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Township steps up to fill potholes

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

As a winter with record cold and near-record snowfall gives way to what promises to be a muddy spring, Plymouth Township has stepped up its game on main roads pockmarked with bone-jarring potholes.

The township, which does not officially have responsibility for its roads, has been filling potholes on thoroughfares for several weeks, using public works employees and about 25,000 pounds of cold patch, for which it paid \$4,000, officials said.

The move was made with public safety and drivers' pothole concerns in mind, officials

said. Supervisor Richard Reaume said he's gotten complaints from motorists about costly repair bills for vehicles damaged in driving over the craters.

Trustee Chuck Curmi questioned the move, raising budget concerns.

"This is mission creep. I understand, it's nice," Curmi said. "Do we need to amend our budget?" Treasurer Ron Edwards replied that the \$4,000 cold-patch expenditure was within budget.

The pothole-filling comes after a winter of sometimes salting main roads, after heavy snowfalls, when Wayne County



Plymouth Township work crews have used some 25,000 pounds of cold patch to fix potholes along main thoroughfares. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Ninety-one-year-old Arthur Wojtowicz (center) was in downtown Plymouth to cheer on family members Sunday in the Kona St. Patrick's Day Run. With Wojtowicz on the left are grandson Gary Bimberg and daughter Carol Bimberg; on the right are granddaughter Amy Sullivan and son-in-law John Bimberg. FAMILY PHOTO

AGE JUST A NUMBER FOR HIM

Family has three generations in St. Paddy's 5K

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

With nonagenarian Arthur Wojtowicz showing the way, three generations of an area family took a love of fitness

Sunday to the Kona St. Patrick's Day Run in Plymouth.

Wojtowicz, who lives in Plymouth, has walked a mile or two a day, weather permitting, for years. On Sunday, he was downtown as seven family

members — a son-in-law, two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren — completed the St. Patrick's five-kilometer event.

"He's 91 and in good health and good spirits and enjoying life to the fullest. He's a great example to all of us," said daughter Carol Bimberg, who

Thousands brave the cold at Kona races, A7.

also lives in Plymouth.

Wojtowicz had planned to walk the St. Patrick's Hard Rock Mile with his daughter and great-grandson Max and

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Allen retiring after 50 years fighting fires

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Over the last half century or so in Northville, there have been a few important community mainstays, like Guernsey Farms Dairy, Parmenter's Cider Mill, Northville Downs and Fire Chief James Allen.

After years of service as the city of Northville's first full-time fire chief, Allen will hang up his boots this summer after 50 years with the department.

"It's time," Allen said of his retirement. "I'm a little apprehensive because it's been practically my whole life doing this, but I'm looking forward to a new stage in

life."

Born in 1937 in Flint, but raised in Northville, Allen was always interested in fire fighting. Initially, his service in the army reserves prevented him from joining, but eventually he was able to join after serving with the Northville Police Department.

His family has a long history in Northville. His father served as mayor and his son and granddaughter both served with the fire department. His son Scott now serves in Redford. Additionally, his daughter Shari works at city hall.

The Allens were also the

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James Allen, longtime Northville Fire Department employee and current chief, plans on retiring early this summer after serving the community for 50 years. Allen has been Northville's chief since 1978. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Student loss drives deficit in school budget

By Brad Kadrach
Staff Writer

A dramatic drop in enrollment is driving the \$5.3 million deficit Plymouth-Canton Community Schools administrators are facing as they begin their budget work for the 2014-15 school year.

Facing increasing competition from charter schools — there's a charter high school opening in Canton in September — and other private schools, enrollment projections for Plymouth-Canton don't look good as the district's budget committee begins forging a budget it expects to adopt by June 1.

The district expects to lose nearly 600 students before the 2014-15 school year begins.

"Student loss is a major driver" in the budget deficit, Brodie Killian, the district's deputy superintendent for business and operations, acknowledged after the Board of Education's first budget workshop Tuesday.

In his presentation to the board Tuesday, Killian said the district expects to lose 404 general-education students and another 29 special-education students. Charter schools, he said, are expected to snatch another 150 students.

The losses will drop Plymouth-Canton's enrollment to 17,205, its lowest level in years. With an expected \$7,422 per-student foundation allowance, the district stands to lose nearly \$4.5 million in state funding.

There are also some estimated savings in the initial budget. For instance, the district estimates about 20 teachers will retire this year, bringing some \$600,000 in savings. Based on the potential student loss, administrators also expect to cut back by some 21 teachers, which would save roughly \$1.6 million.

Still, as administrators begin their budget work, estimated revenues stand at some \$145.8 million, while projected expenses are at \$151.2 million.

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FOIA helps citizens open book on government

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

From routine reports on traffic crashes and fires, usually sought by insurance companies, to accounting records and written communications between officials, many documents and electronic records generated and used by local governments are available through Michigan's Freedom of Information Act.

But while the computer age makes it easier to use FOIA – visitors to Plymouth Township's website can do so online – the trick in some cases is knowing what documents

exist.

"If you don't know it exists, you don't know it FOIA it," said Richard Sharland of Plymouth Township, who has been using FOIA in the township and other communities for more than 10 years.

Sometimes, as with traffic accidents or home break-ins, it's a safe bet a local government agency has a report. Other times, it takes a tip, or paying close attention – Sharland is a regular at Board of Trustees and other township public meetings – to know what's available.

"Basically, I get what I

want," Sharland said.

There are times, though, he feels stymied, he said, including recently by the township. Sharland declined to discuss what information he was after in that case or what reason he was given for being denied it.

Other times, said township Clerk Nancy Conzelman, a FOIA request asks for information to be put into a format that's tailored to the needs of the person seeking it. Governments are not obligated to customize the way raw documents or other records are delivered to those using FOIA, Conzelman

said.

"We try very hard to make sure we can provide the information they are asking for," she said.

Exemptions

There are several exemptions to FOIA, including property appraisals, specific medical information, information that would be subject to attorney-client privilege and police records if it's deemed that releasing the information would interfere with law enforcement or court proceedings or jeopardize public safety. FOIA officials sometimes have municipal attorneys

weigh in on certain requests.

Conzelman's office puts together a monthly FOIA report for township trustees; in February, for example, her office received 10 FOIA requests and collected more than \$2,000. The township charges filers a 50-cent-a-page copying fee and can also charge for the labor of the lowest-paid person qualified to do the research and gather the information requested.

FOIA charges in the city are similar. Both the city and the township have printed forms to fill out for those making FOIA requests.

In both communities, a majority of FOIAs are requests for police reports.

"People are usually looking for police reports," Plymouth Police Chief Al Cox said. There are typically a lot of requests in Plymouth only when there's been a major incident or an incident that garners a lot of media attention, he said.

"For run-of-the-mill calls for service, generally the only people who pull those are the people involved," the chief said.

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plowing and salting crews couldn't get to them in a timely way.

"We had no choice" but to salt, Edwards said at Tuesday's Board of Trustees meetings, explaining the township had salted Ann Arbor Road, Beck, some bridges and even the M-14 freeway at times. "If you don't salt, you end up with accidents and you endanger our public safety out there."

"We made the decision for the health, safety and welfare of the community," Reaume said.

Meanwhile, county officials announced Friday a countywide "pothole blitz" to smooth roads and help traffic flow better after the pending closing of a seven-mile stretch of I-96 in Livonia and Redford Township. The freeway is being shut down next month for a complete rebuilding that's expected to take about six months.

County officials said the pothole blitz will be concentrated on the surface streets that will accommodate thousands of extra vehicles daily because of the freeway closure.

Drivers are asked to report dangerous potholes by phone at 888-762-3273 or via smart phone at compass.waynecounty.com.

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RUN

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great-granddaughter Hannah, but the unseasonably bitter cold had him seeking shelter before he could finish, his daughter said.

"Even though he couldn't finish it, the fact that he was there to welcome the people on the finish line" made it special for the family, said Bimberg, who stayed with her dad.

That left Bimberg's husband John; their son Gary, of Plymouth Township; his daughters Paige, 15, and Caroline, 12; Carol and John Bimberg's daughter, Amy Sullivan, of Canton Township; and her children Max, 4, and Hannah, 7, to run or walk the 5K. Max Sullivan may have been the youngest

person to finish it.

Sense of community

The St. Patrick's Day Run is one of several races Gary Bimberg and his daughters enter each year. "We usually do all the Kona runs" in Plymouth, he said.

The trio did about a half-dozen races together last year, including the St. Patrick's Day (it was then called the Sham-Rock 'n' Roll Run) the Kona Run in Northville and the Wicked Halloween Run in Plymouth.

"Everyone is there. It's a sense of community," Gary Bimberg said. "I like having something like that in my backyard."

Carol Bimberg caught the fitness bug while losing weight over the past year and last November entered her first



5K, the Kona Chocolate Run in Plymouth, with Sullivan, her daughter. "First time I was able

to do something like that. I was high on adrenaline," she said.

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Volunteer Sue Robbins of Livonia drapes the first-place medal around the neck of Plymouth's Jeff Board, who won the Kona 10K Sunday.

ALLEN

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former owners of Inch Memorials, located on South Main Street. He remembers going to school in Northville when sixth grade was being taught in a classroom that was inside a home. He's seen the community grow from a small village into a vibrant downtown and city.

Building a strong fire department has been his main goal since he start-

ed. Over the years, the department has grown and now includes around 60 on-call firefighters, serving both the cities of Northville and Plymouth. His leadership has always been consistent, Allen said.

"I've tried to lead by example," he said. "Now I'm older and getting out of bed in the middle of the night has become more difficult, so I would never want to continue doing this if I could not put my full energy into the job."

Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincoc said leading by example is exactly what Allen has

done his whole career. Sincoc called Allen "just a genuine guy who's been doing the right thing his whole career."

Allen's expertise was crucial, Sincoc said, to the transition the city of Plymouth made from the Plymouth Community Fire Department to a partnership with Northville. The partnership started in January 2012.

"He certainly is the dean of firefighters in our area," Sincoc said. "Without his leadership and commitment, we would have never been able to make the transition to our current fire operation. He's always

willing to help, always willing to be there."

For Allen, some of the memories that stand out over the years are the three plane crashes, including a fighter jet over Rogers Street with the pilot bailing out over Fish Hatchery Park, and fires at the old laundry mat and furniture store.

He said the big difference since the 1960s and '70s is the amount of awareness that has been raised with fire safety. Through the help of inspections and safety programs, he said, a lot of potential emergencies have been prevented.

One thing he will miss is the camaraderie in the fire house. Before making his announcement public, Allen told his officers first, who he said were surprised.

"I'm proud of this

whole department and will miss the good working relationship that we've developed," he said. "They're a dedicated group of hard-working people."

He hopes the next chief will help to strive for quality in the department.

Allen is unsure about what's next for him. He said he will spend more time with his wife Patricia, whom he met in ninth grade while going to Northville High, and maybe do some traveling.

"It will be different to not have to get up early each day, but maybe now I will be able to take that long vacation I haven't had in some time," he said.

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dent Judy Mardigan called the student loss, which she said is 200 above any loss the district has taken previously, "really painful."

The losses, she said, leave the district wondering whether it should become a "school of

choice" district, something the board has always avoided, except on a very limited basis.

"When districts face the kind of profound student loss, is (schools of choice) a strategy they turn to?" Mardigan said. "I don't think we're in a position where we don't even look at it."

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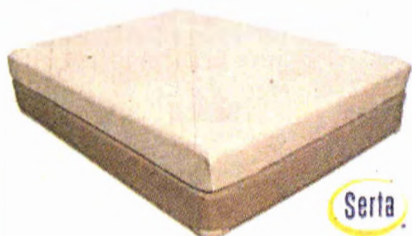
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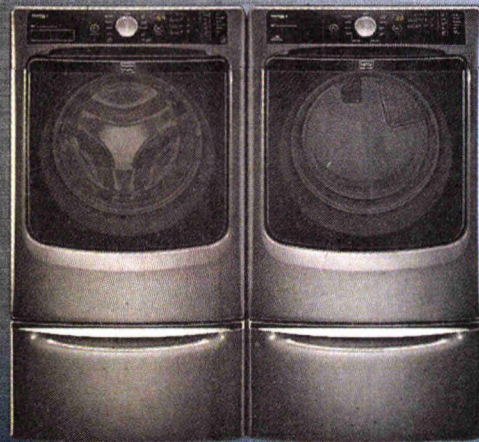
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Canton condemns apartments, cops seize pot

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A Canton apartment building has been condemned and five people have been moved to temporary shelter after police seized dozens of marijuana plants and found deplorable living conditions, local officials said.

After receiving a tip, Canton police Saturday evening went to the apartment building, 43415 Michigan Avenue at Morton Taylor, next to Canton Party Store.

They found adult residents who had no running water or

heat and a leaky roof, Detective Sgt. Chad Baugh said.

"The tenants had to use a space heater to maintain warmth," he said, "and that is an obvious concern."

Police also seized numerous marijuana plants from the one-story building.

"They had 39 plants over what they were supposed to have as a medical marijuana caregiver," Baugh said.

Canton police and Western Wayne Criminal Investigations were involved in the case, which Baugh said has been turned over to Michigan State Police.

The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps has helped five people find temporary shelter at a motel.

Canton Township has condemned what Baugh described as a five-unit building.

"We were concerned for the health and well-being of the residents," he said, citing "blight" conditions.

No one was in police custody Tuesday. Baugh said the investigation was continuing.

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This small apartment building, condemned by Canton Township, sits off of the eastbound lanes of Michigan Avenue at Morton Taylor. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Man charged in 2013 cocaine bust

A Dearborn man faces a Tuesday preliminary hearing on a Plymouth drug charge stemming from an incident last November.

Bryce M. Koth, 50, is charged with the manufacture or delivery of less than 50 grams of cocaine, the conviction of which carries a sentence of up to 20 years in prison and a fine of up to \$25,000. He was formally charged March 6 via a video arraignment in 35th District Court, where Judge James Plakas entered a not-guilty plea for him, and is free on bond.

Police say he was charged in connection with a Nov. 16 incident in downtown Plymouth.

His preliminary hearing had been scheduled for Friday, but attorneys said more time is needed to obtain surveillance video that is to be used as evidence. Koth appeared before Judge Mike Gerou and waived his right to have a hearing within 14 days of being charged. Gerou rescheduled the hearing for Tuesday morning.

Koth is being represented by Southfield attorney Randall Lewis.

- By Matt Jachman

Sheet metal stolen from Plymouth firm

An estimated \$1,000 worth of scrap metal was reported stolen recently from Jier North America, which has a facility on Cleat Street near Five Mile in Plymouth Township.

A bin containing the scrap had been emptied between March 7-10, the company's service manager told police. The company's scrap-metal dealer had not emptied the bin, the complainant confirmed.

Jier markets, installs and

services equipment used in metal-forming, such as presses.

Credit fraud

A township man reported fraudulent charges totaling about \$6,500 made on three credit cards in his name.

The man told police he had learned that a store credit card of his had been charged for nearly \$3,200 at a store in Bedford, Pa., this month; that another of his cards had been charged for more than \$1,600 at a store in Pittsburgh; and that a

third card had been opened in his name at a home-improvement store - the community was not reported - and charged for \$1,750.

A township man reported Friday that someone had charged a credit card of his for a total of \$384.65 at a Meijer store in Belleville. The charges were made Feb. 19; the complainant said he had not made them and had given no one permission to use the card.

The credit card was canceled.

Vandalism

Two windows on a Ford Taurus were smashed out late last week as the car sat in the lot at Leo's Coney Island on Ann Arbor Road.

The owner, a Leo's employee, told police she discovered the vandalism when she left work early Friday morning. Police said there was nothing nearby that could have been used to break the windows.

Police are investigating.

- By Matt Jachman

PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

CANTON CRIME WATCH

'Pimp City' victim

A 41-year-old Redford man called police Saturday afternoon after someone damaged his 2002 Cadillac Escalade, possibly, he said, because it had the words "Pimp City Crew" on the back of it along with a design of a lightning bolt and two shirtless women.

The man told police he went inside the Chuck E. Cheese on Ford Road east of Lilley with his wife and their children, ages 7 and 9. He said he came out and someone had apparently used a key to scratch all four sides of his vehicle and the hood.

He told police he, his wife and his children hadn't had any problems with anyone. He told police

someone may have been offended by the designs on his vehicle.

Child injured

A 9-year-old Canton boy was taken to the University of Michigan Hospital for treatment after he fell at home and hit his head, a police report said.

The incident happened Monday morning on Brookfield, southeast of Palmer and Sheldon. The boy became lethargic and vomited after he fell while pushing a toy cart on a wooden floor, a police report said.

An uncle who is a paramedic was visiting at the time. Canton paramedics took the boy to U-M Hospital. The police report said there were no suspicious circum-

stances surrounding the incident.

Text dispute

A 42-year-old man and his wife got into a dispute Saturday night after she looked at text messages on his cellphone and learned he had texted the words "I love you" to another woman, a police report said. The husband said another man who intervened in the argument pulled a gun on him.

The incident unfolded on Walton, near Joy and I-275.

Police went to the residence after a 9-1-1 call was made involving a fight. The husband told police he had been at the residence with his wife when she started going through his texts.

He told police he tried to grab the phone from her, but she already had seen the text indicating he was cheating on her. He began to yell at her, prompting the other man to intervene, the police report said.

The wife notified police because she wanted her husband to leave the residence, the report said. At one point, the husband left the home and then came back, telling police the man who had intervened in the dispute pulled a pistol on him, the report said.

The husband told police he didn't want to prosecute because the gun was never pointed at him and he didn't feel threatened.

- By Darrell Clem

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County's transparency rating improves to A-minus

Grade moves up from D-minus a year ago

Wayne County's rating in government transparency has improved from a D-minus to an A-minus in the past year.

Sunshine Review, a non-partisan organization formed to rate local governments on transparency, gave Wayne County an A-minus grade in January. Sunshine Review uses a 10-point transparency checklist to evaluate government websites across the country to see if they proactively and voluntarily disclose information to the public and media.

"The fight for greater transparency within Wayne County government has been ongoing for some time and today I can say I'm proud of the strides we have made," Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox, R-Livonia, said this week, in conjunction with Sunshine Week. "Taxpayers are able to view the complete county budget, its financial performance, audit reports and much more by visiting the county's website."

Sunshine Week is a national initiative to promote a dialogue about the importance of open government and freedom of information. Participants include news media, civic groups, libraries, non-profits, schools and others interested in the public's right to know. For more information, visit <http://www.sunshineweek.org/About.aspx>.

MEMORIES OF HUDSON'S

Museum speaker: Store's history key part of Detroit's fabric

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Kiki Farrow of Plymouth has fond memories of J.L. Hudson's department store, where her late mom began work in 1952 and stayed as a contingent office worker more than 40 years.

"They actually gave her the charm bracelet," Farrow said of the distinctive bracelet she wore to a "Mad Hatter Tea" Sunday at the Plymouth Historical Museum. Farrow's mom got a 25-year service charm and her daughter added the 20-year service pin.

Women – and one brave hatted gentleman – shared stories of Hudson's at the tea, which featured speaker Phyllis Barkey of Warren.

"They really practiced 'the customer is always right' you don't hear so much," said Farrow, who'd take the bus to downtown Hudson's on Woodward Avenue as a teenager.

While studying at Earlham College in Indiana, Farrow would meet her "big sister" upper-classwoman classmate for lunch at Hudson's. "Employees got a 20-percent discount," she said. "Almost everything we had came from Hudson's."

Nearby at a festively decorated table were Plymouth Township residents Dorothy Grant, Adelle Cote and Sandy Theile.

"This lady, she has a lot to do with the museum," Theile said of friend Grant, a museum volunteer who encouraged them to attend.

'We love Hudson's'
"We love fashion and we love Hudson's," added Cote, among those



"Mad Hatter Tea" guests Kiki Farrow (left) of Plymouth and Alice Rembacki of Livonia enjoyed visiting.



Fran Toney of Plymouth relaxes at the "Mad Hatter Tea." Toney is the retired executive director for the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce. PHOTOS BY JULIE BROWN

who were able to view the museum's current fashion exhibit that afternoon.

The 50 or so guests dined on a Maurice salad and cheese bread, made by event organizers and served by Northville High School National Honor Society members. Hudson's was known for

years for its Maurice salad and tasty dressing, with Barkey noting the tea rooms and other dining areas at the store were added to keep women shopping.

"I remember my mother was a hairdresser," said guest Fran Toney of Plymouth, who retired five years ago as

Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce executive director. "Every Monday she had off and we went to Hudson's. That's where you did your shopping, downtown, mainly at Hudson's."

Toney and others recalled great customer service at the store. Barkey read an employee creed which emphasized such service to all staff.

She gave a history on Joseph L. Hudson, who came to Michigan at age 14. "In all of his jobs, he was dependable and honest," Barkey said.

In 1881 at age 35, Hudson opened his first store as a sole proprietor, selling men's and boys' clothes. There was little ready to wear clothing then for women and girls, Barkey said.

Hudson was a Methodist who didn't smoke or drink alcohol and it would be many years before Hudson's sold wine – and never liquor. He was active in civic affairs, including the Harper Hospital board of directors and the YMCA.

