."

Starting and getting the win was Alex Cole, who gave up one run over three innings.

He was followed by Jake Miller, with Hazergian wrapping up the win.

Hazergian hurled three innings of scoreless relief for the save. He struck out six.

PLYMOUTH 15-14, FRANKLIN 0-0: The Wildcats (21-5, 12-4) posted a pair of mercy-rule victories Wednesday at home to clinch the KLAA South Division title outright at the expense of Livonia Franklin (12-16, 4-12).

Tyler Goble went 3-for-4 with four RBI, while Matt Janke went 2-for-4 and scored twice as Plymouth won the opener in four innings, 15-0.

Winning pitcher Justin Thompson allowed just four hits, walked one and struck out three for Plymouth

Joel Trudell, who took the loss for the Patriots, collected two hits.

In Game 2, Rich Guglielmi went 3-for-3 with four RBI and Jamarl Eiland and Janke each added two hits in a 14-0 Plymouth triumph.

Winning pitcher Brian Schmid allowed just one hit (to Alex DeYonker). He struck out five and walked only one.

Franklin starter Justin Forrestall suffered the loss.

PCA 9-12, CALVARY CHRISTIAN 5-2: Plymouth Christian Academy Tuesday swept two from visiting Calvary Christian.

In the opener, Michael Slater pitched six innings in relief, allowing four runs and striking out 10. Collecting hits for PCA were Daniel Jipping (two singles and a double), Slater (three singles), Ben Cockrum and Trevor Gogola.

In Game 2, Daniel Slater pitched a two-hitter, striking out 11 while doubling and scoring two runs. Helping the Eagles' cause were Jipping (two doubles), Slater (two singles), Johnny Lauch (triple), Jon Beauchemin (double), Matt Read and Cockrum (singles).

PCA's record is now 12-4 overall and 10-3 in the MIAC Red Division.

CANTON 13, SALEM 9: On Monday, the Chiefs outslugged the Rocks, with starting pitcher Mike Stafford helping his cause with two hits and two RBI.

Other key hitters for Canton included Nick Hazergian (team-leading fourth homer), Jake Boucher (two hits, two RBI) and Riley Regner (three hits).

For Salem, Brett Ramirez and Kyle Penn drove in runs in the first for a quick 2-0 lead.

But the Chiefs responded with two runs in each of the next two innings and broke it open with five runs in the fourth.

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'Cats can't catch Churchill

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Eight apparently still isn't enough for the Livonia Churchill girls track and field squad.

The Chargers kept it all in the family again Friday with another top-notch effort at Canton scoring a team-high 133 points to garner their eight consecutive MHSAA Division 1-Region 4 championship.

Runner-up Plymouth also made a strong showing with 109.5 followed by Westland John Glenn (92), Livonia Stevenson (82) and Salem (59) rounding out the top five in the 16-school field.

Individual winners for Churchill included senior Senclair McDonnell in the high jump (5 feet, 4 inches) and junior Sydney Anderson, 400-meter dash (1:00.24).

Anderson also teamed up with Kerigan Riley, Michelle Azar and Bethany Pilat for a first in the 3,200 relay (9:30.4).

Churchill's 400 relay team of Demi Crossman, Leah Heinzelman, Molly Jarvis and Elyssa Hofmann also placed first in 49.91.

"Everything went well," said Churchill's Pat Daugherty, who also garnered his fifth straight regional title as coach. "Based on the seeds, we pretty much performed the way we should have. All our relays made it. Sydney Anderson made it in all four events she was in. Molly Jarvis made it in three events. We have a big school, but a pretty small squad that scores for us."

Plymouth, meanwhile, got wins

Salem's Kelly Whalen scales a hurdle during Friday's regionals at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

from senior Chyna Williams in the discus (114-8) and senior Reagan Engstrom in the pole vault (11-4), the latter event where the Wildcats took five of the eight places with three individuals qualifying for the state finals, June 2 in Rockford. Plymouth's 4 x 800 relay team also qualified.

"Our girls scored a lot of points in events that made it closer than I thought it would be," Plymouth coach Ricky Styes said. "We had two school records, a couple personal records, girls qualified for the state meet. So we can't be disappointed,

"But it's kind of bittersweet because Becka Knox has been a two-time state qualifier for us and she missed it by an inch and a half in the long jump. We're kind of hurting for Becka right now because she's been the heart of this team, she's so important to us. Her not qualifying today was a tough thing to swallow. But as a team, we're happy."

Glenn was led by junior Kirsten Smith, who swept the 100- and 300 hurdles events in 15.44 and 46.61, respectively.

Smith also helped the Rockets to a first in the 800 relay along with Shekinah Johnson, Joslyn Massey and Kayla Jones (1:45.36).

Stevenson made a strong showing boasting individual winners Karlie Gallagher, 800 (2:21.46); Alex Kitz, long jump (16-8); and Oly Nwanko, shot put (35-1.5).

And not to be denied was Salem's super sophomore Kayla Kavulich, who swept the 1,600 (5:10.01) and 3,200 (11:32.41) runs, as well as anchoring the Rocks to a come-from-behind win in the 1,600 relay (4:07.89).

Meanwhile, Inkster's Tina Davis garnered firsts in the 100- and 200 dashes with clockings of 12.75 and 26.4, respectively.

But the day belonged to Churchill, which will be gunning for its ninth straight regional title in 2013, along with some unfinished business at the 2012 Division 1 state finals.

GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

MHSAA REGION 4-1
GIRLS TRACK & FIELD MEET
May 18 at Canton

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Churchill, 133 points, 2. Plymouth, 109.5; 3. Westland John Glenn, 92; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 82; 5. Salem, 59; 6. Canton, 45; 7. Livonia Franklin, 30; 8. Inkster, 25; 9. Wayne Memorial, 22.5; 10. (tie) Redford Union and Dearborn, 19.5; 12. Garden City, 18; 13. Dearborn Fordson, 5; 14. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 3; 15. (tie)(Detroit Cody and Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 0 each.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS
(top 2 automatically qualify for state finals)

Shot put: 1. Oly Nwankwo (LS), 35 feet, 1.5 inches; 2. Bailey Hart (WM), 34-5.5; 3. Tionne Johnson (P), 33-0; 4. Lena Bazzi (DF), 32-6; 5. Chelsea Billingsley (LS), 32-0.5; 6. Amber Warren (C), 31-7; 7. Alexa Al (DBN), 31-6.5; 8. Channele Wright (WJG), 31-5.

Discus: 1. Chyna Williams (P), 114-8; 2. Emily Norscia (LC), 114-4; 3. Dana Blankenship (S), 105-4; 4. Wright (WJG), 101-3; 5. Kayla Branton (LS), 98-6; 6. Johnson (P), 96-10; 7. Sarah Muzzin (LS), 96-3; 8. Hannah Pummill (LC), 92-4.

High jump: 1. Senclair McDonnell (LC), 5-4; 2. Joslyn Massey (WJG), 5-2; 3. Ashley Cochran (LC), 5-2 (SQ); 4. (tie) Jamay Dixon (RU) and Taylor Rieckhoff (P), 4-9.10; 6. (tie) Minta Whitaker (GC), Bridget Koessler (LS), Kelly O'Brien (LF), 4-9.

Long jump: 1. Alex Kitz (LS), 16-8; 2. Brianna Jed (LS), 16-6.5; 3. Becka Knox (P), 16-4.5; 4 Massey (WJG), 16-1; 5. Kayla Jones (WJG), 15-9.75; 6. Kyla Mann (DBN), 15-7.5; 7. Pia Simon (C), 15-7.25; 8. Autum Stanek (DEF), 15-5.5.

Pole vault: 1. Reagan Engstrom (P), 11-4; 2. Kitz (LS), 3. Jane McCurry (P), 10-8.3 (SQ); 4. Rieckhoff (P), 10-8.2 (SQ); 5. Emily Lang (C), 10-8 (SQ); 6. Nancy Krutty (S), 10-4 (SQ); 7. (tie) Sarah Uhlian (P) and Brenna Connelly (P), 9-2.1.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Kirsten Smith (WJG), 15.44; 2. Kelly O'Brien (LF), 15.97; 3. Molly Jarvis (LC), 16.02; 4. Taelour Phillips (WJG), 16.8; 5. Natalie Puckett (P), 16.83; 6. Ta'Nia Lewis (WM), 16.85; 7. Nevada Leighton (DEF), 17.09; 8. Jessica Balaka (DBN), 17.75.

300 hurdles: 1. Smith (WJG), 46.61; 2. Jarvis (LC), 47.56; 3. Puckett (P), 48.23; 4. Marina Milad (C), 49.61; 5. Holly Stark (P), 49.86; 6. Rachel Falzon (S), 50.33; 7. Natalie Spala (LC), 51.02; 8. Madison Osborn (LF), 51.05.

100: 1. Tina Davis (I), 12.75; 2. Shekinah Johnson (WJG), 13.13; 3. Bryan White (LF), 13.17; 4. Kayla Jones (WJG), 13.18; 5. Delisha Williams (RU), 13.18; 6. Jessica Thomas (LF), 13.23; 7. Demi Crossman (LC), 13.24, 8. Elyssa Hofmann (LC), 13.44.

200: 1. Davis (I), 26.4; 2. Jones (WJG), 26.61; 3. Williams (RU), 26.86; 4. Honia Williams (WM), 5. Leah Henzelman (LC), 27.75; 6. Ce'Andria Moing (GC), 27.86; 7. (tie) Danielle Robbins (WM), and Deija Collins (GC), 27.88.

400: 1 Sydney Anderson (LC), 1:00.24; 2. Rachael Hille (P), 1:00.93; 3. Julia Szuba (LC), 1:01.0; 4. Krystal Whitlow (GC), 1:02.36; 5. Allison Timberlake (LS), 1:03.32; 6. Maryrose Deberardino (DBN), 1:03.75; 7. AShley MacBrien (P), 1:04.85; 8. Kierra Jordan (WJG), 1:05.77.

800: 1. Karlie Gallagher (LS), 2:21.46; 2. Michelle Azar (LC), 2:27.07; 3. Nicole Traitses (P), 2:27.69; 4. Marina DeBiasi (P), 2:30.36; 5. Katie Grimes (C), 2:31.43; 6. Julia Capeneka (LS), 2:32.08; 7. Katy Frank (DBN), 2:32.09; 8. Rebecca Lopez (S), 2:34.37.

1,600: 1. Kayla Kavulich (S), 5:10.01; 2. Kristen Muir (C), 5:10.48; 3. Kerigan Riley (LC), 5:23.63; 4. Bethany Pilat (LC), 5:25.75; 5. Marina DeBiasi (P), 5:31.37; 6. Natasha Stevenson (S), 5:36.54; 7. Brianna Lax (P), 5:43.96; 8. Barbara Scupholm (LS), 5:44.73.

3,200: 1. Kavulich (S), 11:32.41; 2. Pilat (LC), 11:35.02; 3. Riley (LC), 11:45.3; 4. Alejandra Beltran (S), 12:19.03; 5. Leah Wendzinski (DBN), 12:27.28; 6. Lax (P), 12:39.09; 7. Jackie Deacon (LS), 12:41.17; 8. Brooke Kuchka (LS), 12:46.55.

400 relay: 1. Churchill (Crossman, Heinzelman, Jarvis, Hofmann), 49.91; 2. Franklin (Bryah White, Jessica Thomas, Natalie Modes, Madison Agnew), 50.13; 3. John Glenn (Kaira Barnes, Stephany Brown, Rheana Allen, Shekinah Johnson), 51.31. 4. Canton, 53.11; 5. Redford Union, 53.22; 6. Inkster, 53.6; 7. Wayne Memorial, 53.76; 8. Plymouth, 53.89.

