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Three sent to trial on felony fraud charges

Police: Gas purchased with stolen credit cards

> By Matt Jachman Staff Writer

Three men linked by police to stolen credit card numbers that were used to buy hundreds of gallons of gasoline in Plymouth Township one night last month will face felony fraud charges in Wayne County Cir-

cuit Court.
Judge Mike Gerou of 35th
District Court bound over Mohamed I. Saab, 26, MouhamadA. Bazzi, 25, and Ali H. Jaghbir, 31, to circuit court Tuesday on 10 charges each of conspiracy to possess a fraudulent financial transaction device. Bazzi faces an additional charge of witness intimidation over a reported encounter with the gas station station clerk in a courthouse elevator following

the clerk's testimony during the trio's preliminary hearing.

Bazzi and Saab were stopped by police around 3 a.m. May 10 at the Speedway station on Ann Arbor Road at Sheldon, according to court testimony. The gas station clerk had called police after seeing the men at the gas pumps, with a Ford Econoline van and a Ford F-150 pickup, making multiple gasoline purchases for about an hour, police said.

Each vehicle, Officer Michael Fritz testified June 13, had an extra fuel filler door and a makeshift storage tank into which the gas was being pumped. The gasoline purchases, all around \$100 each, had been made with Master-Cards, Fritz testified, but Bazzi could only show police two Visa cards he said had been used.

Police said gas station receipts showed about 900 gallons of gasoline, totaling

around \$3,300, had been pumped.

Jaghbir was stopped by police a short distance away in a black pickup truck after

the credit cards had just left. Police seized all three vehicles and, with warrants, searched them later, finding one Visa card in the pickup Jaghbir was driving and 10

Bazzi told police the man with

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Lisa Paschke (right) watches as Amy Voltaggio paints a design on her foot in the Best Friends for Life booth Saturday during the Plymouth Relay for Life.

the DONATONS

Relay for Life easily tops last year's totals

By Brad Kadrich Staff Writer

After last year's less-thanrobust turnout for the Plymouth Relay for Life at West Middle School, organizers decided this year's event was going to be better.

With a new partner in the American Cancer Society and more stable membership on the local committee, organizers went into Saturday's relay much more confident of a good performance.

Turns out they were justified. When the numbers were counted, total contributions nearly doubled. With 21 teams and 252 registered participants braving temperatures at times in the 90s, this year's Plymouth Relay for Life raised some \$73,000.

'We had a great day," said Larry Johnson, who chaired the relay committee. "It was a little hot, but that's better than being too cold. It was a beauti-

Last year's event was plagued by a lot of turnover on the organizing committee, while the location at West Middle School didn't seem to draw many teams or walkers. The committee this year decided to move the event back to its original home at Central Middle School and the community responded.

Of the 21 registered teams, 15 were new. One team in

particular, Johnson Controls, led the way, raising \$19,621, helped out by its team captain, Ratnam Jeedigunta, who

raised more than \$9,800 alone. The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees raised \$3,441, the highest

among the 15 new teams. "I am incredibly proud of every committee member, team captain and participant who dedicated their time and energy to help double the life-saving dollars our event collected this year and make our event a fun place to be," said Abigail Stonerook, the community representative for ACS. "Together, we are truly an army of volunteers making noise, which is the only way we will finish this fight."



Cindy Ash urges walkers in Saturday's Plymouth Relay for Life to "make a pledge" to do something to fight cancer.

Officials urge water restrictions

By Matt Jachman Staff Writer

Plymouth officials are asking residents and businesses to restrict outdoor water use this summer and schedule highvolume use for off-peak hours, in an effort to limit low-pressure incidents and hold down future rate increases.

High water usage during times of peak demand on the **Detroit Water and Sewerage** Department's system can result in higher rates, as water is more costly to deliver during the peaks. Outdoor water use for tasks like watering the lawn, filling a pool or washing a car - "would significantly contribute to an increase in the maximum day demand, as well as the peak hour demand," said Chris Porman, director of Plymouth's Department of Municipal Services.

The city for several years has asked water customers to adopt an odd/even schedule for outdoor water use: Homes and businesses with addresses ending in odd numbers should use water outside only on oddnumbered dates, while those with addresses ending in even numbers should use water

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July 4 parade soars with balloons, ex-astronaut

Bv Matt Jachman Staff Writer

Returning favorites such as Steve King and the Dittilies and the Martin Luther King High School marching band will join colorful new entries — 30-foot character balloons, for example — Thursday, July 4, for Plymouth's Good Morn-

ing USA Parade. The parade begins at 9 a.m. on Main Street at Theodore and travels through downtown Plymouth, ending at Hartsough. It was thought to be the earliest Fourth of July parade in the country until its starting

time was changed a couple of years ago.

The theme this year is "Salute the Troops" and veterans of several wars, from World War II and Korea to more recent conflicts, will partici-

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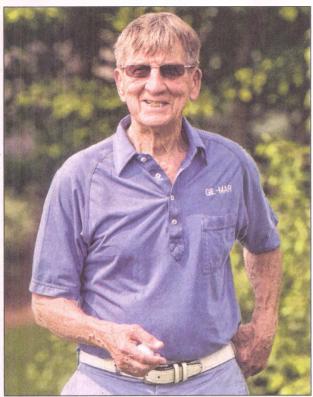
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Hockey great Ted Lindsay didn't play, but was on hand as chairman emeritus of the fundraiser.

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Pro-am helps fund operating room

By Brad Kadrich Staff Writer

Much of the work was already done Monday when golfers took to Pheasant Run Golf Club in Canton for the 16th annual St. Joe's Pro-Am, what with some \$140,000 of the \$150,000 goal already having been reached.

But that didn't stop more than 200 golfers on 54 teams, including more than 50 professionals, from finishing the job, helping to raise money to benefit the new St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor **Outpatient Surgery Cen**ter the hospital is building. Hospital officials said the state-of-the-art hybrid operating room will allow cardiologists, radiologists and cardiac, cardiothoracic and vascular surgeons to coordinate procedures for patients who need intensive heart and vascular interventions.

And the pro-am is a big part of making it happen, according to St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor CEO Rob Casalou, who said the tournament will raise "about 10 percent" of the funding needed.

"It's the leading edge of heart treatment. ... We can do surgery and interventional care in the same room," Casalou said. "This tournament has funded a lot of benefits to patients in Ann Arbor and Canton over the years.

The celebrity pro-am drew stars from a variety of areas, most notably hockey players. Detroit Red Wings legend Ted Lindsay serves as the tournament's chair emeritus, while former Red Wings Stanley Cup champion Joe Kocur was among Monday's celebrity players, as was defenseman James Wis-



Brian Cheesman, of Canton, swings on the tee for the 18th hole. He's watched by Chuck Duckwall, of Battle Creek. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Rob Casalou, president and CEO of St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor and Livingston, said Canton's Pheasant Run is the perfect place to hold the fundraiser.

niewski of the Columbus Blue Jackets.

Other celebrities supporting the cause were 2010 Olympic ice dancing champions Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir, sports radio personality Jeff Lesson and health reporter Lila Lazarus.

Lazarus, a television personality who has formed Orchard Lakebased Lila Productions, does health documentaries with St. Joseph Mercy. She said the tournament is a "great cause" and it gives her a chance to see the doctors with whom she works on-camera in a different setting.

"It's a great chance to see the doctors I work with outside the operating room," said Lazarus, who won a local Emmy for her documentary on the meningitis outbreak. "And it's a great cause. In life, you're given two hands - one to help yourself and one to help

Casalou said the hospital holds its annual fundraiser at Pheasant Run because Canton is a big part of the community the hospital serves, being home to the outpatient facility St. Joseph Mercy Canton.

"We consider Canton our community," Casalou said. "Pheasant Run has been so supportive of us. I can't imagine having the tournament anywhere else."

Canton Chamber of Commerce President Thomas Paden acknowledged St. Joseph Mercy as a "good partner" and said the relationship between event and course is a natural.

"St. Joe's is a huge supporter of the Canton community and Pheasant Run is a terrific golf course," Paden said. "Anytime we can get this crowd of people into our community, it's a plus."

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CHARGES

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more in the Econoline. Those cards, plus the two that Bazzi had showed police, all turned out to have been altered, police said, with information on the cards' magnetic strips taken from MasterCards that had been stolen.

Jaghbir was arrested after charges were approved by the county prosecutor's office, while Saab and Bazzi turned themselves in through their lawyer, Cyril Hall. The three are currently free on bond.

The defendants are to be arraigned on the charges in circuit court next month.

Their preliminary hearing in district court began May 24 and concluded June 13, but Gerou postponed a decision until he was able to watch security video from the Speedway that reportedly showed the defendants' interactions that night.

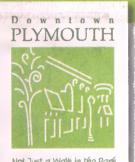
The intimidation charge against Bazzi, Gerou's opinion says, stems from an encounter on a courthouse elevator with the Speedway clerk, William Watkins, who had just testified. All three defendants were on the elevator with Watkins when Bazzi said, "Snitches man. Nothing but a bunch of rats," Gerou's opinion says.

The statement was overheard by a witness on the elevator, who then told Bazzi he could be charged with witness intimidation, Gerou's opinion says.

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CORRECTION

An article in Sunday's Observer should have read the Garden City Garden Club annual garden walk is set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June



Music in the Air 2013 Fridays in Kellogg Park at 7:00 p.m.



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Charity helps women return to workforce

Scholarship money helps pay for tuition

> By Darrell Clem Staff Writer

A Canton-area charity has helped a Plymouth woman achieve her dream of earning her degree as a registered nurse from Schoolcraft Col-

Chicks 4 Charity awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Margaret Rocker, who graduated in May after she spent five years earning a two-year degree.

That \$1,000 helped with my tuition," Rocker said. "Otherwise, it would have been going on a credit card."

Rocker said the scholarship helped her finish her studies and start looking for



Margaret Rocker earned her degree in nursing with help from Chicks 4 Charity.

a nursing job after she'd taken years off to raise her two children while they were young.

"I always wanted to go into nursing," she said.

Stacey Sherman, a member of Chicks 4 Charity Woman's Life Chapter 827, said the organization offers \$1,000 scholarships to women who are full-time students and \$500 to part-time students.

Sherman said the scholarships are for women "residing in Canton and the surrounding areas that are looking to transition back into the workforce."

The new round of scholarships are for women who are attending an accredited Michigan college, university or trade school this coming fall.

Sherman said preference will be given to women who demonstrate financial need. educational or training needs and those who are involved in the community.

Sherman said more information about the scholarships may be obtained by sending an email to Zlatina Dimova at dimova.zlatina@gmail.com. Applications must be postmarked by July 15; winners

will be notified by Aug. 1. Rocker said the \$1,000 scholarship helped her pay for much of her tuition last fall. She said such assistance is

often hard to find. "It was a huge help to me," she said.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

PRICE HOURS

Date/Time: Friday, June 28, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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

Details: Wayne County Commissioner Shannon Price, (R-District 10), conducts district office hours inside the Purple Room. The session will allow constituents the opportunity to sit down with Commissioner Price and discuss matters of concern within the community.

Contact: For more information, contact -Michael Mitchell, staff aide to Price, at 313-224-0882

APIA DINNER

Date/Time: Saturday, July 27, 6-10 p.m. Location: East Lake Chinese Restaurant, 5087 Rochester Road, in Troy Details: Asian-Pacific Islander American/Vote-MI hosts its third annual dinner to honor and recognize outstanding APIAs in the community. The keynote speaker will be Tuyet Le, executive director of the Asian American Institute, a Midwestern Pan-Asian organization committed to empowering Asian Americans through advocacy by utilizing research, education and coalition building. Tickets are \$65 (general admission and one-year membership), \$50 general admission and \$40

Contact: Sally Kim, (313) 438-8862 or email sallykim@apiavotemi.org

BIPOLAR SUPPORT Date/Time: Second and fourth Tuesday

of the month, 6-7:30 p.m. Location: Lincoln Behavioral Services

Center, 14500 Sheldon, Suite 1608, in **Details:** The Depression Bipolar Sup-

port Alliance is a self-help group for people suffering from depression and bipolar disorders. Meetings are open also to family members. All DBSA leaders are professionally trained and attend two trainings for every year to update their skills in leading the group. Contact: Call Nancy at 734-536-3457

for directions.

DIABETES SUPPORT

Date/Time: Second Thursday of the month, 2-3:30 p.m

Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main

Details: The Plymouth Lions Club is sponsoring a new Adult Diabetes Support Group. Fern Vining, a registered nurse, certified diabetes educator and Plymouth Lion, will be the group

facilitator. There is no charge to attend.

understanding diabetes and self man-

agement strategies Contact: Call Fern Vining at 734-454-

Topics for discussion will focus on

SUPPORT GROUP

Date/Time/: Second Monday of the month, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Location: Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland Details: Do you have a loved one in jail or prison? Is your heart broken because of it? Then contact Bonnie at Hope 4 Healing Hearts, who will provide a safe place to talk and share with others, a place where you can learn how to cope with all of the new and frightening experiences. Learn from others as they share ideas, resources and support. Donations appreciated

Contact: For questions or more information, contact Bonnie at 734-646-2237 or by email at prettymonarch@comcast.net

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS

Date/Time: Saturday, Oct. 19, 9 a.m. to

Location: West Middle School, Ann Arbor Trail and Sheldon, Plymouth Details: Crafters are wanted for Delta Kappa Gamma's 29th annual Craft Show. Proceeds help support college scholarships for local students focusing

Contact: Contact Judy at 734-347-1001 or jbstone716@comcast.net or Alice at 248-348-9610 or dachrenko@hotmail.com

on careers in education.

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outside only on even-numbered dates. In addition, Porman said, lawn watering should be done between the off-peak hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.

Plus, Porman said, other tasks that tend to use a lot of water, such as running the dishwasher or the washing machine, should be done outside of the peak morning hours of 5 a.m. to 10 a.m. Time-delay features on such appliances can be set to avoid the peaks.

The city has seen results

from such voluntary restrictions in the past, Porman said.

"While DWSD increased its rates to the city of Plymouth, as they did to many other communities, our increase was modest compared to others," Porman wrote in an email. "Having the residents participate in this program was a huge factor in controlling those costs."

Porman said the city's email information system sends out periodic reminders about the restrictions and that a postcard mailer about them is also sent to water custom-

Officials have talked about making the restrictions mandatory, Porman said, but customers support the voluntary guidelines and rates have not risen to a point at which officials felt the need for a mandatory program.

Anyone with questions about the restriction recommendations can call DMS at 734-453-7737

The city's latest request for limits on water use comes just before a higher retail water and sewer rate, \$10.89 per thousand gallons of water used, kicks in next month. The retail increase is less than 2 percent from the current rate.

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PARADE

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pate, some riding the parade route in military Jeeps. A U.S. Marine Corps color guard will lead the parade.

"It's just a strong parade, the strongest one, I would say, ever," said longtime organizer Fred Hill, who is assisted by Pam Kosteva.

Retired NASA astronaut and Marine Col. Jack Lousma, who flew missions aboard both Skylab and the space shuttle Columbia, will be the parade's grand marshal. Lousma, a Michigan native, recently spoke in April to the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth, the parade's sponsoring organiza-

Steve King and his band. the MLK marchers, Mark

Randisi and the Sounds of Sinatra and an Andrews Sisters act will perform during the parade, along with the Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps and, of course, Hill's own Fred Hill Briefcase Drill team. There will also be fire engines, clowns, stilt walkers, marchers on spring-loaded stilts and the Dogmatics doggie drill team among the more than 85 entries.

Hill, who took the drill team to New York City last November for a repeat performance at Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, promised "the same old tried-and-true, crowd-pleasing routines," like the Businessman's Shuffle and Boom-Chucka-Lucka.

New this year will be giant parade balloons, including one depicting Uncle Sam and another of Kermit the Frog from Sesame Street.

"It's going to be interest-

ing to see a 30-foot Uncle Sam coming down the street," Hill said, adding that the balloons will have to be maneuvered under the traffic-light mast arms on Main Street.