Barkey discussed the basement store, later named the Rainbow Store; how Hudson's outfitted a local missionary family in Bombay, India, for 20 years; its medical clinic with doctors and nurses to attend to customers who were injured and ailing staff, even with home visits to staff; and its 12th-floor toy department and Santa Claus.

Proud parade tradition

The Thanksgiving Parade began with Hudson's in 1920, "two years ahead of Macy's," Barkey said, adding it had a wartime hiatus in 1941-42. The parade was first telecast in 1949.

The large American flag on the building's side also prompted memories, with Barkey noting the addition of 6-foot-tall stars in 1959 for Alaska and Hawaii as states. The flag later went to the Smithsonian.

Many guests remembered the 300 delivery trucks with 500 drivers who'd deliver as little as a spool of thread. The dedicated drivers took people to the hospital if needed or to the train station – and would turn off the oven for supper's baked beans, if asked.

"They started countless cars on countless mornings for ladies in distress," Barkey said. One driver even saved a drowning child, while another saved a woman from a burning home – and then cleaned himself up and completed his deliveries.

"How's that for customer loyalty?" the speaker said.

She has a special interest in dining at Hudson's and brought china and silverware from the store to show guests. Barkey is at work on a cookbook on Hudson's food, modeled on one for the L.S. Ayers department store in Indianapolis.

She has a blog at relevanttealeaf.blogspot.com and recommends author Michael Hauser's books for those interested in Hudson's history. The store expanded to suburban sites, including Northland and Westland malls, with a couple of tea guests having worked at those sites.

Museum executive director Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens said of the Northville High teen servers, "They're wonderful."

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The theme is St. Patrick's Day at the Canton Chamber of Commerce auction. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Chamber auction draws hundreds looking for the luck o' the Irish

The green garb flowed and the luck of the Irish was on display as nearly 350 people got into the spirit of the "Luck of the Chamber" at Saturday's annual Canton Chamber of Commerce dinner/auction at Burton Manor.

The event, the chamber's largest fundraiser of the year, funds chamber projects and programs conducted throughout the year. Chamber President Thomas Paden said numbers were "still being tabulated" to determine the amount of money raised, but also insisted everyone had a great time.

"Everyone came dressed for the occasion," Paden said. "It went over very well."

The evening featured more than 200 raffles and a live auction of 10 items. Live auction items included iPads, Detroit Tigers tickets, jewelry, laptops, a trip to Cabo San Lucas, a condo getaway to Lake Charlevoix and airline tickets to anywhere in the continental United States, Paden said.

Canton bank managers Amy Miller and Judy Wetmore — Miller with a TCF branch and Wetmore with PNC Bank — chaired this year's event. Jack Demmer Ford and MSA Delivery Services were the major sponsors.

"It's our biggest fundraiser of the year," Paden said. "It's a fun night."



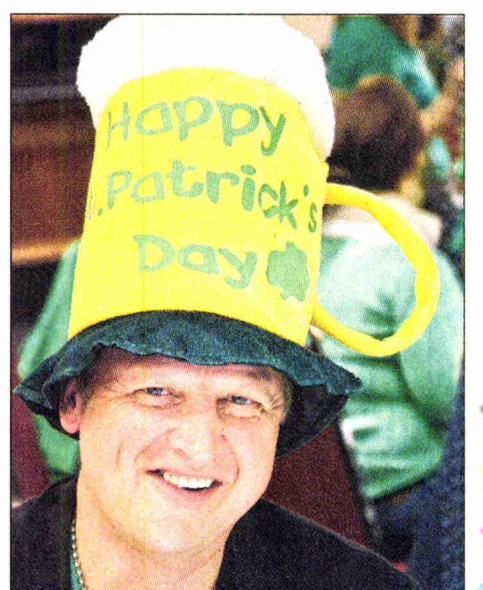
Paula Constantino enjoys a green beverage at the Canton Chamber fundraiser.



Bob Boyer endured hours with a makeup artist to become an authentic-looking leprechaun.



Jill Breen Engel and Janet Volante celebrate the St. Patrick's Day theme at the Canton Chamber of Commerce auction.



Bob Faust, of sponsor Jack Demmer Ford, enjoyed the festivities. Jack Demmer Ford was one of the event's major sponsors.

Above: Amy and Mark Smith offer a chance to win a \$1,000 raffle.

Joy and Michael Adams sell chances in the lottery basket raffle.



Chill can't keep runners from heating Kona paths

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

With temperatures in the teens and coming off an injury-plagued winter, Jeff Bord of Plymouth didn't figure he'd set any speed records Sunday in the 10K race sponsored by the Kona Running Co. in Plymouth.

The Kona St. Patrick's Day Run (which replaced the Sham-Rock 'n' Roll Run), drew some 3,400 runners in a variety of runs/walks celebrating the Irish holiday. Those runners braved temperatures around 15 degrees at start time and it never got much warmer.

That didn't stop Bord from winning his race.

"It's early in the season and I was injured most of the winter," Bord said. "I just wanted to get a couple of races in. I've run a lot better, but it was so cold."

The event featured 10K and 5K runs, a 5K walk and a mile run, what organizers billed as a "festive race."

Alan Whitehead, Kona's owner and the race director, said the number of participants, 3,400, was down from last year. And while that was true, the runners who did show up, Whitehead said, were simply determined to get outside despite the harsh winter.

"They come out, tolerate the cold for a couple of miles and then they warm up," Whitehead said. "They're tired of being locked up inside and running on treadmills."

Jean Timlin of Northville came out early with her 8-year-old son Christopher. The pair are getting ready to run Ypsilanti's Color Run in June.

"Chris wants to get in shape," Jean Timlin said, smiling. "This is our spring tuneup."

Sarah Austin of Livonia got her first taste of competitive walking during a half-marathon she walked last fall. She came out to Sunday's Kona event to scratch that itch and to spend time with her buddy, Rebeka Sroczyński of Garden City.

"I got bit by the competitive walking bug (in October) and this one was a lot closer to home," Austin said. "It's a fun way to spend the morning with my friend."



It was all a blur as the kids got started in their race Sunday.



And they're off – runners begin the 10K race.



Jean Timlin of Northville braved the cold with her 8-year-old son Christopher to help prepare for the Color Run in Ypsilanti in June.



Rebeka Sroczyński (left) of Garden City and Sarah Austin of Livonia and braved the cold to come out Sunday for the Kona run in Plymouth.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON CHAMBER CHAT

Community luncheon

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's annual State of the Community Luncheon takes place from noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 26, at Plymouth Manor, 345 N. Main.

The luncheon features locally elected leaders sharing their thoughts on the community and plans for the future. With local governments having a tremendous impact on businesses and all parts of the community, this event provides a great preview about what to expect in the coming year.

Speakers will include Dan Dwyer, city of Plymouth mayor; Richard Reaume, Plymouth Township supervisor; Dr. Mike Meissen, Plymouth-Canton Schools superintendent; and Shannon Price, Wayne County commissioner.

The cost to attend is \$20. RSVP to teri@plymouthmich.org or call the chamber at 734-453-1540.

Business seminar

The Canton Chamber of Commerce sponsors an Institute of Business Development seminar, "How to Build a Culture of Service Excellence," from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday, March 31, at Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia.

The seminar, presented by Premier Executive Forums, is designed to teach participants, among other things, tips to improve how employees communicate with customers, strategies to improve service to internal customers and barriers to handling emotions and solving problems.

Early bird registration fee is \$97, the regular registration fee is \$157 and the non-member fee



New digs

MarsBell24 held a ribbon cutting at its new office, 42324 E. Ann Arbor Rd, Suite 200, Plymouth. MarsBell24 specializes in balloon promotions and other power promotions to fit any company's or organization's needs. Cutting the ribbon is owner Margaret Harris, joined by members of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's board and ambassador committee and supportive family. Contact MarsBell24 at 734-776-7371.

is \$197.

RSVP by calling the chamber office, 734-453-4040.

Showcase and Taste

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's 2014 Showcase and Taste of Plymouth is set for April 14 at The Inn at St. John's.

The event generally draws more than 90 exhibitors, including 20 restaurants, and attracts more than 600 people. This year's event will be held in the main ballroom and adjoining garden gallery at the Inn at St. John's.

Major sponsors include Community Financial and Hines Park Lincoln.

The chamber is now taking exhibit space reservations. The cost is \$110 (plus \$10 if you need electricity) and includes a 6- by 3-foot skirted table.

Anyone interested in exhibiting should email teri@plymouthmich.org or call 734-453-1540.

Development workshop

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts a Business Development Workshop, "Branding: The How To's and Don't Do's," 8:30-9:30

a.m. Wednesday, March 25, in the chamber meeting room, 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail.

The workshop, presented by Heather Doering of Ace in the Hole Branding, will define branding, discuss effective branding strategies and explore how to meld branding with your marketing plan.

There is no cost to attend, but the chamber can only accommodate 30 people. To RSVP, contact teri@plymouthmich.org or call 734-453-1540.

Scholarship fundraising

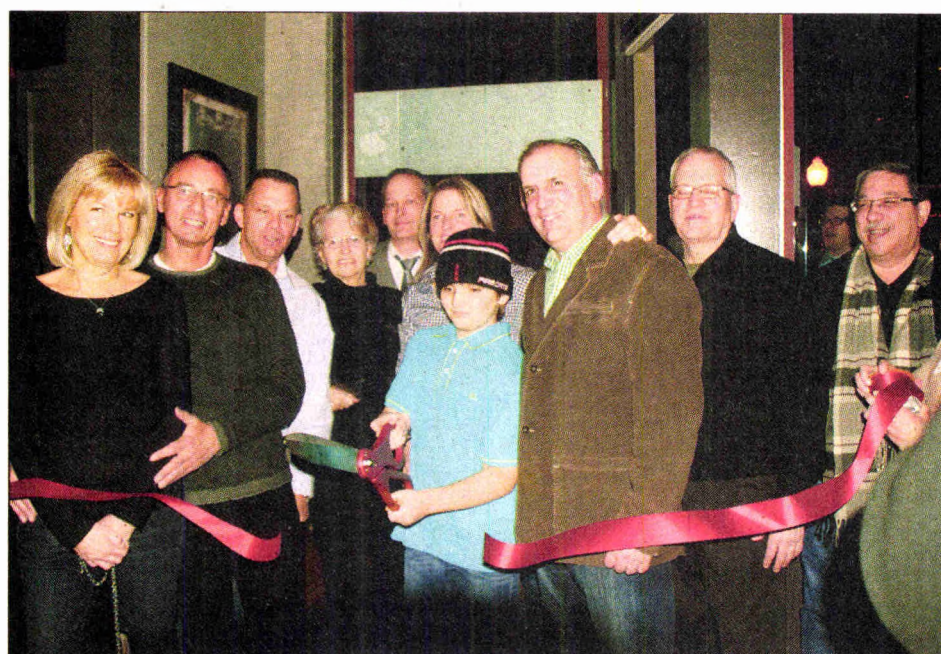
The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and the Canton Chamber of Commerce are starting their fundraising for the Student Citizen Scholarships.

The chambers' Education Committee awards scholarships to up to five students based solely on their community service during their years in high school.

Last year, the chambers were able to offer five students \$1,100 each.

For information on how to donate, call the Plymouth chamber at 734-453-1540 or the Canton chamber at 734-453-4040.

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



Jennifer and Jim Dales, along with staff, friends and supporters, cut the ribbon recently on the Post Local Bistro at 844 Penniman in downtown Plymouth.

New Post Local Bistro offers fun atmosphere

Observer: Tell us about your business, including the services and products you feature.

Bistro: The Post Local Bistro is a full-service restaurant and bar. The Post will have an outdoor patio open soon. We have an excellent simple bistro menu with many local items and a fun atmosphere in the bar area, where we have a DJ every Thursday, Friday and Saturday night. We plan for a live acoustic act earlier in the week. We feature many Michigan craft beers on tap and in the bottle and have nice wine selection. We like to tell people "great food, great night, same attitude!"

Observer: What made you decide to open your business?

Bistro: We had sold our original Post Bar locations in 2006 and decided we wanted to get back in the business, if we found the right location close to home.

Observer: Why did you choose Plymouth?

Bistro: Plymouth has such a great downtown area; we love the energy here. The specialty re-

THE POST LOCAL BISTRO

Business name/address: The Post Local Bistro, 844 Penniman Ave., Plymouth
Your name/title: Jennifer and Jim Dales, owners
Your hometown: Northville
Business opened: Feb. 27, 2014
Number of employees: 20
Business hours: Open at 4 p.m. each day
Website/Phone: thepostlocalbistro.com; 734-667-2397

tail, the professional businesses, the many great restaurants and the friendly neighborhood already here made us want to be a part of the Plymouth community.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Bistro: Jen's dad, Pat Wheeler, started the original Post Bar in downtown Detroit in 1978. Eventually, there were eight locations that we sold in 2006. We still owned the name and are anxious to show people what we have created at The Post Local Bistro.

Observer: How has it changed since you

opened?

Bistro: We have been open just three weeks. Busting out the dream! We couldn't be happier about our welcome from Plymouth.

Observer: Do you have an amusing story to share with our readers about your experience getting the business open?

Bistro: We opened the Post without a sign, our new bar stools or a phone number, plus it snowed six inches - and no one seemed to notice. We had a ball.

Observer: How has the economy affected your business?

Bistro: The improving economy is good for all business owners in Plymouth.

Observer: Any advice for other small-business owners?

Bistro: Just be who you are.

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

Bistro: We plan to work on our outdoor patio for spring and look forward to supporting and participating in the downtown Plymouth events.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

Mosquito One booth

Mosquito One will be displaying its mosquito control service at the Novi Home & Garden Show, March 28-30, at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. Visitors at Mosquito One's booth can expect a presentation of the company and its mosquito control service, including giveaways for the young and wise.

"We're very excited to service our neighbors this year," said Rona Szewczyk, co-founder and director of operations for Mosquito One. "It makes us very happy to know that we can help so many people enjoy their outdoor time mosquito-free. We're very passionate about our company. Seeing how benefiting it is to other families makes us that much prouder and excited to run our mosquito control business."

The Novi Home & Garden Show hours are 2-9 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Adult admission (ages 13 and up) is \$9, seniors (ages 55 and over) is \$8 and children ages 12 and under are admitted free.

For more information on Mosquito One, call 734-922-5700 or visit its website at www.MosquitoOne.com.

Thrivent thrives

Plymouth-based Thrivent Financial announced its 2013 financial results led to a fifth consecutive year of growth for the not-for-



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profit membership organization. The organization continued to increase its financial strength as assets under management, revenue and surplus all continued to climb in 2013. Thrivent's outreach funding also continued to grow, as Thrivent and its members contributed \$182.7 million in direct support to charitable organizations, schools, congregations and communities across the country. Thrivent members volunteered more than 8.6 million volunteer hours in 2013.

Assets under management, total revenue, total surplus and life insurance in force all rose as Thrivent experienced one of its best years of performance in its 112-year history. Assets under management grew to \$90.4 billion, up 9.9 percent over 2012, while

total revenue was up 2.4 percent, climbing to \$8.5 billion from the previous year. Total surplus, a key indicator of overall financial strength and stability of a financial services organization, reached \$6.9 billion, 12.7 percent higher than 2012, and now stands at an all-time high for the organization.

Emergency food

The next distribution of emergency food by Plymouth Community United Way is scheduled for Thursday, March 20. The Emergency Food Assistance Program provides low-income Plymouth and Northville residents with canned, non-perishable and perishable items.

All recipients must preregister at Plymouth Community United Way, 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2.



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Finalized date for I-96 shutdown expected this week

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

The official date for the start of the I-96 shutdown through Livonia and Redford is expected to be announced sometime later this week, a state transportation official said.

Jeff Horne, an engineer with the Michigan Department of Transportation working out of the temporary Livonia office for the project, said the project's start date is still in flux because of the poor weather

of the region has experienced. He said an official announcement is expected to come by the end of the week.

"It's all speculation at this point. At this time, we have a tentative start of April 1," he said. "We should know later this week."

The project was originally scheduled to begin March 24, several months later than many believed it would start when the project was announced. It was delayed more than a week earlier this month as crews wait out the winter

weather for spring.

The freeway will be shut down in both directions from Telegraph in Redford to Newburgh in Livonia for reconstruction. The \$150 million project will result in several repaired and replaced bridges over the freeway, as well as landscaping improvements.

Horne said the original shutdown date was pushed back to at least April 1 to not interfere with the increased traffic expected to head to downtown Detroit for baseball's Opening Day.

"We are committed to having the freeway open for Opening Day for the Tigers," he said. "Hopefully we have more clarity by the end of the week."

Horne said the shutdown is still scheduled to run through mid-October, when the freeway is expected to reopen.

Improvements have been made to ramps on both ends of the project to help with traffic: MDOT crews temporarily widened the exit ramp from southbound I-275 to Six Mile to accommodate another lane of traffic, and crews have worked

on widening northbound Telegraph north of Schoolcraft to allow for more traffic coming from Detroit.

Motorists are encouraged to use one of the official detour routes during the shutdown, which include I-94, I-696, the Southfield Freeway and the Lodge Freeway.

More information on the project can be found at 96fix.com.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Good health

Date/Time: Wednesday, April 2, 7:15 p.m.

Location: Sunflower Clubhouse, 45800 Hanford, Canton

Details: The public is invited to "Spring In To Good Health" at the Canton Newcomers and Neighbors adult general meeting. Dr. Robert Potter, Canton's well-respected primary natural health care provider, will be sharing information on diet, exercise and nutrition and offering tips to implement this spring to see results by summer. Also on the evening's agenda: a charity raffle sponsored by Dave & Buster's to benefit Big Family of Michigan, sign-ups for interest groups, door prizes and more.

Contact: To RSVP, email Noreen at nrybar@yahoo.com or call 734-981-0486.

No smart meters

Date/Time: Saturday, March 22, 1-4 p.m.

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

Details: A group trying to convince people to say "no" to Smart Meters is hosting an event designed to discuss issues - cost, health, privacy, safety and liability - related to the issue. Organizers said the idea is to help people "make an informed, educated decision about protecting your family."

Contact: Visit www.W4AR.com, email w4arjohnholeton@att.net or call Pauline Holeton at 586-731-3314.

Night of Hope

Date/Time: March 21, 6:30-11:45 p.m.

Location: The Dearborn Inn, 20301 Oakwood Boulevard,

Dearborn

Details: Canton-based Our Hope Holds The Cure is hosting its second annual "A Night Of Hope" formal charity gala, featuring a silent auction, dinner, live entertainment and cake auction officiated by Vic Faust of WXYZ-TV (Channel 7). Individual tickets are \$150 and tables are \$1,500. Proceeds go directly to the national HHT Foundation.

Contact: Register for tickets or sponsorships at ourhopeholdsthecure.org.

Coping with grief

Date/Time: Wednesday, April 2, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: Arbor Hospice offers "Coping With Grief" by Author, Ron Gries, who wrote during the last years of his wife's life and continued after she died. That writing, later, turned into a book, "Through Death to Life," that offers insight and support to those who grieve the loss of their spouse. All of Arbor Hospice's grief support programs are open to everyone, regardless of whether a loved one received services from Arbor Hospice.

Contact: For more information or to register, contact Sara Swanson of Arbor Hospice's grief support services at 734-794-5469 or sswanson@arborhospice.org.

Win a bike

Date/Time: Tuesday, April 22, 6:30 p.m.

Location: Max & Erma's of Canton, 2240 N. Canton, Center

Details: Diners can join Max & Erma's each Tuesday through April 22 for "Kids Eat Free" and enter to win a bicycle and hel-



Mom Prom returns

The Canton Mom Prom returns 8-11 p.m. Saturday, April 5, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway. The Mom Prom benefits the Canton Goodfellows and is open to all women, not just moms. No dates are required or are allowed at this special 21-and-over dance. Canton's Mom Prom will feature dancing, hors d'oeuvres, drinks, special raffle prize drawings, plus fun contests including the "Tackiest Dress" and "Aqua Net Contest" for the best hair in the room. In addition, an official prom queen will also be crowned. No dress code is required, but ladies are encouraged to wear old prom dresses, bridesmaids and wedding gowns and thrift store finds. Ladies will also want to put on their dancing shoes. Purchase tickets by April 4 for \$35. Tickets purchased the day of the event will be \$40. Purchase tickets online at www.cantonfun.org or at the Summit on the Park front desk. For more information, call 734-394-5460.

met. The drawing will take place 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 22.

Donors can help Max & Erma's give bikes to everyone by dropping off used bikes April 5. Donors will get a coupon for a free hamburger, redeemable during May, which is National Hamburger Month.

Contact: For more information, call 734-981-3370.

Spelling bee

Date/Time: Wednesday, March 26, 7 p.m.

Location: Canton High School Allen DuBois Little Theater

Details: The Community Literacy Council hosts its 2014 spelling bee, a night of what organizers call "spirited spelling competition" that supports the local

literacy program. Businesses, groups and organizations can sponsor a team, make a donation, be a speller or be part of the cheering section. The event is designed to "make a difference for many adults in our community who are not proficient in English."

