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Developer sues township over plaza

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

A development company trying to revive a long-stalled commercial project just south of Plymouth Township Hall is taking the township to court over a consent agreement that outlines how the site is to be developed.

Plymouth/Haggerty Associates LLC, which owns the planned but largely unbuilt plaza on Ann Arbor Road west of Haggerty, filed a motion April 4 in Wayne County Circuit Court asking Judge Brian Sullivan to enforce the consent agreement and compel the township to approve plans for an LA Fitness center that

would anchor the plaza. A hearing is scheduled for Friday, May 2.

Plymouth/Haggerty, the fourth owner of the site since the consent agreement was reached in 2003 between the township and the owner at that time, is also seeking compensation for expenses of more than \$100,000 it says were

incurred in crafting a revised agreement that has been languishing with the Board of Trustees for eight months.

The motion by Alan Greene, attorney for the plaintiffs, says Plymouth/Haggerty has been subject to "unreasonable delays and demands" over its plans for a 45,000-square-foot LA Fitness and

that the township has been acting in bad faith and violating the consent agreement, which allows for a fitness center. On Tuesday, Greene said developers have never dealt directly with the board and haven't heard from the township staff for weeks.

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Lois Offerman passes out fresh cookies from the Comfort Inn in Plymouth. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Board moves ahead with park plan

Trustees divided, but amphitheater contract approved in 4-3 vote

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Planned improvements to Plymouth Township recreational facilities divided the Board of Trustees on Tuesday when a contract for architectural services for an amphitheater at Plymouth Township Park was narrowly approved.

The vote to hire Beckett & Raeder Inc., to draw up the plans and manage the project through construction was 4-3 after two trustees urged the board to slow down and consult with the public. The Ann Arbor company had submitted a bid of \$29,800.

The amphitheater is intended to seat 250 to 350 people for outdoor concert and stage shows. The cost is projected at between \$250,000 and \$350,000; the township has sold \$1.9 million in 10-year bonds to help pay for the amphitheater, other improvements at Township Park and at other township facilities.

Trustee Bob Doroszewitz, among those who voted no, complained about what he said was a lack of board and public input on the amphitheater. He said officials need to look more carefully at what groups would use the amphitheater, who would attend its shows, how much maintenance and productions would cost in the future and how possible amplification might affect residential neighbors.

'Ask the public'

Doroszewitz pointed out that a survey of township residents' recreation wants is already being planned, saying the public should be asked specifically about an amphitheater. "I don't understand why we just can't ask the public," he said.

Supervisor Richard

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Showcase combines marketing, partying

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Veteran exhibitors rubbed elbows with newbies, restaurateurs and the general public Monday as the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce threw its best-attended party of the year.

The 25th annual Plymouth Showcase and Taste of Plymouth, at the Inn at St. John's, was a chance for nearly 100 business and other organizations to meet the public and get good word-of-

mouth advertising. It was a chance for the public to meet local business people, learn about their products and services and sample food from more than 20 area restaurants and shops.

"I thought this would be a great opportunity to be more involved in the community," said Nicole Bernath, owner of Nicole's TLC Cleaning in Plymouth.

Bernath said she's been a chamber member since 2006, but had never before exhibited at Showcase.

"The food is awesome," she said.

Reunion time

On the other hand, Barbara Levengood, who directs the Music @ 1st Fine Arts Academy at Plymouth First United Methodist Church, has been to several Showcases. For her, Monday was like old home week.

"I see a lot of old friends, because I've been around Plymouth for a long time," Levengood said. The Showcase, she said, is "a chance for us to connect

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Police: Lock cars and take valuables

Police in Plymouth Township are asking people to keep parked vehicles locked and keep valuables out of sight - or out of parked vehicles altogether - following a rash of break-ins on the township's west side Sunday night.

At least six vehicles parked

in subdivisions west of Beck Road were burglarized Sunday night or early Monday, Police Chief Tom Tiderington said, and things like phones, navigation devices and small amounts of cash were reported stolen.