Parade goers can start the morning with a pancake breakfast at The Gathering, across Penniman from Kellogg Park, sponsored by the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters. The group will be serving pancakes and sau-sage and juice and coffee for \$7 each, free for children under age 5.

The breakfast is a fundraiser for the award-winning Plymouth-Canton Marching Band, made up of students from Plymouth, Canton and Salem high schools.

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Car keys are stolen in home invasion while couple sleeps

By Matt Jachman Staff Writer

A car was stolen from a Plymouth couple early June 11 after the keys were stolen from their bedroom while they slept, and surveillance video from a nearby gas station has given police a fresh lead in the case.

The home invasion occurred on Ross Street near Sheldon Road and was discovered around 5 a.m. June 11, said Lt. Jamie Grabowski, a Plymouth Police Department detective. The house was apparently entered through an unlocked ground-floor window, Grawbowski

The burglar or burglars went into the master bedroom and took a pair of shorts that contained the keys to a 2013

Honda Civic, plus a wallet with credit cards and cash in it, Grabowski said. The couple did not wake up during the burglary, he said.

Stolen was a charcoal gray four-door Civic with a license plate number of CNK 5731.

Police later learned a debit card stolen in the incident had been used at a nearby gas station, the Speedway station at Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon, just after 3 a.m. A security video from the station shows the man who used the card and police are seeking him for questioning.

Anyone with informa-tion about the incident or the man shown in the video can call Grabowski at 734-453-1234, ext. 272.

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Police are seeking this man, shown at a Speedway station in Plymouth Township, for questioning in the June 11 burglary of a house in Plymouth. The man used a debit card that had been stolen in the burglary, Plymouth Lt. Jamie Grabowski said

CANTON CRIME WATCH

Police received notice

of the incident about 4

p.m. Friday. A Check-

smart district manager

told police that Brinks

what was described in

the report as a "safe

had delivered \$24,000 to

room" area, or vestibule,

of the store. An employ-

ers at the front counter,

allowed another custom-

er into the vestibule area

According to a police report, the Brinks bag

had been left unsecured

\$5,000 was missing. The

store used records it had

on file to track down the

the \$5,000. It wasn't clear

what charges the suspect

suspect, who returned

might be facing.

in the vestibule and it

was later learned that

to cash a check.

ee, distracted by custom-

PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Account hacked

A Plymouth Township man recently reported the fraudulent withdrawal of \$17,000 from his savings account, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department re-

The man told police he was reviewing the transactions on his account when he noticed a \$6,500 June 13 withdrawal at a branch in Royal Oak, a \$7,000 withdrawal later the same day at a branch in Southfield and a \$3,500 withdrawal the next day at a branch in Grosse Pointe, none of which he had made.

The victim told police he was unsure how his account information had been compromised, as he was not missing any identification or bank paperwork. The bank, he said, closed his account and said it would reimburse him.

Fraud

More than \$1,000 in unauthorized purchases were reportedly made with a township man's debit card recently at stores in Redford Township, Dearborn Heights and Taylor, a police report said.

The fraudulent purchases included two charges for \$439.90 each from a My Wireless store in Taylor, the report said. The bank account linked to the card was closed.

Vehicle burglary

An iPod and a small amount of cash were reported stolen from a car parked outside a house on Turtlehead Drive, in the area of Ann Arbor Road and McLumpha, late June 18 or early the next morning. The Mercedes Benz had been left unlocked. a police report said.

- By Matt Jachman

Money scam

A 38-year-old man accused of a money scam that began in Canton was arrested after he was apprehended in Novi, a police report said.

The incident unfolded last Thursday, starting at the PNC branch at Canton Center and Warren, a police report said. The suspect, from New York, produced another man's credit card, pretended to be him and withdrew \$5,235 from an account, the report said. The suspect then obtained a \$4,000 cashier's check and had it made out in yet another name.

A teller became suspicious after the man left and contacted loss prevention. A decision was

made to stop payment on the cashier's check. Meanwhile, the suspect had gone into another bank branch in Novi and, when he tried to cash the check, was arrested by Novi police, the report

Novi authorities notified Canton police, who were investigating the incident of alleged fraud.

Money returned

Canton police were investigating an incident after a customer allegedly stole – and later returned - \$5,000 from a Brinks security bag that had been placed inside a vestibule of the Checksmart store in the 46000 block of Michigan Avenue, west of Canton Center, a police report said.

Break-in

A 70-year-old woman notified police after she said someone forced their way into the sun room of her home in the 45100 block of Geddes, near Canton Center.

The incident happened between 3 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 18.

The woman called police after she noticed the side entry door was ajar and slightly damaged, though no items appeared to be missing from the sun room. Officers noticed a small amount of damage had been done to the lock.

Hit and run

Canton police issued a citation to a local teen driver accused of hitting another car and leaving the scene near DSW, or Designer Shoe Warehouse, about 2:45 p.m. Saturday, a police report

Police located the driver after a witness jotted down the license plate of a 2003 Pontiac Grand Prix that was seen leaving the scene after striking a 2011 Buick in the parking lot. The Buick belonged to a 55year-old Canton woman.

A witness saw a blonde, teenage female take a wide turn in the Grand Prix, striking the Buick on the left rear bumper. Using information provided by the witness, police went to the suspect's house.

The teen told police she didn't know what to do after she struck the car, so she left, the police report said. She was issued a citation for leaving the scene of a property damage accident.

No trespassing

Canton police issued a trespassing citation to a 19-year-old man following an incident that occurred in the Sherwood Village mobile home community, southeast of Michigan Avenue and Haggerty on the township's southeast side.

Police went to the neighborhood amid reports that people had been jumping a resident's fence into his backyard. The man told police he confronted a suspect and warned him to stop jumping the fence into his yard.

Police found the suspect by a swimming pool and issued a trespassing ticket to him.

- Compiled by Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.



JAZZY CARRY OUT SPECIALS

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Westland resident Ray Schuholz is a peer mentor at **Community Living** Services in Wayne. STEPHEN CANTRELL STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



A man with a mission

Cause: Ray Schuholz advocates for disabled people

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

To regular viewers of Westland City Council meetings, Ray Schuholz is a familiar face at the podium bringing a positive message about respect, advocating for the disabled or giving someone a pat on the back.

"Label cans, not people. I treat people equally. I'm people-driven first," said Schuholz. "It doesn't matter if you walk into City Hall or a restaurant. I'm a customer."

Being an advocate for the disabled is a mission for Schuholz, 47. A member of Westland's Disabilities Concerns Commission since 2005, Schuholz is currently the chairman and also works 24 hours a week as a peer mentor advocate at Community Living Services in Wayne.

Born with a developmental disability, Schuholz was 2 years old when his father left and his mother subsequently had a difficult time caring for

"The system says you can't take care of your kid

and they put you into an institution," said Schu-holz, who was placed in the now-closed Plymouth Center when he was 6 years old. "I was fortunate when I got out after four years. That is no place for no one to live. It was like being behind walls - things went on that shouldn't have."

The change came one day after Schuholz met a woman named Alice Saules, who had a son at the Plymouth Center.

"I patted her on the shoulder. I said I wanted to get out of there, that I wanted a home," said Schuholz. "She said she'd see what she could do. A month goes by and then she said I was going to a home. She got me to a foster family. I was so happy.

Schuholz lived with his foster family - an elderly couple who are now deceased - in Farmington Hills for 15 years. As time passed, he said, he was able to got more into the community and rehabilitated himself from the time spent institutionalized, becoming a special education student and

graduating from North Farmington High School.

"Some foster families collect their checks and keep you locked in the home. They believed in me," said Schuholz. "They had an adopted son and other foster kids. They cared about kids. They were retired and this was a second career for them. I was very lucky to have a foster family.

There are things people can overcome in life. he said, although their disability doesn't go away.

Over the years, Schuholz became more independent and today lives in a Westland apartment. He's certified as a peer mentor.

"Through an assisted program, I live on my own. I live a self-directed life. I have freedom. I only have support - an assistance buddy, who helps me," said Schuholz. "I work as a peer mentor and share my experience with the system. There is a lot they don't know about Social Security and Medicaid. I help them understand."

Schuholz was origi-

nally appointed to the Disabilities Concern Commission by then-Mayor Sandra Cicirelli. He's been reappointed by Mayor William Wild.

Ray is continuing to be a positive influence., he's a strong advocate for all disabilities," said Wild. "He advocates for everybody - that's the thing about Ray.'

When he speaks at council meetings, Schuholz makes a point to praise the efforts of city officials usually including Wild, Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik and Fire Chief Michael Reddy.

"I think the mayor is a good guy – he has an open door policy for people," said Schuholz. "I picked Westland to live in. I like it. It's a nice city, it's a safe environment. I love Westland. It's the All-American City.

Going forward, Schuholz plans to continue his efforts advocating for disabled people and hopes to work full time as a peer advocate.

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Canton library hosts naturalization workshop

The Canton Public Library hosts a naturalization workshop July 7, and is also offering a pre-workshop information session to help those who want to attend the workshop.

The naturalization re-workshop information session takes place 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, June 30, in the library's Community Room.

The session is designed to help folks get their paperwork in order prior to the workshop. Ruby Robinson of the Michigan Immigration Center will tell attendees which papers they'll need for the workshop and what questions they'll need to have answered.

No registration is required. For more information, visit www.cantonpl.org/blog/ post/pre-naturalizationworkshop-info-session.

Then comes the workshop, scheduled for 1-5 p.m. Sunday, July 7, in the Community Room.

Attorney Ruby Robinson of the Michigan Immigrant Rights Center will work with immigrants to help them on the path to becoming naturalized citizens. The workshop will provide help with paperwork via work stations manned by law students.

Ateendees will be required to register for this workshop and bring various documents. Do that by visiting www.cantonpl.org/blog/ post/naturalizationworkshop.

The Canton Public Library is located at 1200 N. Canton Center. For more information, call the library at 734-397-0999.



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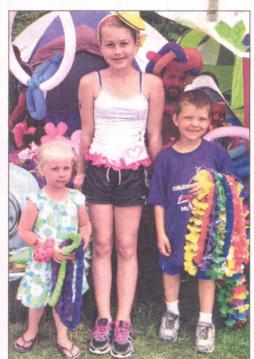
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Four-year-old Charleigh Sutton (left), 13-year-old Haley Koenig and 7-year-old Camron Green were selling leis outside the Best Friends for Life booth.

KILLING CANCER

Relay walkers devoted to wiping out disease

By Brad Kadrich

Kathy Ritchey of Plymouth is on sort of a first-name basis with cancer, and it's a relationship she'd love to see kicked to the curb.

Ritchey, a member of the Best Friends for Life team that took to the track Saturday for the 24-hour Plymouth Relay for Life, beat thyroid cancer in November 2010. After losing her husband in July 2011, Ritchey was diagnosed with breast cancer in August that same year. While fighting her breast cancer, Ritchey lost her best friend.

One of 48 cancer survivors to take part in the 2013 Relay, Ritchey has seen enough of the disease to last a lifetime.

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"Everything from that year is really foggy," Ritchey said.
"I would just like to get rid of cancer. I hope nobody else ever has to have it."

Kim Lawrentz is thinking the same thing. Her mother-in-law Tony Lawrentz died of cancer a little more than a year ago. Before she passed away, she was "one of the most giving people" Kim Lawrentz said she ever knew.

On Saturday, Kim Lawrentz tried to match that giving spirit, walking in honor of her mother-in-law, whom she called "the greatest mother-in-law anyone could ever have."

Lawrentz was one of more than 250 registered participants from 21 teams taking part in the 2013 Plymouth Relay for Life, the American Cancer Society's annual fundraiser to raise money and awareness in the fight against cancers of all kinds. The event raised some \$73,000, nearly double its 2012 total and far over the event's \$45,000 goal.

"She was always giving," Lawrentz said of her motherin-law. "No matter what, where, when or why, she was the most giving person ever."

Lawrentz was part of Kickin' Cancer, a team of friends and colleagues – largely employees of various McDonald's restaurants – who banded together to walk the relay. Alex Duda of Plymouth, who works at the Plymouth McDonald's on Ann Arbor Road, walked the event in honor of his grandmother, Joan Hetkowski, who

died of cancer six months ago.
"The first 12 years of my
life, she lived two doors down
from us," Duda said. "I was
always over there. She was like
a second mother to me."

Peggy Sikora of Belleville, who manages the Ann Arbor Road McDonald's, worked with Lawrentz to co-captain Kickin' Cancer. Sikora lost her mom in June 2012 to colon cancer. Like many people, Sikora used to view cancer as something that "happens to other people." This year, she decided not to stand on the sidelines.

"We wanted to help spread the word," Sikora said. "You never know when you're going to be that person who loses a loved one. Then it happened to

me."

It happened in Alison Duda's family, too. Cancer claimed three of Alison's grandparents – Frank and Shirley Duda and Josef Goecke. Shirley died in 1996, Josef in 1999 and Frank most recently in 2012. Alison, 15, wore their names lovingly on a tattoo just below her neck in Saturday's Relay.

"It was very rough for me when Grandpa Frank died," Alison said. "I was very close to him. I decided we should do something more."

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Sydney Schultz (left) and Alison Duda, both 15 and part of Friday Night Fun, get their groove on during Saturday's Plymouth Relay for Life. Duda said she was walking for all three of her grandparents who fell victim to cancer.



Luann Andes takes a razor to the mustache of Plymouth Relay for Life committee chairman Larry Johnson, who agreed to give up the facial hair in order to support the relay. Johnson has had the mustache nearly his entire adult life.



Jennifer Bell of Salem (left) and Kimberlin Ash of Canton fill out their pledge cards, promising to do something in the fight against cancer.



Members of Kickin' Cancer do a line dance during Saturday's Relay for Life.

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PRO Martial Arts hosts karate, character camps

School's out for summer and one local business has the cure for the summertime blues.

PRO Martial Arts is hosting a series of martial arts-focused summer camps. Organizers said the camps are a "great way for kids to stay active while learning how to defend themselves without harming their peers" with martial arts techniques.

Officials said the camps will place an emphasis on activities that build character along with the standard fun camp staples like movies and arts and crafts.

PRO Martial Arts founder Grand Master Ed Samane said he was bullied as a child so he believes in the importance of self esteem and the positive impact interaction with peers can have.

"Whether trying out karate for the first time or building on their existing skill set, our camps are a great opportunity



Organizers said martial arts camps are a "great way for kids to stay active while learning how to defend themselves without harming their peers" with martial arts techniques.

for children to interact with their peers in a setting that encourages respect, discipline and fun," Samane said. "We want them to head back to school with great memories,

new skills and friends.". PRO Martial Arts offers three camp options varying in duration and activities. In the Kidz Camp, campers

spend three hours a day learn-

ing basic martial arts techniques, playing games, and learning to work together as a

The Character Camp is an all day camp where participants will learn about character education, along with martial arts activities, movies and games. This camp also gives campers a unique cultural experience by teaching them Korean characters.

The Advanced Camp is designed for existing PRO martial arts students who are looking to focus on their karate advancement. Campers will get an additional 14 hours of martial arts training that could allow them to move up a belt level faster. Students in the advanced camp will also work with a local charity in their area to learn about discipline, respect and giving back.

Prices vary by dojo and camp. Discounts are available for families with several children, and those who refer a friend. Contact your local dojo for more information. PRO Martial Arts' Canton location is at 44948 Ford Road. For details, call 734-459-4000.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

Fox Hills honor

Fox Hills Golf Course and Banquet Center was recently recognized by the Huron River Watershed Council for its dedication to limiting pollutants coming off of its property. The council does regular water quality checks on Fleming Creek, which is Fox Hills' tributary, and its results showed that the creek's study site is healthier now than ever.

Fox Hills has also been certified as an Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary through Audubon International since 1996, and was the third course in Michigan to receive this achievement. The facility completed certification in **Environmental Plan**ning, Wildlife and Habitat Management, Chemical Use Reduction and Safety, Water Conservation, Water Quality Management, Outreach and Education.

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Growth spurt

Officials at Bridal Couture of Plymouth announced that, due to an increase in business, the shop is growing and, as a result, will soon be moving to a new loca-

In order to facilitate the move, the store will be closed Thursday June 27, and Friday, June 28. The store reopens Saturday June 29 in its new location at 223 N. Main Street.