Contact: For more information, call chairperson Carol Saunders at 734-455-4940, email dcsaunders64@comcast.net or visit www.plymouthcantonliteracy.org

Heise coffee

Date/Time: Friday, March 21, 7:30-9 a.m.

Location: Panera Bread, 400 S. Main (at Ann Arbor Trail), Plymouth

Details: State Rep. Kurt Heise is hosting coffee hours to give residents a convenient opportunity to meet with him locally and discuss state or local issues. No appointment is necessary. Heise is also available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or at his Lansing office.

Contact: Residents are invited to call toll free 1-855-REPKURT or e-mail kurtheise@house.mi.gov to schedule an appointment.

Plymouth Relay kickoff

Date/Time: Thursday, March 20, 6:30 p.m. (registration)

Location: Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth

Details: The Plymouth Relay for Life committee kicks off its 2014 relay season with a ceremony designed to inspire and motivate Relayers to finish the fight. The committee shares the work the American Cancer Society can do and the progress we have

made because of Relayers, hear a story of hope from a cancer survivor, celebrate the efforts of last year's Relay and get pumped for the season ahead. Anyone interested in learning how to make a difference in the fight against cancer in Plymouth should attend the kickoff.

Prom dress sale

Date/Time: Saturday, April 5, 9 a.m. to noon.

Location: Plymouth High School, 8400 Beck Road, Canton

Details: The annual Prom Dress Sale features what organizers call "a wonderful collection" of new and used dresses, both long and short dresses, as well as some formal shoes and jewelry. No dress is priced over \$20. Dress donations are greatly appreciated and being accepted in the office at Plymouth High School.

Contact: For more information, contact Lisa Benages at pccs@mail.net

Northville luncheon

Date/Time: Wednesday, April 6, noon to 1:30 p.m.

Location: Meadowbrook Country Club, 40941 W. Eight Mile, Northville

Details: The Northville Chamber of Commerce host its annual State of the Community luncheon, sponsored by St. Mary Mercy Hospital. Featured speakers include state Rep. Kurt Heise, Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix, city of Northville Mayor Chris Johnson and school district Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher. Tickets are \$40 per person.

Contact: Reservations may be made by contacting the Northville Chamber of Commerce at 248-349-7640 or by email at tracisncock@northville.org.

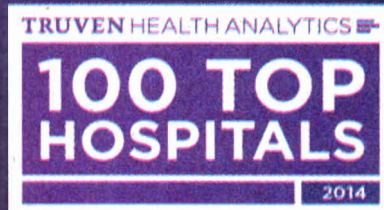
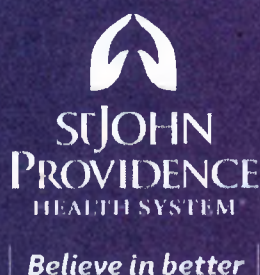
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Middle school students tackle technology in 'We'll Be Better Later'

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Ask any parent about the Internet and their children and the answer will most likely be that they spend too much time online.

That's the premise of *We'll Be Better Later*, which will be presented at 7 p.m. Friday, March 21, by the Stevenson Middle School Drama Club, under the direction of Kevin Scollin.

Written by Laura Jacqmin, the play centers around a detention camp and reform school where parents have sent their Internet-addicted and online-obsessed teens. A small group of students are forced to live in the camp by their parents, who don't understand their interests, hobbies and addiction to technology.

They are at the mercy of The General and his minions, who force them to watch mind-numbing videos, hand-write letters to their families and make small talk with one another about puppies and the weather.

One teen, Lauren, played by Pooja Patel of Canton, begins to question why they were sent here. She wants to know why they can't all be friends despite their strange quirks and hobbies. As she makes plans for her grand escape, it's up to her, Macayla, played by Sabrina Yuchasz of Westland, and the rest of the gang to prove that socially awkward doesn't mean socially hopeless.

"It's consider a dark comedy," Scollin said.

CURTAIN TIME

What: The Stevenson Middle School production of *We'll Be Better Later*

When: 7 p.m. Friday, March 21

Where: Stevenson Middle School, 38501 Palmer, west of Newburgh, Westland

Details: Performed by the Drama Club, the play is about teens sent to a detention camp and reform school because of their addiction to the Internet and obsession with being online.

Admission: Free, however, a donation will be accepted.

"The kids have to deal with this sense of abandonment, but a transformation happens during the show and they realize they don't have to do what others do to be normal."

Drab dress

The show opens with the inmates dressed in drab gray hoodies and jeans. During the course of the production, the hoodies are slowly unzipped, revealing bright colored T-shirts, a symbol of the teens' transformation, Scollin said.

"It's a play everyone can appreciate, but middle schoolers who struggle to fit into the world will relate to it," he said.

Patel plays the rabble-rouser in the play. She came to the camp, thinking it was a school, but when she realizes what The General, played by Lukas Hamill, and his minions, played by Tony Trudell and Ari Fisher, are doing, she "thinks it's ridiculous," Patel said.

"She tells the kids that



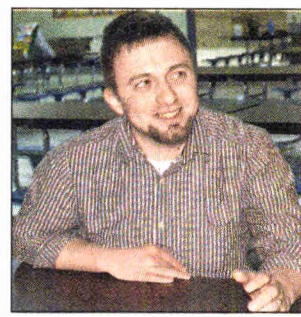
Lukas Hamill plays The General, who forces inmates to write letters to their parents and watch videos about puppies.



Pooja Patel, as Lauren, explains who she is. At right is fellow inmate Hannah Russell.

we are as equal as The General, we don't need to be here," said Patel, who actually tried out for the role of Macayla and was told by Scollin she was

more of a Lauren. "Lauren has to stand up to The General and standing up to him isn't hard," Patel said. "I have to show The General we



Teacher Kevin Scollin is director of the play being put on by the Stevenson Middle School Drama Club.

don't belong here and get the other people to follow me. When I got into the role, it got easier to be Lauren. It definitely takes practice to stand up and be loud. This isn't Lauren and Pooja, it's just Lauren. It's not two characters, it's one."

Yuchasz tried out for both roles and was tapped to be Macayla, a role she finds is her biggest challenge.

"I'm not a disrespectful person, I'm not very assertive," she said of herself. "I can be loud, but I can't be mean. There's a scene where Lauren tries to get the others fired up. Macayla gets very mad and breaks out of her shell and yells at them. I actually look forward to that scene."

'Understand us'

Both students believe parents will get the play's message that "they're suppose to love us and

understand us." Scollin did casting in November and students have been rehearsing twice a week since then. With the curtain going up Friday night, they've been at the school every day this week doing dress rehearsals. There are 19 students in the cast and another 12 working as crew.

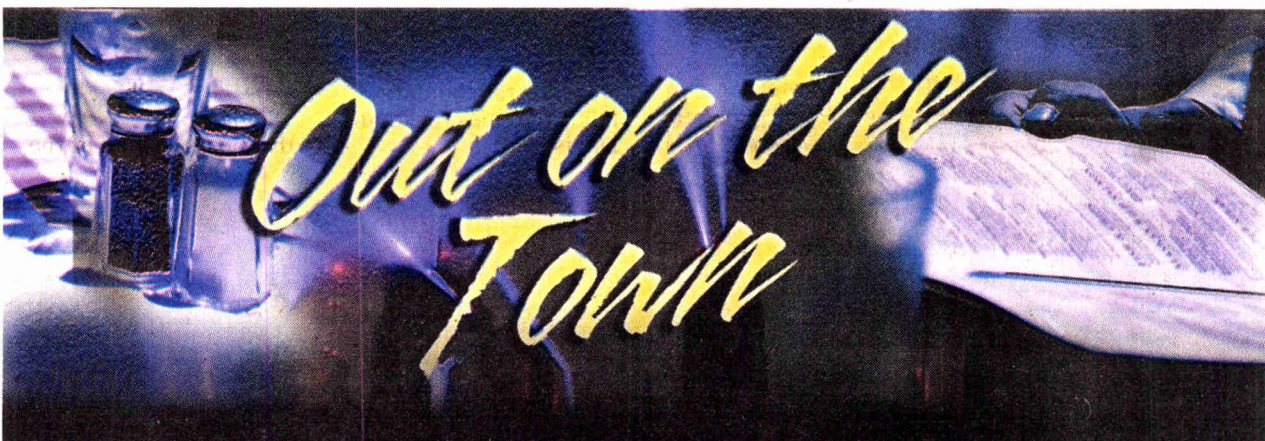
The play is being done on a shoestring budget. Fundraising helps pay for the cost of producing the play and the rights to present it for one night. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. There will be an intermission with concessions available and playgoers will have the opportunity to buy T-shirts and pictures of the cast and crew.

Scollin has gotten help from Linda Knapp, who has done a "phenomenal job" with costuming, and Nick Yocum, a Wayne State University student who did two workshops with the cast on characterization and acting basics.

Scollin, who has been involved in theater since age 5, has seen the students grow with the production.

"I've seen them really blossom as actors," he said. "They've done fine learning their lines. They really get it."

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OUR VIEWS

See the light

Local case points to need for open government

How fitting it is that National Sunshine Week, March 16-22, is celebrated at this time of year. Earlier this month, we followed the "spring forward" dictum in setting our clocks ahead one hour - an annual change that allows us to take advantage of the growing hours of sunlight and save energy in the process.

Now with Sunshine Week, we all have an opportunity again to "spring forward" with efforts that will spread the light of day on government operations. That's what the week is dedicated to: pressing forward insistence that the state's Freedom of Information and Open Meetings acts be preserved and enhanced. They are measures that make certain that state and local governments remain "of the people, by the people and for the people."

"Open government is not a natural phenomenon. It's the law," says the National Freedom of Information Coalition, a non-partisan alliance.

And it needs to be cultivated, not pruned.

Just last week, the state House, in a package of bills coming from Republican legislators, approved a move that would turn into law a 1999 decision of the Michigan Supreme Court that would exempt the status of gun records from the Freedom of Information Act. All firearm records, including records of concealed-carry permits, would be exempt under the measures that amend the Michigan Handgun Act. The package of bills now moves on to the state Senate, which must approve it before it becomes law.

Let's be clear that the access to gun records in no way impacted the right to bear arms - it just lets the public know who is packing.

The issue of privacy is one that pervades items held open to the government and, just last week, it became clear that it can invade the need to know of local residents in Oakland County, including those who have ever stepped foot in a shopping mall.

The Oakland County Medical Examiner's office last week revealed its findings in the death of a 25-year-old Ferndale man, McKenzie Cochran, who died following an altercation with security officers at Northland Center. Cochran's death has provoked outrage in the wider community and prompted several legislators, including state Rep. Rudy Hobbs, D-Southfield, to initiate legislation that would require the training of security guards.

The M.E. ruled that the death was accidental in nature and resulted from the position and "compression" of Cochran, who was lying face down on the floor. That's an interesting choice of words, given that cellphone recordings show security guards sitting on Cochran. The ruling begs questions about what fact finding and what information lead to that conclusion by the M.E.

But the so-called finding does not comprise the entire autopsy report, which the chief medical examiner said last week was not yet available. So the public just waits, right? Well, not so fast. The M.E. told the *Eccentric* that the autopsy report would not be made available unless a Freedom of Information Act request was filed. And then, it might not complete.

Using privacy as an excuse, the M.E. said that certain items may be redacted - that means blacked out.

"The report, when it is available, will be available to the next of kin and to the police department," said Dr. Ljubisa Dragovic. "It may be obtained by a Freedom of Information (Act request) only if it is all complete."

The privacy exemption under the act would allow items to be blacked out, unable to be seen by the public, he added.

But a 1991 court decision involving the Wayne County Medical Examiner challenges that privacy concept. In that case, the court held, in part, that "In making a determination whether a disclosure of requested information would constitute an invasion of privacy one looks to constitutional law and common-law as well as customs, mores, or ordinary views of the community. The release of autopsy reports and toxicology test results are not unwarranted infringements on the right to privacy of either the deceased or the deceased's family. The autopsy reports and toxicology test results are not within the doctor-patient privilege."

As stated at the beginning, open government is the law, not an environmental phenomenon. The public at-large, not just the media, must resolve to continue to take the temperature of those who govern and ensure that what they do sees the light of day.

"Open government is not a natural phenomenon. It's the law."

NATIONAL FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COALITION

OUR VIEWS

Have emergency kit ready for severe weather

You've set your clocks forward one hour for daylight saving time.

Now there is another spring-time ritual the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division is hoping you complete - building or restocking your emergency preparedness kit.

This week is Flood Safety Awareness Week in Michigan, closely followed April 6-12 by Severe Weather Awareness Week.

Michigan may see widespread flooding in the next couple of months because of the heavy winter snowfall, according to Capt. Chris A. Kelenske, deputy state director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security and commander of the MSP/EMHSD.

And tornadoes and severe thunderstorms are always a

springtime threat. An emergency preparedness kit will better prepare you in the event of such an emergency or disaster.

When a disaster strikes, you may have to evacuate, take shelter or go without basic services for hours or days. Having enough supplies to function without basic services - such as electricity or water - is critical during an emergency or disaster, as emergency workers may not be able to reach you right away.

Knowing you may have to survive on your own, you will need a supply of essential items - like food and water - to last at least three days, or 72 hours, per person. Using five-gallon buckets or similar containers, assemble a preparedness kit with the items you and your family will need during an emergency.

Essential items to include in an

emergency preparedness kit are:

» Water, at least three gallons of water per person for 72 hours.

» Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food per person.

» Medications.

» Battery-powered or hand-crank radio.

» Flashlight and extra batteries.

» First aid kit.

» Whistle to signal for help.

» A complete change of clothing and footwear for each person.

» Bedding.

» Important family documents.

» Pet supplies (if necessary).

For more information about what to do before, during and after an emergency, go to the MSP/EMHSD's website at www.michigan.gov/beprepared or follow us on Twitter at @MichEMHS.

LETTERS

Pass meth legislation

I support Sen. Proos and Rep. Price's recently proposed anti-meth bills (Senate Bills 535, 563, 564, 756, along with House Bills 5363 and 5364) because they are reasonable and effective approaches to curbing one of our state's worst afflictions.

Meth is a terrible drug that can devastate entire communities. Michigan law enforcement officers are doing everything they can to curtail its distribution, production and abuse, but meth presents a complex problem to try to solve. Sen. Proos and Rep. Price have proposed innovative new policies that would give our law enforcement professionals more tools to combat the meth problem.

Among the many proposals offered by Proos and Price, one of the most innovative ones is called a meth offender block list, which will prevent all former meth criminals from purchasing common cold and allergy medicines that can be misused to manufacture meth. It's a commonsense policy that targets lawbreakers, not honest citizens. Additionally, stricter penalties and minimum sentencing for convicted smurfers (i.e. those who purchase pseudoephedrine for others with the intent of manufacturing meth) will help discourage criminal activity in the first place.

Policies that target meth need to be smart, balanced and effective. Proos and Price deserve credit for crafting such a policy.

Carl F. Berry
retired police chief
Plymouth Township

I-96 detour

Because I teach in Detroit, I-96 to the Southfield has been my route from Plymouth. It takes me under 25 minutes to get to work.

With the closing of I-96 from Newburgh to Telegraph, my game plan to avoid the traffic congestion is two-fold: leave early and change freeways. Leaving by 5:30 a.m.,

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and taking I-275 south to eastbound I-94 to northbound M-39 (Southfield Freeway), I should make it in under 35 minutes. Getting to work early will allow me to leave by 4 p.m. each day, hopefully beating the traffic back home on the same new route, just backward.

This little inconvenience is totally worth a new section of I-96.

Elizabeth Carlson
Plymouth

Responsible for anything?

In a recent "Letter to the Editor," the writer claimed President Bush is responsible for the death of "1 million Asians," due to his "manufactured intelligence," the same intelligence President Clinton and other Democrats used to condemn Saddam Hussein when Clinton was president, comments ignored once Bush became president.

This number is totally manufactured, coming out of thin air. The truth is, throughout the Middle East, tribal wars have existed for hundreds of years, in particular the wars between the Sunnis, the Shiites and other Muslim sects; and are primarily responsible for the vast majority of deaths in the region.

Also being ignored, the 1980-1988 war between Iraq and Iran (about 1.25 million casualties) started by Hussein, the people gassed to death by Hussein in Northern Iraq

- is Bush also being blamed for those deaths? Let's not forget Sept. 11, 2001, and the almost 3,000 Americans who lost their lives.

Obama and the writer totally ignore the treatment of women throughout the Middle East and North Africa and the rape of Christian women (the real wars on women), the murder of Christians and the destruction of Christian churches throughout the Middle East and North Africa. Obama increased troop levels in Afghanistan and maintained troops in Iraq. How much of the \$3 trillion war cost is Obama responsible for? How many of the 5,000 American deaths and disabled is Obama (the Nobel Peace Prize winner) responsible for?

We have a world in total turmoil, Iran and North Korea are far more dangerous now than they have ever been and Obama thinks he can sweet talk them into giving up their weapons of mass destruction. Syria (with over 100,000 deaths), Lebanon, Egypt, Libya and other parts of North Africa and the Middle East are at the center of this turmoil while Russia and Communist China are giving Obama the middle finger. Does Obama know who our friends and enemies are? Obama's actions and inactions have consequences; these are all Obama foreign policy failures.

If all you watch is ABC, CBS, CNBC, CNN, MSNBS and/or PBS and/or just read liberal newspapers, all Obama's cheerleaders, you will not learn what is actually going on. Just because the Obama administration does not admit or the liberal media report certain facts, it does not mean what I have written is not true. The writer's response is actually riddled with Democrat talking points, assumptions and opinions; besides who can believe anything Obama and the Democrats say anymore.

Michael Hansel
Canton Township

GUEST COLUMN

Coalition urges transparency, accountability in government

Welcome to Michigan's Freedom of Information Week. It's a great week to let folks know about how accountable and responsible their governments are at the state, county and local level.

It's also the first official birthday of the Michigan Coalition for Open Government, a tax-exempt nonprofit group that keeps a sharp eye on the accountability, transparency and responsibility of public officials, governments, public universities and the courts.

Back when the state's freedom of information and open meetings laws went into effect in 1977, the Michigan Supreme Court exempted all Michigan courts from being covered by those laws.

In subsequent decisions, the court has exempted all 15 public university boards from the Open Meetings Act when it comes to presidential searches. The universities say that decision also applies to their retreats, pre-meetings and other discussions that occur outside of the public meetings mandated by the state constitution. That's extremely relevant now as a presidential search was just completed for the University



Jane Briggs-Bunting
GUEST COLUMNIST

of Michigan and as searches are under way at Oakland University and Saginaw Valley State University.

Public universities are annually given hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars, yet because of the court's ruling, information about applicants who want to become president can remain secret until a new president is selected.

Court decisions have consistently expanded the interpretations of exemptions despite the public policy language of the Freedom of Information Act itself. Last year, the state Supreme Court, through the State Court Administrative Office, helped draft legislation that exempts disclosure of any information on:

» Mental health courts (even data on the number of cases these courts handle, the success, failures and rates of recidivism on individuals involved)

» Hidden criminal juvenile records (including violent felonies and keeping potential employers from finding out about sex offenders)

Most recently, the state Supreme Court through the SCAO has approved the mandatory electronic filing of court documents without any mention of public access to the records and

what that access should cost.

The so-called e-filing legislation is, at least at this point, an "unfunded mandate" being handed down to local courts that requires them to keep all court documents in electronic form rather than on paper. According to some of the court clerks that MiCOG surveyed last year, "unfunded mandates" from the state are a serious financial problem for local governments.

Nationally and in Michigan, courts have historically operated with a great deal of transparency. But this is changing fast in Michigan, despite the state law mandate that "sittings of every court within this state shall be public" except in certain cases.

The people have a right to full access to their courts. As we head into Sunshine Week, MiCOG urges courts to maintain an attitude of public accountability to engender confidence and belief in the fairness of the legal system. It's what's best for courts and for Michigan citizens.

Jane Briggs-Bunting is president of the Michigan Coalition for Open Government. She is a veteran reporter, media attorney and former director of the Michigan State University School of Journalism and Oakland University journalism program.



AAGPBL player Faye Dancer slides into a base. CAROL SHELDON COLLECTION

Women's baseball of 1940s, '50s brought to life at Novi library

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Betty Ruth Yahr, who died in 2010 at age 87, played right field for the Rockford Peaches in 1946, part of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League.

Yahr was interviewed for Canton's Township local access cable channel in the 1990s by historian Virginia Bailey Parker, a Canton resident.

"She was just delightful," Parker said. Parker had earlier been at the home of Terry Bennett, Canton Township clerk, and discovered Yahr was Bennett's aunt.

"I got all excited because that was one of the teams featured in *A League of Their Own*," Parker said.

Parker will share Yahr's story at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 25, in a Novi Public Library program, "Summer at the Ball Park: The Story of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League."

Yahr grew up in Ann Arbor and played amateur ball there. Her sports career began on the sandlots of Ann Arbor and through high school as a member of the Girls Athletic Club. She graduated from high school in 1941.