In some areas, "somebody essentially went up and down

all the streets checking the cars" for valuables in plain sight, Tiderington said.

While some of the vehicles targeted had unlocked doors, four of them had a window smashed in the burglaries, the chief said. The victims typically discovered the crimes when

they left for work Monday, he said.

Tiderington said the number of vehicles targeted "might even be higher," as some vehicles may have just been rifled through and no police report made if nothing was missing.



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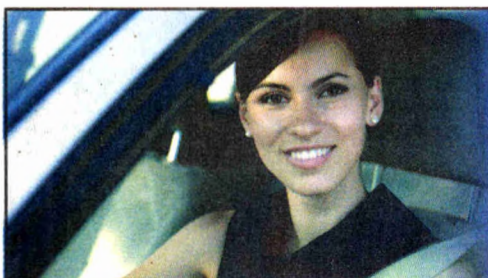
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Eriksson students cope with loss of classmate

By Darrell Clem and Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Counselors, social workers and psychologists were on site Tuesday at Eriksson Elementary School in Canton as the school's student body began the difficult task of moving forward after the death of a classmate.

A 9-year-old girl died Monday afternoon from injuries she received during what police called a "tragic accident" when she was struck by a minivan in the student drop-off area outside the school.

After alerting parents to the situation Monday, school officials were at work Tuesday trying to help students deal with the pain.

"I think our kids are doing as well as can be expected," Eriksson Principal Kevin Learned said. "Emotions are high. For many kids, this is their first experience with the loss of someone close to them. That makes it really difficult."

Learned praised parents within the school community, who he said "did a really nice job initiating those conversations" with their children at home. When kids got back to school Tuesday, help was there to aid with the adjustment.

Learned said classroom discussions centered dealing with pain and moving forward.

"We want to give kids the opportunity to experience their feelings," Learned said. "What do you do with those feelings? How do you have those feelings and be productive? What are some things you can do to soothe those feelings a little bit? Kids don't have a lot of experience with that."

The girl was struck about 8:30 a.m. while her mother was dropping her off at the school, located on Haggerty south of Ford Road, police said. The child was taken to the University of Michigan Hospital, where she died later in the day. Officials did not release the girl's name.

"She was being dropped off at school," Deputy Police Chief Debra Newsome said. "She may have been attempting to regain entry into the vehicle and she was struck."

Police and school officials are saying they believe the girl may have been struck by her mother's vehicle as she tried to get back into it. Newsome said police were still investigating the accident, which happened in the student drop-off area. Anyone who saw the accident is asked to call the Canton Police Department at 734-394-5400.

Newsome urged parents and other drivers to use extreme caution when dropping a child off at a school.

"This is just a tragic accident," Newsome said.

PARK

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Reaume said the park has already been disrupted by underground utility work and will be further disrupted when a planned pavilion is built, plus it'd be better to get construction over with in one season. Beckett & Raeder submitted a proposed calendar showing construction of the amphitheater wrapping up in late October.

Trustee Chuck Curmi, who sided with Doroshewitz, questioned that time line.

"I think we need to slow this down and not try to ram it through this season," and ask about it on the recreation survey, Curmi said.

Voting with Doroshewitz and Curmi was Trustee Mike Kelly. Reaume, Treasurer Ron Edwards, Clerk Nancy Conzelman and Trustee Kay Arnold voted for the contract.

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SHOWACSE

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with the community and let them know what we offer."

Margaret Harris, owner of MarsBell24, a company that specializes in branded promotional items like mugs, pens and T-shirts, was given a chamber volunteer of the year award during the Showcase. She is a chamber board member and chairs its ambassadors committee.

Harris said the Showcase offers valuable public exposure.

"This is about the most traffic of any of the events I go to," she said. Attendance

Monday was estimated at more than 500.

Artist Janisse Lahti Larsson, however, said things had been slow at her booth, where she had some duplicates of her artwork for sale. Larsson is probably best known in Plymouth for her exterior murals at the Penn Theatre and her movie-poster-like paintings in the theater's lobby.