The store's telephone number and e-mail address will remain the same after the move: 734-455-1100 and bridalcouturemi@hotmail.com

Landfill manager

Advanced Disposal, an integrated environmental services company, announced the hiring of Matt Neely as Midwest region landfill manager. Neely will be responsible for overseeing the operation and environmental compli-

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'Matt brings more than 25 years in the waste industry to his new role," said Advanced Disposal Corporate Director of Landfill Operations Jay Warzinski. "His experience and depth of knowledge make him a great addition to the Advanced Disposal team.'

In his last role, Neely spent 13 years with Republic Services, Inc. as area president and general manager for both Michigan and Ohio. His responsibilities included creating a growth strategy for more than 1,000 employees across hauling companies, transfer stations, recycling facilities and numerous landfills. He also oversaw landfill gas-to-energy projects.

Prior to that he was at Waste Management, Inc. for 14 years serving in various roles across the country. Neely is a **Professional Engineer** and holds a bachelor's degree from the Univer-

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON CHAMBER CHAT

Email marketing

The Canton Chamber of Commerce Institute of **Business Development** hosts its Series 2 work-shop, "The Power of Email Marketing," 8-9 a.m. Tuesday, July 9, at the Canton Chamber of Commerce office.

Presenter Derek Freund of Rogue Marketing Systems will help participants discover how communicating with customers regularly can help a small business stay connected and generate increased referrals, repeat sales and unwavering customer loyalty; and learn how to start and build a strong permission-based customer list, get their audience to open, read and act on their email and use their past results to sharpen their email marketing program as they go along.

Admission is free to chamber members and first-time guests. To make a reservation or for more information, call the chamber office, 734-453-4040

Grub crawl

Reservations are now being taken for the 12th Annual Canton Grub Crawl which will be held on Tuesday, July 16, 2013. This event features 16 local restaurants who offer free sample portions of their specialty foods throughout the evening. Drink specials are also available for purchase throughout the evening. Each attendee is given a starting point at one of the participating restaurants. You arrive there and park - and then move to another restau-

Tickets (T-shirts) are \$35 each and include transportation to and from participating res-



Grand opening

A ribbon cutting was held Tuesday, June 18, by Children's Garden Montessori to celebrate their opening. Children's Garden Montessori is located at 10980 Ford Road in Superior Township. Family members, employees, Canton Chamber of Commerce members and residents were all among the attendees.

taurants. For more information call the Canton Chamber of Commerce, 734-453-4040.

Networking coffee

St. Joseph Mercy Canton Health Center hosts the latest chamber networking coffee 5-7 p.m. Thursday, July 25, at the center located at 1600 S. Canton Center in Canton.

Those planning to attend should RSVP to 734-453-4040,

Sidewalk sale

The Downtown Plymouth Sidewalk Sales take place Friday, July 26, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Saturday, July 27, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Downtown Plymouth's wide variety of unique shops and boutiques will offer special discounts and bargains during the annual sidewalk sales. Participating shops include Basket Kreations; Beauty Haven; Bella Mia; Candy Trail; Creatopia; Dazzling Daniela; Genuine Toy Co.; Gigi's Mode; Hands on Leather; Haven; Home Sweet Home; Lolaryan; Maggie & Me; Magnolia; Merle Norman; Old World Olive Press; Opn Dohr; Plymouth Yoga Room; R.S.V.P.; Simply the Best; Sun & Snow Sports and TranquiliTea.

Call the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce at 734-453-1540 for more information.

Oklahoma help

MSA Delivery Service, Canton Township and the Canton Chamber of Commerce are joining forces with other businesses, churches and individuals to take muchneeded supplies to Oklahoma.

Those groups are looking for help filling the 53[-foot MSA Delivery Trailer that will head to Oklahoma in mid-July. All donations should be

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will be collecting toothbrushes and dental items, hair products, shoes (children and/or adult), school supplies and pet food. Chamber members can drop off their donations at the chamber office Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. through July 1.

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Taking to the sky

Signal Seekers introduce aviation to newcomers

By Sue Mason Staff Writer

A late afternoon shower may have brought an abrupt end to the Michigan Signal Seekers RC Club's fourth annual open house Saturday, but not before Alex Parkyn showed what it takes to be No. 1 in the nation in discus, or handlaunched, remote-controlled gliders.

A member of the U.S. F3K junior team, Parkyn stopped by to demonstrate the sport he took up three years ago. Displaying the grace of a discus thrower, Parkyn spun around several times before sending his carbon fiber and Kevlar glider skyward. It's no simple feat, considering the plane has a six-foot wing span.

"It took a lot of practice and learning about how the atmosphere works," Parkyn said. "The goal is to find a good thermal and stay up an hour."

A.J. Jaffe of Westland also used his hands to man the controls of his Thunder Tiger Rapture E720 helicopter that zipped around the Signal Seekers airfield off Henry Ruff in Westland.

Jaffe moved here from Pennsylvania for his dream job, working at Experience RC in Livonia. His passion is RC helicopters and competing in aerobatics.

"It's challenging and difficult," said Jaffe, who put his helicopter through its paces for spectators. It did barrel rolls and loops, buzzed around the airfield on its side and hovered inches from the ground upside down.

"My father had a helicopter. We're a helicopter family,' Jaffe said.

Jaffe got into the hobby when he was 10 years old. Now in his 20s, he admits the technology has had a huge impact on RC flying and that there's no mastering an RC helicopter.

"I do fairly well," he said. "I can't imagine having something like this when I started flying. Technology has just

accelerated development so much. There's no ceiling with these things. They go further than you can see it.

In attendance

The fourth annual Friends and Field Day attracted several groups of Cub Scout packs, who came out to try their hand at the controls of an RC airplane with a buddy pilot. The youngsters flew the planes, but when it appeared they were having difficulty and might crash, their buddy pilot, a Signal Seekers Club member, took control. The Scouts earned an aviation patch for participating in the field day.

"We had close to 15 Cub Scouts here," said club president Scott Pastchen of Livonia. "We had Pack 440 from Canton and Pack 865 out of Westland. They came to visit and helped out."

"Once I went straight down, one time it went up and down and up and down," said Grant Pierfelice of Canton, who enjoyed his second experience flying a remote-controlled plane. "The hardest part was figuring out the controls - turn this way, turn that way, what to

"I think it was really fun. There was a lot of open space

to fly the planes," he added.
"This is something we do every year," said Bob Shuler of Canton, club treasurer. "We bring people out and give them an introduction to aviation. The whole purpose is to get a younger crowd into remotecontrolled aviation."

The club got its start in the early 1960s as a nonprofit organization with the purpose of building, instructing, promoting, advancing and, ultimately, flying model aircraft. It's chartered by the Academy of Model Aeronautics and currently has about 80 members.

Its airfield is located in what had been the gardens for Wayne County Hospital-Eloise. Ford Motor Co. bought the land in 1995 and lets the club use space for its airfield. The club



Dave Schneck shows off his CAP 232 plane during the Signal Seekers RC Club's fourth annual Friends and Family Day Saturday. ALL PHOTOS BY STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

has a 400-foot landing strip and a half-mile of clear airspace in all directions. Club members, including instructors, are usually at the field around 5-5:30 p.m. each Wednesday through September.

Headed to Denmark

Parkyn's father Chris, a former Signal Seekers member, watched his son send his glider aloft. The teen will be headed to Herning, Denmark, in mid-July for the 2103 FAI World Championship for Hand-Launched Gliders after taking the top spot in juniors competition in Denver.

"He did two preliminaries and a tryout in Denver," Chris Parkyn said. "You have to be one of the top three juniors in the country to make the team. He was first place."

Although relatively new to discus gliders, Parkyn has flown various types of powered and glider free flight and radio-controlled aircraft most of his life. He's a member of the Detroit Balsa Bugs free flight club. He has competed as a junior in free flight at the national competitions held in Muncie, Ind.

For more information about the Michigan Signal Seekers RC Club, visit its website at www.michigansignalseeker-



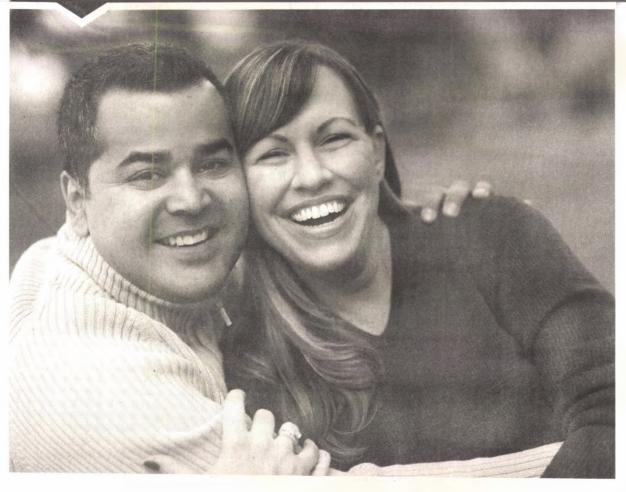
David Schneck's Scimitar plane takes to the air during Signal the Friends and Family Day Saturday.



Matt Komar of Westland experiences the joy of flying using the buddy flyer program with Dale Hatcher of Dearborn Heights.

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OUR VIEWS

Play it safe

Fireworks can hurt, if not used properly

Fireworks are synonymous with the Fourth of July, and with the holiday just a week away, it is a good time to remind people about fireworks safe-

With Michigan now allowing the sale and use of consumer fireworks like Roman candles, bottle rockets, sky lanterns and other items that leave the ground, more people than ever are putting on their own backyard shows. As a result, safety is critically important.

Fireworks can cause blindness, third-degree burns, permanent scarring and even death. According to the National Council on Firework Safety, 9,300 people suffer serious injuries due to fire-works every year, with 400 losing sight in one or both eyes. Forty percent of injuries are caused by illegal fireworks, and 45 of injuries sustained by children are to those under age 14.

Even fireworks that are labeled as safe can cause injuries. As children, we've all enjoyed waving sparklers, but they have caused more injuries to youngsters under age 5 than any other type of fireworks. Sparklers burn at temperatures of about 2,000 degrees. They're hot enough to melt some metals; imagine what they can do to a child.

The Office of the Michigan State Fire Marshal has some tips to help make Fourth of July fireworks safe. Some are common sense, but still worth repeating.

» Buy ready-made fireworks rather than making your own, even from a kit.

» Make sure an adult is present at all times. » Don't allow children to operate fireworks, even sparklers.

» Buy only legal fireworks that have a label with instructions for proper use. If your fireworks don't have an instruction label, they're probably illegal to use.

» Choose fireworks that are appropriate for the area you'll be using them in. For example, avoid using rockets or other aerial fireworks in the backyard or a busy street.

» Follow all the directions on the label closely. » Always use fireworks outside with a bucket of water or hose nearby. Keep fireworks away from dry leaves or other materials that can easily catch on fire.

» Point fireworks away from people. If you're lighting a firework, wear eye protection and don't lean over the firework.

» If a firework doesn't seem to work, do not go over to it or attempt to relight it. If you can reach it with a hose or bucket without getting too close, douse it with water.

» Soak all fireworks in a bucket of water before throwing them away.

» If someone gets an eye injury from fireworks, don't rub the eye or attempt to wash it out. Call 9-1-1 or go to the nearest emergency room. It could make the difference between saving a person's sight, permanent blindness, or significant

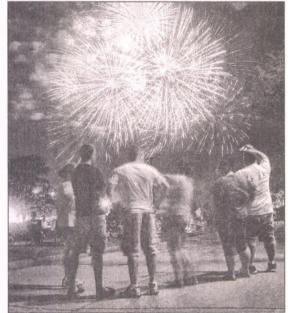
Another bit of advice: Avoid buying fireworks in brown paper packaging. That's often a sign that the fireworks were made for professional shows and could pose a danger to consumers.

And if you're planning on putting on your own fireworks show be considerate of your neighbors. While you might consider it OK to do your fireworks show at 2 a.m., your neighbors may not appreciate the noise.

Lt. Gov. Brian Calley last week signed into law what he called a "common sense bill" that allows local governments to prohibit the use of consumer fireworks between midnight and 8 a.m. on the day before, day of, and day after national holidays. People who ignore the rules, could face fines of up to \$500.

Dr. John Hall, manager of the National Fire Protection Association's Fire Analysis and Research, may have said it correctly: "Safe and sane fireworks don't exist. When things go wrong with fireworks, they go very wrong, very fast, far faster than any fire protection provisions can reliably

This Fourth of July play it safe. Leave the pyrotechnics to the professionals. It's better to be safe



The professional fireworks displays, which always attract large crowds, are a safe way. FILE PHOTO

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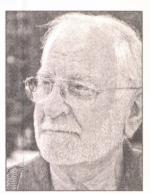
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PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY VOICE

Have fireworks in you neighborhood bothered you since the state loosened the regulations on them?

We asked this question outside the U.S. Postal Service station on Penniman in downtown Plymouth.



"Late at night, yes. When you hear them at 12 o'clock at night. I'm not too happy about that. ... If they can do it they will."

Dave Manly Canton Township



"Yes. I just don't like them. We've been sitting outside, and one went by my mom's face. Three inches."

Sherry Wicker Livonia



"No. They just don't bother me.'

Fred Klein Plymouth



"No, not really. Once in a while I hear something go off ... but it's not too bad."

Judy Wilkin Plymouth Township

LETTERS

Alarm expensive

I am in Boy Scouts and am working on my communications merit badge. A requirement I have is to write to a local newspaper discussing my opinion on

I read the article entitled "All Saints alarm blazes trail" from the June 16 Canton Observer. I think that they should invest the money for other purposes instead of paying 30 grand a year for a security system. I think that they should have some type of security so random strangers are not able to just walk into the school with a gun.

Also, I think that a lot of schools won't be able to afford a security system that pricey. I am hoping that schools will have more options when it comes to protecting their students. Thanks for listening to my opi-

Jonathan Ewell

Communist threat?

While riding through downtown Plymouth last week, I noticed painted on the inside window of a Main Street business establishment a dire warning imploring Americans to wake up to the impending threat of communism. Having not seen such warnings before the election of Barack Obama and taking into account past ridiculous scribbling on that same window, I took it that the fear-mongering was likely aimed at the current occupant of the White House.

My thought is that if Obama is a communist he is the world's worst of all time. Why? Corporate profits as a share of GDP are at record levels. Hence, confiscatory taxes and mythical "job killing" regulations must not be creating any drag at all on profitability. In fact corporate taxes as a share of GDP are at post-World War II lows.

The stock market has risen over 60 percent from January 2009 and over 100 percent from the point in March 2009 when the market bottomed out from the Bush crash. Wealthy capitalists, the top 3-5 percent, have claimed nearly all of income gains since Obama has been in office. During the same time frame, wealth has continued to be redistributed upward, a 30plus year trend.

Obama has cut the deficit, an issue near and dear to capitalists, at a faster pace than any of his post-World War II predecessors, from nearly \$1.4 trillion in fiscal 2009 to around \$650 billion for fiscal 2013 and into the \$300 billions by 2015, according to the CBO. Obama has increased new government spending at a slower rate than any post-World War II president as noted in Market Watch, WSJ. Total individual tax burdens from all sources (state, federal, local including all fees, use taxes and payroll levies) are at or near modern lows.

Federal programs like the suppressed minimum wage, SNAP, Medicaid, the EITC, extended patents and copyrights along with lax monopoly and labor protection enforcement and free trade policies subsidize a low wage, high profit economy by increasing revenues while externalizing what should be corporate and business costs to all tax payers. All of this taken into account, a statue of President Obama should be erected on Wall Street to commemorate all that has been done during his administration to bolster capital-

I sent an anonymous letter to the Main Street proprietor that included the above facts and a challenge for him to provide rationale on his window for his baseless warning about the onset of communism. I also pointed out that aside from alienating at least half of his potential customer base with his extreme views, he may also have damaged his credibility in that his claim was so easily debunked that some may consider him lazy or gullible or even dishonest, all bad for business. All I got on the window was about what I expected; some nonsense about cowardice and anonymity.