800 relay: 1. John Glenn (Smith, Johnson, Massey, Jones), 1:45.36; 2. Churchill (Heinzelman, Anderson, Jarvis, Hofmann), 1:45.37; 3. Stevenson (Timberlake, Amy Freed, Emily Brewer, Jed), 1:49.92; 4. Garden City, 1:50.23; 5. Canton, 1:50.55; 6. Wayne Memorial, 1:51.41; 7. Inkster, 1:53.07; 8. Plymouth, 1:53.32.

1,600 relay: 1. Salem, 4:07.89; 2. Churchill (Anderson, Heinzelman, Szuba, McDonnell), 4:09.52; 3. John Glenn (Brown, Breylin Mecks, Johnson, Smith), 4:10.4; 4. Canton, 4:14.02; 5. Plymouth, 4:15.71; 6. Stevenson, 4:17.84; 7. (tie) Dearborn and Garden City, 4:30.05.

3,200 relay: 1. Churchill (Anderson, Riley, Michelle Azar, Pilat), 9:30.04; 2. Salem, 9:35.11; 3. Plymouth (DeBiasi, Jada Woody, Traitses, Hille), 9:38.26 (SQ); 4. Canton, 10:06.91; 5. Stevenson, 10:14.37; 6. Dearborn, 10:37.58; 7. Franklin, 10:43.37; 8. Redford Union, 10:46.64.

(SQ): additional state qualifier.

Salem's Berberet signs with Lady Ocelots

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

From the time she was little, Brianna Berberet always liked giving it a shot — literally — and aiming for the center of the rim.

On target more than not ever since, the high-scoring Salem senior guard finished an excellent prep career in 2011-12. And now, she will keep on playing at Schoolcraft College.

Berberet last week signed to play for the Lady Ocelots, in a ceremony attended by Schoolcraft women's basketball coach Kevin Braithwaite.

"I am very excited to have the opportunity to continue playing basketball while earning a college degree," said Berberet, who currently is playing varsity girls softball for the Rocks.

Berberet received a full two-year scholarship at Schoolcraft, and looks forward to studying classes to possibly become a physical therapist or athletic trainer.

She'll also work toward keeping the jump shots falling during junior college competition. During her senior season at Salem, she topped the 20-point mark several times.

Salem senior Brianna Berberet (front, right) last week signed to play for Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team. Sharing the big moment were (from left) Lady Ocelots head coach Kevin Braithwaite, PCEP co-athletic director Tom Willette and Rick Berberet, Brianna's dad.

Realizing a dream

Another plus, she noted, "is that I can still be near my family and friends, be close to home and be in college all at the same time. I am very proud of what I have accomplished and look forward to becoming a great student-athlete."

Reaching the college basketball level is something Berberet has wanted to achieve for a number of years.

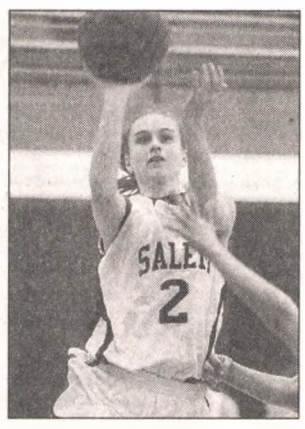
She worked extremely hard through years of community and AAU basketball as well as four years of hoops at Salem.

Her father, Rick Berberet, had an important role in Brianna's development as a player. He started coaching her when she was young and also took an active interest in getting colleges interested in watching her play.

"I'm proud of Brianna for receiving this opportunity," Rick noted. "It is something that we all have dreamed of and strived for since she was little.

"I made a commitment to coach all of Brianna's teams when I discovered she had a passion and love for the game of basketball."

He did just that as Brianna moved up from one rung of the ladder to the next. "We worked together to improve her skills to get her to the point of being recognized by a college coach."



Scoring another basket for Salem during a 2011-12 game is Brianna Berberet (No. 2), who signed to play at Schoolcraft College.

Braithwaite and Schoolcraft assistant coach Lauren Braun (formerly freshman coach at Salem) were instrumental in the signing.

"We want to thank Kevin Brathwaite for taking the time to come out to see Bri play and inviting us out to their games to see the high level of play that he expects from his players," Rick continued.

"Lauren played a key role in getting Brianna interested in Schoolcraft and helping her earn a full two-year scholarship," he noted. "Lauren coached the freshman girls at Salem when I was the JV coach there and she noticed Brianna's talent and spread the word to Kevin for us. She was the driving force in getting us all together."

Close to home

The Berberets liked Schoolcraft's campus and proximity, too.

"Being a part of a college program that has been in their conference's national spotlight consistently was a big draw for us as well," he said. "Kevin and Lauren emphasized the student-athlete approach during the entire recruitment. We liked the local campus atmosphere."

Also thrilled with the signing was Brianna's mom, Kimberly Curtis.

"After watching Brianna play basketball and grow as a player and person over the past 10 years," Curtis said, "we are excited and proud to see her skills and athletic ability as a basketball player move her on to the college level."

Brianna is now eagerly anticipating what it will be like playing and studying at Schoolcraft.

"My dad always told me that life is filled with different chapters like a book," she stressed. "I'm excited to write these next chapters as I move onto college.

"I look forward to filling my book with great experiences, challenges and meaningful relationships."

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Fantastic Force

The sixth grade Plymouth-Canton Force travel basketball team reached the finals at last weekend's Seventh Annual Sylvania Basketball Classic in Sylvania, Ohio. The Force beat the Toledo Spurs and Sandusky Bay Shooters on Saturday. Then went on to win the semifinal 48-40 on Mother's Day against Great Lakes in a nailbiter before losing to the Glass City Heat in the finals. In the front row (from left) are Noah Brown, Amit Tiwari, Matt Buschman, Brandon Stevens and Niko Barach. In the back row (from left) are Andrew Neal, Trevor Genaw, coach James Brown, Hinmat Jagdev, Connor Engel and Max Okolo. Not pictured are Colin Troup and Eian Barke.

Blazers soccer bounces back

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

The schedule didn't get any easier last Friday night for Livonia Ladywood girls soccer team.

The No. 2-ranked Blazers, coming off their first defeat of the season three days earlier to No. 1 Birmingham Marian, traveled to No. 3 Williamson and came away with a 4-2 non-league victory as senior Kelly Capoccia scored her 18th and 19th goals of the season to go along with one assist.

"It was a fabulous rebound win for us coming off our first loss," said Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker, whose team improved to 16-1-2 overall in the Division 2 matchup. "We anticipated it would be a tough night to score goals because of their quality goalkeeper. But we came in with a game plan and the girls did an excellent job executing it."

Ladywood took a 2-0 first half lead thanks to freshman Sam Riga's fifth goal of the year on an upper-90 degree shot from 20 years out on the fifth minute followed by Capoccia's header in the 18th minute.

Capoccia then scored on a free kick from 20 yards away in the 57th minute and DeYana Walker notched her 11th of the year with Paige Brennan notching her 21st assist in the 69th to make it 4-0.

Williamston (11-2-3) then scored twice in the final three minutes on a goal by Carlie Rhiness Lindsey Tuggle (both from Kaitlyn McGoff).

SALEM 1, S.L. EAST 0: A second-half goal by Emma Tardiff and strong defense enabled Salem to blank South Lyon East 1-0 on Thursday.

The Rocks (8-6-1 overall, 6-4-0 in the KLAA Central Division) snapped a scoreless tie when Hayley Rogers threaded a pass to Tardiff — who dribbled past multiple defenders before ripping a perfect shot into the twine.

Stopping three shots for her fifth shutout of the season was goalkeeper Ali Eggenberger.

"We played a pretty frantic first half and talked about relaxing and just playing soccer at the half," Salem head coach Joe Nora said. "The girls came out ready and knocked the ball around creating chances."

South Lyon East dropped to 10-8-1 overall and 2-8-0 in the Central.

LADYWOOD 2, NOTRE DAME PREP 1: Livonia Ladywood (17-1-2) earned its fourth Catholic League finals appearance in five years with a come-from-behind semifinal victory Tuesday night over host Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (8-5-2).

Jennifer Klei's goal in the 60th minute gave the Fighting Irish, ranked No. 4 in Division 3, a 1-0 lead.

But senior Kelly Capoccia answered three mintues later from Catherine Garber and tallied her 21st of the season.

That set up what proved to be the game-winner from Emily Huddleston (her 13th assist), with only three minutes remaining.

The win puts the Blazers in the championship match beginning at 2 p.m. Saturday at home against either Birmingham Marian or Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard.

Midwest TKD fighter makes U.S. team

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

When it comes to making the United States National taekwondo team, one out of two is pretty darn good.

Plymouth-based Midwest Tae Kwon Do black belts Kellie Fairbanks and Gabe McDowell recently went to the Olympic Training Center in Colorado for national team trials and hopes of making the U.S. team.

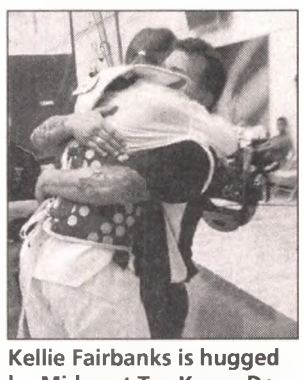
Fairbanks (female middleweight) did just that, with a dominant performance. She outscored her opponents 22-4, including a flawless, 6-0 victory in the final match against her division's top contender, said Midwest Master Russell Gale.

"Kellie fought very well and seemed to gain momentum throughout the day," noted Gale, also co-owner of Midwest. "Her first match was her toughest (a 6-4 win). In the second match, she started to show how dominant she could be."

Only fighters finishing first, second or third in their divisions at recent national championships were invited to the team trials.

With her victory in the round-robin event, the 19-year-old Fairbanks will travel to Bolivia later this year to fight in the Pan Am games.

Kellie Fairbanks (right) of Midwest Tae Kwon Do in Plymouth, executes a cut kick against her opponent in her final match at the recent U.S. taekwondo team trials in Colorado. Fairbanks won her division to make the U.S. squad.



Kellie Fairbanks is hugged by Midwest Tae Kwon Do coach and co-owner Russell Gale (right) after Fairbanks won at U.S. national team trials.

Later this month, she will compete at the 2012 Collegiate World Games in Korea. Fairbanks (Jackson resident) is one of only three athletes who can claim being part of the collegiate and US national teams in the same year, Gale said.

"This is truly an incredible time for Kellie, me as a coach and our school," Gale added.

Howell's McDowell, 17, lost 10-5 to the eventual winner of the adult male fin weight division.

He then lost a 2-1 nail-biter to the division's runner-up fighter.

"Gabe fought well but not his best," Gale said. "... His world ranking of No. 18 is still intact, and he will be ready to work his way back to the top of the country at nationals (in) July.

"Fighting at the Olympic Training Center can be an overwhelming thing and this is Gabe's first year in the adult division."

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regional, totally unexpected. I was looking at this meet as maybe qualifying some guys to states and go home. But I never thought I'd be taking a trophy with us."

Meteyer said the key to the winning relay was Amado, going full-tilt despite being slightly injured after winning the 110- and 300-meter hurdle events (15.26 and 39.56, respectively) to remain undefeated this season.

"I warmed up six guys for that 4-by-4 knowing that Amado's hip was starting to hurt him a little bit after the 300," Meteyer continued, "and I don't want to risk a kid's college career on a 4-by-4. But then I found out the score, we were tied with Plymouth and I said 'We're going all-out, ... and Amado, unless you come to the starting line with your leg falling off you're it.'

"And so he ran it, and actually it was Amado who opened up a lead on the other teams there on the second leg."