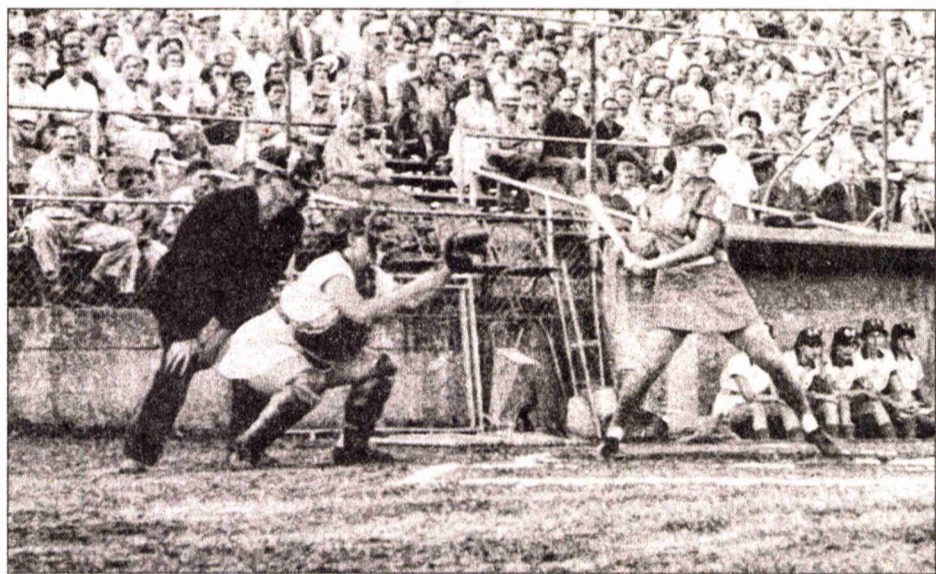
Her scouting report, contract, pay stubs, baseball glove and team hat, along with other memorabilia, were donated to the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y. These items are in the museum and library there.

After professional ball, she played for a local semi-pro team, Dad's Root Beer, and continued coaching and playing recreational ball.

Parker's presentation at the Novi library will cover the AAGPBL and



Jimmy Rawlings managed the Grand Rapids Chicks, one of the Michigan teams in the AAGPBL. CAROL SHELDON COLLECTION



This photo shows a Grand Rapids home game. CAROL SHELDON COLLECTION

the history of women's baseball in general. "Then I'm going to share some of Betty's stories," she said.

Parker will share oral history suggestions for listeners' own families.

"I did a lot of studying about the baseball league," she said, adding that became easier with Internet advances, including a website for the league.

"These women were pioneers. They carved out a place for women in sports history," Parker said.

The league ran 1943-54 and was strong in the Midwest, with teams in Grand Rapids, Muskegon and Kalamazoo.

Parker is an award-winning author, oral historian, speaker and writing coach.

She has written three

books, has been a columnist, newsletter editor for professional organizations and a freelance writer. She served on the Michigan Oral History Association Board of Directors for 10 years.

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W-W board starts search for new superintendent

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

The Wayne-Westland school board put out the help wanted sign as it begins its search for a new superintendent.

The process began Monday evening at a special meeting with Marlene Davis and Rod Green, consultants with the Michigan Association of School Board Executive Search Services, who will work with the school board during the estimated 14-week process.

"The hopes and concerns you have are the hopes and concerns of most school boards," Davis said. "This is a new process for you and it can be as expansive and as closed as you want it to be. This is an opportunity for you to come together and think together to find a new superintendent. Our job is to help you come to a consensus."

During the meeting, Davis and Green, who was a superintendent in the East China School District, helped the school board decide on the scope of the search, develop a schedule of meetings and decide on a salary range to include in the job posting.

Preliminary posting

A preliminary job posting is already available, but it will be revised after the board meets March 31. That's when trustees will receive the details of the interviews Davis and Green conduct among school employee groups and community members, which they hope to start doing by week's end, and from a survey available through a link on the district's website at www.wwcsd.net.

"We want to make sure we give stakeholders many avenues for input," Davis said.

At the March 31 meeting, the board will decide what it wants to put in a more extensive posting, which will go out April 1. Candidates will have until April 28 to apply.

The consultants will take two weeks to review the candidates and then meet with the board May 5 to see which ones they want to interview. They also will develop 16-18 questions for the board to consider using during the interview process planned for May 13 and 15 and then lead them

SELECTING A SUPERINTENDENT

The superintendent selection process began Monday for the Wayne-Westland school board, which approved a series of meeting dates throughout the 14-week process.

Consultants will conduct interviews with employee groups and members of the community to find out what they want in a new superintendent. They will report back to the board at a meeting at 6 p.m. March 31, when trustees will determine what will be contained in the final job posting.

The other dates are:

» **April 1-28** - Applications will be accepted from potential candidates.

» **May 5** - After the candidates have been reviewed, their information will be presented to trustees at a 6 p.m. meeting. During that meeting, trustees will determine who will be invited to interview for the position.

» **Candidate interviews** will be conducted at 6 p.m. meetings May 13 and 15, with the pool cut to two or three at the end of that process.

» **A second interview** with the final candidates will be at 6 p.m. May 19-20, if needed.

» **The board** will have an opportunity to have several members conduct a visit of the finalist's district before making a final decision to hire at its regular school board meeting at 7 p.m. June 9.

"through another process" to determine who to bring back for second interviews. Those interviews, if needed, would be May 19-20.

There also would be time to have the final candidate do a site visit and, if the board wants, have members visit that candidate's district and meet the staff and get input, Davis said.

Difficult decision

The salary range was the most difficult of the decisions the board made at Monday's meeting, with members offering up salary ranges that went from \$150,000 to \$160,000 on the low side and \$175,000 to \$225,000 on the high side. In the end, the board agreed to \$160,000 to \$175,000.

The goal is to have the board hire the new superintendent at its June 9 board meeting and have that person on staff as of July 1. Current Superintendent Greg Baracy is set to retire July after 17 years.

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The Plymouth Relay for Life kicks off with a 7 p.m. ceremony today (Thursday) at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Spring cleaning is for personal finances, too

It may not feel like it or look like it, but spring has arrived. We survived one of our toughest winters ever and many people will begin a variety of cleaning jobs around the home. It's not a bad idea to also do some spring cleaning of personal finances.

After all, just like a home needs some tender loving care, the same thing applies to personal finances.

Here are some ideas to consider for spring cleaning of finances:

Go through your financial records and start shredding unnecessary documents.

There is no reason to keep bank statements from years ago. Even many of the brokerage statements received over the past year can be destroyed. Most financial institutions now send a year-end statement — a summary of all activity for the year. Once you receive that statement, shred the others.

It's also a good time to look at where you can consolidate certain accounts. I know people who, for whatever reason, have two or three different bank accounts. My question is always, why? Banks have been very aggressive in charging fees; consolidating accounts can make things easier and can save on fees.

Spend a few minutes looking at fees. Whether it's looking for a new bank or even talking to your institution to see if they will waive fees, spend a few minutes focusing on the fees you pay.

Free credit report

Another item on a spring cleaning list of finances is to obtain a free copy of your credit

report. By law, all three of the credit reporting agencies are required to provide a copy of your credit report once a year. Go to www.annualcreditreport.com. When you get the report, check it for accuracy.

Mistakes on your credit report can either prevent you from getting a

loan or require you to pay higher interest. It is a hassle to get mistakes corrected on your credit report, but it's not impossible. It can potentially save you a substantial amount of money.

Another spring suggestion is to inventory all assets. Not only

should you consider videotaping your home, but also inventory your safe deposit box. Many people have safety deposit boxes, but have no clue what's in them. Now is a great time of year to visit your safety deposit box, inventory it and make sure your representative has access to the box.

One last thing item to consider is a document locator — a listing of where all your assets are kept. This is nothing more than a road map so that if something happens to you, your loved ones will know where your assets are located, who your professional advisers are and where your important documents are stored.

If you have one, check if updates are needed.

Springtime is when we air out our houses and fix up the damage that winter has caused. We should look at doing the same thing with our personal finances.

Good luck.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. If you would like him to respond to your questions, please email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.



Rick Bloom

MONEY MATTERS

Any talk of cancer is always a personal story

It seems to always be the story:

"I never thought this would be me."
"Never my mom."
"Then we heard those words ..."

"Now, it's personal."

Three weeks ago, in the wake of relief, editor and friend Brad Kadrich published a personal column detailing his "wake-up call" to cancer following the news that the biopsy of the lymph nodes on the back of his 16-year-old son's head showed they were benign. For years, Brad has been a voice to share the stories of hope from cancer survivors, the stories of despair from heartbroken family members and the need to get involved in worthy causes to help support critical life-saving research.

But he admits that although he listened with empathy, the meaning changed when his son became part of that story — and it became personal.

I began working for the American Cancer Society in July 2012. Cancer stories pervade my life so frequently that, at times, I question whether my sensitivity, like Brad's, is hibernating until it's "personal" again. It seems like every day I receive a new email, call, text, Facebook message from a volunteer — someone new has been diagnosed. Someone's mother, son, aunt, grandfather, grandson, best friend, themselves. Their fight becomes personal again and they add to their list of "reasons to Relay."

My reason to Relay changed again two

weeks ago, when I was meeting some committee members on a Saturday morning in Plymouth to hang up posters in shops around town. Sitting down in Starbucks, one of my favorite volunteers shared her new reason to Relay — herself. The day before, hearing the words, "You have cancer" seemed like something that would happen to someone else. Now it was personal.

Again. What always surprises me are people's reactions when it becomes personal. Like Nancy, my volunteer, who, after sharing her day-old diagnosis with me, decided she would still go poster the town.

Or Brad, who, in the midst of those awful, drawn-out days when you wait for biopsy results, continued to share the cancer stories in our communities while he was scared for his son's life. He has since made a public pledge to be a greater voice — a megaphone, I hope — of the imperative nature of taking up this fight.

And all volunteers I work with who have decided that cancer thrives on silence, they're too angry to not make noise and they fight non-apologetically (I say this recognizing that at certain times the cancer experience is too raw and it's too soon to get involved).

Believe it or not, people do tell me, "Oh, that hasn't affected my



Abigail Stonerook

GUEST COLUMNIST

family, so we're not interested." But the odds are if cancer is not personal yet, it's probably just a matter of time. One in two men and more than one in three women will be diagnosed with cancer in his or her

lifetime. And whether or not you have already been touched by cancer, by joining our movement, you are fighting for when it becomes personal — or becomes personal again.

I recently watched a YouTube video called "Leadership from a dancing guy" — a narration of how to create a movement while a shirtless guy begins dancing in the middle of a grassy knoll full of people. It's painful to watch until strangers begin to join in his dance. I began playing this video to various committees and teams I work with both to make them laugh and inspire them to keep going. Sometimes it feels like we're out there all alone dancing on crowded a hill, but we know that if we just keep dancing or get out our megaphones or plaster the town with what we're doing, people will start to follow. And it's worth it.

If you're a leader in the community — or want to be — I am asking you to not wait for another wake-up call. Boldly join me and the volunteers in Plymouth to help lead our community in the fight against cancer through the Relay For Life of Plymouth.

Join us at our kickoff tonight (Thursday) at the Plymouth Cultural Center to learn how you can join in our "dance" and fight back against cancer through the largest movement to end cancer. And you can do it right here in Plymouth. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. and the program will run 7-8 p.m. For more information, visit www.relayforlife.org/plymouthmi.

Abigail Stonerook is an American Cancer Society Relay For Life staff partner in the communities of Canton, Garden City, Plymouth and Westland-Wayne, working with tireless volunteers to finish the fight. This column is her opinion and not of the American Cancer Society.

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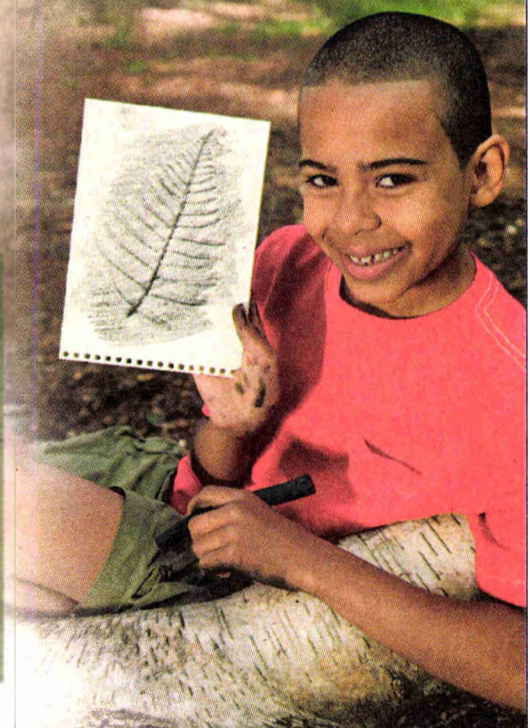


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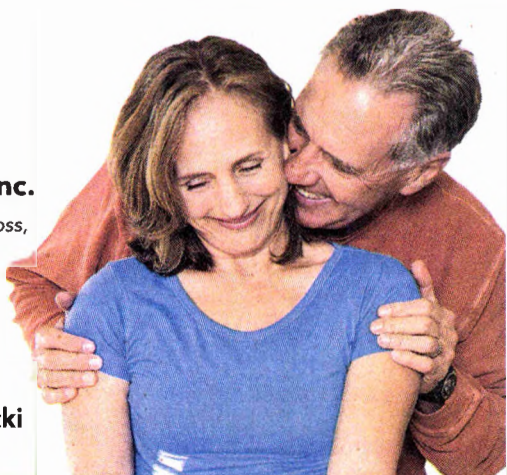
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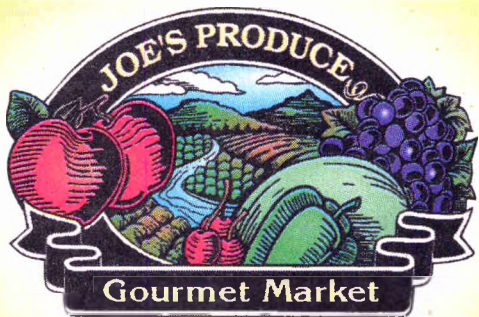
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CLASS A GIRLS BASKETBALL FINALS



Birmingham Marian guard Samantha Thomas (No. 21) fouls Canton forward Paige Aresco (No. 14) while Brittany Gray (right) of the Mustangs defends during the second half Saturday. JARRAD HENDERSON | GANNETT MICHIGAN

END OF AN ERA

What a ride

Finals loss doesn't spoil Chiefs' big year

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The Canton Chiefs opened and closed the 2013-14 girls basketball season with losses against Bloomfield Hills Marian.

But those defeats booted the Chiefs's best season in school history, making it all the way to the Class A finals at the Breslin Center before bowing out to 44-26 to the Samantha Thomas-led Mustangs.

"These guys took us on a tremendous ride through the state tournament," Canton head coach Brian Samulski said. "I mean, division champs, conference champs, district, regional and you play on the last day. You can't really complain.

"It's tough to lose to these guys to start the year and end the year. But with all that said, they did a great job."

Canton went 22-3 in between the two games against Marian, sparked by senior co-captains Paige Aresco, Rachel Winters, Taylor Hunley and Shannon Perry.

All four shared the podium following Saturday's final, their final game together. All four were visibly disappointed about the loss but at the same time pretty proud of what the Chiefs accomplished.

"I'm just really proud of our team," Aresco said. "We played so awesome this year and look where we ended up. ... It was a great team to be a part of. In the locker room, it was like a second family."

Concurring were the others, including Perry, who noted that "I don't think any of us would trade our team for anything, no matter

BUMMER AT BRESLIN

Chiefs stung by Mustangs' freshman, fall 44-26 in championship game

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

EAST LANSING — All season long, the Canton varsity girls basketball team has been noted for playing stellar defense.

That collective 'D' carried the Chiefs all the way to the Breslin Center, but that's where they finally met their defensive match.

Bloomfield Hills Marian prevailed 44-26 Saturday afternoon in the Class A championship game for the Mustangs' — and head coach Mary Cicerone's — first title since 1998.

Freshman guard Samantha Thomas (15 points) showed the mettle of a senior and Marian defended and trapped the Chiefs into submission, contributing to 19 Canton turnovers and a dismal 32 percent shooting percentage from the floor (8-32).

"With Marian, the tough thing is they switch," Canton head coach Brian Samulski said. "They go 2-2-1, then they go diamond, then she backed up and went into her 1-2-2 halfcourt. They trap. You got all those things coming at you so you got to be prepared for different ones and we just sort of got into a scramble.

"The passes weren't sharp, we were lofting passes and they were getting steals."

Doing her homework

Cicerone already had a good idea how the Chiefs

would get after her team based on the Canton-Marian matchup at the start of the season. And then, she had more to go on after watching the way Canton guarded Grand Ledge's top offensive players during Friday's semi-final game.

"Grand Ledge, they have a couple good shooters, they have great size inside," Cicerone said. "And Canton just managed to stay on those shooters, they do a nice job of matching up with the post inside.

"So, I'm like, how are we going to get them spread enough and still execute our offense? And first quarter, (junior forward) Bailey (Gray) and Sam attacked their zone fairly well, we got some good looks. And that helped jump-start our offense."

Conversely, the Chiefs, according to Samulski, "couldn't get over the hump" in the first girls basketball state championship game in school history.

As Samulski answered questions from the media, sitting next to him at the podium were senior co-captains Paige Aresco, Rachel Winters, Taylor Hunley and Shannon Perry. Their eyes were red-rimmed and moist, understandably disappointed with the way things unfolded against Marian.

"These guys and the rest of the girls had an outstanding season," Samulski said. "I'm sure no one thought they'd be



Canton players wait for the postgame awards presentation to begin. The Chiefs received the Class A finalist trophy and individual medals. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO



With disappointment etched on her face after Canton lost to Bloomfield Hills Marian, senior point guard Rachel Winters clutches her finalist medal. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

here this day on November 11th. All the credit goes to them, what they've done this

year. "And they lost to a very good team. The goal is 'Hey, let's play the last day of the season' and they did that. I couldn't be more proud of what they accomplished."

Early problems

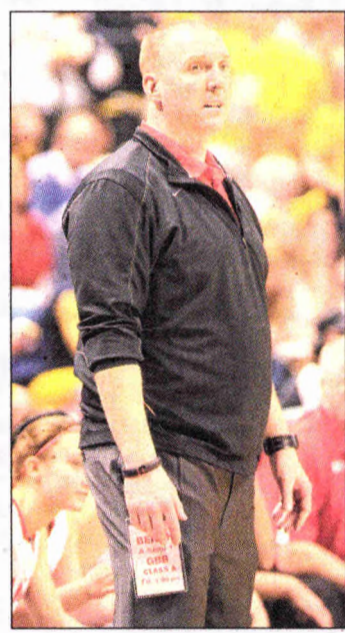
Canton (22-5) got into a deep hole early on, making just one of 13 field-goal tries in the opening quarter.

Setting the tone early was junior guard Kara Holinski, who nailed a trey from the right corner midway through the first to put Marian up 7-2.

Thomas then took it strong to the bucket for a couple of layups to make it 11-4 after one quarter — pumping up both the Mustangs (25-2) and their loud throng of fans sitting directly across from the Marian bench.

Canton got to within 20-16 late in the first half, fueled by

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Canton coach Brian Samulski surveys the action at Breslin Center. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

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ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Young guns lift Whalers to 4-1 win in finale

Plymouth now gearing up for start of OHL playoffs Friday at Guelph

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

With St. Patrick's Day looming, Vincent Scognamiglio and the rest of the Plymouth Whalers wore their green jerseys Saturday night in the regular season finale against Windsor.

But it was hard work and determination to quickly forget about the previous night's 10-1 loss to Erie and not the luck of the Irish that sparked the Whalers' 4-1 victory over the Spitfires.

The win, played before a Compuware Arena sellout crowd of 3,946, featured the first Ontario Hockey League goals by Scognamiglio and linemate Liam Dunda — both in the third period, when Plymouth went ahead to stay.

STORM LOOMING

The Plymouth Whalers and Guelph Storm open their best four-of-seven Ontario Hockey League Western Conference quarterfinal series 7:30 p.m. Friday in Guelph. Following is the schedule:

- Game 1:** Whalers at Guelph, 7:30 p.m. Friday.
- Game 2:** Whalers at Guelph, 7 p.m. Saturday.
- Game 3:** Guelph vs. Whalers, 7 p.m. Tues. at Compuware Arena.
- Game 4:** Guelph vs. Whalers, 7 p.m. Weds. at Compuware.
- *Game 5:** Whalers at Guelph, 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 28.
- *Game 6:** Guelph vs. Whalers, 4 p.m. Sun., March 30 at Compuware.
- *Game 7:** Whalers at Guelph, 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 1.

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"I'm 50-percent Irish, actually," said Scognamiglio, the game's No. 1 star with his goal and an assist (on Dunda's goal).

Scognamiglio's power-play goal at 8:45 of the third period

snapped a 1-1 tie and proved to be the game-winner.