Mitch Smith

Hynes

Canton

There you go again

During a presidential debate, Ronald Reagan used the phrase "there you go again" to his opponent. I would like to reuse this quip and address it to Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton.

During the debate in the Michigan Senate June 20, on the bill to expand Medicaid to the poor, the senator joined forces with the Americans for Prosperity (i.e., tea party, i.e., Prosperity for the Rich) to kill the bill.

There you go again, senator! This so-called public servant has repeatedly stated our state cannot pay for the Affordable Care Act. But he had no problem giving his corporate backers over \$4 billion in tax money so far. According to published reports, Sen. Colbeck's allies threatened fellow Republicans that if they voted for the bill, they would lose the Tea Party

support and not get re-elected.
I would like to tell these Republican politicians that getting re-elected is not up to the Tea Party, but is in the hands of our people, the same people who have seen their taxes raised, schools and local governments short-changed just to make sure the rich get richer.

We have a number of moderate political men and women waiting on the sidelines to give the Tea Party a well-deserved pass into oblivion.

James Huddleston

Canton

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GUEST COLUMN

Help save historic bomber plant at Willow Run Airport

he Yankee Air Museum and its partner, the Michigan Aerospace Foundation, are on a mission to save a cornerstone of the Arsenal of Democracy.

The historic bomber plant at Willow Run Airport, which turned out more than 8,700 B-24 Liberator heavy bombers in World War II, is headed for demolition. The legacy of this factory goes well beyond building armaments. This complex helped build a nation in every way imaginable.

My good friend, the great broadcaster and meteorologist Sonny Eliot, passed to a better place, Nov. 16, 2012. Sonny was a pilot and combat veteran of the U.S. Army Air Forces in World War II. He commanded a B-24 Liberator in the strategic air war against Nazi Germany. His B-24 was shot down, but he survived. For 18 months, he was a prisoner of war. Sonny was also a life member of

the Yankee Air Museum. If he were here, I'm sure he



would be working to save the bomber plant. Now my friend is forecasting with his inimitable charm, perpetually happy atmospheres in his heavenly realm. Sonny's brilliance could shed light on light. So I'll take a cue from his style manual and keep this message simple, direct and true.

We need help to save the bomber plant.

The opportunity to save a critical portion of the plant arose just recently. More importantly, we have only until Aug. 1 to raise the needed funds. At present, we need to raise more than \$5 million. We've raised \$3 million so far.

The Yankee Air Museum and Michigan Aerospace Foundation need media champions. We simply do not have the

wherewithal to conduct the kind of mass communications necessary to be successful. We need to get the word out, tell our story and ask for help far and wide to achieve our mis-

We need audience participation now. Yes, that means you. Visit www.savethebomberplant.org for the whole story. Everything you need to know is there. Please donate and help spread the word.

For me, it's about my friend Sonny Eliot. For you, it may be about Rosie the Riveter. For all of us, it's about preserving tangible evidence ... we were here and, because of that, democracy prevailed.

Bob Hynes, an aviator and longtime Detroit TV and radio broadcaster was host of WXYZ-TV's morning show from 1966-77. Hynes also hosted a radio program, Night Flight 760, on WJR-AM (760) in the 1980s. He is a member of the Yankee Air Museum Board of Directors and chairman of the public relations



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Martin gets his shot at pro ball

Farmington High grad was NCAA Division II Pitcher of the Year at Minnesota State

By Dan O'Meara Staff Writer

As an athlete and pitcher, Harvey Martin is accustomed to challenges and having to prove his ability and worthiness.

His experience at that has prepared him for the next rung on the ladder of his baseball career.

Martin, who starred at Far-

mington High School and Minnesota State University, is starting that process all over again with the Milwaukee Brewers farm team in Helena, Mont.

He had hoped to be drafted after being named an NCAA Division II All-America and national Pitcher of the Year. He was

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Harvey Martin of Farmington pitches for Minnesota State in the NCAA Division II tournament. MINNESOTA STATE ATHLETICS

Maybury run set July 27

The Northville Road Runners will stage their annual 8-kilometer and 1mile Classic runwalk Saturday, July 27, at Maybury State Park, located off the Eight Mile entrance (one mile west of Beck).

The event, which will benefit the Friends of Maybury, starts at 5 p.m. with the 1-miler (preregistration cost \$5) followed by the 8K (pre-registration cost \$25) on dirt and paved trails at 5:30 p.m.

The 8K participants will receive a tech T-shirt and all children in the 1-mile will receive a finishers medal.

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For more information, call Peg Campbell at 248-417-5710; or email peggya campbell @gmail.com.

Bucks stop Rovers, 4-1

The Michigan
Bucks avenged their
lone setback this
summer in the Premier Development
League with a 4-1 win
Saturday over the
host River City Rovers (Ky.) in a match
played at the Shelby
County Athletic
Complex.

Gerald Ben and Drew Ruggles each collected a goal and assist as the firstplace Bucks improved to 7-1-0 (21 points) in the Great Lakes Division of the PDL's Central Conference.

Dion Peters and Nathan Steinwascher also scored for the Bucks, while brothers Matt and Nick Walker drew assists.

Bucks goalkeeper Adam Grinwismade

three saves.

The Bucks will go after their seventh consecutive win beginning at 7:30 p.m. Thursday when they face the Toronto Lynx at Pontiac's Ultimate Soccer Arenas.

Tickets, available at the gate, are halfpriced at \$5. For more information, visit www.bucks soccer.com.

Miss Softball: Ladywood's Fidge sings a happy tune

By Brad Emons Observer Staff Writer

Celeste Fidge admits she wasn't a born hitter.

But the way the Livonia Ladywood third baseman crushed the ball during her senior year was a far cry from her days with the 12-and-under summer league team Livonia Storm.

"Actually it's a funny story," said the newly crowned Miss Softball. "When I was younger I was used to be at the end of the batting lineup. I really didn't have much interest in the sport of softball until I had this one coach (Jeremy Avery), who gave me a bunch of instructions to become a better hitter. And finally, one time when I made contact with the ball, it went right over the outfielder's head, and I said, 'I think I'm going to give this sport a try."

Fidge, who has signed with the University of Toledo, was named the Field Player of the Year by the Michigan High School Softball Coaches Association, while Sterling Heights Stevenson's Alyssa Huntley earned Pitcher of the Year honors by the MHSSCA.

Fidge, who hit .500 this season with five homers, 18 doubles and 35 RBI, became the second straight Ladywood player to earn the Miss Softball award joining former teammate Briana Combs, who was the 2012 MHSSCA Pitcher of the Year.

"I was very much shell-shocked," Fidge said of the honor. "I was not expecting to get it at all, but very happy. My teammates were really supportive of me getting it, too. I think it that was the best part of it was everyone else's reaction. It was a good feeling."

Ladywood coach Scott Combs informed Fidge of the honor last Monday, but made the announcement a little suspenseful.

"It was funny the way he presented it," Fidge said. "Early on that day he said, 'I have a secret to tell you.' I said, 'Oh, really, this should be great.'
Then he calls me up later that evening and said, 'Go get your mom and your dad.' I was like, 'OK,' and he told me I was Miss Softball."

Fidge, who lives in Westland, attended Nankin Mills Elementary in grades K-four before going to Livonia St. Michael's School for grades five-eight.

She began playing organized softball at age 9 starting with the Storm's 10- through 14-and-under teams before moving over to Compuware's 16- and 18-and-under squads.

Meanwhile, she landed at Ladywood as a ninth-grader where she started four straight seasons earning Division 2 first-



Livonia Ladywood's Celeste Fidge was named Miss Softball Field Player of the Year. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

team All-State honors three straight years helping the Blazers to an MHSAA state title in 2012 and a Final Four berth in 2013 as the Blazers finished 32-10 overall.

"She came in at a time four years ago when there were some veterans on the team and some people that had played heavy

travel ball," Scott Combs recalled. "As a freshman, she was a totally different person. I don't think she said three words her freshman year around the team. I'd see her walking around the infield or the outfield singing to herself, so it got to be a joke

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O CELESTE FIDGE Miss Softball winner



MARTIN

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terribly disappointed when that didn't happen, but the Brewers called shortly after the draft ended to offer him a free-agent contract.

That was late in the day Saturday, June 8. He packed his belongings on Sunday and was on a plane Monday for Montana and the Advanced Rookie League.

"It's kind of a blessing in disguise," Martin said, adding he begins the next phase of his career with an inner chip on his shoulder. "I knew I would play professional baseball at some point from all the feedback I was getting, but free agency wasn't the first priority on my list.

"It's a motivating factor for me. I've always had to prove myself, at Central (Michigan) and Minnesota State. It won't be easy here and I don't expect it to be. Going through the things I did in college – the surgery, the transfer, the ups and downs during my career – put me in a good mindset to handle the free agency deal."

Regardless of how he got there, Martin has his foot in the door. He plans to make the most of his opportunity and, hopefully, move up the chain of minor league teams.

"I can't change the fact of free agency," he said. "I told the Brewers, "I promise I will not take a day off all the time I'm here. I'll keep working and getting my nose dirty."

"I don't have the luxury of being an 18-year-old who signed for a lot of money. It's great playing here, but my goal is to be in the big leagues."

The season just started last week for the Helena Brewers, who were 1-3 in the Pioneer League standings at the ARL level. Martin's first appearance went well, however.

ance went well, however.

He pitched two scoreless innings of late-game relief Friday against the Missoula (Mont.) Osprey in the team's

On Milford Rd. 1 mile S. of I-96

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Harvey Martin was 19-1 over two seasons and helped the Mavericks win two Northern Sun Conference titles. MINNESOTA STATE ATHLETICS

lone win

"I struck out the side in the first inning, which was kinda awesome to start my pro career," Martin said. "The next inning was a real quick inning with a couple pop-ups and a ground ball.

"There were a lot of nerves in that first inning, but I got it out of the way. When you have a successful first inning, you feel like you belong a little bit. Obviously, it's something to build on."

Big sky country

In the short time he's been there, Martin is enjoying the experience in Helena and reveling in the knowledge he's actually playing professional baseball.

"It's pretty awesome," he said. "Every now and then, I sit back during practice and realize where I'm at and kinda living my dream. We wear Brewers across our chests and it's a cool feeling every day to realize I'm employed by a Major League baseball team. It's been a great time so far."

The 6-foot-1, 195-pound Martin transferred two years ago from Central Michigan to MSU. He played two of four seasons at CMU where his mound time was limited to spot appearances in relief. He was redshirted in 2008 and had Tommy John surgery on his pitching arm in 2010.

He took a chance and left for Mankato, Minn., with something to prove as a potential starting pitcher. He was 10-0 and was named the Newcomer of the Year in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference last year.

"I definitely did what I set out to do by leaving and getting the opportunity to pitch," Martin said. "I was given the opportunity to do something that wasn't going to be given at Central Michigan. I had the opportunity to do that at Minnesota State and it worked out. I'm very thankful for that."

Repeat performance

The challenge facing Martin at the start of the 2013 season was to prove the previous one was not a fluke, that he could back it up by having another great year. He did that and more.

The right-handed Martin posted a 9-1 record with a 2.06 earned run average and was nationally ranked in several categories. He was second in strikeout-to-walk ratio with 91 and seven, respectively, in 78.2 innings.

He helped lead the 42-9
Mavericks to a second straight
NSIC championship and consecutive runner-up finishes in
the NCAA Division II College
World Series. Martin's only
loss in his two years at MSU
occurred in the final game of

this year's CWS. Top-ranked Tampa won, 8-6.

"I don't regret going to Central at all," he said. "I earned a degree there and made a ton of great friends. In going to Minnesota, I thought it was kinda crazy, going to a Division II school where it was colder than Michigan. My decision to leave was probably the toughest I had to make, but it was the best decision I've made in my baseball career."

And the 2013 accolades piled up for Martin, who was named to the All-America first team and was selected the national Pitcher of the Year by Rawlings/ABCA, Daktronics and the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association. He also was the NSIC's Pitcher of the Year and one of eight finalists for the Tino Martinez Award as the top player in Division II.

"If I had been told all of this was going to happen to me when I left (CMU), I probably would have laughed about it," Martin said. "Awards come with team success. If a team is going to the national championship, you're going to have some All-Americas on it. I was just fortunate to be one of those guys.

"Award-wise, that was never the goal of leaving. The goal was to pitch and try to get into professional baseball. Anything else was an added bonus. I'm where I wanted to be."

Place in history

Martin ends his college career as the most decorated player in MSU baseball history and the first to win the Pitcher of the Year honor.

"His accolades on the field won't overshadow the impact he left off the field," MSÜ coach Matt Magers said, regarding Martin's ability to motivate his teammates. "His mental approach and passion for the game enabled him to compete at a level most players never attain. Despite only playing here for two seasons, Harvey will go down as one of the best to ever wear the Mav-

erick uniform."

Martin's most memorable game was this year's regional final in which MSU defeated Missouri Western, one of the best hitting teams in the country, according to Martin. He pitched a complete, 10-inning game and the Mavericks won,

"Obviously, that catapulted me into a lot of the awards I got at the end of the season," Martin said. "To help lead the team into the College World Series was a lot of fun. I loved playing those guys at Minnesota State. We were fortunate to host the regional two years in a row and play in the (CWS) twice."

Moving forward

Not only has the 24-year-old Martin moved on from a good memory like that, he has put the disappointment of not being drafted behind him, too. The bottom line is he's playing pro ball now.

"I thought I was going to get drafted last year and it didn't work out, which made me a stronger person – to keep chasing it, developing patience and working toward what you want," Martin said. "A lot of people wanted to see more strikeouts out of me. I think that's why I was national Pitcher of the Year, because my strikeout-to-walk ratio was up there.

"One thing that hurt me in the draft was that I was older and had arm surgery. Teams aren't interested in older guys who've had arm surgery. I thought, with the season I put up there, I couldn't be denied the chance. I thought 250 innings was enough to show what I could do.

"If I never played in the Major Leagues, I wanted to leave with people saying, 'Harvey Martin was the best pitcher I've seen all season.' If I did that and made sure Year 2 wasn't a fluke, I thought I'd get a shot to be where I am. It's still sinking in. I haven't taken a day for granted and don't

plan to do that.'



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FIDGE

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between me and her. But that made her relax. She was a little bit scared and intimidated by the rest of the team as a freshman, but we threw her right into the fire and we said, 'You're going to have to hit.' She was designated hitter the first year. I said, 'You're going to have to improve your arm and you're going to play third base, so stop being afraid of the ball.'

"She took all those things and worked on them day-after, day-after, day, and I think she has one of the best arms in the state of Michigan. I really do."

Fidge proved to be a sponge, soaking up all the instruction she could gather.

"I told her, 'You're arm gets stronger by throwing hard," Combs said. "You're going to be a little sore, but work at it.' She took it to heart and turned out to be one of the best third basemen I've seen in a long time. She's extremely dependable. In fact, I had to rein her in many, many times. She'd run into fences, ran into bad lips of grass ... roll her ankle a few times. She did it by pure work and saw the other kids around her and said, 'I want to play, I want to excel. I gotta up my work ethic.'

Fidge will be honored July 24 in the Softball Coaches Association All-Star game at Michigan State University.

She'll be playing summer softball for Finesse before enrolling at Toledo where she plans to study marketing. She also considered Madonna University, but fell in love with the surroundings and the academic support offered at Toledo.

"It touched my heart, I said, 'This is where I want to go," Fidge said.
"I hope to make my way there. I'm going to have to open a couple of doors to get there, but hopefully I'll make my way

Fidge's development during her four years at Ladywood has been remarkable and a joy for Combs to see.

"Her personality has been an absolute pleasure see develop," the Ladywood coach said. "Coming from a 14-yearold, little snot-nose kid as a freshman, thrown into the fire, wide-eyed and not knowing what's going on around her, too. ... She's an extremely mature young lady now, a pleasure to talk to and has her goals in her sights and didn't let anybody deter her from it.

"She wanted to play Division I ball and worked her way into that mix. It's been a great four years. It went by very fast, but her maturity has been off the scale this year and it's been great."