Other Salem state qualifiers included Crawford in the 200 dash and the 800-meter relay team of Chris Dierker, Ivan Rhodes, Crawford and Drake Jordan — second behind Franklin's event champion relay of Andrew McGaughey, Gutowski, Alex Perelli and Andrew Crechiolo.

The top two finishers in each event automatically qualified for the June 2 state meet in East Kentwood, along with those reaching additional criteria as determined by the MHSAA.

Bouncing back

Plymouth didn't score in any of the field events, yet nearly pulled out the regional championship thanks to prowess in running events.

"If you think about it, we scored zero points in field events today," Wildcats head coach Jon Mikosz said. "So to come back and get second place in a meet like that it's pretty impressive.

"We scored two places in every distance event, Derek (Gielarowski) had an amazing meet. He started off our 4-by-8 that got first place (8:04.65), he won the mile (4:28.67), the two-mile (9:51.68). Just an insane effort out of him today."

Also on the relay team were Max Rogowski (who also qualified in the 800), Evan Johnson and freshman Jonny Dalton. Lucas Bunting finished first in the 400 with a time of 50.03, edging Stevenson's Zaid Shareef (50.25).

Gielarowski edged out Stevenson's Stephen Fenech in the two-miler; Fenech also qualified for state meet with his time of 9:52.10.

Mikosz also praised William Askew II and Alex Rogers, both coming back from injuries and finishing third in the 200 and 100 dashes, respectively.

"I couldn't be more proud of these guys and the effort they put out today," he said.

Better showing

Canton head coach Bob Richardson said his team rebounded from its ninth-place finish at the May 18 KLAA meet. "We knew we were better than that and we showed we were."

Senior sprinter Ryan Jones was regional champion in the 100 dash and with teammates Colby Morris, Zach Smilo and Demetre Lopez in the 400-meter relay (times of 11.31 and 43.81, respectively).

Other Canton qualifiers included high jumper Matt Schacht (second in the high jump, behind Redford Union's Tre Goynes) and Miles Felton, whose first-place time of 2:00.09 nipped Rogowski's 2:00.51 in the 800.

Richardson said he was "real proud" to be part of a day where the three PCEP teams finished in the top three spots.

"We all work together every day, we all support one another," he added. "It's nice to see."

In addition to Fenech and Shareef, the fourth-place Spartans will send the 1-2 finishers in the long jump to the finals (Nick Podulka, Tony Wilson).

Churchill again dominated in the pole vault, with top finishers Alex Ryktarsyk and Jacob Hage.

Winning the shot put was Churchill's Bryan Bartig, with Franklin's Adam Clay in second.

BOYS TRACK RESULTS

MHSAA REGION 4-1
BOYS TRACK & FIELD MEET
May 18 at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Salem, 87; 2. Plymouth, 82; 3. Canton, 77.5; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 76; 5. Livonia Franklin, 67.5; 6. Livonia Churchill, 56; 7. Dearborn, 46; 8. Garden City, 39; 9. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 34; 10. Detroit Cody, 33; 11. Redford Union, 20; 12. Westland John Glenn, 19; 13. Dearborn Fordson, 11; 14. Inkster, 9; 15. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 4; 16. Wayne Memorial, 2.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS
(Top 2 automatically qualify for state finals)

Shot put: 1. Bryan Bartig (LC), 48 feet, 6 inches; 2. Adam Clay (LF), 47-11.75; 3. Bearooz Yacoobi (DBN), 46-5.5; 4. Shedrick Glass-Shepard (GC), 44-3.5; 5. Daniel Carrigan (S), 43-11.5; 6. Shawn Deese (GC), 43-11; 7. John Fross (RU), 43-6; 8. Stephen Schacht (C), 42-7.

Discus: 1. Karim Hachem (DF), 137-1; 2. Troy Hanson (EF), 135-0; 3. Yacoobi (DBN), 133-7; 4. Bartig (LC), 133-5; 5. Carrigan (S), 124-3; 6. Thomas Emma (EF), 123-5; 7. Danny Pocalujka (LS), 121-7; 8. Dev. Sandhu (C), 121-3.

High jump: 1. Tre' Goynes (RU), 6-5; 2. Matthew Schacht (C), 6-3; 3. Jamal Dixon (C), 6-1; 4. Akil Wade (C), 5-11.4; 5. Manny Washington (EF), 5-11.3; 6. Chris Dierker (S), 5-11.2; 7. Kevin Brown-Bayko (GC), 5-11.09; 8. Merwan Ghadieh (DF), 5-11.08.

Long jump: 1. Nick Podulka (LS), 21-0; 2. Tony Wilson (LS), 20-6.25; 3. Goynes (RU), 20-0.75; 4. Brett Gutowski (LF), 19-9.75; 5. Dixon (C), 19-9.5; 6. Drake Jordan (S), 19-6.75; 7. Washington (EF), 19-5; 8. Jordan Bickham (LF), 19-3.75.

Pole vault: 1. Alex Ryktarsyk (LC), 12-10; 2. Jacob Hage (LC), 12-10; 3. Brandon Stanhope (EF), 12-4; 4. Erich Hinkle (GC), 12-4; 5. (t) Mitch Nickert (C) and Jimmy Bagazinski (LF), 11-10; 7. Stephan Fedak (LC), 11-4.1; 8. Quinn Dupraw (WJG), 11-4.

110-meter hurdles: 1. Jose Amado (S), 15.26; 2. Elijah Simkins (DBN), 15.49; 3. Tom Brokaw (LF), 15.62; 4. Darrien Lankford (GC), 15.83; 5. Daniel Edgerton (P), 16.08; 6. Kenzel Jefferson (LC), 16.11; 7. Zachary Zoltowski (LC), 16.32; 8. Joe Mims (LS), 16.67.

300 hurdles: 1. Amado (S), 39.56; 2. Andrew Crechiolo (LF), 40.94; 3. Elijah Simkins (DBN), 41.74; 4. Joe Mims (LS), 42.30; 5. Alexandru Ilisei (DBN), 42.37; 6. Nathan Falzon (LS), 43.08; 7. Zoltowski (LC), 43.1; 8. Shean Krolicki (C), 43.35.

100: 1. Ryan Jones (C), 11.31; 2. Kenyon Bell (DC), 11.4; 3. Alexander Rogers (P), 11.47; 4. Alex Perelli (LF), 11.49; Eli Misor (I), 11.57; 6. Nick Podulka (LS), 11.64; 7. Vaughn Frederick (GC), 11.77; 8. Malik Johnson (LC), 11.98.

200: 1. Thomas Crawford (S), 22.88; 2. Keshawn Walker (DBN), 22.9; 3. William Askew (P), 23.08; 4. Colby Morris (C), 23.62; 5. Brandon Rutland (DC), 23.79; 6. Frederick (GC), 23.92; 7. Eli-Kevin Phillips (DC), 24.29; 8. Alton White (I), 24.84.

400: 1. Lucas Bunting (P), 50.03; 2. Zaid Shareef (LS), 50.25; 3. Colin McCormack (S), 52.0; 4. Ian Kelly (DC), 52.36; 5. Kevin Mack (S), 52.56; 6. Matthew Schacht (C), 52.70; 7. Michael Sollars (WJG), 52.94; 8. Quinton Davis (WM), 53.0.

800: 1. Miles Felton (C), 2:00.09; 2. Max Rogowski (P), 2:00.51; 3. Jacob Colley (LS), 2:01.50; 4. Jewell Jones (WJG), 2:02.36; 5. Jonny Dalton (P), 2:04.36; 6. Jhaira Johnson (GC), 2:04.99; 7. Mike Sopko (LS), 2:05.01; 8. Amir Everett (DHC), 2:05.34.

1,600: 1. Derek Gielarowski (P), 4:28.67; 2. Zneabladeen Nassr (EF), 4:28.76; 3. Felton (C), 4:29.81; 4. Johnson (GC), 4:36.11; 5. Ruben Maya (WJG), 4:37.28; 6. Nick Eiben (P), 4:39.15; 7. Ross Cecil (LF), 4:43.04; 8. Kimari Johnson (WJG), 4:43.05.

3,200: 1. Gielarowski (P), 9:51.68; 2. Stephen Fenech (LS), 9:52.10; 3. Steven McEvilly (S), 9:56.44; 4. Zane Berlanga (P), 10:08.43; 5. Keenan Jones (LF), 10:14.66; 6. Daniel Garza (EF), 10:15.99; 7. Benjamin Yates (LC), 10:16.65; 8. Hassan Idriss (DHC), 10:18.58.

400 relay: 1. Canton (Colby Morris, Zach Smilo, Demetre' Lopez, Ryan Jones), 43.81; 2. Detroit Cody (Philips, Bell, Rutland, Eddie Fluker), 43.88, 3. Franklin (Joe McRobb, Perelli, Andrew McGaughey, Bickham), 43.98; 4. Salem, 44.34; 5. Garden City, 44.63; 6. Stevenson, 44.64; 7. Churchill, 44.8; 8. Plymouth, 45.65.

800 relay: 1. Franklin (McGaughey, Gutowski, Perelli, Crechiolo), 1:30.83; 2. Salem (Jordan, I'van Rhodes, Crawford, Dierker), 1:30.95; 3. Cody (Phillips, Bell, Rutland, Fluker),l 1:31.17; 4. Stevenson, 1:31.63; 5. Inkster, 1:33.31; 6. Churchill, 1:35.19; 7. Garden City, 1:35.70; 8. Wayne Memorial, 1:36.32.

1,600 relay: 1. Salem (McCormack, Amado, Chase Minshaw, Crawford), 3:28.47; 2. Franklin (Crechiolo, McGaughey, Bickham, Gutowski), 3:28.48; 3. Stevenson (Tony Wilson, Craig Wilkinson, Adam Wheeler, Shareef), 3:28.96; 4. Plymouth, 3:31.24; 5. Canton, 3;37.55; 6. John Glenn, 3:37.79; 7. Redford Union, 3:38.20; 8. Churchill, 3:44.43.

3,200 relay: 1. Plymouth (Gielarowski, Dalton, Evan Johnson, Rogowski), 8:04.65; 2. Dearborn, 8:05.47; 3. Stevenson (Jacob Colley, Ben Lambert, Mike Sopko, Matt Garon), 8:09.33; 4. Churchill, 8:18.54; 5. Salem, 8:18.75; 6. John Glenn, 8:40.02; 7. Crestwood, 8:44.11; 8. Franklin, 8:51.4.

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GOLF

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with a ton of potential. We were very fortunate to play good today and squeak out the win."

Leading the way for the Wildcats was medalist Kyle Rodes, with a score of 35. Also finishing under the 40-stroke mark were Ryan Rieckhoff (36), Evan Chipman (38) and Josh Heinze (39).

Rounding out the Plymouth scorecard were Chris Kozler (41) and Craig Whatley (43).

For Canton, freshman Donnie Trosper had another outstanding performance with a score of 36.

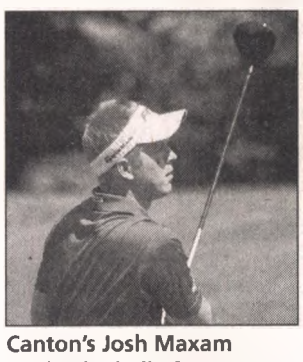
At Monday's Huron Valley Invite at par-72 Prestwick Village Country Club, Trosper was medalist with a three-under 69, finishing first out of 154 golfers and winning a three-hole playoff.

Registering 38s against the 'Cats were Brett Perry and Alex Champagne, with Tyler McMahan finishing with a 39. Josh Maxam and Carter Schenk shot 44 and 47, respectively.

According to Canton head coach Tom Alles, it's helped Trosper to be paired up with senior Maxam. On Wednesday, however, Maxam had an off-day (his average is 38).