A first-time Showcase exhibitor, Larsson said she was "thinking outside the box" to drum up business when she decided to join this year.

"I'm glad. I'll do it again," she said. "It's positive, no matter what."

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Eight-year-old Hunter Hinckley grabs for flying dollar bills in the Monroe Bank and Trust cash booth. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

PLAZA

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"We don't know what's going on with the township," Greene said, adding developers are still willing to work with township officials. "My clients are not litigious," but were forced to act to keep the project alive, Greene said.

Closed meeting

Township Supervisor Richard Reaume said he couldn't comment on ongoing litigation. The board discussed the issue in a closed session Tuesday, then voted unanimously to follow legal the strategy recommended in that meeting, without describing the strategy.

The development, Plymouth Towne Center, just west of the CVS drugstore at Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty, was planned as a high-end commercial center of up to about 157,000 square feet, but in the 11 years since the consent agreement was finalized, less than one-third of that square footage has been built and much of the site consists of empty lots and parking.

Current tenants include Grand Traverse Pie Co., a Leo's Coney Island and Comcast's Xfinity store.

In March 2012, the LA Fitness chain signed a contract with a past site owner, Fifth Third Bank, to locate there and, in his motion, Greene said the expectation was that the center would be built and operating by now.

Greene said an LA Fitness would be a good use for what so far has been a failed project.

"Health center uses are considered desirable," he said. "They're nice. People like them. It's tax dollars for the community. It's jobs."

No township action

Plymouth/Haggerty Associates bought the property from Fifth Third Bank in August 2012 and continued working with both LA Fitness and the township. The developers, Greene said, wanted to incorporate consent agreement amendments into the main agreement, clean up some language and make some changes in a "revised and restated" consent agreement, then worked with township officials toward that for

nearly a year.

Greene, in his motion, said developers were under the impression the revisions were acceptable and that LA Fitness would be welcomed. But last October, he said, the township made an "abrupt about-face" on the fitness center, raising issues that hadn't been previously discussed. A revised consent agreement, approved by township lawyers, was submitted in August, but has yet to be voted upon by trustees, the motion says.

Greene's motion says the drive for a township-owned recreation center could be behind the delays, a suggestion Reaume dismissed. The idea of a township recreation center was raised last fall, but a planned survey of residents' recreation has yet to be started.

"That would never impact whether we would have one or not have one ... not even remotely," Reaume said.

"It's not like we were trying to prevent them from having a fitness center in there," he added.

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CORRECTIONS

» A story in the Observer about construction starting on a new charter high school in Canton should have mentioned that among the high schools already serving the

area is Starkweather Academy @ Fiegel. The school serves over 200 high school students in addition to the adult education programs.

» A story in the Thursday, April 7, Plymouth Observer should have said the telephone number to contact CertaPro Painters is 734-476-3072.

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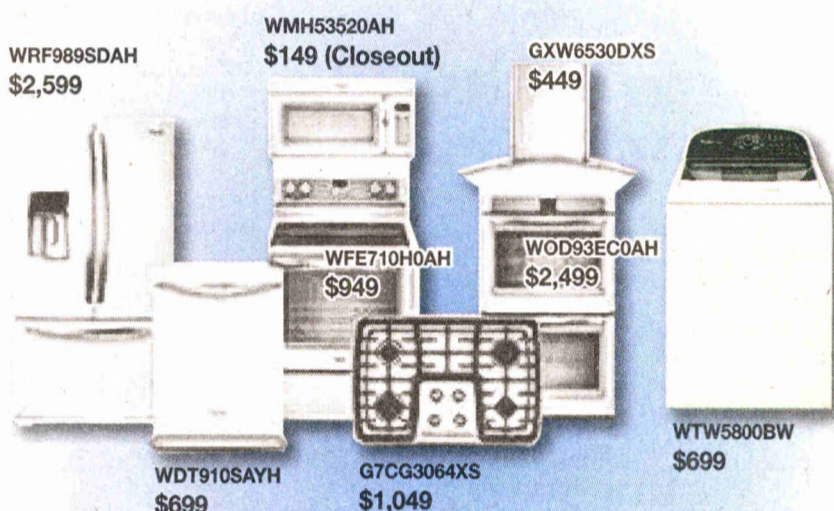
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Court officer was tough, yet humble

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Walter Abick, a gruff and effective Plymouth court officer and unassuming yet engaging man, died Sunday at age 93.