And Fidge will cherish each and every moment playing for the Blazers.

"I would definitely say it's been the best times I've ever had was at Ladywood," she said. "There were such great memories, especially the team.

"All four years everybody was great and supportive. That's really what made Ladywood the best four years."

Fidge enjoys music and art when she's not playing softball. She even bills herself the team's undisputed "Adele."

"She's the team singer although there's a couple other people coming up underneath her that think they can challenge her," Combs said. "We have a little ritual where we put the headphones on at that start of each practice where we walk four or five minutes away from everybody. Everybody goes there own separate way. I'll be raking the field and I can hear her singing over everybody with the earphones on. I can tell that she enjoys it. I would imagine she's in the shower at home singing pretty much all the time."

And while Fidge won't admit to being a born hitter or singer, she can definitely hold her own.

"I do like singing and I'm comfortable singing even though I might not be best at it," said the newly crowned Miss Softball.

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Stevenson

John Glenn

All-Area baseball talent tears up basepaths

Dan Cameron, sr., Liv. Churchill: The senior catcher, bound for Henry Ford Community College, batted .442 with 26 RBI, 22 runs scored and 13 extra base hits, while striking out just three times.

"Dan was the leader of our team," Churchill coach Ron Targosz said of the all-district and all-KLAA selection. "Offensively and defensively he was one of the best around. He led our team in most offensive categories and was stellar behind the plate. Dan was fouryear varsity player that will be extremely hard to replace next season.'

David Lett, jr., N. Farmington: The junior shortstop made the coaches association's Division 1 all-state second team after hitting .453 with a teambest 62 hits.

The leadoff batter also drove in 29 runs, was hit by a pitch 16 times, had seven walks and led the Raiders in runs scored with 56. Lett's (combined) on-base and slugging percentage is 1.049. He had a .960 fielding percentage and helped turned 16 doubles plays.

'David is the best baseball player on my team," coach Mike O'Connell said. "He's tremendous in every aspect. He's the real deal. If you transposed his numbers into the big leagues, he'd be making \$10 million a year. He's a complete baseball player.

"His baseball IQ is over 200. He scored from second on a ground ball hit to first base to give you an example of his speed and smarts.'

Travis Harvey, sr., Liv. Stevenson: The senior third baseman hit .406 with 31 RBI en route to second-team Division 1 all-state, all-region, all-district and all-KLAA honors.

Harvey, headed to Henry Ford CC, collected 18 extra base hits including 15 doubles. He also had a team-best 14 stolen bases.

"Once again Travis had a second good year for us," Stevenson coach Rick Berryman said. "He played a spectacular third base for us and was instrumental in us going to the regionals again. He's probably the fastest player on our

Brian Schmid, sr., Plymouth: The senior batted .389, smacking five homers and 28 RBI while being named to the All-District team.

Interim coach Mike George, who took over the Wildcats late in the season, said Schmid was a solid, consistent performer both at third base and pitcher and was the unofficial team

"Brian was a kid that was a definite leader," George said. "He was the kid that everybody turned to. He hit four home runs for us in the seven games that I was there. (He) has an opportunity to play at the next level."

Eric Stanis, sr., N. Farmington: As he did in hockey, Stanis played bigger than his size and was deceptively talented. The 145-pound senior is also a versatile player, making the alldistrict team as a second baseman and the all-league team as a catcher.

He played in every game and helped the Raiders (30-9) to an outstanding season. Stanis batted .415, led the team with 31 RBI, was second in hits (44) and was named the co-MVP. As a catcher, he threw out 18 runners trying to steal, and he was involved in 14 double plays as a second baseman. His fielding percentage was

"Eric is just a complete player," O'Čonnell said. "He's probably the best small baseball player I've ever seen. He batted in the four spot and, when he came up to bat, other teams called in the outfield because they thought he couldn't hit the ball. And then he'd hit it down the left-field

"He has great baseball smarts. I can't say enough about him. He was a shortstop when he came to high school. We needed a catcher when he was a sophomore and he volunteered.'

Chase Bovia, sr., John Glenn: The senior shortstop, who will attend the University of Michigan-Dearborn in the fall, helped spark the Rockets' first 20-win season since 2002 by hitting .360 with 16 RBI while earning team MVP and all-district honors.

"Chase played in every game for us," Glenn coach Lawrence Scheffer said. "He carried a 3.7 grade point average and he led our team by example on-and-off the field.

"What made him a good player is that he just kept working hard in practice. He



Dan Cameron Churchill



Brian Schmid Plymouth

Zak Kmet

Garden City



David Lett



N. Farmington



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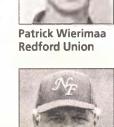


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Sterling Sharp N. Farmington







Mike O'Connell N. Farmington

knew he had to get better at certain skill levels. He hit No. 2 in the lineup and set the table

Zak Kmet, sr., Garden City: Kmet was a hitting and pitching force for the Cougars. A four-year starter at shortstop, he hit .420 this past spring with eight doubles, three triples, two home runs, 27 runs scored and 23 RBI. He struck out just six times in 86 plate appearances. An all-league and alldistrict performer, Kmet capped his career at Garden City as the school's all-time leader in runs scored (89) and hits (109), and he is second on the RBI list with 77. Kmet will play college baseball at Con-

cordia University. 'Zak Kmet is one of the best players that has ever played at Garden City High School," said Garden City coach Steve Herman. "He has led us at shortstop for four years and very few can say that at any school. His career numbers speak for themselves. But what they don't tell is the kind of person and leader that he has been. Not loud, Zak has led by example for four years, working harder than anyone despite being one of our best players year after year. Zak is also a great student and an even better young man. Zak is a great role model for all future Garden City High School play-

ers. Josh Gorman, sr., Liv. Franklin: The senior infielder and pitcher, bound for Indiana Tech, earned all-KLAA and all-district honors while hitting .340 with 16 RBI.

Gorman, a first-team all-Observer pick last year, also went 4-2 on the mound for the Patriots.

"Josh was a third baseman by trade, but because of team needs, he played shortstop and second base for us," Franklin coach Matt Fournier said. "He was willing to give up his position for the betterment of the team. He's a four-year varsity player who progressed nicely through the program and has a good future ahead of him."

Connor Mohr, sr., Farmington: The senior center fielder was selected for the All-Observer first team a second time after another outstanding season for the Falcons. He hit .479 with 13 doubles, five triples, seven home runs and 23 RBI

from the leadoff position.

Mohr, who has a scholarship to Michigan State, had 56 hits, was successful stealing a base 10 of 14 times and scored a team-high 49 runs. His slugging percentage was .855 and on-base average .519.

He fielded .968 with 51 putouts and nine assists. He pitched the second-most innings on the team (37 1/3) and had a 4-3 record.

Mohr also earned an allstate, first-team accolade from the coaches association and will play in the East-West All-Star game at Comerica Park on Monday, July 1.

In his prep career, Mohr batted .408 with 145 hits, which included 32 doubles, 13 triples and 11 home runs. He had 59 RBI and 53 stolen bases.

Demetrius Dunlap, sr., Salem: As smooth and talented a center-fielder as you will find at the prep level, Dunlap once again was an all-around standout for the Rocks.

Awarded Salem's Defensive Player of the Year award, Dunlap posted a perfect 1.000 fielding percentage, handling 83 putouts. Over his three-year varsity career, he made just seven errors while making 230 putouts.

At the plate he was a force, too, batting .339 with five homers, 31 RBI and a .414 on-base

percentage. Dunlap, who will play college baseball at Saginaw Valley State University, was named to the all-conference and all dis-

trict teams. "Demetrius is an outstanding player, a great teammate and is a better person than he is a player," coach Dale Rumberger said.

Nick Andrzejewski, sr., Luth. Westland: The senior outfielder posted a .523 batting average for the MIAC Red Division champions, who finished 21-5 this season. He scored a school record

56 runs and has the Warriors career mark with 144. Andrzejewski also posted 46 hits, including 11 doubles, with 29 RBI. He also walked 21 times and had 25 stolen bases.

"Nick has been a four-year starter, won two division titles. three district titles, one regional and has been to the quarterfinals," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said of the all-MIAC and all-district pick.

"He is a great leader for our young guys and he'll be greatly missed."

Daniel Jipping, jr., Ply. Christian: The junior catcher pretty much was a one-man wrecking crew in the Michigan Independent Athletic Confer-

Jipping batted .685 (54for-80) with 24 extra-base hits (including seven homers), driving in 40 and scoring 36. His slugging percentage was 1.556 and his power hitting helped him win all-district, all-MIAC first-team and MIAC Red Division MVP honors.

He also was a strong pitcher for the Eagles, posting a 5-1 record and 2.97 ERA. He struck out 60 in 35 1/3 innings.

In addition to his on-thefield prowess, he carried a 3.97 grade-point average and earned all-district academic

"Players like Daniel don't come along very often," assistant coach Joe Bottorff said. "And I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to coach him. I can't wait to see what he does next year as a

Nick Hazergian, jr., Canton: A bulldog who will do whatever is necessary for the Chiefs to have success, Hazergian batted .375 with 47 RBI while playing solid first base.

And whenever coach Mark Blomshield needed him to dazzle on the mound he did just that, going 6-1, striking out 61 in 43 innings and fashioning a nifty 1.90 earned run average.

The junior earned all-district and all-conference honors for the second season in a row.

"Nick had a great junior year for the Chiefs on the mound and at the plate," Blomshield said. "Nick's RBI production was impressive with runners in scoring position indicating the type of clutch player he has been this sea-

Mike Kanitra, sr., Stevenson: The senior first baseman and pitcher, who signed with Madonna University, led the Spartans with a .422 batting average, including 14 doubles with a team-high 37 RBI and a .635 slugging percentage.

Kanitra, a right-hander, also excelled on the mound as Stevenson's ace going 6-4 with a 2.08 earned run average with 43 strikeouts in 61% innings of

The team MVP earned firstteam Division 1 all-state, along with all-region, all-district and all-KLAA honors.

"Mike was an unbelievable pleasant surprise," Berryman said. "Not only did he lead us in hitting, he pitched in all the big games and that's why he was our MVP."

Mike Stafford, sr., Canton: The senior lefthander finished a dominant, four-year prep career with a flourish, going 7-3 and striking out 93 in 56 innings. His ERA was an impressive 1.00 and he fired a no-hitter against Livonia Ste-

For his Canton career, he collected 247 strikeouts and will take that pitching talent to Liberty University (Va.) next

Stafford also earned alldistrict and all-conference selections for the third consecutive season.

'Mike was a standout because he is a three-pitch pitcher who can run his fastball into the 90s with good movement,' Blomshield said. "He had great mound presence and is a leader both on and off the field. Because he is a four-year letter winner and three-year starter, he's pitched in a lot of big

"Mike was able to learn from these experiences and continue to improve each year, both physically and mentally therefore becoming the blue chip ball player he is today.'

Patrick Wierimaa, jr., Redford Union: Wierimaa's right arm and lead-off skills helped lead the Panthers to a 14-7 record in head coach Bob Miller's first year at the helm. Serving as the Panthers' ace, Wierimaa carved out a 10-4 record with a 1.50 earned run average. He struck out 105 batters in 64 innings while yielding just 15 walks. At the dish, the junior hit .535 with 15 RBI and seven doubles.

'Not only was Pat our best pitcher, but he was a great hitter for us this season," said Miller. "He's one of those kids who just loves to play the game and he puts a lot of time into his craft. I'm looking forward to coaching him again next season.'

Sterling Sharp, sr., N. Farmington: The senior ace posted a 24-5 record during a fouryear varsity career, which

2013 All-Observer **Baseball Team**

FIRST TEAM

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P - Mike Stafford, sr., Canton P - Patrick Wierimaa, jr., Redford Union P – Sterling Sharp, sr., N. Farmington SECOND TEAM

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Mike O'Connell, North Farmington HONORABLE MENTION Canton: Weston Price, Nick Schnur; Plymouth: Matt Janke, Brendan Swanson, Jamarl Eiland, Brandon Waack; Salem: Jeremy St. Laurent, Brandon Gillen, Justin Sydlowski; Ply. Christian: Johnny Lauch, Michael Slater, Matt Sumner, Matt Read, Josh Slater; Churchill: Nick Misiak, Mark Leja; Franklin: Alex DeYonker; Stevenson: Cody Coleman, Billy Bonanno; John Glenn: Kyle Hunter, Ryan Wheeler, Adam Singleton, Daniel Ammons, Clark Boston, Christopher Scheffer: Wayne Memorial: Chris Briggs, Tyler Harnos; Clarenceville: Kyle Kissandi, Tyler Weed, Zach Devon; Lutheran Westland: Mark Mika, Nick Flanery, Jordan Williams; Huron Valley Lutheran: Ryan Schaffer, Brian Blackwood, Adam Hodgson; Farmington: Jon Perry, Troy Mitchell, Mike Carty; Harrison: Patrick Williams, Steven Marowski; N. Farmington: Mitchell Kramer, Bobby Lett, Bobby Williams, Alex Darden; Garden City: Travis Kidd, Jacob

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Union: Ryan Aaro, Derrick Pfirrmann, Nick De-

Frain, Corey Davis, Collin Dzaidzio; Redford

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included a 5-3 slate the past season. The 6-foot-4 righthander, who will play at Eastern Michigan next year, also had two saves, including one against Catholic Central in the district tournament.

Sharp, a repeat member of the all-area first team, pitched fewer innings (50) this year due to the poor weather in April, striking out 41 and walking 12. He also played some shortstop and hit .368 with 18 RBI. Sharp was an All-Observer basketball player this year,

"His potential is so great," O'Connell said. "Major League and college scouts look at him and go, 'Wow!' Everybody thinks, if they could put 30 pounds of muscle on him, he'd be throwing 94 (mph).

"He tried to be a complete pitcher this year instead of just throwing hard and blowing everybody away. He worked on his changeup and offspeed stuff. His four-year high school career was exemplary."

COACH OF THE YEAR Mike O'Connell, N. Farmington: In O'Connell's third season as varsity head coach, the Raiders (30-9) set a record for single-season victories, captured the Oakland Activities Association White Division crown and won their first district championship in nine

O'Connell, who has coached at North since 1997, has been an assistant coach at the jayvee and varsity levels and the jayvee head coach. His threeyear varsity record is 64-37, and his jayvee teams were 140-46 during a span of nine seasons (2002-10).

"I can't say enough about the kids," O'Connell said. "I've had more talented teams and better athletes, but I haven't had this many kids who were as dedicated to baseball.

'What made us 30-9 was our depth. Everybody has a great pitcher, a leadoff guy and a No. 4 hitter. What really makes the difference is the last three our four guys in the lineup.

"We won 25 games with other guys on the mound (besides ace Sterling Sharp). It was the depth of the pitching staff that really made the difference."

O'Connell added longtime assistant coach Kurt Yockey played a major role for the Raiders, too.

"We would not have had the success we did without him," O'Connell said.



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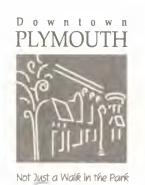
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Metro West hockey team wins gold medal

> **By Ed Wright** Staff Writer

Silver is nice, but it wouldn't suffice for the 2013 Metro West high school hockey team heading into last weekend's talent-rich Meijer State Games tournament in Grand Rapids.

The squad of Observerland-area icers met its gold standard on Sunday when it skated away with the top prize at the fourday competition after laying a thorough thumping on Team South, 10-0, in the title tilt.

Metro West was the runner-up in the 2012 tournament, which features a vast majority of Michigan's elite prep hockey talent.

"The key to our success was that everybody bought into the system, said Metro West head coach Ryan Ossenmach-

er, who was orchestrating the team for the fourth time. "Most of these players are top-line guys on their high school teams, but some were asked to play on the third or fourth lines because we're so deep. Everybody accepted his role, which is why we were able to win the gold."

Metro West was so dominant in the championship game that the contest was halted after two periods when the mercy rule kicked in.

"We just came out flying and we never let up," Ossenmacher said, referring to the gold medal game.

Ossenmacher's skaters advanced to the final after smothering Team West, 3-0, on Saturday.