Double milestone

Whalers "veteran" Ryan Hartman snapped a cross-ice



Plymouth Whalers teammates Zach Lorentz (No. 9) and Bryce Yetman mob Vincent Scognamiglio (No. 38) after he scored his first OHL goal in the third period Saturday. RENA LAVERTY | PLYMOUTH WHALERS

pass to Zach Lorentz in the right circle. Lorentz sent a shot on goal that was turned aside by Windsor goalie Dalen Kuchmey, but Scognamiglio slam-

dunked the rebound. Less than four minutes later, it was Dunda's chance to

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REMEMBERING KEN JOHNSON



Ken Johnson (back row, left), was the original coach for Plymouth-Salem High School's boys and girls soccer programs. He is shown here with his 1993 boys team. Johnson passed away Dec. 21 at age 83.

Rocks' first soccer coach 'set the tone'

Plymouth-Salem's Johnson led boys and girls teams to state championships

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Hard to believe, but three months have elapsed since the death of Salem High School's original soccer coach, Ken Johnson.

News trickled in under the radar about Johnson's death Dec. 21, 2013 at the age of 83.

But that was fitting for a man who "laid low" in Florida during the last two decades of his life after retiring from coaching the Rocks boys and girls teams after the 1995-96 school year.

Time was spent soaking in the sun and ocean waves while staying connected to his sport as a referee until 2010.

In fact, Ed McCarthy — hired by Johnson to coach Salem's junior varsity teams in 1991 and the varsity successor in 1996 — only saw him once after Johnson left the Park.

That was during the summer of 1996, when Johnson popped in on one of McCarthy's practices.

"He didn't come back and laid low," said McCarthy, coach of Salem's boys teams until 2012. "I talked to a couple people that knew him and said he was real happy."

"When I talked to him in '96 when he came back up, he said he had never been happier and he loved it. Every morning he would swim in the ocean. He was delighted for the retirement."

Retiring on top

Johnson left Salem (then known as Plymouth-Salem) on the highest note, coaching the boys to the 1995 state championship. He also was at the helm of the girls 1987 title team.



Ken Johnson

His coaching tenure with the boys began in 1981. He started the girls program in 1983. His record including both teams was 361-121-64 (he was 203-65-27 with the boys).

According to McCarthy, the tone for soccer excellence that has prevailed at Salem over the years was established by Ken Johnson.

"The fact that he was there for a long time, the limited number of coaches that have been at Salem I'd say were in part continuing on what he did," McCarthy said. "He had a very, very impressive record."

On the boys side, Johnson was followed by McCarthy and (beginning in 2013) Scott Duhl.

Salem's girls teams were coached by Johnson, Doug Landefeld (1986-98), Joe Nora (1999-2012) and Duhl beginning last spring.

McCarthy said he didn't find out about Johnson's death until January. "Jeff Neschich, who played (for Johnson) at Salem, received something on Facebook."

"He pushed hard to get soccer in the high schools," said Neschich, current coach of Plymouth's varsity boys and girls soccer teams. "His passion for the game and his commitment to this community (was) notably remarkable."

A 'super guy'

By all accounts, Johnson was a coaching pioneer who had a knack for communicating well

with players and getting the most out of his teams.

"He was one of the nicest people that you would ever meet," McCarthy said. "He was really a super guy, and he got along extremely well with everyone."

"He was the original coach of Salem soccer and really set the tone at the high school. The boys and girls programs have been terrific and he set that tone."

McCarthy added that his own coaching style and subsequent success owed plenty to his mentor.

"There's no doubt I picked up lots of things from Ken Johnson," said McCarthy, now coach of the U18 Michigan Wolves boys elite travel team. "I thought the way that he related to the players was exceptional."

"I thought he had a great sense of humor with the players and he also carried the balance of having good discipline as well."

His son-in-law Joe Knoerl was a Salem goalkeeper for three seasons when Johnson was coach.

"Not only did he coach at Salem," noted Knoerl in an email earlier this year to the *Observer*, "but was a big part of setting up the Plymouth and Canton soccer clubs during the late 70s and early 80s. He continued to ref until he turned 80."

Although no official tributes have been planned to honor Johnson, the idea of having a moment of silence for the coach before a Rocks soccer game was called "appropriate" by McCarthy.

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YOUTH SWIMMING

She enjoys record-breaking state meet

Plymouth girl repeats as state champion

Plymouth resident Emma May repeated as a state swimming champion Saturday, at the USA sanctioned state championship meet at Walled Lake Central.

Emma, 8, who attends Spiritus Sanctus Academy in Plymouth, and Kylie Evenson — both from Ann Arbor-based Club Wolverine — won the state title in the 8-and-under girls division.

Both girls won all five events they swam in to become co-champions with perfect Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association scores of 100.

Emma prevailed in the 25-yard butterfly, 50 fly,

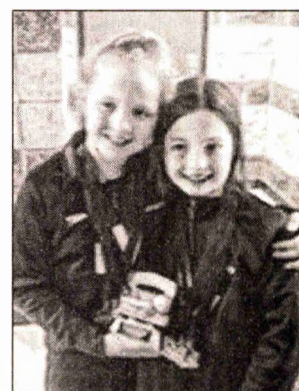
100 individual medley, 25 breaststroke and 50 breast.

The daughter of Kevin and Emily May also set four individual meet records.

Three of the four records had not been broken since 2006. She set marks in the 25 fly (15.29 seconds) and 50 fly (34.70).

Previous records were set by Emily Meier of Canton High School and Club Wolverine. Her record times were 15.37 in the 25 fly and 35.02 in the 50 fly.

Also Emma set the meet record in the 25 breast (18.88, toppling the old record set in 2013 by Taylor Westrick,



Club Wolverine swimmers Kylie Evenson (left) and Plymouth resident Emma May (right) won the state title in their age group.

21.20) and 50 breast (41.59, to eclipse previous mark of 45.70 set in 2006 by Samantha Meyers.

Kylie set three records, including in the 25-yard freestyle (14.17), 50 free (32.25), 25-yard backstroke (14.17) while finishing first in five events (25 free, 50 free, 100 free, 25 back, 50 back).

In 2013, Emma was winner in the 7-and-under division.

WHALERS

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get a milestone marker. He buried Scognamiglio's centering pass to make it 3-1 with 7:34 remaining. Also assisting was linemate Danny Vanderwiel.

"It was pretty cool," Scognamiglio said about he and Dunda each tallying their first OHL goal in the same contest. "I think we were both due and we were working hard. That's what happens when you work hard, you get rewarded."

Closing out the scoring at 18:15 of the third period was winger Bryce Yetman (just his second of the season), with rookie defenseman Alex DiCarlo collecting his first OHL point.

DiCarlo took a feed from defenseman Alex Peters and ripped a hard shot from the right point that banked off the boards behind the Windsor goal.

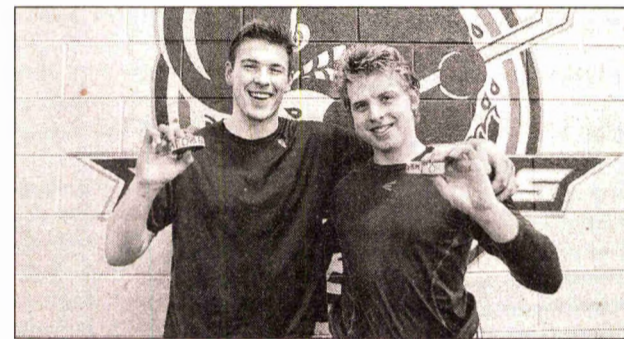
The puck caromed right out to Yetman, standing near the left post. He made no mistake with his shot. It was the Whalers' third power-play goal of the game.

"They played great. I'm happy for them," Plymouth head coach and general manager Mike Vellucci said. "Dunda got his first and DiCarlo got his first assist, so it was a win-win."

"We rested most of our guys and we had a good crowd and we won."

Needing to make only 24 saves for the win was Plymouth goalie Alex Nedeljkovic, who often sees twice that many shots in a night. Kuchmeyer stopped 41 of 45 Whalers shots.

After Windsor's Ben Johnson gave the Spitfires a 1-0 lead late in the first period, the Whalers drew even at 14:10 of the middle period when defenseman Gianluca Cur-



Liam Dunda (left) and Vincent Scognamiglio both scored their first OHL goal Saturday night for the Plymouth Whalers. They proudly display their milestone pucks following the contest at Compuware Arena. RENA LAVERTY | PLYMOUTH WHALERS

curuto scored on the power play.

Setting up the goal were Lorentz and Hartman (two assists each).

Turning the page

According to Scognamiglio, it was good to bounce back from the Erie debacle and gain some confidence — especially with the opening round of the playoffs beginning Friday at Guelph.

"I think we just knew we had to come out and play," he said. "Just like we did after losing to them in Erie last week (11-2 March 5), we bounced back with Niagara (a 4-3 win March 6) and we did the same tonight."

Scognamiglio added that the victory helps put the team in a better frame of mind going into the playoffs. Plymouth finished the regular season with a record of 28-33-0-7 for 63 points and the eighth seed in the Western Conference.

"This is great to end the season on, it gives us a lot of confidence that we need for the playoffs for the younger guys," he said. "And it's going to take everyone to make a good playoff run."

Plymouth did have one worrisome moment, when Curcuruto was checked from behind into the boards in front of the Whalers' bench early in the final period. He shook

off the hit and was on the ice during a three-minute power play, during which Scognamiglio scored his goal.

Windsor ended fifth in the conference with 77 points (37-28-3-0) and will play London in the first round.

Vellucci and his young squad will skate into the playoffs with a recent win to build on.

"We wanted to make the playoffs (for them) to gain some experience in the playoffs," Vellucci said. "It's a whole new season and anything can happen."

WHALERS DRAW GUELPH: Plymouth's OHL-record 23rd consecutive playoff appearance begins at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Guelph (the top seed with 107 points entering Saturday night's action).

The Whalers will play Game 2 Saturday, also at Guelph, before hosting the Storm for games 3-4.

Game 3 is slated for 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 25, at Compuware Arena, with the fourth game the following night, also at 7 p.m.

If the series reaches a sixth game, it will be played at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 30, at Compuware.

Vellucci said the series will pit teams with a different mind-set.

"It's junior hockey, they're older than us and they're going for it this year," he said. "We're younger and trying to gain experience."

Guelph leads the OHL in scoring with 339 goals (with one game left) and Vellucci said keeping the potent attack in check and staying out of the penalty box will give Plymouth (just 187 goals for the season) a chance.

"I don't know about limit the shots on goal, but limit the grade-A scoring chances," Vellucci said. "If we can keep them to the outside is the key. They have the most goals in the league, 339, that's a lot of goals."

"It's going to come down to goaltending and discipline, I think."

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING ON DETERMINED USES OF 2014-2015 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

Pursuant to Federal guidelines, the City of Plymouth is announcing its objectives and determined uses for projects using Year 2014-2015 Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

OBJECTIVES:

- To provide benefits to senior citizens.
- To provide benefits directly to persons of low/moderate income and/or areas in which at least 51% of the residents are of low/moderate income.
- To maintain a high level of performance in the management of all CDBG funded programs

DETERMINED YEAR 2014-2015 PROJECTS:

The City anticipates receiving approximately \$62,787.24 in CDBG funds for the contract year 2014-15, and has identified the following determined projects and corresponding estimated allocations for use of these funds:

1. ADA and/or Public Facility Improvements	\$44,578.94
2. Public Services- Senior Transportation	\$11,929.58
3. Administration/Planning	\$6,278.72
TOTAL	\$62,787.24

PUBLIC HEARING:

Citizens are invited to comment on the determined projects listed above, and to suggest other projects. All projects must meet one of the Federal CDBG objectives.

A public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments on the determined uses of 2014-2015 CDBG funds, and additional suggestions for use of said funds, will be held at the Plymouth City Commission Meeting on Monday, April 7, 2014 at 7:00 pm in the Commission Chambers at Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main St.

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC
City Clerk

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CHIEFS

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two triples from senior point guard Rachel Winters.

Marian finished the half up 22-16 and then regrouped during the intermission. Cicerone used the break to get her team on the same page, according to Thomas.

"In the first half we weren't scoring that much, and not talking as much as a team," Thomas said. "We were kind of being selfish a little bit. At halftime, Cice just told us we're not playing like ourselves, we just need to be a team and play it together and we can get whatever we want."

Canton already was teetering in the confidence department as far as their offense was concerned, making just five of 23 field-goal tries in the first half.

And then, the Mustangs came out even stronger in the third quarter, covering the Chiefs at every turn.

To the rim

The Chiefs made eight turnovers in the third alone, and Thomas pretty much sealed their fate with three old-fashioned three-point plays in the frame.

With about 1:20 remaining in the third, Thomas galloped into the paint, threw the ball into the cylinder and drew a foul. After she made the free throw, it was a 32-21 contest.

"Cice told us at halftime we had to spread the offense because Canton has a really good defense, so we needed to spread it out so we could drive it and kick it," Thomas said. "But they were out on our shooters so I knew the lane would be open so I just drove and I got the foul."

Marian went up 35-21 after three and Holinski — who had scorched Farmington Hills Mercy Friday with 20 points — sank a trey in the opening minute of the fourth to make it 38-21. She ended up with nine points Saturday.

There was little doubt at that point who would be hoisting the coveted championship trophy.

The ultimate taste of victory is something Cicerone experienced four times before during her 31-year career at Marian, but she was elated that it was the current team that gave her a fifth title.

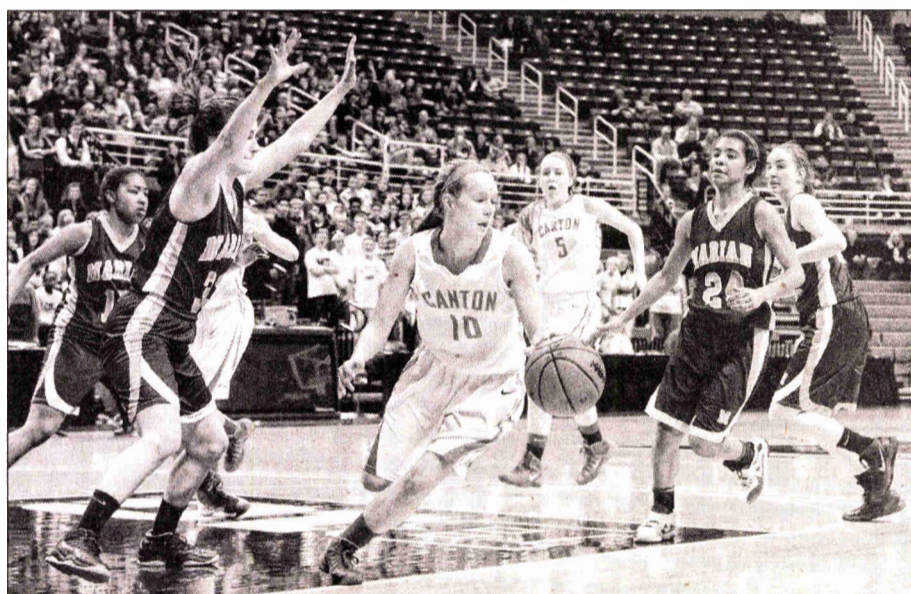
She also had a little concern that the Mustangs might not come out as strong as they did Friday against the Marlins, simply because of the Marian-Mercy rivalry.

No letdown

"This is not a letdown," Cicerone said. "But, I was so



Canton senior center Taylor Hunley (No. 5) tries to muscle to the basket past Marian's Laura Bruton (No. 32). PHOTOS BY JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO



Marian defenders Jaeda Robinson (No. 13), Kara Holinski (No. 33) and Bailey Thomas (No. 24) surround Canton's Rachel Winters (No. 10) during Saturday's Class A girls basketball championship game at the Breslin Center.

worried because their emotions were so high for that game, I was worried they were not going to come out as aggressive. But you just want this.

"These kids worked hard in the offseason, lifting weights and running. You want it for them because you like them so much. They're such a great

group. And you want them to feel this (championship) and it's just a great feeling."

Also helping Marian's cause were sophomore guard Bailey Thomas, with Samantha Thomas and Gray each grabbing five rebounds.

For Canton, the leading scorer was Aresco with nine. That was well below her aver-

age of 14.6. She also led the Chiefs with six rebounds.

"She's a great player. She's really, really aggressive and can get to the rim and shoot," said Aresco, about trying to guard Samantha Thomas. "She's just a wonderful player."

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SEASON

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what."

According to Samulski, whose team never led the game against Marian (and only tied the Mustangs at 2-2 early in the contest), few were jumping on Canton's bandwagon early in the season after the Chiefs started the year with two losses.

Getting them ready

But he emphasized that the first month of the schedule was a grind, against strong non-conference teams such as Marian, Farmington Hills Mercy, Grosse Pointe South and Dearborn Divine Child.

The ultimate goal of Samulski and assistant coaches Bob Blohm, Lauren Delapaz, Rob Heitmeyer and Kevin Palmer was to get Canton prepared for the possibility of enjoying a lengthy, pressure-packed tournament run.

"We made the non-league schedule because we have these four guys (seniors)," Samulski said. "You go Marian, Mercy, Grosse Pointe South and DC and people look at you like you're an idiot."

"But I knew we had these four and these four are awesome, they've been here three or four years. They knew the purpose of it. The whole goal of playing those people is to get you ready to maybe make a state tournament run and get there. So we accomplished that."

Because Samulski knew the character of his senior leaders, augmented by junior guard Alanna Brown and sophomore guard Natalie Winters (both key contributors all season), he did not get rattled about the early defeats.

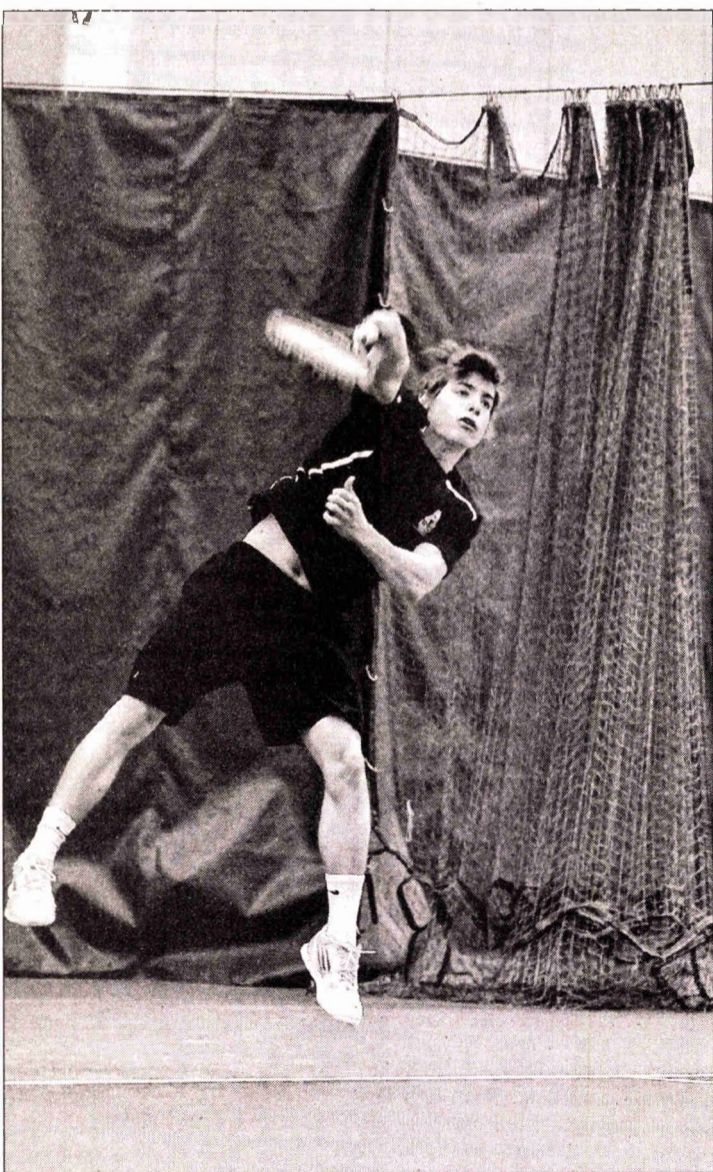
"We started the season 0-2 and you can easily have said 'You can cash it in,'" Samulski said. "Some teams do cash it in that early. One time we were 2-3. But they hung in there and realized what we were doing."

"These four are awesome, I love them to death, I'll miss them dearly. They did everything I could ask for. They had great careers, they had a great season, they should be absolutely proud of what they accomplished. It's the first team in school history to play in a state championship (game) and Canton's had a lot of good teams."

But there's no denying the 2013-14 version had something special going for it.

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TOP MIAA HONORS



The Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association named Albion's Eric Guindi of Plymouth its Player of the Week in men's tennis for matches played through March 16. Guindi, a sophomore who prepped at Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, won all three of his matches at No. 1 singles and took two out of three at No. 1 doubles for the Britons, who posted a 2-1 record on their spring trip. He took a three-set victory against Baldwin Wallace, Ohio, 6-3, 5-7, 10-5, and posted straight-set wins over Dickinson, Pa., 6-2, 6-2 and Catholic, D.C., 6-1, 6-1. He also teamed up with Jonathan Gurnee for an 8-5 doubles win against Dickinson and a 9-7 win over Catholic. Guindi, who is being honored as Player of the Week for the second time this season and in his career, is 9-0 in singles this season. LOWELL MCGINNIS

SPORTS ROUNDUP

'Super Jess' 5K run

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's National Honor Society will host its fourth annual "Super Jess" 5K run at 8 a.m. Sunday, May 4, on the high school campus.