Abick, who lived in Detroit, spent nearly 25 years as a court officer at 35th District Court, retiring in late 2008 at age 87. Called Wally, Abick also helped his sister, Manya Soviak, run Abick's Bar in southwest Detroit, which has been in the family for more than 100 years.

Abick served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was an officer in another court before coming to Plymouth, said Pam Avdoulos, 35th Dis-



Mr. Abick

trict Court administrator. "He was sharp as a tack and he still conducted the courtroom as effectively as possible," even into his 80s, Avdoulos said. "He was awesome." Avdoulos said Abick was gruff, but also "very loveable."

He was also humble, she said, and tended not to talk about his war experiences, even about medals he had won. "We didn't even know half the stuff he did when he was in the Navy," Avdoulos said.

Judge Mike Gerou said

Abick was tough and uncomplaining and focused on work and family. In his 80s, the judge said, the fit Abick would still take the courthouse stairs instead of using the elevators.

'Heck of a good guy'

"He was just a heck of a good guy, hard-working guy," Gerou said.

It was Abick, Gerou said, who talked him into running for the bench when a district court seat came open, telling him that the experience would tell him who his real friends were. "Boy, is that true," Gerou said, laughing. "It's amazing."

Abick's Bar, the judge said, is a legendary watering hole

that draws all sorts.

"He used to have mayors and everything else come into his bar down there," Gerou said. "He knew police officers, he knew politicians and everybody came in there." Soviak, 90, still runs the bar, with help from grandson Eric Lakeman, Walter Abick's great-nephew.

Gerou said Abick took part in the Allied invasion of Normandy in 1944 and that he had the task of collecting the bodies of paratroopers who had landed on trees the Germans had sharpened. Years later, when Abick had the chance to be recognized as a World War II veteran during a Memorial Day parade in Plymouth, Ge-

rou said, he declined.

"He said it brought back really bad memories," Gerou said.

In addition to his sister and great-nephew Eric Lakeman, Abick is survived by two daughters, Karen and Susan, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife Elizabeth, daughter Kathleen and brothers George and John.

A funeral service was Wednesday at Sts. Peter and Paul Orthodox Cathedral in Detroit, with burial at Woodmere Cemetery.

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CANTON CRIME WATCH

Prison stalker

A 30-year-old Canton woman notified police that her former boyfriend, 31, was stalking her by telephone from prison, a police report said.

The woman said the suspect was imprisoned last year for aggravated stalking. She told police this month she began receiving telephone calls from him.

The victim told police she received 27 phone calls within a narrow time frame this month. She played one voice mail for police from a caller asking if she would be willing to accept a call from the ex-boyfriend.

Police contacted the prison where the suspect was held. Authorities there indicated they would block the victim's phone number so the calls would stop.

Windshield fraud

A 91-year-old Canton man apparently made a mistake when he gave his name and insurance information to another man

who claimed he worked for a company that repairs windshields, a police report said.

The victim and his daughter told police he had gotten a letter from his vehicle insurance company in reference to a windshield repair that he never had done to his 2008 Chevrolet Malibu.

The victim admitted he had been approached at a Canton gas station by a suspect who looked at his windshield and offered to repair it for free. The victim said the suspect tried to point out a crack in the windshield that really wasn't there.

The suspect told the victim he gets \$50 for every windshield he repairs. The victim told police he felt sorry for the man and gave him his name and insurance information, but told him he didn't need any repairs at the time.