The champions opened with a 4-1 victory over Team Central on Thursday, one day before rocking Team South, 5-1.

Metro West's lone loss was a 5-4 overtime setback to Metro East

"We had five or six guys back who played on the 2012 team, so they were extremely motivated to improved on the silver we won last year," Ossenmacher said.

"Our expectations were to win this tournament. Our goal was to have fun, obviously, but the boys knew they'd have the most fun if they won it."

Familiarity bred success for the team's top three lines. One line consisted of Division 2 state champion Livonia Stevenson's No. 1 line, while another was made up of quarterfinalist Plymouth's best three skaters. The other top line included two NHL draftees.

"It would be really hard to single anyone out because everybody played well," Ossenmacher said.

Sharing the goal-tending duties were Salem's Parker Godfrey, Livonia Churchill's David Turel and Novi's Austin Petty.

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Members of the Metro West hockey team celebrate after winning the gold medal at the 2013 Meijer State Games in Grand Rapids.

Rams feel the Sting in trio of setbacks

Danny Essian collected five hits on Sunday leading the Michigan Sting to a double-header sweep of the Michigan Rams in Livonia Collegiate Baseball League action at Bicentennial

The Troy High grad, a catcher at Alderson-Broaddus College (W.Va.) and son of former Major Leaguer Jim Essian, went 2-for-3 with a run scored as the Sting took the opener, 3-1, followed by a 3-for-3 effort with two runs scored in the

nightcap in a 4-3 victory. The Sting improved to 9-7 in league play, while the Rams fall to 7-8-1.

Sting starter Kevin Marnon went all seven innings to win Game One allowing just one run on five hits and two walks. He struck out seven.

The Rams' Spencer Goebel, who took the loss, allowed two runs (one earned) in five innings. He allowed two hits, walked three and

struck out four. Reliver Donnie Eaton gave up one runs on two hits in two innings.

Taylor Grezlakowski, Kyle Juscak and Dylan Ahern each knocked in a run for the Sting, while Justin Sherman went 2-for-3 with a double and Trent Drumheller added two hits and one RBI for the Rams.

In Game Two, Nathan Weiss pitched all seven innings scattering six hits and a walk to go along with six strikeouts as the Sting rallied from a 3-0 deficit by scoring three times in the sixth and one in the seventh for the one-run victory.

Juscak also went 2for-4 with a double, while J.P. Maracani went 2for-3 with a double and two RBI for the Rams. Matt Avromov also added two hits in the loss.

Rams starter Evan Piechota (Livonia Stevenson/Madonna University) went 5½ innings, allowing three runs, all unearned,

on six hits. He struck out four, walked one and hit a

Reliever Jake Gardner, who came on for the final 1% innings, gave up the game-winning run and took the loss.

STING 3, RAMS 2: On Monday, A.J. Jusick pitched a four-hit complete game leading the Michigan Sting (10-7) to an (7-9-1) at Bloomfield Hills Lahser High School

Jusick struck out five, walked one and hit three batters.
Rams starter Jake Balicki, who took the

loss, went five innings allowing two earned runs on five hits and two walks. He struck out four before Chris McDonald (Livonia Stevenson/Hillsdale College) pitched as scoreless sixth.

Jeff Segal went 2-for-3 with a run scored, while Danny Essian added two RB Trent Drumheller hit a 2-run homer in the fifth for the Rams

fifth for the Rams.

RAMS 11, LIGHTNING 6: Brett
Ramirez (Salem/MU) knocked in three runs
while Miles Sorise went 2-for-3 and scored
twice as the Michigan Rams (7-6-1) downed
the Michigan Lightning (1-13) in a game
called after 6½ innings due to a 2½ time
limit Friday at Bicentennial Park.
Ben Yax, Tyler Baker and Brandon Katta
also knocked in runs for the Rams, who
erased a 4-2 deficit with nine runs in the
fourth inning.
Kirk Stambaugh, in relief of starter Jeff
Sorenson (Stevenson/Wayne State), pitched

Sorenson (Stevenson/Wayne State), pitched the final 3½ innings to pick up the victory. Brent Marzion (Livonia Franklin) took the loss for the Lightning.
Willard Brown went 3-for-4 with two RBI in a losing cause.

New Schoolcraft College women's basketball coach Kara Kinzer (center) signed her first

two recruits, landing Teniece Roberts (left) of Windsor and Victoria Fletcher of Mason

New Lady Ocelots coach signs recruits

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

New Schoolcraft College women's basketball coach Kara Kinzer has entertained thoughts of putting a "Help Wanted" message on the electronic marquee off Haggerty Road heading into the 2013-14 season.

"It's been a struggle, but we'll get there," said Kinzer, who replaced Kevin Brathwaite, who posted a 33-26 record in his two seasons with the Lady Ocelots. "We're always looking for players, but I'm very excit-

The 27-year-old Kinzer signed her first two recruits last week landing Victoria Fletcher, a 5-foot-9 guard from Dansville High School, along with Teniece Roberts, a 6-foot center who graduated from Windsor (Ontario) Assumption in

Fletcher was a fouryear all-league and allconference starter in basketball and soccer.

"I'm looking for Victoria to be an aggressive player," said Kinzer, who spent two seasons as an assistant at Oakland Community College. "I would like for her to be able to play the shooting guard and the small forward position."

Roberts, who attended a full semester at Schoolcraft, has not played competitive basketball since graduating from high school.

She will graduate next May with a science

degree.
"Teniece is a very quick learner on and off the court," Kinzer said. "She's a little raw, but she's is really working hard on her fundamentals during the summer workouts.

She also has secured two more verbal commitments from a pair of 5-6 point guards – Sara Gammons from Flint Atherton and Chelsea Wesley from Morrice. Among the four play-

ers scheduled to return off last year's 8-20 squad, which finished 5-13 in the MCCAA's Eastern Conference, include Bri Berbert

(Salem), Alexis Smith (Livonia Franklin), Marwa Sayed and Taylor Bunyak.

"I'm expecting a lot from our incoming freshmen with only four returning players," Kinzer said. "The incoming freshmen will have a lot of responsibility on-andoff the court.'

Kinzer, who lives in Ferndale and works in her family collision shop business in Mount Clemens, played high school basketball at Utica Eisenhower before going on to four-year career at Saginaw Valley State.

This is her first head coaching gig after spending the last two seasons as an assistant.

Kinzer said she plans on holding summer workouts and open gyms with the hope of landing

a few more players.
And the door remains

Any players interested in a look should email the first-year Schoolcraft coach at kkinzer@schoolcraft.edu.

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> **Board of Education** Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Adrienne Davis, Secretary

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German, American dancers share stage at Livonia Spree

By Sharon Dargay

Debbie Felton's Academy of Dance will add a little German flair to its annual appearance on the main stage Saturday at Livonia Spree.

The Academy's competitive dance team will share performance time with Ballettschule Feibicke, a group of dancers from Berlin, Germany.

"At Spree we'll do jazz, contemporary, tap --- we're bringing a little of everything," said Janet Coppola, the Academy's office manager. She suspects the German troupe will perform ballet and contemporary dances.

'Their ballet is more contemporary. Their pieces may have a more modern look. People love to watch other people express themselves. I don't think it matters if it's jazz, ballet or tap. Having these young ladies from Germany will be an experience for people in Livonia."

Ballettschule Feibicke is in Michigan this week through an 18-year-old exchange program with Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, which is located in Twin Lake north of Muskegon. The German and American dancers take turns visiting each others' countries every other year. The German dancers have toured Michigan nine times since the program be-

Sarah Jozwiak, a dancer at Debbie Felton's Academy of Dance, attended Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp last summer and performed in four European countries through the exchange program. She and other troupe members stayed with Ballettschule Feibicke host families while in Berlin. Her mother, Terri, arranged for Ballettschule Feibicke to



Members of the senior troupe at Debbie Felton's Academy of Dance perform a jazz routine.

participate in Livonia Spree while it's visiting Michigan this month. She also sought host

families from the Livonia area. "I'll have five (dancers) at my house," Terri Jozwiak said. "Part of the exchange program is to live with an American family. We do have a few activities planned while they are here. We'll have a picnic and a pool party and after the performance we'll stay at Spree so they can ride the rides. On

Friday we're going downtown to tour the Opera House, see Campus Martius, the DIA, the river front."

Ballettschule Feibicke leaves Livonia on Sunday and heads to Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp and then Ann Arbor for performances.

The German group and the Academy's competitive dance team each will perform for 30 minutes from 2:30-3:30 p.m. on the main stage at Spree, which is held at Ford Field, located at the corner of Farmington Road and Lyndon, in Livonia.

Dancers from Debbie Felton's Academy of Dance have performed at Livonia Spree since 2009.

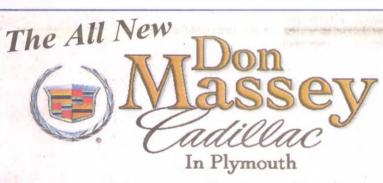
Coppola said the event, which celebrates Livonia's founding, gives the dance team "great exposure" in the community.

"Eighty percent of our students are from the Livonia

area," Coppola noted. "It gives them a chance to showcase what they do.

She said Livonia Spree also gives dancers an opportunity to "give back" to the communi-

For more about Debbie Felton's Academy of Dance, see feltondance.com. For more about Livonia Spree, visit livoniaspree.com. Visit Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp's website at bluelake.org



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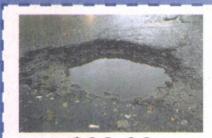
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Village Theater seeks art for fall exhibit

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is accepting entries for the 21st annual Canton Fine Arts Exhibition, which will be held Oct. 3-28. Deadline for entries is Aug. 26. Juried result notification will be mailed by Sept. 15.

Michigan artists may enter online at www.cantonvillage theater.org or request an entry form by calling the theater at 734-394-5300,

for the exhibit, but only digital image files on CDs will be accepted for review. No slides will be accepted for consideration. Paintings and hangings should not exceed 5 feet in width, 6 feet in height, or 40 pounds in weight. The work must be properly and appropriately framed and prepared for hanging. Sculpture dimensions must not ex-

All media is accepted

ceed 5 feet by 5 feet by 6 feet. Works must weigh no more than 200 pounds.

Original works of art must have been completed in the last three years. A nonrefundable entry fee of \$15 for each sub-

The competition will award \$1,950 in cash prizes: \$750 for best of show, \$500 for second place, \$300 for third

honorable mentions, and

mitted piece is required. place, \$100 each for two

\$50 each for four merit awards.

Gilda Snowden, a graduate of Cass Technical High School and Wayne State University, will be the juror. Snowden holds B.F.A., M.A. and M.F.A. degrees. She is the interim chair and professor of the Fine Arts Department at the College for Creative Studies, and is also gallery director of the Detroit Repertory Theatre.



'My Friend Kate," a pencil drawing by Christina Czaja, won Best of Show last year at the Canton Fine Arts.

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ARTS CRAFTS ARTS AND ACTS FESTIVAL

Time/Date: 3-9 p.m. Friday, June 28, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, June 29, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 30

Location: Main and Center streets in downtown Northville

Details: The Festival includes the 25th annual juried fine art show "Art in the Sun," featuring more than 60 artists; the "Reel Michigan Film Festival" at Northville's Marquis Theatre; the "Sandbox Play Festival" produced by Tipping Point Theatre; "Short on Words," a literary contest; musical entertainment; children's activities, including a fairy door scavenger hunt and free mural painting; and a variety of festival food and drink

Contact: www.northvillearts.org or call the Northville Art House at 248-344-0497

CITY GALLERY

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through July 19 Location: Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Paintings by Marilynn Thomas are on exhibit Contact: 248-473-1856

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Time/Dates: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday

Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit

Family Sundays: 2 p.m. Sundays; storytelling, performances; free with admission

Exhibits: Shirin Neshat, includes eight video installations and two series of photos, through July 7; printmaking by Ellsworth Kelly, through Sept. 8

Contact: 313-833-7900, www.dia.org

FARMINGTON ART FOUNDATION

Time/Date: 4:30-6 p.m. Friday, June 28

Location: In the Village Mall southeast corner of Grand River Ave., and Farmington Road,

Farmington Details: Grand opening of Foundation art gallery. Meet the artists, view their works and enjoy complimentary refreshments and snacks

Contact: www.farmingtonartfoundation.org

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through June 30 Location: 215 W. Cady, North-

ville Details: West of Center Show, which showcases contemporary

art work Contact: 248-344-0497

VAAL

Time/Date: Through June 28 Location: Livonia Civic Center Library, 33000 Civic Center Drive,

Details: The Visual Arts Association of Livonia presents its spring art exhibit, "Artistic Expressions." This exhibit is juried and features the art work of VAAL members. Art works in watercolor, acrylic, oil, pastel, photography and mixed media. Art may be purchased

Contact: 734-838-1204; www.vaalart.org

VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday and one hour before and during public performances at the theater, as well as by appointment; July 1-28 Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: Kyle Culps and Scot Ferguson exhibit their works Contact: 734-394-5300; cantonvillagetheater.org

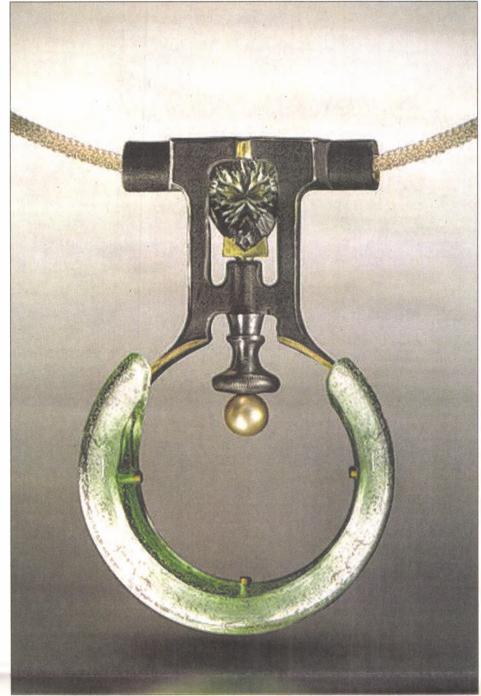
FILM COMPUWARE ARENA DRIVE-IN

Time/Date: Gates open at 7:30 p.m., with movies starting around 9:20 p.m., daily, through

Location: 14900 Beck between Five Mile and M-14, Plymouth Township

Details: Cost is \$10 for adults; \$8 for children, 4-12; kids 3 and under are admitted free of charge. Students with proper ID are admitted for \$8 Sunday through Thursday. Patrons listen to the movies on the FM band of their car radio





"Cleopatra's Desire" is by Michael Stephens, one of the more than 60 artists who will show their work at Northville's Art and Acts Festival, Friday-Sunday, June 28-30.

Contact: 734-927-3284 **PENN THEATRE**

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 28-29 and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, June 30

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: "The Sapphires," admission," \$3

Coming up: "Iron Man 3," 7 p.m. and 9:25 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 6-7 and 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, July 7; "The Great Gatsby," 7 p.m. Friday, July 12, and 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, July 13-14

Summer Matinee: "Back to the Future," June 27; "Raiders of the Lost Ark,," July 11; E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial," July 18; "The Goonies," July 25; "Annie," Aug. "The Sound of Music," Aug. 15; "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang," Aug. 22; "The Muppet Movie," Aug. 29. Movies run at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

HISTORICAL PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth Details: The current exhibit, B4TV, highlights leisure activities that families and individuals engaged in before television. The exhibit runs through Nov. 10. Admission \$5 for adults and \$2 for students 6-17

Contact: www.plymouthhistory.org; 734-455-8940

MUSIC **JAZZ AT THE ELKS**

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. last Tues-

day of the month — except December

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

Details: There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres. Proceeds from Jazz Elks goes toward special needs and disadvantaged children and veterans.

Contact: 734-453-1780 or email to plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

PLYMOUTH COFFEE BEAN

Time/Date: 7:30-10 p.m. every Monday Location: 884 Penniman, Ply-

Details: Open mic for music and poetry

Friday featured artists: Kenneth Michael, June 28; Signature Mistakes, July 5; Tritone Paradox, July 13; Potters Field, July 26. Featured performer concerts start at 8 p.m.