This event was created in 2011 in honor of 16-year-old P-CEP student Jesse Lindlbauer, whose sinus infection turned into an abscess which ruptured, causing a traumatic brain injury. The SJ5K run was created in order to bring the community support to the family and raise money.

After a successful event in 2011, the National Honor Society decided to make the SJ5K an annual event to honor local families in need.

This year, the race will support one present P-CCS student and one P-CCS alumni: Salem senior Jerrica Fitzgerald and Salem alum Amy Ladenberger.

"Jerrica Fitzgerald was diagnosed with hydrocephalus, a rare medical condition in which fluid builds up in the brain. Jerrica has undergone more than 30 surgeries and countless nights in the hospital since she was diagnosed in 2009. She attended Smith Elementary and West Middle School. Jerrica is now a senior at the Park and is excited to graduate this spring with the rest of her class.

"Amy Ladenberger is a 25-year-old Park graduate who attended Hoben Elementary and Discovery Middle School.

She was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis, a disease which causes thick, sticky mucus to build up in the lungs, digestive tract and other areas of the body, when she was three months old. Within the last year, Amy underwent a double lung transplant and many other surgeries prior to that.

Please join the NHS to raise money and support for the

Fitzgerald and Ladenberger families by participating in the SJ5K, donating funds, or sponsoring the May 4 race.

It will begin at 8 a.m. at the Canton varsity football field.

Registration will continue until race day; registrations received prior to April 16 will include a race shirt.

Registration forms can be found on the SJ5K Facebook page, on the P-CEP website or in Canton, Plymouth and Salem main offices. Event fees are \$25 for adults over 18 and \$20 for all others.

For questions about the race or volunteering, contact the student coordinator of this event, Shannon Perry, at SJ5Kcommunity@gmail.com. For questions about becoming a sponsor, contact Chris Kozler at ckozler7@gmail.com. All donations and sponsorships can be made out to "NHS SJ5K 2014" and can be mailed to Pam Davis, 46370 Spinning Wheel, Canton, MI 48187.

Bucks host games

The Michigan Bucks of the Premier Development League will host four top collegiate men's soccer teams, including NCAA Division I champion Notre Dame, in a series of exhibition matches Saturday, March 22, at Pontiac's Ultimate Soccer Arenas, 867 South Boulevard.

One \$8 pass will get ticket holders into any of all four games, which feature Notre Dame, Michigan, Oakland University and Xavier.

And on Saturday, April 5, at Ultimate Soccer Arenas, women's soccer teams representing Michigan State, Michigan, OU and Northwestern will square off in the Best of the Midwest games.

Tickets are also \$8 for an all-day pass if purchased online.

For more information, visit www.bucksoccer.com.

Canton Leisure Services summer camps

On tap this summer through Canton Leisure Services are basketball and baseball summer camps, instructed by longtime coach Pat Watson.

All of the camps will emphasize drills and skills that cover offensive strategies and defensive plays in game situations. Mornings will be spent on drills focused on improving fundamentals, while afternoons will be used for scrimmages. Participants should pack a sack lunch and a water bottle.

» **Basketball:** There will be three weekly basketball camps at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. Those sessions (for ages 7-14) will run 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. as follows: Session 1 - July 7-11; Session 2 - July 21-25; Sessin 3 - July 28 through Aug. 1. The fee is \$150 for residents and \$160 for non-residents.

» **Baseball:** The baseball camp is slated to run July 14-18 (9 a.m. to 2 p.m.) at Canton Sports Center, 46555 W. Michigan Ave. in Canton. It also is for participants ages 7-14.

To register, go to cantonfun.org, call Canton Sports Center (734-483-5600) or visit either Canton Sports Center or Summit on the Park and inquire.

MU cross country

Madonna University will stage its summer cross country base camps for serious high school runners 8:45-9:45 a.m. July 28 through Aug. 1.

The cost is \$75. MU will also hold long runs 7:30-9 a.m. Saturday, July 12, 19, 26 and Aug. 2, at Cass Benton Park. The cost is a \$2 donation each long run.

Email MU cross country coach Pat Daugherty at pdaugherty@madonna.edu.

Crystallettes to represent U.S. overseas

Plymouth has two figure skaters on team headed to Italy

The Crystallettes Senior synchronized figure skating team will represent the United States at the 2014 ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships, April 3-5 at the Forum Sport Center in Courmayeur, Italy.

The Crystallettes won the silver medal at United States Figure Skating U.S. National Synchro Championships, Feb. 28 through March 1 at the World Arena in Colorado Springs, Colo. By virtue of their second-place finish, they qualified to compete in the World Championships.

The Synchro World Championships will host 23 teams representing 18 countries Australia, Belgium, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the U.S.

After skating a fast, clean and edgy short program Feb. 28 to *I'm A Woman* by Leiber and Stoller, the Crystallettes were in second place with 61.26 points - 10.06 points behind the Massachusetts-based and reigning national champion Haydenettes and 5.03 points ahead of the third-place team from Miami (Ohio) University.

Going into the long program March 1, the Crystallettes knew they had to skate a near-perfect program to remain in the top two spots and qualify for the Worlds.

Performing to *Iris: Cirque Du Soleil* by Danny Elfman, the Crystallettes skated first among the top teams and earned a season-best score of 118.51 points.



The Crystallettes skate in unison during a synchronized competition.



The Crystallettes are on their way to Italy for an international competition.

The Michigan skaters were excited to perform their energetic program with a theme celebrating black and white television.

Their performance was an exciting and fun interpretation of the music, with impressive intersections and quirky footwork and was an overall strong perfor-

mance.

The Haydenettes skated next, executing a virtually flawless program and earning a season-best 133.70 points.

That left the Crystallettes in second place and anxiously waiting for Miami University to skate, knowing if Miami performed an exceptionally clean program, it

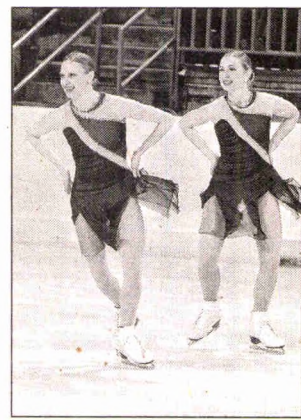
would have the opportunity to edge the Crystallettes out of second place.

Miami's performance earned a score of 93.41, landing it in fourth place overall behind Chicago's Starlights.

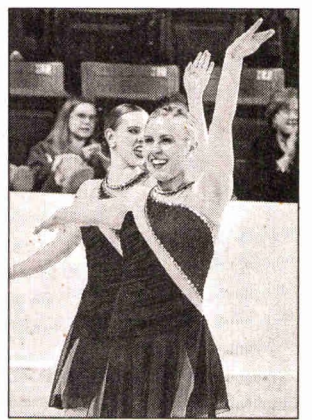
The Crystallettes' hard work was rewarded with an invitation to represent the U.S. in the 2014 ISU World Championships as Team USA II.

The Crystallettes Senior team also won a silver medal at the Dr. Porter Synchro Classic in Ann Arbor earlier this season and the gold medal at the Mid America Championships in Fraser.

The Crystallettes skate out of the Dearborn Ice Skating Center and are composed of 20 skat-



Plymouth's Laura Friedman (left) competes for the Crystallettes at nationals.



Amanda Allan of Plymouth waves to the crowd following her performance.

ers ranging in age from 15-27 who hail from southeast Michigan, Ohio and Missouri.

The skaters are: Amanda Allan and Laura Friedman from Plymouth; Mackenzie Clark, Macomb Township; Maddie Franchock, Milford; Chelsea MacIntosh, Clinton Township; Hannah Meneely, Missouri; Sharon Neff, Birmingham; Victoria Lebryk and Katelyn Peterson, Dearborn; Sara Salomone, Ohio; Jennifer LeChard and Brittany Nagel, Saline; Kaycee Siebler, Ann Arbor; Maddie Weiner, Bloomfield Township; Anastasia Worthy, Detroit; and Carolyn DaBrowa, Mackenzie Elkow, Veronica Stafford, Jacquelyne Zolynsky and Josephine Zolynsky, Farmington Hills.

The Zolynsky sisters are Farmington High School graduates and juniors at the University of Detroit Mercy. Elkow is a senior at Mercy High School. Stafford is a senior and DaBrowa a junior at North Farmington High School.

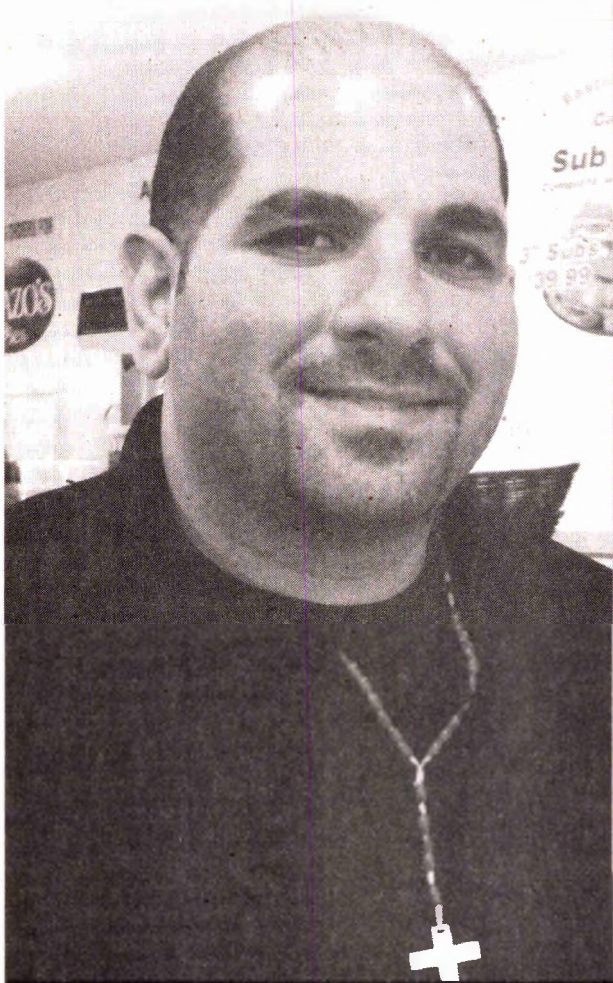
The head coaches are Shannon Peterson and Holly Malewski, while the assistant coaches are Cathy Dalton, Greg Zuerlein, Lyne Forget, Ann Barr and Kevin O'Keefe.

The Crystallettes Senior send-off exhibition is at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 23, at the Dearborn Ice Skating Center on Ford Road in Dearborn.

Donations to help Team USA II make the trip to Italy and back can be made at www.fundly.com/crystallettes.

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Marvin Jarbo, Owner of Eastern Market of Canton speaking about advertising success in Observer & Eccentric Media



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MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Mashhour takes Schoolcraft hoops job

New coach moves over from Henry Ford CC

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

It took only a week for Schoolcraft College to find a new men's basketball coach.

Abe Mashhour, who led Henry Ford Community College to a record of 245-156 in his 15 seasons, will guide the Ocelots for the 2014-15 season following the resignation of Randy Henry on March 7.

Schoolcraft athletic director Sid Fox made the announcement March 14.

"Schoolcraft College welcomes Abe with open arms to continue his successful coaching career here in Livonia," Fox said in a press release. "He has always impressed me with his capacity to recruit, coach and manage his players at an optimum level."

The 59-year-old Henry, a Detroit Redford High graduate who went on to play four seasons at Illinois State under Will Robinson, posted a 68-134 record in his seven seasons, including 14-15 mark this season.

The 42-year-old Mashhour, a 1990 grad from Dearborn Fordson High, holds B.A. and Master's degrees from Wayne State University. He



Mashhour

resides in Dearborn with his wife Sue and six children, and serves as the director of student services and athletics for Dearborn Public Schools.

Henry Ford finished 12-17 overall this season and tied for sixth at 7-11 in the MCCA's Eastern Conference (with Schoolcraft).

In 2008-09, Mashhour coached the Hawks to the MCCA and NJCAA District 9 championships, as well as a berth in the NJCAA Division II National Tournament (in Danville, Ill.).

His 2009-10 squad was ranked No. 1 nationally after starting the season 20-0 before the Hawks were forced to forfeit five Eastern Conference wins because of an ineligible player. They finished 22-8 and wound up runner-up in the NJCAA District 9 tournament to St. Clair County CC.

"It's a better overall opportunity as far as having scholarships, I like the area very much and it's a better recruiting area, too," said Mashhour, who also served as an assistant at Henry Ford from 1994-95.

"Schoolcraft is a very reputable academic school. It seems we're

losing a lot of Dearborn students who are heading to Schoolcraft. The opportunity came up when Randy resigned. I inquired and I was fortunate to get the job."

Mashhour has coached 18 NJCAA Academic All-Americans and six Distinguished All-Americans, with a player graduation rate exceeding 85 percent.

"Education is of the utmost importance to me, and it will remain as my highest priority for the purpose of providing academic opportunities that support student-athletes in completing their degree," Mashhour said.

Mashhour, who is already on the recruiting trail, said he will bring his entire Henry Ford staff to Schoolcraft including former Livonia Clarenceville High coach Corey McKendry, ex-Livonia Stevenson High coach Mike Allie and Seth Coffing.

"Obviously I want good kids that are going to play hard," Mashhour said. "With scholarships I should be able to recruit a little bit more high-caliber players. We want good young men that are going to work hard academically and obviously we want to win on the basketball court."

Nine of 12 Schoolcraft players are eligible to return next season.

Canton man recalls Detroit childhood in film

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Jonathan Stanley grew up in a gritty Detroit neighborhood in a family that had little money but lots of heart.

"Our parents put us in Catholic school to keep us out of trouble," said Stanley, 31, a Canton resident and the youngest of three brothers. "It was a blessing. We were altar boys and it kept us full of faith. It would have been a different story if we had been in public school in that neighborhood. It was a rough area."

His experiences growing up in southwest Detroit and his job as a stripper at age 19 inspired *Misled*, an independent film he co-wrote, produced and cast. It makes its debut Saturday, March 22, at the Gasparilla International Film Festival in Tampa, Fla.

Misled tells the story of two Detroit brothers — Bobby is involved with drugs and Jason turns to stripping while also supporting their mother — who struggle to better their lives.

"Stripping is a sub-plot and it's not glorified in the film. It's a family story at the same time. It's about living and doing what you have to do and staying loyal to family in the process," Stanley said.

Stanley said he wrote the Bobby character — portrayed by Matt Lockwood — as a compilation of friends and family members, but that Jason, the character he plays, more closely parallels his own life.

Dropping out

Stanley was 13 when his family moved to Lexington, a small-town environment north



Jonathan Stanley (right) of Canton co-wrote and stars in the film, *Misled*. That's Matt Lockwood (left), who plays his brother in the movie.

of Port Huron that gave him a new-found sense of hope and safety. But it wasn't long before he began to feel out of place in school and his grades plummeted. By ninth grade, at age 15, he dropped out.

"I have amazing parents. They're good parents, but they weren't real hard on us, they didn't badger us. They didn't want to force us (to attend school) if we didn't want to. It worked for me. I quit," Stanley said, adding "I've never touched any drugs in my life and I attribute that to my parents."

He worked various jobs, but by age 19, was behind in his rent and on the verge of losing his first apartment. An

acquaintance suggested he try amateur night at Danny's, a club in Windsor, Ontario, that featured male strippers.

"I drove the two hours to Windsor, did amateur night and got 50 bucks Canadian. They hired me. It was rough at first and then it clicked. It was cool, easy money."

He danced for a few years and then looked for an exit plan.

"You realize you're not working to your highest potential," he said. "I finally had the confidence I needed and went to L.A. to study acting."

Getting into film

He took an intensive boot camp in Los Angeles and then

signed up for theater classes at Henry Ford Community College. Over the past few years, he has appeared in such films as *Stone* and *Last Man Standing*. He had a lead part, as a meth addict, in *The Narrow Place*.

Stanley began writing the *Misled* script three years ago after John Blackwell of Blackwell Ford in Plymouth, a fan of his work in *The Narrow Place*, agreed to finance the project.

"I thought, I can do this. I wrote the first draft and it wasn't good. But I kept fine tuning it, reading books on writing screenplays. After six months, the people I showed it to liked it."

Stanley collaborated with California-based scriptwriter Scott Baldyga on the final drafts. Baldyga also directed and produced the film, which stars Sammy Sheik and Natalie Avital, in addition to Stanley and Lockwood.

Misled was shot in 2012 in Detroit, Plymouth, Dearborn and Hamtramck. Stanley hopes to show the film this summer in metro Detroit and continues to submit it to film festivals.

"I want to keep making movies that inspire people. And to give back to the community," he said. "So many people did that for me along with way. So many people believed in me."

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ART & CRAFTS

CITY GALLERY

Time/Date: Through April 22; gallery hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday and Thursday-Friday; and 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday

Location: Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Oil paintings of Anthony Macioce are inspired by a lively Italian family heritage

Contact: 248-473-1856

SPRING FIBER EXPO

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 22 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 23

Location: Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor Saline Road, Ann Arbor

Details: Classes will be available in many of the fiber arts. Vendors will offer a wide selection of products. Breeders will exhibit fiber animals such as alpacas, sheep, and angora rabbits. Admission \$4 or \$6 for two days; children, 12 and under admitted free

Contact: springfiberexpo.com

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Time/Date: 2-4 p.m. Saturday, March 22

Location: Museum of Art, 525 S. State St., Ann Arbor

Details: In this free art-making workshop, families choose one or both projects — a 3D window screen or a mosaic decorated box — inspired by the marble window screens and tile mosaics as seen in the exhibition Doris Duke's Shangri La: Architecture, Landscape and Islamic Art, on view at the museum through May 4. Designed for families with children, 6-12. Workshop will follow a tour of the exhibit

Contact: 734-926-4128

FILM

MJR DIGITAL CINEMAS

Time/Date: Saturday-Sunday, through April 6

Location: Westland Grand Digital Cinema 16, 6800 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Spring Children's Film Festival includes *Free Birds*, March 22-23, *Walking with Dinosaurs*, March 29-30, and *Nut Job*, April 5-6. Free to children 12 and under; parents pay \$1. Admission on a first-come, first-served basis. Call for show times.

Contact: 734-298-6257

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, March 21, and Thursday, March 27, and 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 22-23

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: *American Hustle*, admission \$3 **Contact:** *The Nut Job*, 7 p.m. Friday, March 28, and Thursday, April 3, 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 29-30; *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty*, 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 4-5, 4:30 and 7 p.m. Sunday, April 6, and 7 p.m. Thursday, April 10

Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penn-theatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE



Dave Bennett and his quartet will perform March 25 at the Plymouth Elks.

Time/Date: 8 p.m. March 28 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. March 29

Location: 17360 Lahser, north of Grand River Avenue, Detroit

Details: *Singin' in the Rain*; \$5

Coming up: *Ben Hur*, 8 p.m. April 11 and 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. April 12, \$5; Three Stooges Film Festival, 8 p.m. Friday, April 25 and 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, April 26, \$6 admission includes *Whoops, I'm An Indian*, *Grips, Grunts and Groans*, *Flat Foot Stooges*, *Cookoo Cavaliers*, *In The Sweet Pie and Pie and Squareheads of the Round Table*

Contact: 313-537-2560

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, March 28

Location: 150 General Lectures Building, 5045 Anthony Wayne Drive, at West Warren Ave. in Detroit

Details: The Italian Heritage Society and The Federazione Abruzzese del Michigan sponsor the Michigan premiere of *La Mia Strada*, a feature-length documentary by Michael Angelo DiLauro that links ancient and contemporary Italian society with its Italian-American counterpart. \$20 admission, check or cash, at the door. Includes a Q and A with the director and light refreshments

Contact: 313-886-6894

MUSIC

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 22, and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 23

Location: Seligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 W. 13 Mile, on the campus of Detroit Country Day School, Beverly Hills

Details: Pianist Peter Serkin with the Orion String Quartet on Saturday and Serkin in a solo concert Sunday; tickets, \$15-\$24 available at www.chambermusicdetroit.org

Contact: 248-855-6070

JAZZ@THE ELKS

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

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

Details: Dave Bennett Quartet with Bennett on clarinet, Doug Cobb on drums, Jeff Kessler on piano and Jeff Pedraz on bass, performs March 25; \$10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres

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

MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 5

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

Details: Fiesta! will include music from Latin America. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$25 for senior citizens and \$10 for youth

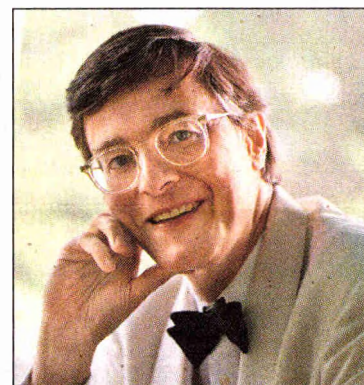
Contact: 734-451-2112; michigan-phil.org

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Khalid Hanifi, March 21; Chris



Pianist Peter Serkin performs March 22-23 at the Seligman Performing Arts Center in Beverly Hills.

topher Mark Jones with Steve 'Angelo, March 22; John Batdorf and James Lee Stanley, March 23; Nathan Bell, March 28. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted.