"Donnie Trosper's (37) a freshman, he's played really well," Alles said. "And Josh Maxam (38) our senior, those two guys are 1-2. They've played real well."

Alles added that Trosper isn't a typical freshman, having plenty of high-stakes experience already under his belt. "He did very well this past summer in competition throughout the state."



Canton's Josh Maxam tracks the ball after a tee shot Wednesday.

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Sending a putt on its way Wednesday at Hilltop is Plymouth's Ryan Rieckhoff.

Good competition

For Plymouth, with the KLAA and district tournaments around the corner, Moore said it is important to find another consistent golfer to follow the top three of Rieckhoff, Heinze and Rodes.

"My top three have really been solid," Moore said. "... They have all been playing very consistent golf, all around even par. We're just searching for a four and five to finish everything up."

Among some of the contenders for the spot include Kozler, Whatley, Chipman, John Tatti, Kyle Melnick and Alex Decker.

"They're all battling," Moore noted. "It's good competition."

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

May

GARDEN CITY HOSPITAL
A sampling of hospital's offerings this month:
• Yoga classes run 4 p.m. May 22, 29; 6:15 p.m. May 23, 30 and 6:30 p.m. May 24, 31. Call (734) 458-3242 for details and to register
The hospital is located at 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City..

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• Center for Joint Replacement at the hospital offers an educational seminar 6-8 p.m. Thursday, May 24 and Wednesday, June 27. Dr. David Mendelson will answer questions, discuss joint pain, joint replacement procedures, and available implant options. Participants will learn about choosing a personal coach to assist through the process and what to expect after surgery. To register, call (734) 655-2345.
• Prenatal Breastfeeding Class runs 7-9 p.m. Thursday, May 24 in classrooms 1 and 2 at the hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan in Livonia. The class is designed for expectant mothers between the seventh and eighth month of pregnancy. It will focus on the benefits of breastfeeding for infant, mother, and family. A registered nurse will demonstrate techniques and cover such topics as breastfeeding and working, questions and concerns about breastfeeding, and a review of breastfeeding pumps along with books and supplies. Class is open to any expectant parents, not just those delivering at St. Mary Mercy. $25 per couple. To register, call (734) 655-1162, or visit stmarymercy.org and click on "classes and events.

June

ALZHEIMER'S CAMP
The Alzheimer's Association-Greater Michigan Chapter offers Camp Connections, a free, three-day education and recreational program for school age children who have a loved one with Alzheimer's disease or related dementia. Kids will learn basic information on dementia and ways to cope with the illness through interactive activities and games. The camp runs 10 a.m.-1 p.m. June 19, 21 and 26 at the Alzheimer's Association, 20300 Civic Center Drive, Suite 100, Southfield. Lunch is provided and pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call the Harry L. Nelson Helpline at (800) 272-3900.
Garden City Hospital
• Diabetes Self-Management Education is at 9 a.m. June 2, 12 and 19 and 6 p.m. June 7, 14 and 21 and teaches self-care skills of nutrition, exercise, medication management, monitoring of blood sugar levels, foot and skin care, prevention of problems and psychosocial issues. Physician referral is required. There is a fee, but reimbursement is available by Medicare, Medicaid and most insurance plans. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information or to register.

Runners race along downtown Detroit streets during the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure.

Start holiday weekend with annual race

There's still time to register for the 21st annual Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure.

The event, which includes a 5K run and 1-mile walk, Saturday, May 26, in downtown Detroit, raises funds for breast cancer research and local breast cancer programs.

Individuals can register online through May 23 at www.karmanos.org/raceforthecuredetroit. Participants also can register and pick up their even packets at the same time from noon to 7 p.m. May 24-25 at Variations Salon, 23520 Michigan Ave., Dearborn; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. May 21 and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. May 22-23 at New Balance, 37606 W. 12 Mile, in the Halstead Village Shopping Center, Farmington Hills; or from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 21-25, at Karmanos Cancer Institute Vaitkevicius Community Services Center, 24601 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Race Day registration runs 7 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. May 26 at Comerica Park, in downtown Detroit.

Fees are $35 for adults, 18-64 and $17 for seniors, 65 and older, and youth, 6-17. Children, 5 and under may participate for free, but they must be officially registered and a parent or guardian must sign the waiver on the entry form.

The opening ceremony will start at 8 a.m. The race will begin at 9 a.m. and the closing ceremony will start at 10:30 a.m.

A prayer and candle-lighting service for anyone touched by cancer, is set for 7 p.m. Friday, May 25, at The Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 4800 Woodward Ave. Detroit. The Cathedral also will provide a prayer station along the route on race day.

For more information about Race for the Cure call the Komen Detroit office at (248) 304-2080 or e-mail to raceforthecure@karmanos.org.

Canton dentists help spread smiles

Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 23, if you need free dental care.

Contemporary Dentistry in Canton will hold "Dental Care From The Heart" that day. The dental group will offer free dental services to the first 100 visitors, in an effort to "give back" to the community and help individuals without dental insurance.

Dr. Nader and Rima Bazzi and Dr. Julie Atoui and their staff will offer a choice of a cleaning, filling or extraction, along with x-ray and diagnostic service. Care will be provided on a 'first come, first served' basis for individuals, 5 years and over.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. and patients will be seen through 4 p.m. Contemporary Dentistry is located at 5645 N Sheldon Road. No phone calls or appointments will be taken.

Dr. Rima Bazzi (left), Dr. Nader Bazzi and Dr. Julie Atoui will provide free dental care June 23 at Contemporary Dentistry in Canton.

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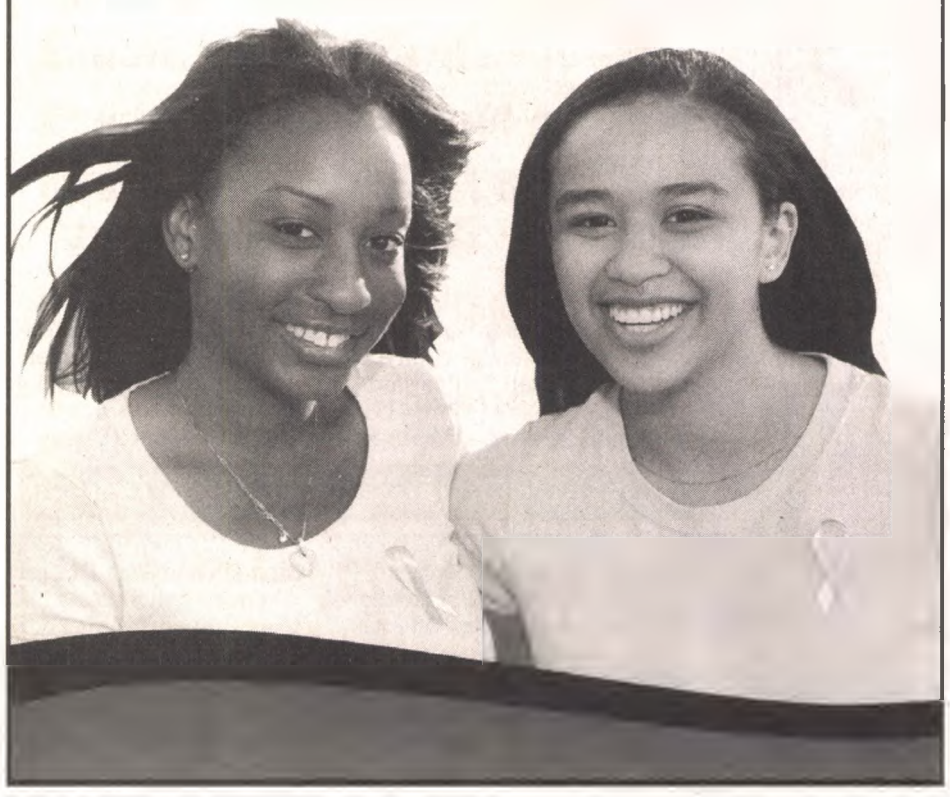

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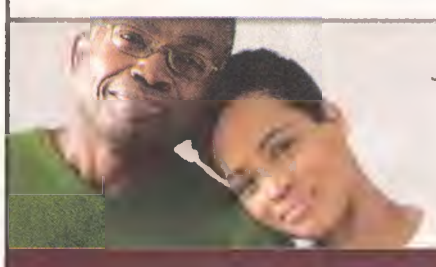

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Audience member Barbara DeGrazia laces up presenter Kim Parr.

What's under that dress?

Historian shows off drawers, corsets, bustles, and more

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Kim Parr isn't shy about showing us her drawers.

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

"Keep pulling, keep pulling, keep pulling ... and don't think that you're hurting me. If my face is turning red that means it's working."

Historian Kim Parr, outfitted in three layers of 19th century underwear, coached Barbara DeGrazia through the process of tightening corset strings.

"It's not as easy as you think," Parr told her audience of mostly American Association of University Women, (AAUW) Tuesday at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia.

DeGrazia, an AAUW member, grabbed the laces with both hands and pulled again and again, cinching the 1880s-style corset tight.

"Oh my gosh, this is hard on the hands," DeGrazia said.

"You did good," Parr reassured her, as the audience applauded and someone asked if she could bend in the constricting garment.

"Be lucky you're living today," Parr answered.

The corset demonstration was the crowning moment in her presentation, "Mentioning the Unmentionables," a look at the history of women's underwear from medieval times through World War I. Her program, complete with photos, humorous stories, authentic and replica garments, and hands-on demonstrations, packed the meeting room for AAUW Livonia chapter's final gathering of the season.

"I used to wear period clothing every day to work ... when you wear a corset people seem to know and they ask questions. So I knew there was interest in it," said Parr, former living history coordinator at Greenfield Village and director of the Macomb County Historical Society and Crocker House Museum for the past 10 years.

"I found the museum had a great clothing collection and some interesting undergarments. So, I made a display on it. A few board members, old timers were mad about it. They thought it was really improper. But then it caught interest."

She developed a program for a Questers group and word spread.

"I had no idea I'd be speaking about it 10 years later," said Parr, a Detroit resident. "It's all word of mouth. I don't market it."

Layering

Parr systematically layered underwear over her 1860s-style chemise — the nightgown-like foun-

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Members of the American Association of University Women, Livonia Chapter enjoy historian Kim Parr's presentation on the history of women's underwear from medieval times through the early 20th Century.

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dation of historical clothing — while describing each piece.

"The thing about the chemise was it didn't change a lot for years and years. This was your basic garment. It protected your skin from the corset and your corset from your skin."

Red stockings, held in place with ribbons tied above the knees, were popular in the 1700s. Parr wore striped stockings, which women often wore in the 1860s.

"One color stocking you didn't see until 1900 was black because the color black was hard to achieve without using an arsenic dye. It wasn't colorfast. Your feet sweat and the black would rub off on your feet."

The earliest mention of drawers, long underpants which women wore over the chemise, was in the early 1600s in a traveller's notes about his trip through Italy. Parr said English women were known to wear drawers about 200 years later.

"Ladies, why are they split?" Parr asked the crowd, showing a pair with an open crotch. "To use the potty. Remember, your corset goes over your drawers. You cannot pull your drawers down. If you have modern underwear on with a corset — good luck."

Changing fashions

After donning drawers and a corset, Parr showed off a variety of "dress improvers," including hip extenders, which made dresses widen at the hips; a crinoline, the hoop-like structure that gave shape to voluminous dresses in the mid-1800s; and a horse-hair stuffed bustle from the late 1800s that extended fabric over the derriere.

"By the 1880s the bustle becomes enormous. You could have tea on your friend's back end," Parr quipped.

Stylish hose are a must when dressing in 19th century attire. Striped socks were popular at the time.