The victim told police the suspect apparently submitted a false claim for windshield repairs he never made. The victim described the suspect as a white male, 6 feet, 2

inches and 220 pounds.

Debit card scam

A 33-year-old Westland woman told Canton police someone had accessed her bank account using her debit card number.

The woman reported to police Monday afternoon that she had gone to the Walmart store on Ford Road east of Lotz. She said she made a \$16.18 purchase using her debit card.

She said someone later used her debit card number to steal \$50 from her account.

Hit and run

A 53-year-old Canton woman driving a 2004 Honda Pilot notified police that another driver struck her vehicle and fled the scene while she was parked in front of her residence on Campbell Court, northwest of Michigan Avenue and Lilley.

She said she noticed the damage about 6:30 p.m. Saturday. She didn't see a suspect.

- By Darrell Clem

PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Tools stolen in home burglary

Tools worth more than \$6,000, including power saws and saw blades, were stolen from a house on Caprice Drive, in the area of Ann Arbor Road and I-275, during a break-in that was reported Friday.

A Plymouth Township Police Department report said a door to the garage had been forced in and that the front door showed signs of having been pried, but didn't appear to have been breached.

The tools belonged to a contractor hired to do carpentry work at the house.

Shoplifting arrest

A 31-year-old Canton Township man was arrested Friday in the shoplifting of two \$14.99 wallets from the Kmart on Ann Arbor Road.

A store security worker told police he had seen the man put the wallets in a back

pocket of his pants and leave the store after paying for some other items, but not the wallets. The employee confronted the man outside and police were called.

Police discovered an outstanding warrant for the man for driving with a suspended license. He was later released after a court date on a retail fraud charge was set and he posted a total bond of \$350, a police report said.

Theft from garage

Socket wrenches and sockets to go with them were reported stolen recently from the garage of a house on Chestnut Drive, in the area of Ann Arbor Trail and I-275.

The theft occurred between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. April 7, the complainant told police. The garage had been left open.

ID, tax fraud

A township woman reported recently that

her identity had been used by someone else on both state and federal income tax returns.

The woman told police she received a letter from the state April 1 that said her state return was being investigated, but that she hadn't yet filed a state return. Upon further investigation, a police report said, she learned that her name and Social Security number had been used on state and federal returns.

Police took at least three other similar reports of identity theft during the first two weeks of April.

Theft from trailer

A propane tank, a vehicle battery and a spare tire were reported stolen April 9 from a trailer that was being stored at a lot on Ann Arbor Road.

The complainant told police the items had been taken some time between September and April 8.

- By Matt Jachman



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Area leaders cool on county deficit plan

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

Municipal leaders from western Wayne County are taking a rather tepid view of County Executive Robert Ficano's latest deficit reduction plan.

Mark Abbo, Wayne County's top finance official, shared the plan Friday at the Conference of Western Wayne general meeting at the Sumpster Township municipal building. Ficano recently hired Abbo, the former Northville Township supervisor, to help craft the plan, which the administration says will eliminate the county's \$175 million accrued deficit, as well as the estimated \$61 million deficit for the next two budget years ending Sept. 30, 2015.

If implemented, Abbo said the plan will have a "dramatic effect" on the county's fiscal health.

"With this plan in full effect, the county will have an estimated \$1.7 million surplus by Sept. 30, 2015," he said.

The two major components of the plan include:

» Moving the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund unrestricted fund balance into the general fund. This county fund was set up to help local units of government purchase tax-delinquent properties within their communities. The DTRF money comes from revolving fund notes (issued in anticipation of delinquent tax collections). At the end of the last fiscal year, there was a \$175 million fund balance in the DTRF.

Ficano would like to

use the surplus to reduce the county's overall deficit, which Abbo said can be done without impacting the county's ability to purchase the tax-delinquent properties. However, the county commission would have to give the green light on the change.