Contact: 734-464-6302

VIVACE MUSIC SERIES

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 12

Location: The Birmingham Temple, 28611 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: The Manhattan Piano Trio with Milana Strezeva on piano, Wayne Lee on violin and Saeunn Thorsteinsdottir on cello, perform music of Mozart, Tchaikovsky, Schumann and Babadjanian. Tickets are \$23 general admission and \$20 for seniors and students

Contact: Joyce Chersh at 248-788-9338 or Ann Sipher at 248-661-1348

THEATER

BERMAN CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Sunday, April 6

Location: On the campus of the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: The Kibbutz Theatre performs *Address Unknown*. The play recounts the breakup of a friendship between a Jewish art dealer in California and his German business partner, who returns to Germany in 1932. The story is told solely through their letters. Admission \$20; \$15 for Jewish Community Center members

Contact: 248-661-1900

EMERGENT ARTS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 26-30 and April 3-6

Location: The Mix Studio Theater, 8 N. Washington Street, Ypsilanti

Details: An original play, called *Confessions of the Easter Bunny*, has the iconic Easter character going to therapy while seeking meaning and a new sense of purpose. Tickets are \$12 general and \$10, students and seniors. Buy online with a credit card or at the door with cash or check only

Coming up: Auditions at 2:30 p.m. March 23-24, with possible callback at 3 p.m. March 29 for *Appointment with a High Wire Lady*, directed by Paul Bianchi. Roles include "Richard," "18-35," who checks himself into a psychiatric center because he can't remember his past; and "Louise," a young woman who visits him. Nonpaying show. Email

to info@emergentarts.com or call Bianchi at 734-408-1592 for more information

Contact: 734-985-0875; emergentarts.com

MAGENTA GIRAFFE THEATRE COMPANY

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, March 21; 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 22; 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, March 23

Location: Abreact Performance Space, 1301 W. Lafayette, #1301, Detroit

Details: Sixth annual staged reading festival of new works by Kirsten Knisely on Friday; Evan Guilford-Blake, Rikki B. Schwartz and J.R. Spaulding, Jr. on Saturday; and Sean Paraventi and Sally Jane Kerschen-Sheppard on Sunday. Paraventi is a playwright and actor from Redford. Admission is by donation

Contact: info@magentagiraffe.org

TWO MUSES THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 21 through April 13

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

Details: *The Current*, by Redford playwright Sean Paraventi, centers on a bachelorette party that takes an interesting turn when the bride-to-be and her friends visit a psychic on their way to the bar. Opening night includes a bachelorette party with prizes and games at 7:20 p.m. in the theater lobby. Audience members who stay after the show on Sundays will hear readings by area psychics. Donate a gently used bridal gown and receive two free tickets. The gowns go to The Bride's Project, which raises funds for cancer support programs in the Ann Arbor area. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$15 for students and senior citizens

Contact: 248-850-9919; twomuses-theatre.org

UDM THEATRE CO.

Time/Date: 8 p.m. March 28-29 and April 4-5 and 2 p.m. March 30 and April 6

Location: Grounds Coffee Haus on the McNichols Campus of the University of Detroit Mercy, 4001 W. McNichols, Detroit

Details: Ashé Lewis of Westland plays "Katia" and Stephanie Nicols of Troy, a guest Equity artist, plays her mother, "Maggie," in *Memory House*, by Kathleen Tolan. Tickets are \$20; \$10 for students and \$5 for UDM and Marygrove students

Contact: 313-993-3270; theatre.udmercy.edu

WATER WORKS THEATRE COMPANY

Time/Date: 6-10 p.m. March 24-25

Location: First United Methodist Church, 320 W. Seventh, downtown Royal Oak

Details: Auditions for *Hamlet*, which will be performed July 31 through Aug. 10, and for *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged) (Revised)*, set for Aug. 2-10. Both shows are performed outdoors in Starr Jaycee Park in Royal Oak. Call or email to make an audition appointment

Contact: 248-399-3727; waterworks-backstage@earthlink.net



Taste a world of culinary adventure

From taking a food tour through the Mediterranean to infusing everyday recipes with exotic herbs and spices, home chefs are eager to explore the world through culinary adventures.

Americans are looking for adventure, sophistication and new experiences in the kitchen, according to a recent survey of people ages 45 to 65 commissioned by Florida Grapefruit. Based on the findings, the top five culinary adventures home chefs in this age group want to achieve are:

1. Spice up everyday meals with trendy, of-the-moment ingredients.
2. Add sophistication to beverages by using fresh herbs in unusual ways.
3. Create an exciting new dessert by pairing unexpected flavors, such as smokiness and a Middle Eastern influence.
4. Adopt a Mediterranean flair by exploring the tastes, culture and ethnic flavors of this region.
5. Add an exotic twist to favorite cuisines with a fusion of two

favorite globally-inspired dishes.

To deliver on this wish list, celebrity chef Aarti Sequeira has created a series of tangy, exotic and delicious recipes. Each dish features a sweet and zingy favorite — 100 percent Florida grapefruit juice or fresh Florida grapefruit segments.

The recipes, part of the “Taste a World of Zing” collection, feature step-by-step instructions that give even kitchen novices the confidence to try something new. Among them are Grapefruit Tart with Cardamom Cream, which answers the call to pair unexpected flavors in the same delicious dish; Tandoori Steak-Grapefruit Lettuce Wraps and Grapefruit Yogurt Smoothie with Fennel Seed, with flavors of Indian cuisine; and Kale & Grapefruit Salad with Warm Bacon-Wild Mushroom Dressing, which uses trendy and nutritious kale, along with wild mushrooms.

For more ways to “Taste a World of Zing,” visit www.facebook.com/FloridaGrapefruit to find additional recipes that answer your craving for culinary adventure.

Courtesy of Family Features



FLORIDA GRAPEFRUIT TART WITH CARDAMOM CREAM

Makes: 4 to 6 servings

1 ½ cups whole milk
5 cardamom pods, crushed
5 extra-large egg yolks, room temperature
¾ cup granulated sugar
3 tablespoons cornstarch
½ teaspoon orange blossom water
1 tablespoon grapefruit zest
Pinch Kosher salt
1 tablespoon heavy cream
1 refrigerated pie crust
3 ruby red grapefruit, peeled, white pith removed, cut into segments
Maldon smoked salt, for sprinkling

Place milk and cardamom pods in a small saucepan over medium-low heat. Cook, stirring often, until small bubbles form around the circumference of the saucepan. Turn off heat, cover and steep for 20 minutes.

Beat egg yolks and sugar together in a stand mixer at medium-high speed until pale yellow and very thick, about 5 minutes. Turn the speed down to low, then add the cornstarch.

Meanwhile, strain milk into a measuring cup.

Stir in orange blossom water and grapefruit zest, along with a pinch of salt. Keeping the mixer on low, slowly pour in the milk mixture, beating until just combined. Transfer the milk mixture to a medium saucepan over medium-low heat. Cook, stirring constantly with a wooden spoon, until it comes to a boil, 5 to 10 minutes. Switch to a whisk; whisk constantly until it has thickened to the texture of pudding. Turn heat off. Stir in heavy cream and then strain into a large bowl. Place plastic wrap on the actual surface of the pastry cream, then refrigerate for at least 3 hours.

Once pastry cream is chilled, pre-heat oven to 425° F. Place pie crust in 9 ½-inch tart pan. Prick dough evenly with fork to keep it from puffing up in the oven. Bake for about 12 minutes or until the pie crust is just golden brown. Remove from oven and cool.

Just before serving, pour the pastry cream into the tart crust and even out. Decorate with concentric circles of grapefruit segments. Sprinkle with smoked salt and serve immediately.

For individual tartlets: Divide pie crust among four 4 ¼-inch tart pans. Bake at 425°F. for about 10 minutes or just until golden brown.



TANDOORI STEAK-GRAPEFRUIT LETTUCE WRAPS

Tandoori powder is an intoxicating blend of several spices used by Indians whenever they cook in the “tandoor,” a scorching hot clay oven. You can find it at Indian markets and fine grocery stores.

Steak:
½ cup grapefruit juice
¼ cup soy sauce
2 large cloves garlic, minced
Freshly ground black pepper
2 pounds flank steak, trimmed of excess fat and silver skin

Tandoori Sauce:
½ cup 2 percent Greek yogurt
¼ cup + 2 tablespoons grapefruit juice
3 large cloves garlic, minced
1 tablespoon honey
2 teaspoons Tandoori
2 teaspoons Tandoori powder (see note)
1 teaspoon grated ginger

Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

Filling:
2 ruby red Florida grapefruit, peeled, pith removed, segmented and coarsely chopped into ¼-inch pieces
2 English cucumbers, peeled, finely diced
2 green onions, sliced finely
4 sprigs mint, minced
¼ cup extra virgin olive oil
1 head romaine lettuce, leaves pulled apart

Make steak marinade: Whisk together grapefruit juice, soy sauce, garlic and freshly ground black pepper. Pour over steak, marinate at room temperature for 10 to 30 minutes while you make the sauce and filling.

Tandoori sauce: Whisk together yogurt, grapefruit juice, garlic, honey, Tandoori powder, ginger and salt and pepper to taste. Pour into a small saucepan with ¼ cup water. Cook over low heat, about 10 minutes, until thickened. Set aside.

Filling: Toss grapefruit, cucumbers, green onions and mint with extra virgin olive oil, salt and pepper. Set aside.

Cook steak in a very hot cast iron skillet, about 3-5 minutes per side. Remove from pan, let rest 5 minutes. Slice thinly against the grain.

To assemble wraps, place lettuce leaves on plate. Build wraps: place a couple of pieces of steak in a romaine leaf, top with grapefruit filling, drizzle with Tandoori sauce. Serve immediately



KALE & GRAPEFRUIT SALAD WITH WARM BACON-WILD MUSHROOM DRESSING

Serves: 4

1 to 2 bunches black kale (about 1 pound), washed, stalks removed, sliced into ¼-inch ribbons
¼ cup extra virgin olive oil, divided, plus more for massaging
3 slices thick-sliced bacon, roughly chopped
8 ounces wild mushrooms, thinly sliced (crimini and chanterelle recommended)
1 medium shallot, minced (about ¼ cup)
¼ cup champagne vinegar
¼ cup grapefruit juice
1 tablespoon honey
½ cup toasted hazelnuts, roughly chopped
1 large ruby red grapefruit, cut into segments
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

Place kale in a very large bowl. Sprinkle with a couple of pinches of Kosher salt and a very light drizzle of extra virgin olive oil. Now, begin “massaging” the kale; squeeze fistfuls of the leaves and rub between your fingers. The kale will begin to wilt within minutes. Once uniformly wilted, set aside on the counter and prepare the dressing.

Place a medium sauté pan or skillet over medium-low heat. Add bacon pieces and cook, stirring every now and then, until most of the fat has rendered off and bacon bits are brown and just crispy. Using a slotted spoon, remove bacon to a plate lined with paper towel. Pour off bacon fat into a measuring cup. If necessary, add enough extra virgin olive oil to make ¼ cup. Pour back into sauté pan.

Add the mushrooms, stir to coat in the fat, then spread out into an even layer. Don't touch them for 3 to 5 minutes! They will start to soften and sizzle. Now stir and cook, stirring often until they are golden brown around the edges. Stir in the shallots and cook until the whole mixture is browned and aromatic.

Add champagne vinegar, scraping up any brown bits on the bottom of the pan with your spoon. Turn the heat off. Add 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil, the grapefruit juice and 1 tablespoon honey. Stir together, taste for seasoning and adjust according to your palate.

Sprinkle kale with hazelnuts, bacon bits and grapefruit segments. Pour warm dressing over the top and serve immediately.

Outreach: Canton church opens site in Livonia

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

LifeChurch Livonia will open its doors with a "preview service," 10:45 a.m. Sunday, March 23, at Holmes Middle School, 16200 Newburgh, in Livonia.

It's one of two new sites established by LifeChurch Canton in the past three years. LifeChurch Southfield opened in 2011 at the Southfield Marriott.

"We want to be a church that is accessible," said Brian Nanninga, who will pastor the Livonia location. "We want to partner with neighborhoods and reach as many people with the Gospel as we can."

"Our tagline is 'real people, real god, real life,'" Nanninga said, adding that LifeChurch Livonia will bring a "contemporary" church model to the community.

"What makes us different is the people here. We're from diverse backgrounds — socioeconomic, racially — and we're diverse in regard to church backgrounds. From that comes a beautiful mix."

Nanninga said the new location will hold five preview services over the next three and a half months. In addition to the service on March 23, the congregation will meet Easter Sunday next month, for one service in May and two services in

June. Weekly worship services will begin in July.

"We want to have the opportunity to do church well on Sunday," said Nanninga. "Church ser-

VICES that start weekly often struggle and end up failing. There are a lot of details in starting a new church. We want to build momentum and gather new people."

Nanninga said he expects between 150-200 worshippers to attend the inaugural service this weekend. The Southfield location draws approximately 200 individuals

and the Canton church averages 1,200-1,400 worshippers every weekend.

For more details about LifeChurch Livonia, visit lifechurchlivonia.org.

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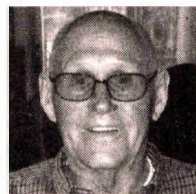
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BATTERTON, WILLIAM

Age 81, of Russellville, Alabama, and formerly of Plymouth, passed away on March 14, 2014. He was born in Hoxie, Arkansas, to parents, William & Marie Batteredton, on December 24, 1932. In 1951, William graduated from Plymouth High School, and then began his career as a Master Plumber. He was the owner of Batteredton Plumbing in Plymouth for over 20 years. In 1982, he moved to Englewood, Florida and worked for 25 more years as a Master Plumber. William loved to travel in his RV with family and friends, going fishing and listening to Country & Western Music. In 2007, he retired and moved to Russellville, Alabama. He is survived by his loving wife, Lillian (Pelley) Batteredton. Beloved father of Terry (David) Lewis, Michael (Kris) Batteredton, Randy (Joyce) Batteredton, and his late daughter, Toni Kindle, who passed away in 2005. Proud grandfather of six and great grandfather of seven. Step-father of Donald S. Kinghorn and Steven A. Kinghorn. Services were held Thursday at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Interment at Riverside Cemetery.



DUPREE, GEORGE CLOYD

Age 95, Goshen, formerly of Bristol and Middlebury, passed away Thursday, March 13, 2014 surrounded by family and his companion. He was born Feb. 25, 1919 in Trafalgar, IN to John William and Jennie (Sledge) Dupree. He married Nora (Brandenberger) Dupree on June 29, 1958, who died March 30, 2000. He is survived by daughter Deanna (William Collins) Dupree Klosinski, Petoskey, MI., son, Terry (Grace) Carling-Kelly, Dubuque, IA, sister, Ruby Jones, North Vernon, IN., grandchildren, Elizabeth (Mark Banninger) Klosinski, John Klosinski, Robert (Nicole) Klosinski, Lara (Greg McMillian) Klosinski, great-grandchildren, Stephanie Klosinski, Dylan Klosinski, Rylee Klosinski, Taryn Klosinski, companion, Virginia Miller of Goshen, IN, two sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, daughter Linda, siblings - Opal, Louis, Mabel, William, Bertha, Alma, Henry, Virgil, Margaret, Allen, Ralph, and Deanna and Terry's mother, Gertrude (Todd) Dupree. George was a WW II veteran, serving in the Navy. He worked at Bendix, South Bend, as a mechanic, and at the First National Bank, Goshen, as a courier. He was a member of Breneman Memorial Missionary Church, Goshen, VFW Post 985, American Legion Post 30, Disabled American Veterans (DAV), and Bendix Union Local #9. He was an American Red Cross blood donor for 60 years, volunteered as a Red Coat for 3082 hours at IU Health Goshen Hospital and at the Greencroft Rehabilitation Center for 20 years. George loved fixing machines and motors in his workshop, gardening especially his beautiful roses and strawberries, traveling in his Holiday Rambler to Florida and northern Michigan and the U.P. and the North Channel, Ont., and trips to Hawaii, Alaska, Iowa, and, most recently, by train to Missouri, California and Oregon. Visitation will be on Friday, March 21, 2014 from 1-3 p.m. at Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Home, 311 S. Main St. Goshen, IN, with a service following at 3 p.m. Pastor Harold Knight of Breneman Memorial Missionary Church will officiate. Burial will be at Clinton Union Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to VFW National Home for Children, 3573 S. Waverly Rd., Eaton Rapids, MI 48827, or charity of choice. Online condolences may be left at: www.rrefh.com



PAULUN, MELVIN

of Dexter, MI, longtime resident of Manchester, MI, age 82, passed away Monday, March 17, 2014 surrounded by his family. He was born January 22, 1932 in Beloit, Wisconsin, the son of Karl & Hattie (Gollee) Paulun. On November 12, 1954, he married Lillian Harrison in Garden City, and she preceded him in death on October 21, 2001. Mel was Fire Chief of Canton Township from 1963 until he retired in 1993. His fire career started in 1954 as a volunteer. Mel enjoyed hunting with his son, son-in-law, and nephew. He also enjoyed being with and watching all of the different sporting and special events his grandchildren were involved in. He was a member of the Chelsea Free Methodist Church and loved his Lord. Mel is survived by his loving children, Connie (Anthony) Azzopardi of Taylor, Sandra Sherman of Roseville, Paul Paulun of Cadillac, Rick (Dorothea) Paulun of Dexter, Karen (Rob) Cripe of Florida, Jennifer (Gary) Krause of Waterford; seven grandsons, three granddaughters, and a great-grandson. A funeral service will be held Friday, March 21, 11:00 am at Cole Funeral Chapel, Chelsea, with Rev. Jeff Ford & Rev. Jeff Bradley officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Grove East Cemetery, Chelsea. The family will receive friends Wednesday 7-9 pm and Thursday 1-5 & 7-9 pm. Memorial contributions may be made to Arbor Hospice or Chelsea Free Methodist Church.



RAYMOND WILLARD GERALDINE "GERRI"

March 15, 2014. Age 86. Beloved wife of Delbert Raymond. Beloved mother of George (Juanita) Willard, Dennis (Jolynn) Willard, Margaret (Daniel) Rohring and Matthew (Lisa) Willard. Preceded in death by children, Mark (Cindi) Willard, Gay Lynn Willard and husband of 48 years George W. Willard. Beloved step-mom to Marty (Sandy) Raymond. Gerri is survived by sisters Kathy Isaacson, Linda Suarez, as well as 21 who called her "grandma", was "great-grandma" to 30 and "great-great-grandma" to one. Gerri worked in a book bindery, a family run printing business, was a restaurateur and finished up with 15 years at GMC. Memorial service will be Saturday March 22, at 11:00 a.m. at the Unity Church of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Rd., Livonia MI.

RELIGION CALENDAR

MARCH

BETHANY

Time/Date: 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, March 29

Location: Don Hubert VFW Hall, 27345 Schoolcraft, Redford

Details: Bethany Together Dance admission is \$13 and includes beer, wine, soft drinks and snacks. Dance lesson from 7:30-8 p.m. Attire business casual. Bethany is under the auspices of the Archdiocese of the Detroit. It provides peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths

Contact: 248-988-0454

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturday, March 29

Location: St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton

Details: A full orchestra and the combined choirs of St. John Neumann and St. Mary's of Wayne will perform Vivaldi's *Gloria*. The concert will be repeated at 4 p.m. Sunday March 30, at St. Mary's of Wayne. Free admission

Contact: 734-455-5910

FILM

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, March 21

Location: St. Simon and Jude Catholic Community, 32500 Palmer, Westland

Details: *The Faces of Poverty* screens, following Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m.

Coming up: *Franz Jagerstatter: A Man of Conscience*, March 28; *Bishop Thomas Gumbleton: A Prophet Among Us?*, part 1, April 4, part 2, April 11

Contact: 734-722-1343

LENTEN RETREAT

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Saturday, March 22

Location: Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 W. Seven Mile, Livonia

Details: The Rev. David Mezynski of St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, will present "A Common Life: Wisdom From the Desert Fathers on Christian Community." Free will donation for Lenten meal served at 3 p.m. Register with Chuck Nanas at chasananas@yahoo.com

Contact: 734-340-2540

LENTEN SERVICE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, through April 9

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Details: Theme is "From Garden to Glory"

Contact: 313-532-8655

LENTEN SERVICE

Time/Date: Noon to 1 p.m., Wednesday through Lent

Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Worship followed by a light lunch

Contact: 734-522-6830

LENTEN SOUP DISCUSSION

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. soup dinner; 7:15 p.m. video presentation and discussion, Tuesday, March 25, April 1 and April 8

Location: Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, between Levan and Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: "Emotionally Healthy Spirituality" will be co-led by pastors Bob Hoey and Allen Kannapell

Contact: 734-425-2800

LENTEN VESPERS

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sunday, March 23

Location: St. Mary the Protectress Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, 21931 Evergreen, Southfield

Details: The Very Rev. Roman Star, pastor of St. Innocent of Irkutsk Orthodox Church, Redford, will preside at this third of five Lenten services. The homilist will be the Rev. James King, assistant priest at the Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of St. Mary, Livonia.