Pat Smith, an AAUW member, modeled a pair of collapsible hip extenders for the audience.

"What was cool about it," she said later, "was that you could stick your hands into it and it was like you had two purses on each hip. You could collapse them when something was in your way."

Underwear evolved to suit changing fashions. When women began working in factories during World War 1 and became more active, the corset no longer fit in with their lifestyle nor outerwear. French lingerie companies created camisole-like tops that served as brassieres.

"This is where the Twiggy look started," Parr said, referring to the 1960s fashion trend. "No bosom, no hip. Historians believe the psychology of war was that people wanted to look and act like kids and just have fun."

Improvement: Today's garments offer better fit and lighter fabric

By Jill Halpin
Correspondent

Women's lingerie has come a long way over the years — all the way from old-fashioned "Granny Panties" to flossy thongs; from heavy, ungainly corsets to lightweight body wraps designed to hide figure flaws ... well, flawlessly.

Underwear that was once made of scratchy, weighty fabrics has been replaced with new lighter, breathable fabric that is far less constricting and much more comfortable, said Lynn Barazsu of Harps Lingerie in Birmingham.

"The change is all about choices for women," said Barazsu. "It's their body and how they want to look — it is all about them."

Barazsu said that although some of her clientele is still interested in wearing old-fashioned girdles, newer "slimmers" made of Lycra and other shaping fabrics provide effective shapewear for other newer generations. Although women of all ages still want to hide as many pumps and bumps as possible, she said that she shies away from using the word girdle, because it evokes unpleasant memories for some.

"There are so many more options today, so many varieties for women to choose from," she said.

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Today's shapewear offers control with light, flexible fabrics. This Andora body suit is worlds away from a corset.

Comfortable, fashionable

The dynamic change in women's undergarments has not only helped free a generation of women from uncomfortable clothing, it also has provided many options for looking and feeling even better in what you wear, said Rachelle Fanelli of Sunny J's Lingerie and Leisure in Plymouth.

"You can be comfortable but still look great," said Fanelli, who has been fitting women in lingerie for the past 26 years.

Fanelli said a major positive change that she has seen over the years is an emphasis on proper bra sizing. Wearing the correct bra size can have a major impact on your shape and unlike in past years, more options are now available to fit all body types.

"For years you had to go to a department store and squeeze into whatever size they had available, whether it fit you properly or not." There are now a variety of options available to help find both the right cup size and the right band size, she said.

"Wearing lingerie that fits properly really does affect the way you look and feel," Fanelli said.

Today's lighter, more flexible fabrics make a huge difference as well.

"We women are our own worst enemies. We are so critical of our bodies. If we can find a garment to make them feel better, they are happy and then we are happy."

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Fibromyalgia is a condition characterized by bone, joint and muscle aches, inability to concentrate, transient numbness in the limbs, chest pain and fatigue. Systemic Lupus Erythematosis, or as it is usually called, Lupus, shares many of the same symptoms.

When a physician sees a patient with a combination of pain and fatigue, the question arises of either fibromyalgia or Lupus is present; the physician often orders a laboratory test called the ANA (anti-nuclear antibody test). A negative ANA rules out the possibility that the patient's condition comes from Lupus.

Where the problem arises is over a positive ANA. A positive test does not mean that the patient has Lupus. A positive test [illegible] Because of past viral infection, or of the body's reaction to a drug such as an antibiotic. The test may be positive for unclear reasons but none are related to Lupus.

Unfortunately, patients may get the impression that a positive test means they have Lupus. At the next encounter with a new [illegible] patients will tell him that one of the conditions they suffer from is Lupus, and that the previous doctor diagnosed it from "the blood test."

In reality, Lupus differs from fibromyalgia by the intensity of the fatigue in Lupus, the fevers to 101-102 degrees that often accompany Lupus, and the involvement in Lupus of the lungs, heart, kidneys, blood cells/platelets, and skin. None of these features are part of Fibromyalgia.

While an experienced physician can quickly see that the patient is wrong to believe the problem is Lupus, a physician often encounters difficulty convincing the patient the truth of that conclusion.

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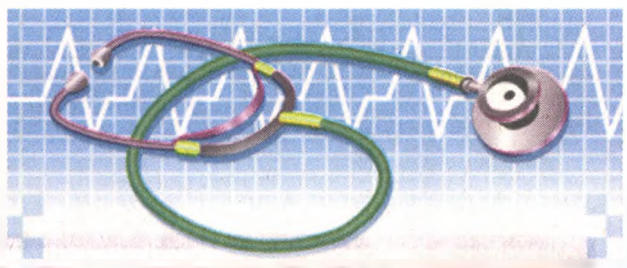

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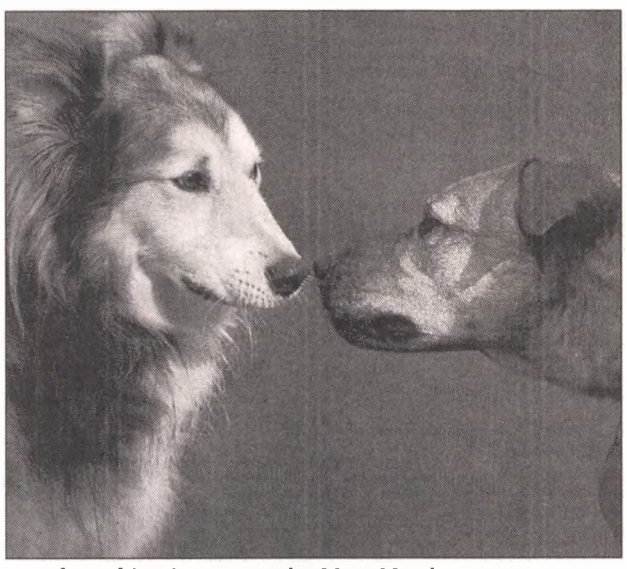
Participants can stroll up to five miles on the estates's grounds while raising money for MHS, which maintains shelters in Westland, Detroit and Rochester Hills. Several course lengths are available and water stops will be provided for people and their pets. Individuals who plan to walk with their pet should bring current vaccination records to the event. Dogs must be kept on leashes at all times.

Individual walkers and teams can register, set up personalized web pages, and collect donations online at www.michiganhumane.org/muttmarch. Pre-registration is not required. All walkers who raise $156 or more will receive an official Mutt March T-shirt. The first 800 four-legged walkers will receive a Mutt March bandana.

Walkers who raise $468 will get the opportunity to name an MHS shelter animal before it goes up for adoption. Walkers who raise $1,500 will become part of the MHS Best Friends Club, and receive a brick paver, which will be engraved with their name, and placed at the MHS Berman Center for Animal Care in Westland.



Two furry friends meet at the Mutt March.

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The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House is located at 1100 Lake Shore Road between Eight Mile (Vernier) and Nine Mile.

For more information, call (866) MHUMANE (648-6263) or visit www.michiganhumane.org.

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BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Sunday, May 20

Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: French toast, pancakes, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, juice, milk; adults, $3 and children, ages 2-10, $1.50

Contact: (734) 425-4421

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Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 26

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Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, May 20

Location: St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills

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Time/Date: 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 20

Location: St. Kenneth Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth

Details: Widowed Friends, a peer group, will celebrate Mass together and then dine at 4:30 p.m. at Papa Vino's Restaurant, 17107 Haggerty

Coming up: Social hour with cash bar at 5 p.m. and a dinner buffet served promptly at 6 .p.m. Wednesday, May 23, at G. Subu's, 20300 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Cost is $15 and includes meal, beverage, dessert, tax and tip. Pay at the door (cash only) with the exact amount. Stay for cards, games, and conversation until 9 p.m. No walk-ins. RSVP by May 17. Call again if you must cancel. RSVP to Carol at (313) 562-3080, Joan at (734) 331-6866 or Mary Anne at (313) 565-5749

Contact: Rose at (313) 562-3074 for Mass and dinner

June

GARAGE SALE

Time/Date: 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 9

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Church, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton

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Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., June 1-2

Location: Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge Road, Canton

Details: Annual Trash and Treasure Sale will include toys, kitchen and holiday items, hobby-related goods and some furniture. No clothing. Bag sale is after noon Saturday

Contact: (734) 495-0035

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 5 p.m. social hour, 6 p.m. dinner, Wednesday, June 13

Location: Corsi's Italian Restaurant, 27910 W. Seven Mile, three blocks west of Inkster Road, in Livonia

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Peony Festival

The Peony Garden in the U-M Nichols Arboretum at Matthai Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor shows 27 beds of peonies arranged by season and color and boasts the largest collection of antique and heirloom peonies in North America. Because of winter's warm finale last month, the peony garden is expected to bloom a few weeks earlier this year.

The Peony Festival runs through June 5 at 1610 Washington Heights, Ann Arbor and will include self-guided tours, peony-inspired art and a cut-flower display. For more information, check the The Peony Garden at Nichols Arboretum Facebook page or call (734) 647-7600.

Northville walk

Tickets are available for The Gardeners of Northville & Novi Garden Walk, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 16. They are $10 each and may be purchased at Gardenviews, 117 East Main, Northville; Northville Art House, 215 Cady; Dry Cleaning Shoppe, 543 Seven Mile, Northville; Custard Time Plaza, located on Seven Mile, west of Main, in Northville; Wild Birds Unlimited, 47760 Grand River Ave., Novi; and Backyard Birds, 627 South Main, downtown Plymouth. The self-guided walk will include four gardens in Northville and four in Novi. Vendors at the Northville Art House will sell garden and yard art, plants, pottery and glass. Refreshments will be available. No strollers or wagons.

REUNIONS

CENTERLINE

CLASS OF 1977

35-year reunion, 7:30 p.m. Aug. 18 at Ernie's in Clinton Township. $25 per person. E-mail to clhs1977@hotmail.com.

DEARBORN HEIGHTS ANNAPOLIS

CLASS OF 1982

For information about the 30-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 20, at Fr. Patrick O'Kelley Knights of Columbus in Dearborn, visit the "AHS Class of 82" page on Facebook, or contact Diane Goodreau at dianeschofield@sbcglobal.net or (313) 363-0523; Jim Linaras at godofouzo@yahoo.com; or John Zadikian at zman6754@aol.com.

DEARBORN HEIGHTS ROBICHAUD

CLASS OF 1962

A 50th class reunion is set for Sept. 29 at the 1-Under Bar & Grill Banquet Facility in Livonia. The committee is looking for classmates and contact information. All classes are welcome to attend. Check out "Robichaud 50th Reunion Class of 62" on Facebook and on classmates.com. Send names, contact info and questions to robichaud62@yahoo.com. Invitations will be sent soon.

DETROIT CODY

CLASS OF 1962

Looking for Classmates from January and June graduations for 50th reunion, 6 p.m. Sept. 29, at the Holiday Inn, 17123 Laurel Park Dr. North, Livonia. Call Neal and Barb Gehring at (248) 568-2254; NGBG@comcast.net.

1950S, 1960S

Annual Cody 50s-60s picnic, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 19, Nankin Mills Pavilion in Hines Park, located at Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive. Music, camaraderie, memorabilia, door prizes, hot dogs, chips, bottled water, baseball hats, T-shirts, sweat shirts, tassels, beads, nusic CD's are all available. Special parking for classic cars. Bring chairs and pop-ups. No need to register. Questions? Call Phil Varilone at (313) 562-3579 or e-mail to Pvarilone@wowway.com; Jerry Marszalek at (313) 532-0134 or e-mail to Jmarsares@sbcglobal.net.