Contact: 734-454-0178

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, June

Location: in the Forum Recital Hall, on the main campus, located on Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia Details: Participants in Schoolcraft College's annual weeklong Summer Piano Camp for young pianists will perform a variety of solo and duet selections. Performers are in grades three-12. Admission is free

Contact: www.schoolcraft.edu TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m. Location: 38840 W. Six Mile,

Details: Genna and Jesse, June 28: Shari Kane and Dave Steele. June 29: Harpeth Rising, July 12, Brion Riborn with Chris Dupont, July 13; Jason Harrod with Kelsey Rottiers, July 20, The Lost Dogs, July 27; Lindsay Lou and the Flatbellys, Aug. 2; Kaivama, Aug. 8. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks are accepted

Contact: 734-464-6302 **VILLAGE THEATER**

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday,

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

Details: Peter Karrie, best known for his portrayal of the title role in Andrew Lloyd Weber's, "Phantom of the Opera," performs popular songs from musicals. Tickets are \$20 and are available from www.cantonvillagetheater.org

Contact: 734-394-5460

SOMETHING DIFFERENT **DETROIT ZOO**

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

Details: Admission is \$11 for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for

children ages 2 to 14; children

under 2 are free Contact: 248-541-5717 **ELVIS FEST**

Time/Date: 4 p.m. to midnight Friday, July 12, and noon to midnight Saturday, July 13 Location: Riverside Park, 5 W.

Cross Street, Ypsilanti **Details:** 14th annual Michigan ElvisFest includes performances by nine Elivs Presley tribute artists. Advance tickets are \$13 for Friday, \$22.50 for Saturday, or \$30 for both days. Admission at the gate is \$15 for Friday and \$25 for Saturday

Contact: www.mielvistest.org **KELSEY MUSEUM OF ARCHAEOLOGY**

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 30-July 21; opening reception is 2-4 p.m. June 30

Location: 434 S. State, Ann

Details: "Red Rock & Rust Belt" is an exhibition of photographs by Susan Webb that explores the connection between two great cities that do not readily suggest comparison: the modern city of Detroit and the ancient site of Petra in modern Jordan Contact: 734-764-9304

THEATER TWO MUSES

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, through June 30

Location: Barnes & Noble at 6800 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield

Details: "Next to Normal," is a fast-paced musical that centers on what appears, at first glance, to be a typical American family with two parents and two bright, wise-cracking teens. Their lives are anything but normal, because the mother has been battling manic depression for 16 years. Two Muses Theatre will donate \$1 from each ticket purchase to Common Ground, a nonprofit agency dedicated to helping youths, adults and families in crisis. Advance tickets are \$23 for adults and \$18 for students and senior citizens. Tickets are \$2 more at the door Contact: 248-850-9919: twomusestheatre

Casting set in July for new Michigan film

The Michigan-made film, *Papou*, will film in Livonia, Sterling Heights and Bloomfield Hills next month.

The movie is about death, family and the bond between grandfather and grandson. Actors of all ages,

dressed in street clothes, are needed for filming July 8 and July 19 at Archie's Coney Island, 29433 Eight Mile, Livonia.

A casting call for all ages is set for July 22 at St. John's Greek Orthodox Church, 11455 Metropolitan Parkway (16 Mile) in Sterling Heights. Actors should wear funeral attire.

Youngsters, 6-10, dressed in school-appropriate clothing are needed from July 26-Aug. 2 at the Academy of the Sacred Heart, 1250 Kensington, Bloomfield Hills.

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Makes about 12 servings

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Leaf green icing color Filling:

3 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened

%cup granulated sugar

1 teaspoon imitation clear

1 cup heavy whipping cream 1 package (16 ounces) frozen whole strawberries, thawed,

pureed and strained (about 1 ½

1 envelope (% ounce) unflavored gelatin

No-taste red icing color ½ cup mini chocolate chips,

divided In food processor, pulse pistachios until coarsely ground. Add coconut, sugar, butter and icing color; pulse until well combined. Press into bottom and ¾ up side of 9-inch springform pan. Refrigerate while making filling.

In large bowl, beat cream cheese, sugar and vanilla until light and creamy. Add heavy cream and beat until combined. In small saucepan, bring strawberry juice just to boiling, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Sprinkle gelatin evenly over top and whisk vigorously to dissolve completely, about 3 minutes. Pour into cream cheese mixture. Add icing color and beat until well combined. Beat in 1/3 cup mini chocolate chips. Pour into chilled crust. Sprinkle top with remaining chocolate chips. Refrigerate until set, about 3 hours.

SWEET SLIDERS

Makes about 24 Sweet Sliders

Cake Buns:

1 package (16 ounces) yellow

cake mix Eggs, water and vegetable oil to

prepare mix

Brownie Patties: ½ cup all-purpose flour

% teaspoon salt 3 tablespoons unsalted butter

1/2 cup granulated sugar 1 tablespoon water

½ cup semi-sweet chocolate chips

1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

Toppings:

Shredded coconut Leaf green icing color

Assorted fruit flavored candies Red sparkle gel

Yellow sparkle gel

Preheat oven to 350°F. Prepare whoopie pie pan with vegetable

pan spray. For buns, combine cake mix,

eggs, water and oil in large bowl; mix according to package instructions. Fill prepared pan cavities 1/3

full with cake batter. Bake 9 to 11 minutes, or until tops of cake spring back when touched. Cool in pan 10 minutes;

remove to cooling grid and cool completely. Repeat with remaining

cake batter. For patties, combine flour and salt in small bowl. In small saucepan, melt butter and sugar with water; stir until sugar is dissolved. Add chocolate chips; stir until

melted. Remove from heat. Stir in

vanilla extract. In large bowl, beat egg with electric mixer. Add chocolate mixture; mix well. Add flour mixture; stir until just combined. Divide batter evenly between whoopie pie pan cavities, filling about 1/3 full. Bake 9 to 11 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out nearly clean. Cool 10 minutes; loosen edges of brownies and remove from pan. Cool completely. For toppings, mix shredded coconut with leaf green icing color for lettuce. Roll yellow fruit candies into thin layers for cheese. Use red and yellow sparkle gels for ketchup and mustard. To assemble, top cake bun with a brownie patty. Add toppings and finish with second cake bun

RED, WHITE AND BLUE TREAT POPS

Makes about 12 Treat Pops

Whoopie Pie Cakes:

1 ½ cups ali-purpose flour 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder

1/4 teaspoon salt 6 tablespoons butter, softened

% cup granulated sugar 2 egg whites

1 ½ teaspoons imitation clear vanilla extract

¾ cup milk Filling:

3 cups buttercream icing

Christmas red icing color Royal blue icing color

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Rocket Treat Pops Toppers

Preheat oven to 350°F. Prepare

mini whoopie pie pan with vegetable pan spray.

In large bowl, stir together flour, baking powder and salt.

in large bowl, beat butter and sugar with electric mixer until light and fluffy. Add egg whites and vanilla extract and beat until well combined. Alternately add flour

mixture and milk in three additions, beating until just combined. Spoon one tablespoon batter into each

Bake 9 to 11 minutes or until tops of cakes spring back when touched. Cool in pan 3 minutes.

Cool completely on cooling grid. In separate small bowls, tint 1 cup buttercream red, 1 cup blue and reserve 1 cup white. To assemble: Place one cake in

bottom of treat pop. Pipe a swirl of blue icing from back edge following the curve of the container to the front, then filling in the center; add sprinkles. Add second cake. Pipe a swirl of white icing; add sprinkles. Top with another cake. Pipe a swirl of red icing. Top with

Pops Toppers. Tip:: Substitute vanilla wafer cookies for whoopie pie cakes.

Patriotic Sprinkles or Rocket Treat

RELIGION CALENDAR

JUNE **FEMININE ARCHETYPES**

Time/Date: 1-8 p.m. Saturday, June 29

Location: Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, South-

Details: Rev. Kimi Riegel and Kathy Igoe, life coach, will lead a "Crone Rave," a gathering of women, who come together in a ritual experience to explore sacred feminine archetypes and societal female stereotypes. The event will include a labyrinth walk and a celebration of community with dance, words, music and food. Attendees will receive a goddess book with sacred feminine archetypes by Jean Shinoda Bolen, MD, a Crone Rave Journal and a Wise Crone photograph. They'll also have an opportunity to create a Maiden-Mother-Crone keepsake artwork Contact: Register at www.igoewalk.com; Call the church at 248-354-4488

JULY **EMBROIDERY**

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. social time, 10 a.m. meeting, Wednesday, July 3

Location: Faith Covenant Church, 14 Mile and Drake in Farmington Hills

Details: The Farmington Hills Embroiders' Guild meets Contact: 248-474-6771

FILM Time/Date: 6 p.m. Wednesday,

Location: St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road,

Details: Screening of "The Hunger Games" with a Q and A afterward and refreshments provided. RSVP requested

Contact: 734-425-5950: www.staidanlivonia.org

RUMMAGE SALE Time/Date: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday,

July 26 and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, July 27

Location: Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road, south of Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia Details: The sale will be in the lower level of the church Contact: 734-425-3062

SINGLE PLACE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, July 11-25

Location: First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 East Main Street, Northville

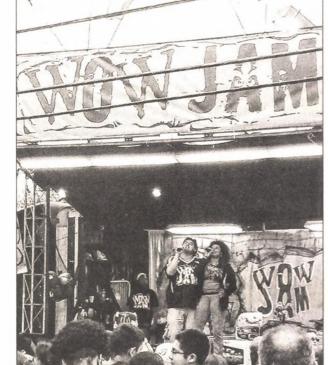
Details: Terry Erchenbrecher of St. Mary Mercy Hospital will talk about "Life's Simple Seven" seven ways to manage cardiovascular risk factors and improving your lifestyle, July 11; a cookout will be held July 18, cards and games night is planned for July 25. Ice cream is available July 11 and 25 for \$5. The cookout costs \$7

Contact: www.singleplace.org

MALWOW

Time/Date: 4-8 p.m. Friday, July

Location: Goudy Recreational Park, 3355 South Wayne Road,



Stephen and Linda Tavani sing to the crowd at a previous Cornerstone City Church "Wow Jam" in Wayne. This year's event, which includes free giveaways, is set for July 19 in Goudy Recreational Park, 3355 S. Wayne Road, Wayne.

Wayne

Details: Cornerstone City Church offers this event that will include free groceries, free haircuts and manicures, free family photos, free bike repair, free potted plants, free hot meals and a singing contest with a \$100 first prize. Stephen and Linda Tavani perform live, inspiring and uplifting music Contact: denisehunt17@gmail.com or info@cor-

nerstonecitychurch.us.

AUGUST CAR SHOW

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24 Location: Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, Livonia Details: 12th annual Charity Car Show will benefit Angela Hospice. All makes of cars, trucks and motorcycles are welcome. There are class trophies plus best of show, a club participation award, goodie bags for the first 75 entrants, door prizes, a live DJ, and food and drinks available for purchase. The entry fee to show a vehicle is \$15. No

sponsors for the show Contact: 734-427-8743 **CHOIR DIRECTOR**

charge to view the entries.

Organizers also are seeking

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. Aug. 12 Location: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 W. Six Mile,

Details: The three-day workshop at Holy Cross Lutheran Church is designed for choir directors and music educators, led by Michael Burkhardt Contact: www.heartshandsvoices.org; 734-427-1414 for more information

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m.-noon, Aug. 5-8

Location: Fellowship hall at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia Details: Designed for children, 3, through those entering fifth grade in the fall. Cost is \$10 per child and \$25 for families with three or more children. Each child will receive a free CD with

Registration forms are available in the church office Contact: Pam Gunderson at rgpc.children@yahoo.com or 734-422-0494, Ext. 14 **WORSHIP & MUSIC**

all of the music from the week.

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Aug.

CAMP

Location: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: "Hearts, Hands and Voices," is designed to help students in grades 2-7 grow spiritually and musically

Contact: Register at www.heartshandsvoices.org; 734-427-1414

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m. Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville

Contact: John Shulenberger at 734-464-9491

New Life Community Church Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 am. Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at

10 a.m. Sundays. Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville

Contact: 734-846-4615 **Our Lady of Loretto** Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Monday Location: Six Mile and Beech

Daly, Redford

Details: Scripture study Contact: 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday. Location: School library, 11441

Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia **Details**: Catholic author and bible scholar, Gary Michuta, leads a study of the Gospel of St.

Luke. The sessions are open to all, regardless of their faith or parish affiliation Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200, or www.livoniastmichael.org

Ward Presbyterian Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays Location: Room A101, 40000 W.

Six Mile, Northville Details: Learner's Bible study is

Contact: 248-374-5920 **FAMILY COMMUNITY MEAL**

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday

Location: The Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington

Details: Free meal Contact: 248-477-1153. Ext. 12

FOOD BANK New Hope Church

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only Location: 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton

Contact: Call pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at 734-270-2528. MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, MOPS; 7-8:30 p.m. first and third Thursday, MOPSnext. Both programs run September-May

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners; MOPSnext supports mothers of school-aged children.

Contact: Rebekah Creeden at 734-522-6830 for MOPS and Susan Magner at 248-478-3643 for MOPSnext details.

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope **Contact:** Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service. All Creatures ULC describes the gathering as non-denominational and Christian. Water is available for dogs Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER Nardin Park United Method-

ist Church Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday

Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills Details: Participate in an open time of praying silently and

aloud together as well as responding to personal requests. Contact: 248-476-8860 St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back of the church.

Details: Music, singing, prayer Contact: Grace at 734-464-1896, Shirley at 734-464-3656 or Geri at 734-464-8906

St. Michael Lutheran Church Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-

Friday Location: 7000 Sheldon, Canton

Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests

Contact: 734-459-3333

SINGLES Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; room 304

Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated. Occasionally includes guest speakers; open to the public and visitors are welcome.

Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org First Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 7:30-7:45 p.m., social time; 7:45-8 p.m., opening; 8-9 p.m., program Thursdays. Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville

Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5

Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Passages

1-800-579-7355 · fax 313-496-4968 · oeobits@hometownlife.com

Deadlines: Friday, 4:15 p.m. for Sunday paper Wednesday, 9:45 a.m. for Thursday paper

CRANFORD, BILLY F.

79, died June 25 at St. Mary's Hospice, Livonia. He is survived by his wife of 56 years Marjorie Cranford, daughter Lori Mifsud of Brighton, sons Billy David Cranford of Hudson, MI, James Cranford of Ann Arbor, MI and Joel Cranford of Smyrna, TN, sisters Della Barker and Linda Smethwick of Union City, TN, brother Terry Cranford of Troy, TN, seven granddaughters, three grandsons, three grandsons. He is predeceased by parents Auty and Burnice Cranford of Hornbeak, TN, sisters Josephine Phillips (Troy, TN), Sarah Harris (Troy, TN), and Sammy Johnson (Union City, TN), a brother, Norris Cranford (Union City, TN) and a son-in-law, Joe Mifsud (Brighton, MI). Visitation will be held Friday, June 28 from 6:00PM to 9:00PM at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth, Michigan. Celebration and memorial will be Saturday at 10:00AM with interment following at Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton, MI. In lieu of flowers the family warmly welcomes donations in Billy's name to Shults-Lewis Children's Home

at www.ShultsLewis.org Complete obituary at www.SchraderHowell com

JOHNSON CATHERINE A.

June 23, 2013, age 76. Beloved wife of the late Ron Johnson. Dearest mother of Greg and Ri-chard Passino. Loving grand-mother of Bradley, Daniel and Richard. Also survived by 2 sisters. Memorial Service Friday 8 p.m. from the chapel of the L. J Griffin Funeral Home 42600 Ford Rd. (W. of Lilley). Family will receive visitors at 6 p.m. until time of service. Share a "Me-morial Tribute" with the family at griffinfuneralhome.com

LJ. GRIFFIN FUNERAL HOME, INC.

LAMB, THOMAS H.