Coming up: The remaining vespers services will be held at 6 p.m. Sunday, March 30, at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 760 W. Wattles, Troy and Sunday, April 6 at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, Detroit, 2407 Carpenter, Detroit

Contact: 734-422-0278; pascha-books@sbcglobal.net

NEW DAWN CLUB

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 25

Location: Thomas's Family Dining, 33971 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: New Dawn is a social club for widows and widowers that meets monthly at St. Edith Church in Livonia for companionship and at area restaurants for lunch or dinner. All faiths are welcome. The group will have lunch at Thomas's. Call Mary Jo, 734-425-3767

Contact: Ann Lenehan at 734-495-0441

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'FIRE-SAFE' CIGARETTES A FACTOR IN REDUCED FIRE DEATHS

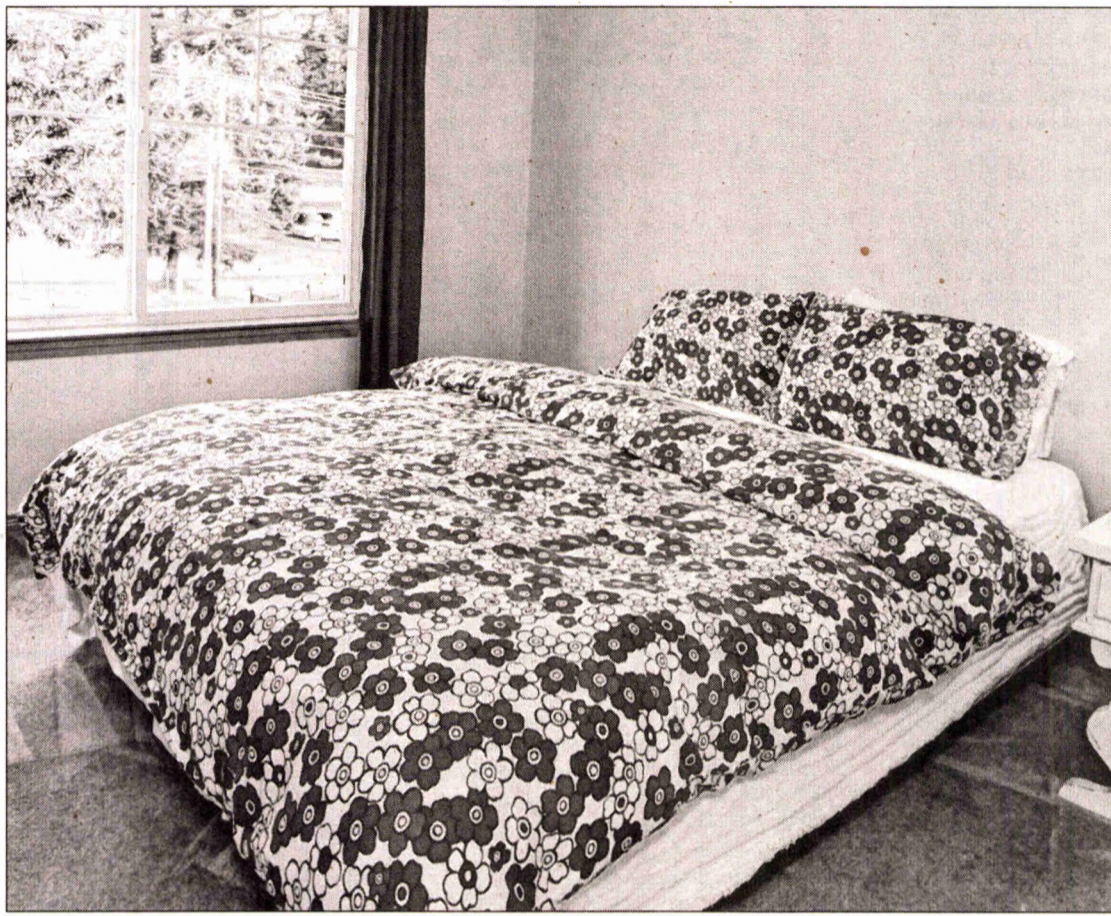
According to a recent report released by the National Fire Protection Association, 540 civilian deaths in the United States were attributed to smoking material fires in 2011, a 30-year low that is well down from 1980 levels. In 2011, there were an estimated 90,000 smoking material fires resulting in \$621 million in direct property damage.

The decline in smoking, the effect of standards and regulations that have made mattresses and upholstered furniture more resistant to cigarette ignition, and more recently, adoption of fire-safe cigarette requirements throughout the country, are factors the report credits with the decrease in smoking material fire deaths over the past 31 years. The long-term trend in smoking material fires is down by 73 percent from 1980 to 2011.

"Fire-safe," or reduced ignition strength cigarettes, as determined by ASTM test standards and state laws on acceptable performance, appear to be the only factor contributing to the decline in smoking material fire deaths that had not leveled off or phased out before 2003 – the last year before the fire-safe cigarette law was effective in any state.

2012 was the first year all 50 state laws were effective and all inventories of pre-standard cigarettes should have sold out. A projection linking the percentage decline in fires or fire deaths to the percentage of smokers covered suggested that when the law was fully effective across the entire country in late 2011, the reduction in fire deaths should reach 30 percent, relative to levels in 2003, and as predicted by the projection in the previous NFPA report, estimated fire deaths were 30 percent lower than in 2003.

"It is good news to see this 30 year low and fewer people dying in smoking-material



Standards that have made mattresses more resistant to cigarette ignition and the adoption of fire-safe cigarettes are credited in reducing the number of smoking material fires. GETTY IMAGES/STOCKPHOTO

fires," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. "Lives were saved and will continue to be saved as a direct result of efforts of the Coalition for Fire-Safe Cigarettes, a group of safety advocates, the fire service and others, who in the past decade joined together to see that fire-safe cigarettes become the standard."

Other key findings in the report show:
» One out of four fatal victims of smoking-material fires is not the smoker whose cigarette started the fire.
» Older adults are at highest risk of death or injury from home smoking material fires, even though they are less likely to smoke than younger adults.

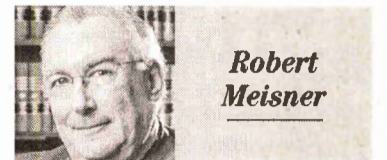
NFPA has developed safety information, including safety tips focusing on safe behavior, storage, and disposal of smoking materials:

- » Use a deep, sturdy ashtray. Place it away from anything that can burn.
- » Before going to bed, check under furniture cushions and around places where people smoke for cigarette butts that may have fallen out of sight.
- » Keep cigarettes, lighters, matches, and other smoking materials up high out of the reach of children, in a locked cabinet.
- » Never smoke where medical oxygen is used. Medical oxygen can cause materials to ignite more easily and make fires burn at a faster rate than

normal and can make an existing fire burn faster and hotter.

About the National Fire Protection Association

NFPA is a worldwide leader in fire, electrical, building, and life safety. The mission of the international nonprofit organization founded in 1896 is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes and standards, research, training, and education. NFPA develops more than 300 codes and standards to minimize the possibility and effects of fire and other hazards. All NFPA codes and standards can be viewed at no cost at www.nfpa.org/freeaccess



Robert Meisner

License doesn't always mean scruples

Q: I am wondering if there is any obligation on the part of a community association manager to be licensed in Michigan.

A: No, unfortunately, there is not. In that regard, manager licensing advocates say it elevates professionalism, gives homeowners greater assurance and improves the industry's image. All of these things would be true and it might carve out some of the bad apples that sometimes join the management industry. In a sense, the idea that people should be able to handle hundreds of thousands or millions of dollars and make decisions that affect the value of homes without being licensed is, in many people's minds, troublesome. It should be considered by the legislature, in my opinion, although, the fact that someone is licensed does not necessarily mean that they are honest or ethical.

Q: I have heard of a technique to get around timeshare limitations which has been used out West, but I am not sure of the details. Can you give me some insight?

A: Apparently, some unit owners have started to enter into transactions where they grant a tenant a 1 percent recorded interest in the property and claim that the tenant is an owner and not a tenant (and trying to disprove that the 1 percent owner is paying rent to the 99 percent owner). Therefore, they are also getting around any prohibition on timeshares. Of course, there are risks with such tactics, but the question of whether an ownership arrangement is a sham to avoid the application of law or the governing documents or is an arrangement with a legitimate purpose (and co-owners sharing the ability to occupy at different times is likely a legitimate purpose) would be the deciding factor in a case brought to question the action. In short, the association must be conscientious in enforcing its rights and rules with respect to ownership transfers in order to avoid the timeshare issue coming up.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling and Operating a Condominium." It is available for \$24.95, plus \$5.55 for tax, shipping and handling. "Condo Living 2" is available in both print and e-book editions. The e-book is available for download through iTunes, Amazon.com, and barnesandnoble.com. He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. It is available for \$9.95, plus \$2.20 for tax, shipping and handling. Call 248-644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 21-25, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
32235 Bell Vine Trl	\$345,000
15687 Buckingham Ave	\$108,000
20279 Douglas Ct	\$450,000
31725 Eastlady Dr	\$244,000
BIRMINGHAM	
2090 Bradford Rd	\$253,000
2788 Buckingham Ave	\$225,000
553 Coolidge Rd	\$183,000
125 E 14 Mile Rd # 14	\$80,000
1983 Graefield Rd	\$124,000
1807 Henrietta St	\$386,000
1140 Hillside Dr	\$200,000
1241 Lakeside Dr	\$740,000
982 N Adams Rd Unit 2	\$106,000
315 N Eton St # B	\$86,000
759 N Old Woodward Ave	\$190,000
2941 Acorn Rd	\$174,000
1635 Mark Hopkins Rd	\$340,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
3326 Quanton Rd	\$530,000
1561 S Hill Blvd	\$135,000
2707 Turtle Lake Dr	\$1,135,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
1795 Alexander Dr	\$475,000
2312 Bedford Rd	\$230,000
6000 Braemoor Rd	\$289,000
1803 Golf Ridge Dr	\$230,000
2316 Greenlawn Ave	\$105,000
6020 Indianwood Trl	\$550,000

5480 Lahser Rd	\$310,000
1950 Maplewood Ave	\$625,000
3639 Middlebury Ln	\$340,000
4445 S Willoway Estates Ct	\$450,000
6579 Spruce Dr	\$274,000
5170 Tootmoor Rd	\$755,000
850 Trailwood Path	\$140,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
2010 Bass Lake Rd	\$128,000
1900 Cedar Bend Dr	\$35,000
2302 Ivy Hill Dr	\$430,000
5163 Joe Dr	\$65,000
2291 Palmetto	\$237,000
2497 Solace Dr	\$62,000
2740 Tall Pines Way	\$145,000
1627 Trace Hollow Dr	\$279,000
4037 Vanstone Dr	\$290,000
8155 Willow Rd	\$64,000
FARMINGTON	
22716 Floral St	\$150,000
33254 Kirby St	\$141,000
22906 Power Rd	\$139,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
23120 Albion Ave	\$67,000
28474 Alycekey St	\$204,000
27220 Cambridge Ln	\$395,000
38353 Churchill Ln	\$179,000
21192 Flanders St	\$164,000
31125 Harmony Ln	\$50,000
26852 Holly Hill Dr	\$340,000
29912 Kimberly Dr	\$45,000
25584 Lynford St	\$230,000
24648 Millcreek Dr	\$225,000
23604 N Stockton Ave	\$98,000
21501 Orchard Lake Rd	\$140,000
30617 Pear Ridge Rd	\$240,000
21142 Prestwick	\$485,000

34370 Ramble Hills Dr	\$280,000
29625 Ravenscroft St	\$225,000
29772 Sierra Point Cir	\$190,000
26450 Springfield Dr	\$240,000
29880 W 12 Mile Rd # 812	\$53,000
36221 W Lyman Rd	\$245,000
27259 Winters Cir	\$268,000
FRANKLIN	
30795 Adair Ct	\$355,000
LATHRAP VILLAGE	
18707 Glenwood Blvd	\$135,000
28601 Southfield Rd	\$550,000
MILFORD	
316 E Liberty St	\$265,000
890 Nortoon	\$235,000
902 Panorama Dr	\$95,000
4432 Pommory	\$73,000
2977 S Hickory Ridge Rd	\$253,000
1151 Stone Barn	\$300,000
NORTHVILLE	
51212 Park Place Dr	\$448,000
37724 Rhonswood Dr	\$246,000
48857 Veneto Dr	\$150,000
48923 Veneto Dr	\$195,000
NOVI	
23085 Balcombe	\$225,000
27319 Benjamins Way	\$251,000
22759 Cortes St	\$90,000
23819 Forest Park Dr E	\$175,000
50680 Glades Ct E	\$100,000
24205 Jamestowne Rd	\$231,000
44589 Ludlow Dr	\$398,000
26174 Mandalay Cir	\$210,000
51121 Mayfair Ter	\$286,000
23562 N Rockledge	\$62,000
22011 Picadilly Cir	\$565,000
25516 Portico Ln	\$160,000
24304 Scarlet Ct	\$249,000

25764 Strath Haven Dr	\$154,000
39742 Village Wood Cir	\$76,000
29378 Weston Dr	\$227,000
29398 Weston Dr	\$187,000
SOUTH LYON	
59251 Bavarnhaus Ct	\$76,000
26105 Cornell Dr	\$307,000
166 Easton Dr	\$270,000
328 Hampton Ct	\$75,000
754 Hidden Creek Dr	\$278,000
25630 Johns Dr	\$210,000
815 N Hagadorn St	\$119,000
393 University Ave	\$143,000
54595 Villagewood Dr	\$350,000
SOUTHFIELD	
29390 Bermuda Ln	\$133,000
28409 Everett St	\$43,000
23369 Grayson Dr	\$60,000
20310 Lacrosse Ave	\$68,000
28149 Hdsr Rd	\$140,000
23060 Laurel Valley St	\$159,000
20799 Mada Ave	\$70,000
19375 Magnolia Pkwy	\$80,000
16920 Morrison St	\$140,000
30281 Park Ln	\$96,000
17216 Robert St	\$42,000
20344 Rodeo Ct	\$75,000
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22564 W 11 Mile Rd	\$125,000
26731 W Carnegie Park Dr	\$37,000
21221 Winchester St	\$165,000
WHITE LAKE	
649 Hilltop Dr	\$350,000
10250 Mary Lee	\$140,000
634 Rumson Ct	\$360,000
8890 Twin Lakes Dr	\$230,000

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 18-22, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
2293 Brookhaven Rd	\$197,000
7562 Charrington Dr	\$230,000
2205 Cranbrook Rd	\$195,000
1984 Crowndale Ln	\$375,000
800 Kings Way	\$185,000
1502 Rand Rd	\$177,000
1863 Rector Ct	\$172,000
5974 Runnymede Dr	\$179,000
1683 Steeplechase Rd	\$86,000
7429 Sussex Dr	\$185,000
7790 Wheaton Dr	\$205,000
5782 Willow Creek Dr	\$215,000
GARDEN CITY	
29097 Alvin St	\$69,000
1845 Arcola St	\$65,000
30761 Beechwood St	\$113,000
6927 Dover St	\$93,000
31705 Florence St	\$71,000
30730 Hennepin St	\$83,000
28508 Marquette St	\$15,000
27629 Windsor St	\$80,000
LIVONIA	

31545 Arizona St	\$130,000
9901 Bassett St	\$142,000
15899 Deering St	\$142,000
31325 Dorais St	\$145,000
14735 Gary Ln	\$160,000
18945 Harrison Ave	\$203,000
8975 Henry Ruff Rd	\$155,000
11022 Hillcrest St	\$106,000
18311 Irving St	\$150,000
19757 Maplewood St	\$75,000
15991 Merriman Rd	\$118,000
30389 Minton St	\$135,000
37151 Munger Dr	\$240,000
14423 Nola St	\$157,000
29529 Nottingham Ct	\$96,000
15450 Oak Dr	\$112,000
30180 Orangelawn St	\$103,000
14986 Paderewski St	\$126,000
14768 Park St	\$165,000
36740 Richland St	\$118,000
14574 Ronnie Ln	\$178,000
35601 Vargo St	\$240,000
14129 Woodside St	\$74,000
NORTHVILLE	
19600 Beck Rd	\$445,000
18504 Blue Heron Dr W	\$350,000
20247 Clement Rd	\$450,000
425 Covington Ct	\$275,000
17151 Hilltop View Dr	\$425,000
20200 Longwood Ct	\$140,000
725 Randolph St	\$86,000

39441 Springwater Dr	\$162,000
PLYMOUTH	
341 Ann St	\$405,000
360 Burroughs St	\$180,000
770 Deer St	\$110,000
49655 Draper Cir	\$155,000
41461 E Ann Arbor Trl	\$90,000
40909 Greenbriar Ln	\$215,000
42269 Hammill Ln	\$155,000
1128 Hartsough St	\$205,000
496 Irvin St	\$252,000
1143 Maple St	\$195,000
9030 Morrison Ave	\$135,000
9070 N Canton Center Dr	\$223,000
420 Parkview Dr	\$145,000
45885 Rockledge Dr	\$300,000
1105 Ross St	\$180,000
41108 Russet Ln	\$205,000
804 William St	\$280,000
545 Wing St	\$125,000
REDFORD	
9536 Beech Daly Rd	\$73,000
13520 Berwyn	\$60,000
20040 Delaware Ave	\$31,000
18819 Denby	\$63,000
19958 Denby	\$56,000
15575 Fox	\$82,000
25742 Jennifer	\$74,000
25157 Keeler	\$52,000
14214 Mercedes	\$59,000
14405 Royal Grand	\$110,000

15211 Salem Ct	\$91,000
14344 San Jose	\$125,000
12818 Winston	\$60,000
13513 Wormer	\$69,000
15366 Wormer	\$30,000
WAYNE	
38723 Kingswood Ct	\$110,000
30512 Avon Pl	\$129,000
WESTLAND	
30906 Avondale St	\$56,000
2815 Cadmus Ct	\$15,000
33661 Chief Ln	\$139,000
1244 Denise St	\$85,000
32213 Fairchild St	\$40,000
32768 Glen St	\$62,000
2590 Hawley Blvd	\$113,000
30536 Hivley St	\$45,000
37618 Laramie St	\$178,000
7537 Melvin Ave	\$115,000
32833 Merritt Dr	\$126,000
5942 N Berry St	\$93,000
7440 N Hawthorne St	\$88,000
32340 Parkwood St	\$57,000
8181 Ravine Dr	\$39,000
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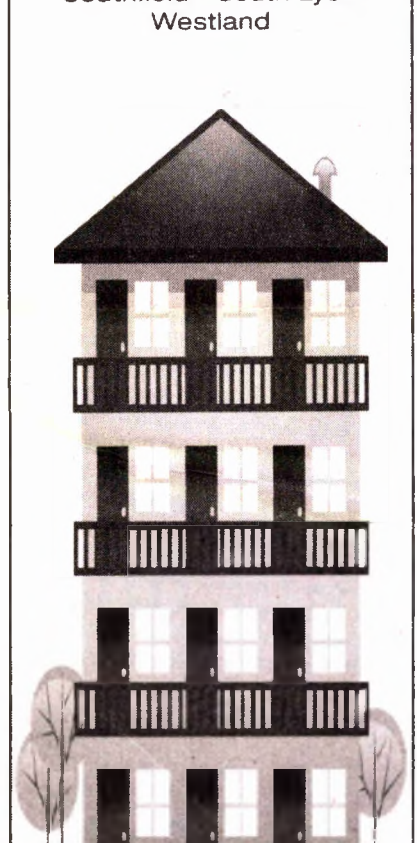
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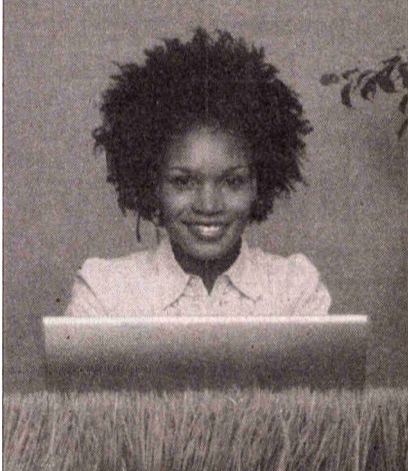
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- 1 Marshy tract
 - 4 Hera, to the Romans
 - 8 College official
 - 12 Rollover subj.
 - 13 Id companions
 - 14 Earthen jar
 - 15 Sympathetic
 - 17 Klutz's cry (hyph.)
 - 18 Goes without food
 - 19 Burrow makers
 - 21 Gore —
 - 23 Informer
 - 24 Candidly
 - 28 NASA outfit (hyph.)
 - 32 Long, long time
 - 33 Marsupial pocket
 - 35 Animal foot
 - 36 Knots or bumps
 - 39 Quarterback Joe
 - 42 Your, old-style
- DOWN**
- 1 Vassal's land
 - 2 Funny Bombek
 - 3 Takes a snooze
 - 4 Glitterati (2 wds.)
 - 5 Nasty!
 - 6 Roulette color
 - 7 Golden statuette

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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