DETROIT MACKENZIE

CLASS OF 1952

60th — and possibly last— class reunion, 6 p.m.-midnight, Friday June 29, at the Livonia Marriott Hotel, 17100 Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. Dinner, music, and cash bar included. Reservations required. Price is $55 per person or $100 per couple. Call Marilyn (LaBonte) Foley for information at (248) 661-2068 or e-mail: marifol@aol.com. Deadline for reservations is June 1. Hotel rooms must be reserved by June 8. The hotel phone number is (734) 462-3100.

CLASS OF 1962

50th reunion, Friday, June 1. For more information e-mail mackenzie1962@gmail.com or phone Mavis (Higgins) Farrand at (734) 675-5675 or Sandy (Turnbull) Dillaha at (734) 281-8595.

DETROIT MUMFORD

CLASS OF 1962

50-year reunion, 6:45 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, at the Somerset Inn, Troy. Make reservations at www.mumford62.com.

DETROIT WESTERN

CLASS OF 1962

Looking for classmates from January and June classes for 50th class reunion Saturday, Sept. 22 at Western Golf and Country Club, Redford. Cost is $62 per person. Other weekend activities include tour of school, evening icebreaker and Sunday brunch. For information call Judy Alegnani Murray, (313) 399-0507, Judy Hull Rakowski, (734) 459-3832, Helen Knight Tucker, (734) 285-4927 or Ralph Brighton, (734) 513-7499.

FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1962

The 50th class reunion will be held Saturday, Sept. 22 at Farmington Hills Holiday Inn, 37529 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills; (248) 477-7800. The $60 per person cost includes a welcome reception from 2-5 p.m. and an evening dinner dance with cash bar. Cocktails will be at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Reservations deadline is Sept. 1. For more information call Michele Cook Hoffmeyer at (602) 290-6006 or e-mail to russmichele@yahoo.com. Check Classmates and Facebook FHS Class of 62 Reunion pages for more information.

CLASS OF 1967

Organizers of the 45th reunion on July 21 are looking for classmates. Send your e-mail address to Susan (Himmelspach) Whittaker at S_whittaker@comcast.net or Fred Gregg at fredge1@comcast.net to receive a reunion packet.

GARDEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL EAST

CLASSES OF 1968-1973

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LINCOLN PARK HIGH

CLASS OF 1962

50-year reunion for January and June graduates is set for 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Marriott Hotel, located at Six Mile and I-275 in Livonia. For more information or to RSVP e-mail Marilyn Roy Snyder at Marilyn@MarilynJSnyder.com, or call (586) 215-9445.

NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1971-75

The classes are joining together to celebrate with a reunion on Aug. 4. Reunion organizers are searching for classmates from those years. Send your name, address, phone and e-mail to nhs40yearreunion@gmail.com. The organizers will send more details after receiving your information.

PONTIAC CENTRAL

CLASS OF 1962

Informal social gathering, 6 p.m., Friday, Sept. 21 and reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, both at the Radisson Hotel, 30475 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. For more information call Bob or Marilyn (Coffing) Pomeroy at (248) 625-5301.

REDFORD THURSTON HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1962

Looking for classmates for reunion on Sept. 8. Contact: nikkiwestberg@yahoo.com or Sue (Hughes) Morman at (734) 414-9941 for more information.

STERLING HEIGHTS HENRY FORD II

CLASS OF 1982

30-year reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4 at the American Polish Century Club, 33204 Maple Lane Dr., Sterling Heights. The cost is $45 per person. For tickets, contact Dana Anthony Sullivan at (586) 246-4679 or henryford30th@yahoo.com.

Reserve now for vendor sites at Canton festival

Calling all crafters, nonprofit community groups and businesses.

Organizers of the 21st annual Canton's Liberty Fest are accepting vendor applications for the festival's market area.

The event runs June 14-16 in Heritage Park and will include live concerts, games, a movie under the stars, fireworks, pedal boats, carnival rides, a car show, food, beverages and more. Crafters, businesses and nonprofit groups will staff vendor tables June 15-16. They may submit a completed proposal including registration fee in a sealed envelope marked "Liberty Fest 2012 Vendor Proposal" to Michele Rissman by June 4. Applications are available online at www.cantonlibertyfest.com. Mail completed applications to Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, MI 48188. Checks should be made payable to Canton Township.

Fees are $275 for businesses and art and craft vendors, $125 for nonprofit community groups, $225 for returning vendors and $100 for returning community groups.

Liberty Fest organizers say the three-day festival draws more than 40,000 visitors.

Learn about local river on cruise

The Friends of the Rouge is accepting registration for its annual dinner cruise and tour of the Rouge River aboard the Diamond Belle, Aug. 7.

Cost is $45 for Friends of the Rouge members and $50 for non-members. It includes one meal, with a vegetarian option. Parking at the dock is $4. Checks can be made payable to the Friends of the Rouge. Online payment is also available at www.therouge.org.

John Hartig, Refuge Manager at the Detroit International Wildlife Refuge will narrate the tour. Boarding will begin promptly at 5:45 p.m. and the tour will conclude by 9 p.m.

The route will take the boat past Zug Island and as far into the Rouge River as the turning basin at the Ford Rouge Plant.

A cash bar with snacks will be open throughout the evening.

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Milestones

55th wedding anniversary

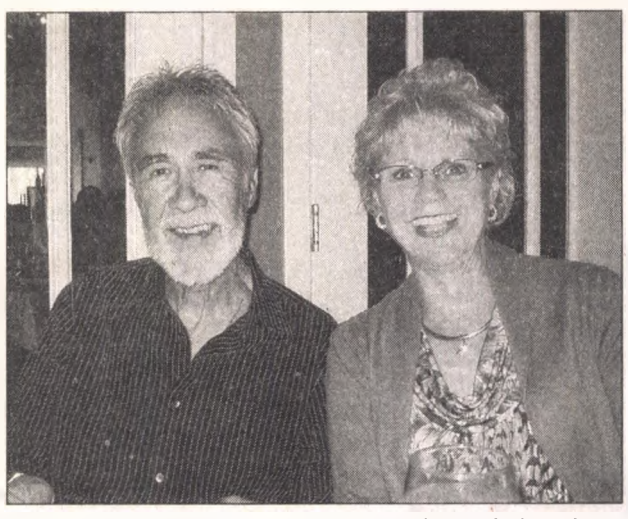
Leonard and Donna (Werner) Keller celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary April 27. The couple was married in 1957 at Hope Lutheran Church in Detroit.

Leonard is retired from Recreational Leisure Corp. of Farmington and Donna retired from the insurance industry after 55 years of working in agencies representing Citizens Insurance Co. of Howell.

Donna is a member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and has done much charity work over the years. During their younger years the couple enjoyed bowling. Leonard used to work in a bowling alley as a pin setter to pay for practice time. Later, he bowled on two leagues. As members of Pet A Pet, the couple took their dog, Sugar, to nursing homes. Their major hobby over the past several years was travelling. The couple has four children: The late Kenneth Keller, the late Brian Keller, Steven (Karen) of Westland and Dawn Ziegler (Tom) of Canton. They also have six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

They celebrated a quiet anniversary this year.

Mario and Joyce Galindo of Livonia on their wedding day in 1972



Mario and Joyce Galindo of Livonia celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary.

40th anniversary

Mario and Joyce (Rader) Galindo of Livonia marked their 40th wedding anniversary on April 7. The couple married in 1972 at St. Rita Church in Detroit.

They have two children and five grandchildren: Brian (Nikkie) Galindo of Livonia are the parents of Mya, Isabel and Everett and Andrea (Dale) VanWashenova of Canton are the parents of Avery and Drew.

The couple's children took them to Compari's on the Park in Plymouth for a celebration dinner on April 7.

70th anniversary

Mildred and William Brown

William and Mildred Brown of Northville celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary May 16. The couple exchanged vows in 1942 in Detroit.

Bill is retired "almost" from Bill Brown Auto Clinic in Canton. He is active in several clubs and organizations, such as Canton Rotary. He's a lifetime member of the Midwest Radio Control Club, a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association and the International Comanche Society, and is an adviser to the Lawrence Technological University Model Aviation Program.

Mildred retired from Macy's and enjoys reading, baking, watching her favorite TV shows and shopping.

Both Bill and Mildred are involved with family activities and hobbies.

The Browns have four children: Judy and Fred Krupic of West Bloomfield; Carol and Jim Brown of Howell; Peggy and Doug White of White Lake; and William Jr. and Donna Brown of Northville.

They also have nine grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

The couple celebrated their milestone anniversary with a private party.

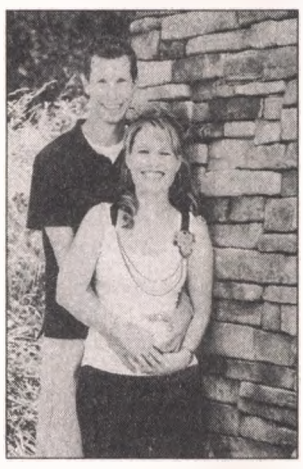
Cavender-Seaton

Mr. and Mrs. William Curtindale of Dexter and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Cavender of Traverse City, announce the engagement of their son, Chad Michael Cavender, to Lindsey Sarah Seaton, daughter of Mr.and Mrs. Greg Seaton of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in history. She recently completed her master's degree in education at the University of Maryland.

The groom-to-be is a graduate of Western Michigan University with a degree in English. He currently is pursing a master's degree in educational leadership at George Washington University. Both are educators in Charles County, Md., where they met.

A July 2012 wedding is planned in Plymouth. The couple will reside in Virginia.



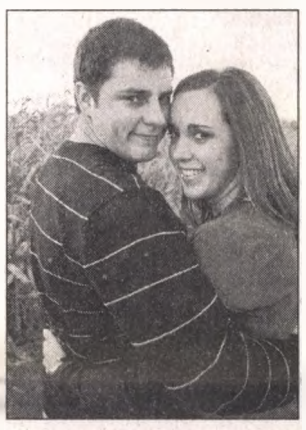
Lance-Casper

Aimee Faye Lance and Bradley James Casper announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Michael and Cheryl Lance of Westland, graduated in 2005 from Livonia Franklin High School, and in 2010 from Michigan State University. She teaches math and physics at the International Academy in Bloomfield Hills.

Her fiancé, son of Cindy Maki and Bob Casper of Canton, graduated in 2005 from Suttons Bay High School, and in 2007 from Macomb Community College. He is employed at Akebono Brake Corporation, Farmington Hills.

A July 2012 wedding is planned at Crystal Mountain Resort, in Thompsonville.



Goodhard-Jackett

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jackett of Livonia announce the engagement of their son, Jason, to Beth Goodhart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Goodhart of Canton.

Jason is a graduate of Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio and teaches at Catholic Central High School in Novi.

Beth is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University and teaches at O.W. Best Middle School in Dearborn Heights.

An August 2012 wedding is planned at St. Thomas a' Becket in Canton.

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DODDS, WILLIAM LAWRENCE

Passed on May 1, 2012 of Birmingham, MI at the age of 78. Bill was an honest, loving, hard-working man who will be deeply missed by his family and friends. survived by Gianna Dodds, sons Derek, Brett and Wally, his brother Jim, and his five grandchildren. Birmingham High School (Seaholm) Class of 52', Served in the US Army 58'-59', Graduate University of Colorado Class of 60' BS in Finance. Owner Dodds Marine Co, Oakland CA. Owner Fleet Leasing of America, Dearborn MI. Memorial Services will be held late June, contact Wally Dodds – Tel: 480.216.1056 wdodds@doradosolutions.com for further information.