November 11, 1941- June 25, 2013, age 71. Beloved husband of Gail. Dear father of Lori Orsette, Trina Lay, (Jessi) Lamb and Thomas Nicholas Lamb. Grandfather of Kelsey. Mykela, Emily, Evan, Ryan, Clara and Tabitha. Brother of Robert (Diane) Lamb and Sharon Ghalau. Visitation Thursday n at the Schrader-Funeral Home, 280 2pm-8pm South Main Street, Plymouth where funeral services will be conducted on Friday 11am.

Share your special thoughts and memories at www.schrader-howell.com

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Mass Schedule:
First Friday Mass 7:00 p.m.
Saturday Mass 11:00 a.1
Sunday Masses 7:30 & 10:00 s.m Confessions Heard Prior to Each Mass Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M.

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9601 Hubbard at W. Chicago, Livonia, MI (between Merriman & Farmington Rds.) (734) 422-0494 Friends in Faith Service 9:00 am Traditional Service 10:30 am

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40000 Six Mile Road Northville, MI 48168 w.wardchurch.or Traditional Worship at 8, 9:30 & 11 a.m.

Contemporary Worship at 9:30 & 11 a.m. Children's Programs available at 9:30 & 11 a.m. The Traditional Service is broadcast on the radio each week at 11 a.m. on 560 AM

LUTHERAN CHURCH WISCONSIN SYNOD

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran CHURCH & SCHOOL

Sunday: 8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. Thursday: 6:30 P.M. website: www.stpaulslivonia.org

CHURCH & SCHOOL 1343 Penniman , Plymouth Church: (734) 453-3393 School PreK-8: (734) 453-0460 Website: www.splp.org

LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

14175 Farmington Road, Livonia, Just north of I-96

Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11:00 am - Traditional Staffed Nursery Available



Sunday School/Bible Class 9:45 am Early Childhood Center Phone 734-513-8413

Making disciples who share the love of Jesus Christ 734-522-6830

CHURCHES OF THE NAZARENE

PLYMOUTH CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 45801 W. Ann Arbor Road • (734) 453-1525

Sunday School - 9:45 A.M. Sunday Worship - 11:00 A.M Sunday Evening - 6:00 P.M. Family Night - Wed. 7:00 P.M NEW HORIZONS FOR CHILDREN LEARNING CENTER (734) 455-3196

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WORSHIP SERVICES

PRESBYTERIAN

Fellowship Presbyterian Church

Adult Sunday: 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. · Worship: 10:30 a.m. Childrens Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.

Services held at: Saint Andrews Episcopal Church 16360 Hubbard Road in Livonia · South of Six Mile Road Nursery provided · www.fellowship-presbyterian.org

For Information regarding this Directory, please call Sue Sare at 248-437-2011 ext. 247 or e-mail: ssare@hometownlife.com

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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Investors

Investors ask: Can I get a mortgage with the new mort-gage rules? How many? Costs? What government programs are available? Monthly meeting of the Real **Estate Investors Association** of Oakland Thursday, July 11, 5:30-9:30 p.m. at Club Venetian, John R just north of 12 Mile, Madison Heights. Seminar free to members; \$20 nonmembers. Call 800-747-

(www.REIAofOakland.com) e-mail: reianews@aol.com.

Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures. Organizers will also discuss the internal workings of short sales and

the different steps involved. Bonnie David, broker/ owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. Thursdays at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown

South Lyon.
Additional parking across
the street in back. Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or e-mail june.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information

Free foreclosure tours

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

Seminar on Tuesdays

A free Reverse Mortgage Seminar is 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road, Livonia.

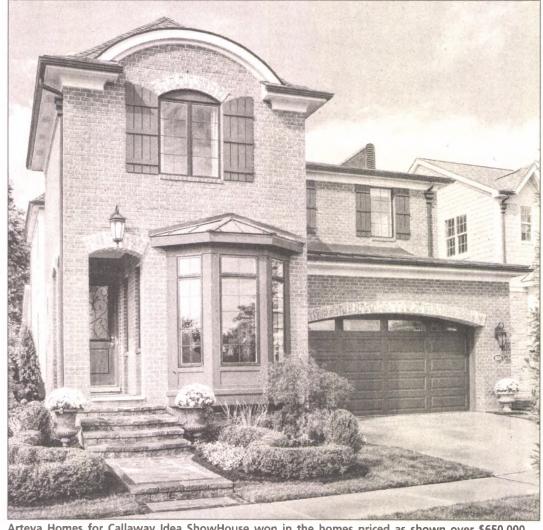
Learn about reverse mortgages. RSVP with Larry Brady at 800-260-5484, Ext.

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. each first Tuesday of the month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate. Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership.

Any questions or concerns, call Wayde Koehler at 313-277-4168.

These are the area residential real



Arteva Homes for Callaway Idea ShowHouse won in the homes priced as shown over \$650,000

Award-winning homes highlight local lifestyles

The Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan announced the winners in its 24th annual Parade of Homes architectural judging. Parade of Homes is an exhibition of 43 new model, under construction and preconstruction homes and condominiums located throughout southeastern Michigan. The showcase takes place June 1-30. All 43 homes are featured at www.ParadeH-BA.com. HBA and Bank of America Home Loans sponsor the event.

In this year's architectural judging, blue ribbons were awarded to the model homes in six categories. Winning homes were selected based on the following criteria: best value for the price, best use of space, most innovative design and aesthetic appeal. Before being judged in these categories, participating homes were divided into categories by price, with a separate category for at-

LIVONIA

The blue ribbon homes

» Attached condominiums - Moceri Companies for Claremont

» Home base priced under \$200,000 - Infinity Homes & Soave Homes for Columbia

» Homes base priced \$250,000 TO \$325,000 - Mark Adler Homes for Packard

» Homes base priced over \$325,000 TO \$400,000 - Tall Oaks Ventures for St. Andrew IV

» Homes base priced over \$400,000 TO \$500,000 - MJC Oakland Hunt for The Logan

» Homes priced as shown over \$650,000 - Arteva Homes for Callaway Idea ShowHouse

A panel of local architects and industry experts judged the homes. Participating judges were Lonny S. Zimmerman, AIA, NCARB of Siegal/Tuomaala Associates; Benedetto Tiseo, FAIA, NCARB of Tiseo Architects, Inc.; Michael J. Gordon, RA of Moiseev/Gordon Asso-

\$504,000

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ciates and Paul Salloum of Bank of America Home Loans. The Parade of Homes models are located throughout southeastern Michigan and can be viewed via open house tours, or online at www.ParadeHBA.com.

Free Parade of Homes magazines are available at area Bank of America Home Loans locations and Kroger stores. Addresses for those locations are at www.ParadeHBA.com. For additional information on the Parade of Homes, call (248) 862-1016.

Headquartered in West Bloomfield, HBA is a trade association representing over 600 builders, remodelers, multi-family property owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and multifamily residential construction industry. HBA is affiliated with the Home **Builders Association of** Michigan in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C.

\$40,000

tached condominiums.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

16726 Forest Dr

estate closings recorded the	he week	8919 Reatrice St	\$80,000	48843 Freestone Dr	\$462,000	18319 Macarthur	\$48,000
of March 4-8, 2013, at the Wayne		36716 Bobrich St	\$200,000	16789 Horseshoe Dr	\$496,000	9902 Norborne	\$65,000
County Register of Deeds	office.	15582 Brookfield St	\$88,000	17187 Maple Hill Dr	\$332,000	15411 Woodworth	\$22,000
Listed below are cities, ad		14220 Cavell St	\$93,000	49920 Parkside Dr	\$320,000	20137 Woodworth	\$17,000
and sales prices.	G1 C33C3.	29651 Curtis Rd	\$25,000	49297 Rainbow Ln S	\$362,000	WESTLAND	
and sales brices.		14676 Flamingo St	\$149,000	39819 Rockcrest Cir	\$140,000	38525 Chestnut Ln	\$79,000
CANTON		18622 Golfview St	\$160,000	47353 W Main St	\$630,000	37443 Colonial Dr	\$47,000
7564 Admiralty Dr	\$230,000	36507 Grandon St	\$155,000	259 Wing Ct	\$350,000	37505 Colonial Dr	\$55,000
44164 Arlington Rd	\$168,000	33122 Joy Rd	\$74,000	PLYMOUTH		8001 Coventry St	\$19,000
44265 Cranberry Dr	\$160,000	35216 Joy Rd	\$135,000	314 Adams St	\$500,000	7507 Culpepper Ct	\$46,000
2361 E Roundtable Dr	\$156,000	18328 Lathers St	\$15,000	522 Adams St	\$205,000	36768 Dartmouth Dr	\$89,000
4118 Elizabeth Ave	\$113,000	17596 McNamara Dr	\$205,000	41182 Crestwood Dr	\$236,000	36528 Deer Run Ct N	\$89,000
7336 Emerson Dr	\$148,000	28563 N Clements Cir	\$75,000	10634 Jo Ann Ln	\$265,000	1232 Easley Dr	\$43,000
3870 Hunters Grove Blvd	\$71,000	14857 Park St	\$145,000	675 Leicester St	\$241,000	30949 Hiveley St	\$79,000
661 Merrimac Rd	\$148,000	38668 Ross St	\$135,000	797 N Holbrook St	\$325,000	33303 Lynx St	\$82,000
4123 Monarch Ave	\$168,000	8843 Stonehouse Ave	\$217,000	1103 Penniman Ave	\$839,000	6072 N Globe St	\$45,000
47603 Ormskirk Dr	\$85,000	31754 Summers St	\$140,000	49866 Pointe Xing	\$150,000	8340 N Henry Ruff Rd	\$88,000
2189 Premier Ln	\$77,000	37121 Turnburry Dr	\$310,000	1199 S Sheldon Rd	\$50,000	156 N Hix Rd	\$88,000
6689 Sturbridge Ln	\$180,000	18342 University Park Dr	\$60,000	REDFORD		164 N Linville St	\$48,000
6169 Valley View Dr	\$343,000	31620 Vargo St	\$119,000	9970 Berwyn	\$60,000	35849 Oregon Ave	\$57,000
GARDEN CITY		35878 Veri St	\$285,000	17125 Brady	\$12,000	33240 Parkwood St	\$40,000
29085 Alvin St	\$92,000	9245 Virginia St	\$90,000	13552 Crosley	\$49,000	847 S Dowling St	\$123,000
31540 Alvin St	\$65,000	28090 W Chicago St	\$78,000	26009 Dover	\$60,000	34310 Shawnee St	\$71,000
227 N Venoy Cir	\$55,000	18797 Westbrook Dr	\$242,000	18908 Garfield	\$35,000	32606 Somerset St	\$37,000
31209 Pierce St	\$90,000	9411 Westwind Dr	\$135,000	26034 Hope	\$96,000	35632 Somerset St	\$127,000
1409 Ralph St	\$80,000	NORTHVILLE		9050 Leverne	\$75,000	37193 Vincent St	\$100,000
31969 Sheridan St	\$70,000	46634 Crystal Downs W	\$491,000	11426 Leverne	\$30,000		

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTAT AND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Feb. 11-15, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses,

and sales prices.	
BEVERLY HILLS	
17549 Kirkshire Ave	\$225,000
30525 Stellamar St	\$300,000
BIRMINGHAM	
595 N Old Woodward	\$185,000
544 Oakland Ave	\$358,000
1717 S Bates St	\$678,000
377 S Glenhurst Dr	\$1,030,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
3251 Chestnut Run Dr	\$567,000
2734 Courville Dr	\$250,000
3834 Quarton Rd	\$290,000
2703 Middlebury Ln	\$160,000
2957 N Westview Ct	\$275,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHII	P
751 Hawthorne Dr	\$346,000
1573 Hemsworth Ct	\$575,000
5865 Lahser Rd	\$699,000
915 Lampwick Ct	\$325,000
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	1520 Ledbury Dr
	45 Maywood Ave
	2930 Middlebury Ln
	4070 Saint Andrews Ct
	2841 Squirrel Rd
	COMMERCE TOWNSHII
	3843 Balmony Rd
	5592 Bentwood Ln
	5254 Bridge Trl E
	2305 Brigantine
	1638 Commerce Shrs
	3087 Ivy Hill Dr
	FARMINGTON
	33607 Alta Loma Dr
	22849 Maple Ave
	31621 Marblehead Rd
	FARMINGTON HILLS
	31731 Belmont St
	33443 Bostwick Pl
	25206 Chapelweigh Dr
	24205 Farmington Rd

REAL ESTATI	TRA	NSA
1520 Ledbury Dr	\$237,000	30594
45 Maywood Ave	\$380,000	26070
2930 Middlebury Ln	\$191,000	21700
4070 Saint Andrews Ct	\$170,000	38320
2841 Squirrel Rd	\$375,000	28360
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP		MILFO
3843 Balmony Rd	\$145,000	238 N
5592 Bentwood Ln	\$340,000	400 W
5254 Bridge Trl E	\$280,000	NORT
2305 Brigantine	\$40,000	52128
1638 Commerce Shrs	\$212,000	22458
3087 Ivy Hill Dr	\$375,000	NOVI
FARMINGTON		44950
33607 Alta Loma Dr	\$88,000	24432
22849 Maple Ave	\$116,000	44613
31621 Marblehead Rd	\$129,000	27877
FARMINGTON HILLS	£420.000	50927
31731 Belmont St	\$139,000	47501
33443 Bostwick Pl	\$93,000	23282
25206 Chapelweigh Dr	\$150,000	29865
24205 Farmington Rd	\$181,000	23627
23185 Fox Crk	\$280,000	41132 23837
26193 Kiltarton St	\$135,000	
29606 Middlebelt Unit 180		29451
31705 Nottingwood St	\$150,000	42559

NSACTIONS-O	AKL
30594 Orchard Lake Unit 4 26070 Pillsbury St 21700 River Ridge Trl 38320 Saratoga Cir 28360 Shiloh Ct MILFORD 238 Noble St 400 Whitewater St NORTHVILLE 52128 Carrington Dr 22458 Cyprus Dr	\$48,000 \$210,000 \$198,000 \$147,000 \$212,000 \$92,000 \$50,000 \$50,000
44950 Bayview Dr 24432 Cavendish Ave E 44613 Ellery Ln 27877 Floyd Ln 50927 Glades Ct W 47501 Iroquois Ct 23282 Laurel Dr 29865 Lilley Trl 23627 N Rockledge 41132 S McMahon Cir 23837 W Le Bost 29451 Weston Dr 42559 Whitman Way	\$70,000 \$419,000 \$181,000 \$176,000 \$50,000 \$50,000 \$50,000 \$79,000 \$102,000 \$102,000 \$160,000 \$240,000

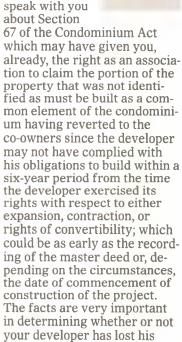
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\$295,000
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Check with lawyer on project

Q: Our developer has a portion of the property that he has labeled must be built, but has not completed the construction of the entire project and there are a couple of acres that lay dormant within the condominium. It has been seven and a half years since the project was

established and I am curious as to how long the developer has.

A: You are best to call an experienced condominium attorney to speak with you



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right to build on this area which could result in potentially a substantial windfall to the association if it plays its cards right. Q: I am the owner of an apartment co-op who entered into an exclusive agency agreement with my broker and accepted an offer, subject to approval by the co-op board. Meanwhile, the broker met with other prospective buyers at an open house and showed them other apartments, including another in the same building as mine. The deal with my first

buyer fell through, and the prospective buyer saw my apartment again, making an offer for slightly less than the asking price, with the Broker reducing her commission to 5 percent. I accepted the offer, but I don't think I should be paying any commission because by showing the buyers other properties, the broker acted as a dual agent without having made full disclosure in obtaining

consent of both the buyer and me. Do you think I have any recourse? A: I think you should speak to an attorney, but if your only

concern is with the broker

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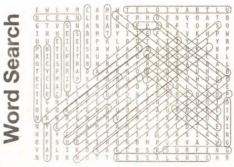
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fur household items like nev

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ne 28-29, 9:30-4:30pm Saint Dominic Chapel 765 N Hickory Ridge Rd, Proceeds to The Dominican Sisters Of The Immaculate Heart of Mary

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LIVONIA: Estate/Garage Sale

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