FERGUSON, ANGUS KERR

Age 80, May 17, 2012. Beloved husband of the late Grace Ferguson. Loving father of Kerry (Deb), Sue (Dave) Dalfino and Margaret (Ken) Netti. Dear grandfather of Paul, Andy, Steve and Brandi Ferguson, Dave, Matt, Jon and Jen Dalfino, Phil and Laura Netti. Brother of Agnes (Tom) Morrison and Betty McMaster. Also survived by eight great-grandchildren. Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Sunday 4 – 8 p.m. and Monday from 9 a.m. until Funeral Service at 10 a.m. Memorial contributions may be directed to the VFW National Home for Children, 3573 S. Waverly Rd., Eaton Rapids, MI 48827. Please share a memory at www.rggrharris.com.

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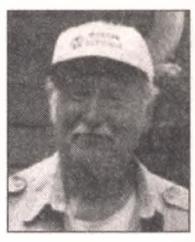

HALL, RONALD CHARLES

Formally of Plymouth, Michigan, passed away April 24, 2012 at his residence in Erin, Tennessee. He was born February 21, 1927 in Ontario, Canada. He was preceded in death by his wife Faith Ann Godfrey Hall of Pontiac, Michigan. He was laid to rest at Cedar Valley Cemetery in Erin, Tennessee. Ronald Hall was loved, respected and honored throughout his life and will be truly missed. He is survived by his sister Marion Powers of Arizona, his children Rebecca Williams (Danny) of Tennessee, Bradley Hall of Michigan, Dawn Scott (David) of Michigan, and Laura Napier (Larry) of Ohio, 11 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

KING, MARY E.

Age 61, of Royal Oak, died 5/06/12. Service Thurs., 5/17/12, service 2:30pm at Casterline Funeral Home of South Lyon.

MACH, ARVEDA P.

Age 91, of South Lyon, previously of Northville, passed 5/12/12. Services were held 5/16/2012. www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

SWITZER, BEVERLY EASTMAN

May 11, 2012, age 84. Passed away at Lady Lake, Florida. Beloved wife of the late Wilford Eastman and the late Ernest Switzer. Step mother of Sharon (Ronald) Andrusiak and Susan Switzer. Grandmother of Ronald (Whisper) Adrusiak and Richard (Alisa) Andrusiak. Great-grandmother of Ava and Lila Andrusiak. Visitation Monday 11am until time of funeral service at 1pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. In lieu of flowers contributions are suggested to Cornerstone Hospice, 601 Casa Bella, The Villages, FL. 32162.

May you find comfort in Family and Friends

McKEE, JOHN JR.

97, of Somerset House at Oak Harbor, Vero Beach, FL. died May 9, 2012. Mr. McKee was born December 25,1914 in Detroit, MI. He lived in Birmingham and Orchard Lake much of his life before becoming a full time resident of Vero Beach, FL. 11 years ago. John graduated from University of Michigan in 1937 where he met his wife Eleanore Swan McKee. They spent 61 happy years together before her passing in 2001. While at UofM, he participated in track and was a member of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity. John's career was in the Advertising business. He managed the Detroit office of BBDO at the time of his retirement. He was a member of Orchard Lake Country Club and the Detroit Athletic Club. In Vero Beach, FL he belonged to Riomar Country Club and the Oak Harbor Club. John belonged to Christ Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills and attended Trinity Episcopal Church in Vero Beach, FL. Golf was one of John's great passions. With two holes in one to his credit, his favorite saying was: "Better to be lucky than good" . . . how true. He also enjoyed reading, travel, and spending time with family and friends. John was remarried at age 89 to Lucy Wagner of Vero Beach, FL. They spent two wonderful years together prior to her passing in 2006. Survivors include his sons: David (Cynthia) McKee of Ashland, OR, John (Sonia) McKee of Vero Beach, FL, Mark (Elizabeth) McKee of Windermere, FL; daughter Mary (Leon) Wenger of Milford, MI; sister Jane McKee of Birmingham, MI; nine grandchildren: Matthew, Michael, Lauren, Timothy, Rebecca, Wesley, William, Jeffrey, and Sara; seven great-grandchildren: Jacob, Benjamin, Sara, Diana, Madison, Kameron, and Hudson; three step-children, and several nieces and nephews. A Memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 26th, 2012 at 11:00am at Woodlawn Cemetery Rosa Parks Freedom Chapel, 19975 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI. Officiating will be Pastor Douglas McMunn. Memorial contributions may be made to the Milford United Methodist Church, 1200 Atlantic St., Milford, MI 48381. Arrangements are under the care of Cox Gifford Seawinds Funeral Home & Crematory. Online condolences may be sent at www.coxgiffordseawinds.com

Botsford Commons receives national top quality award

The American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living recognized Botsford Commons' Rehabilitation and Continuing Care Center and its team of caregivers for their commitment to continuous quality improvement.

"This award affirms our dedication to giving our residents expert, compassionate and personal care, each and every day. It's how we build relationships and help our residents embrace a fullness of life," says Margaret Lightner, Botsford Commons President and CEO.

The Bronze Commitment to Quality Award is one of three possible distinctions given by AHCA/NCAL. Having achieved Bronze status, the Center will move forward developing approaches and achieving performance levels to meet the criteria for the Silver Achievement in Quality and ultimately the Gold Award.

"The commitment Bronze facilities have made to quality care does not stop with this benchmark award," says Chick Stepahin, Chair of AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award Board of Overseers. "The journey to quality care requires dedication, and Botsford Commons has risen to the challenge."

The award will be given during the AHCA/NCAL's 63rd Annual Convention and Exposition, Oct. 7-10, in Tampa, Fla.

Botsford Commons Senior Community is a non-profit corporation providing housing and service options for seniors. Located on a 30-acre campus in Farmington Hills, Michigan, the award-winning Community offers a full continuum of care for the area's senior population including short stay rehabilitation services, long-term care and skilled nursing, privately owned condominiums, and rental options for senior apartments and assisted living suites.

Botsford Senior Living Center received the Bronze – Commitment to Quality Award in 2011. Botsford Rehabilitation and Continuing Care Center earned the Bronze – Commitment to Quality Award in 2012 from the American Health Care Association/ National Center for Assisted Living. Botsford Senior Living Center was recently awarded a Level III Quality Seal from the Michigan Center for Assisted Living (MCAL) For more information visit www.botsfordcommons.org.

The AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award has been designed as a progressive three-step process to encourage the continuous learning and development of integrated quality systems to achieve performance excellence.

Each progressive step requires a more detailed and comprehensive demonstration of quality integration and performance The American Health Care Association is a non-profit federation of affiliated state health organizations, together representing more than 11,000 non-profit and for-profit nursing facility, assisted living, developmentally-disabled, and subacute care providers that care for approximately one million elderly and disabled individuals each day. For more information, visit www.ahcancal.org.

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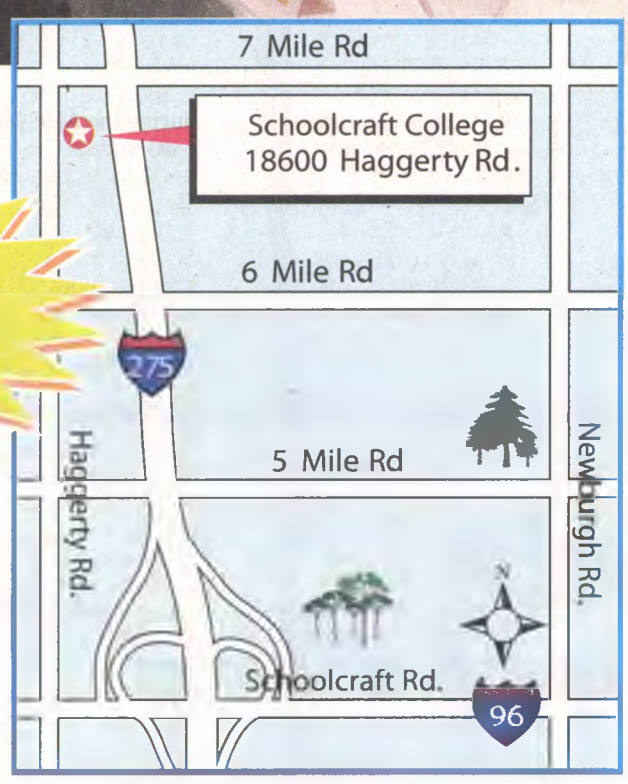

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Explaining a job loss: seven tips

Kate Lorenz, CareerBuilder.com Editor

Downsized, restructured, displaced, canned, terminated - any way you put it, you're still out of a job and it's still not the easiest subject to talk about in an interview.

Recognize that there is life after a job loss and take some time to reflect and recharge your attitude. Think about what you learned from the experience, what you could have done differently, and what you will do going forward. Here are seven things to prepare you when the subject comes up in an interview:

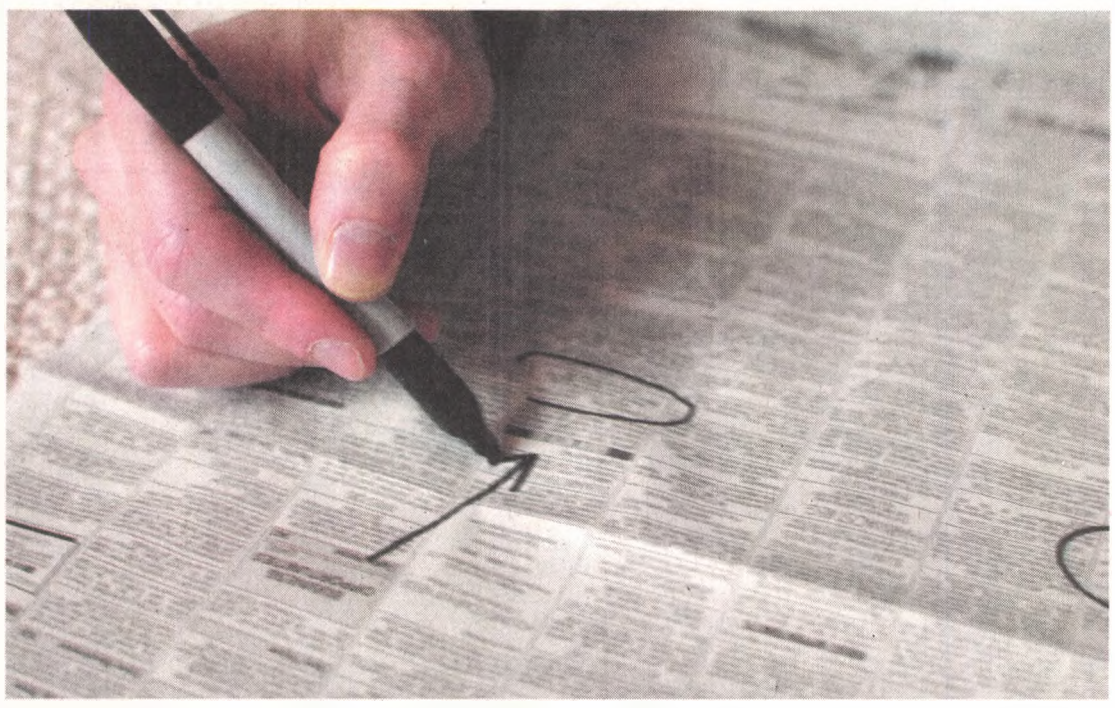
Don't lie.
Be prepared to be up front and honest about your dismissal. Don't lie. If you fail to disclose that you were dismissed for cause, it is likely to come out when the employer checks references and your perceived dishonesty for not sharing this information may cost you the job. When interviewing, be brief in discussing the situation, show what you've learned or what you are doing to change and then move on to what you accomplished and how you can contribute to the new company.

Right job, wrong boss.
If your dismissal resulted from a change in management and you didn't get along with a new boss due to bad chemistry or a difference of opinion, acknowledge that you recognize some people just don't click, then share references of other supervisors you previously worked for and other colleagues.

You might say, "My new supervisor and I, unfortunately, had very different personalities and management styles. I made a strong attempt to create an amicable relationship. I had very good relationships with previous supervisors and was well-thought of by my colleagues." Whatever you do, don't bad mouth the boss. You'll be the one who looks bad. Have a list of other supervisors and coworkers readily available to share with the interviewer. Most people have had a difficult boss at some point in their career and will likely understand.

Change in strategy.
Briefly acknowledge that there was a change in company strategy that you didn't fully agree with, then move on to what you learned from the situation. Saying something like, "After the merger, my new boss had a different strategy in mind for our product group. I didn't fully agree with it. Looking back, I realized that I should have tried to find out more about the rationale for the change and find ways to support it." Don't trash the company. Don't blame the company for not following your direction. Every company will change. Show that you are willing to adapt to change.

Lack of skills.
If your job moved forward but you didn't, it's probably time to acquire the necessary skills to succeed. If you haven't yet embraced technology, use your time off to take a few beginner computer classes and learn common office software. In addition to local colleges, many industry associations offer courses and workshops to keep your skills up to date. Take a refresher accounting course, attend a workshop to recharge your creativity, improve you management skills or learn to write for the web. Share your new-found skills with prospective employers and show how these skills will add value at the new employer.



Poor reviews.
If you received a series of poor performance reviews, you need to truly assess why. First, if you can muster the courage, consider calling your old boss and asking for advice. You may find the conversation easier than you think, now that the ties of employment have been broken. Call or meet with a former colleague or two and ask them for their honest opinion of how you could improve. Don't be defensive. Listen openly.

If you made repeated mistakes, if you weren't thorough enough in your reports, or missed your sales quotas, consider what you could do to improve. You may find that the job you had wasn't really right for you. If you were a great sales administrator who was promoted to an outside sales position but lost your job because you couldn't make the quotas, perhaps you need to seek an administrative position. If you were a great sales person who was promoted to manage the sales force then let go due to your poor management skills, maybe you'd be happier and more successful if you were back in front of customers instead of behind a desk.

Misdeeds or dishonesty.
If the reason for your dismissal was for something more egregious, like misusing company funds, sexual harassment, substance use or falsifying company information, you may need to accept that companies could be reluctant to hire you. Whatever the reason always be honest, say only what you need to say, share what you learned and how you've changed and focus on the more positive aspects of your performance and accomplishments.

Solid and legitimate references.
Ideally, your former employer will agree to just give the facts, by verifying your dates of employment and your titles. Secure references from other supervisors and colleagues who will give you a positive review and vouch for your integrity and ability. It's best to have two to three business references as well as a couple of personal references.

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35 Ginger —
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43 Aerie builders
46 Hosiery items (2 wds.)
50 Guitar, slangily
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52 Pass through a filter
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55 Fling
56 Term of endearment

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8 Non-earthling
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27 Bruins
28 "Westworld" name
29 Purpose
30 HMO staffers
33 CBers' wheels
37 Slump
39 Affirms positively
40 Coarse files
42 Majority
43 Barely scrapes by
44 World's fair
45 John, in Ireland
46 Fast-food acronym
47 Teachers' org.
48 Take sustenance
49 Business VIP

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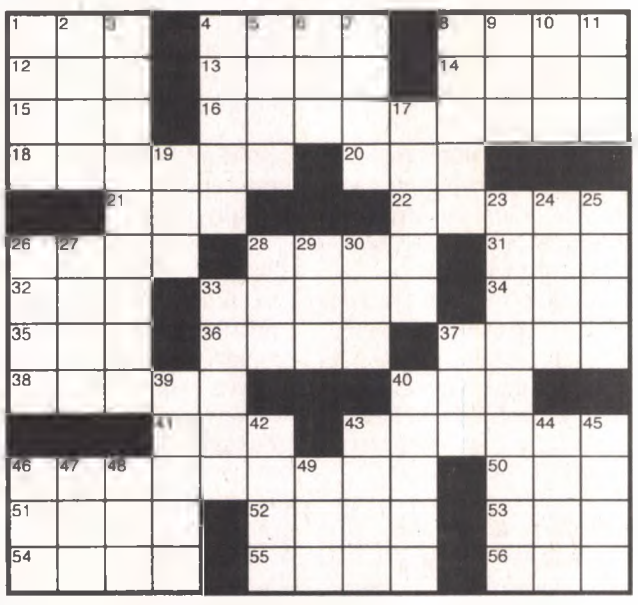

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8	5	2	7	1	6	4	3	9
1	6	3	9	8	4	7	2	5
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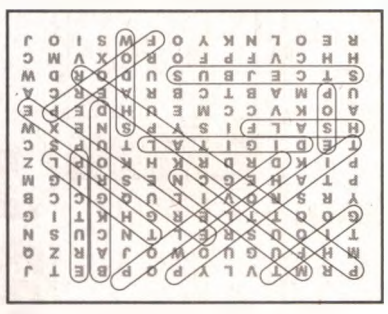

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By Dale Buss

Dale Buss

Toyota has sent a message to its rivals: The sales-volume champion of last decade is back and gunning to regain the crown that it lost to General Motors last year.

The recent earnings report by Toyota was the most robust indication yet that the biggest Japanese automaker is putting three years of major problems behind it and has begun consolidating gains again rather than trying to cut losses.

The elements of Toyota's brisk recovery and rosier outlook include:

A stream of new products: Set aside Toyota's other problems: The company had languished for too long without significant or imaginative new products, a period that overlapped with the handicaps it experienced last year, and a nagging reality that exacerbated the challenge of climbing out of its hole.

Now that Toyota has its supply situation straightened around again, it almost seems serendipitous that the company also has some hot new products. Of Toyota's 18,000-plus extra sales in May in the U.S. market over May 2011, for example, about 17,000 of those units were sales of new or recently overhauled models.

Camry, for example — America's best-selling car for 13 out of the last 14 years, is hot again. The new model launched by Toyota last summer was rather wanly received as derivative by automotive critics, but consumers —both those who have purchased some of the 15 million Camrys sold over the last 30 years, and new buyers — love it.

Featuring a new design, technology enhancements, better fuel efficiency and ride, the new Camry sold 36,280 units last month in the United States, about 21 percent ahead of sales of about 30,000 units of the old version last May.

The 2012 Toyota Camry has risen to the task of maintaining loyalty to the nameplate.

Meanwhile, Toyota's strategy for Prius has proved savvy — extending the world's only popular hybrid brand into a "familyî of vehicles, first to include the larger Prius v and the smaller and more affordable Prius c. Both new models have sold strongly, contributing to a doubling of Prius sales in May over the supply-constrained May 2011, when only the original model was available.

Sales of the Prius family, at more than 25,000 vehicles last month, now exceed those of every other Toyota nameplate, including the previous No. 2, the Corolla compact.

The strong U.S. market: With China's growth cooling from its torrid pace of auto sales, Europe a mess, and Japan recovering only moderately, Toyota is putting a lot of chips on the resurgence of the U.S. market. And they're beginning to pay off. Toyota's first-quarter sales were 12 percent ahead of a year ago in the U.S. and its share, 14 percent, was about even with the first quarter of 2011, before its supply lines were devastated.

Aggressive promotions: Toyota traditionally was the king of incentive restraint, able to disdain the game of buying sales with expensive, brand-debasing financial lures that became part of the undoing of the Detroit Three in the United States.

But that was then, before the world changed. This is now, and Toyota has shown a willingness to give its American dealers, at least, new incentive levers to work with as they regain their footing. That included big zero-percent-loan programs in March and April, and this month Toyota is offering zero-percent loans on its seven most popular models and good lease deals across its product lineup.

More nimble, imaginative management: Akio Toyota, grandson of Toyota's founder, seems to have lit a fire under management in a cultural shift whose fruits are just now beginning to become evident as he leads the company from a nearly continual mode of crisis into stability and a renewed growth mode.

Exhibit A might well be the uncharacteristic design of the new 2013 Toyota Avalon, which debuted at the New York International Auto Show in March. The styling of this full-size sedan traditionally has been the most sedate of any nameplate in a sedate overall product line-up.

But the new Avalon — featuring a large lower grille and horizontal LED tail lamps, and a more aggressive stance overall — "foreshadow[s] the more compelling and passionate nature of future Toyota products," the company crowed in a press release.

Lack of fresh disasters: There's no telling how much it helps Toyota not to be courting — or anticipating —any significant new major setback. Its product-recall fiasco of 2010 was still in play when the earthquake and tsunami hit last March. Then flooding in Thailand also beset the supply lines of Toyota and other manufacturers.

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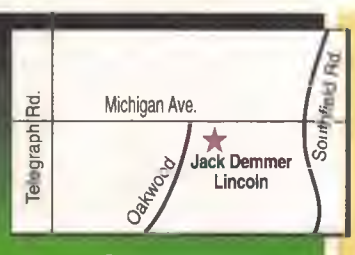

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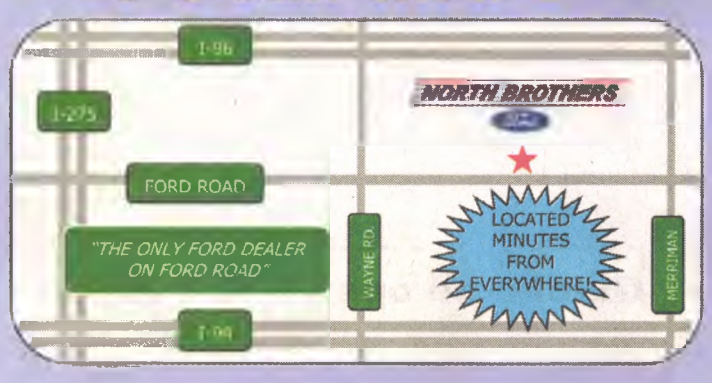

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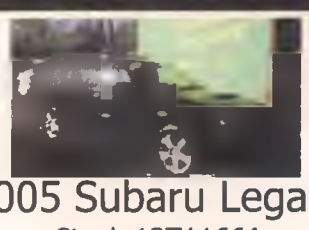
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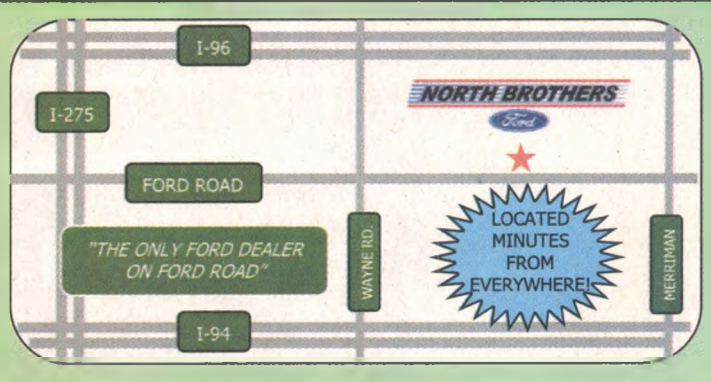

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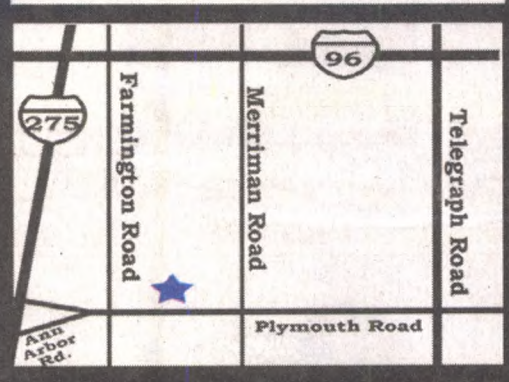

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