» Reorganizing the county-owned waste water treatment facilities. Ficano would like the county to get out of the waste water business. His plan is to sell the Downriver Wastewater Treatment Facility and other waste water infrastructure to an authority that would be operated by the municipalities and users in Wayne County. Abbo estimated the "sale price" to such an authority would in itself eliminate most if not all the

county's accrued deficit.

Other parts of the plan include moving a majority of Wayne County's retirees from county-provided health care and onto the national health care system popularly known as "Obamacare," leasing out some of the county-owned Guardian Building in downtown Detroit, reducing the number of circuit court judges and making changes to the health care provided to circuit court judges.

After his presentation, Abbo admitted parts of the plan are going to be tough for some people to swallow, but he said the county has a legal obligation to balance its budget.

"Most of the low-hanging fruit have already been taken. Now it's going to take some-

thing more serious to get our fiscal house in order. We realize everybody's going to be impacted including all of the local units of government," Abbo said.

Most leaders said they were taking a wait-and-see approach to the plan. There were lots of figures thrown around and not many details. The proposal to sell the waste water facilities to the local municipalities had a few scratching their heads, however.

"You're trying to sell back to the people of Wayne County what is already owned by the taxpayers of Wayne County," Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer said, echoing a sentiment shared by many of his colleagues.

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Contestants must be photographed Tuesday, April 29, at the Spring Expo to be eligible for the contest.

Dust off those holiday decorations and we'll see you April 29.



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Exhibit draws record number of artists

More than 125 people attended the opening reception for the Plymouth Community Arts Council's fifth annual open juried exhibit, "Out of The Blue."

Artists 18 and older were invited to submit two-dimensional artwork that highlights or features the color blue. The exhibit runs through the end of April. The PCAC is located at 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth.

A record 55 artists from all over southeast Michigan responded to the call for entries. Most are from local communities, but some came from as far away as Dearborn, Grosse Ile and Royal Oak. A variety of media is represented in the collection of 82 pieces, including wet felting, pastels,

photography, watercolor, oil and acrylic paintings.

"Lakeside View," a mixed media piece in stunning shades of blues and teals by Plymouth artist Sunanda Mallick, was chosen to be featured on this year's poster, invitation and program for the exhibit.

Visitors to the exhibit are invited to vote for their favorite piece of artwork. The "People's Choice" winner will receive a \$100 gift certificate from Dick Blick Art Supplies. Honorable mentions will also be awarded, along with a Director's Choice award presented by PCAC Executive Director Lisa Howard.

Gallery hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Charity movie to screen at AMC

An idea that started with three friends talking about what nerdy hobbies they love has turned into a three times monthly, web-based show called "The Not So Cool Kids Podcast."

Each episode features co-hosts Brian Titus, Brent Brozek and Michael Lomas video-chatting with an industry guest from a variety of nerd culture fandoms. Past guests have included Robbie Rist (*The Brady Bunch*, *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*), Zack Ward (*The Christmas Story*), Matt Busch (*Star Wars* franchise and pop culture artist), Britt Griffith (*Sci-fy's Ghost Hunters*) and many more.

Now in their second year and 40th episode, the co-hosts are transforming their passion for characters like Batman into an opportunity to

raise money for a local charity. Together with their co-host, Motor City Comic Con, they are hosting a charity screening of an inspirational, Batman-themed documentary film called *Legends of the Knight* to raise money for the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan.

"We wanted this to be the unofficial prep party for Motor City Comic Con weekend, so it was exciting to hear that the convention wanted to co-host this charity event with us," said Titus, creator of "The Not So Cool Kids Podcast." "This film screening is a way to give back while still getting a night out at the movies in return."

Legends of the Knight weaves together the stirring true stories of individuals who have overcome devastating

obstacles, unselfishly given to the community and embraced their inner super-hero because of their love of Batman. The film's creator, Brett Culp, decided to allow people from around the country to host screenings of the film to assist local charities.

The exclusive charity screening of *Legends of the Knight* at the AMC 20 theater in Livonia takes place at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 15, with trivia and opportunities to win prizes.

The only way to purchase tickets is online at www.tugg.com/events/7811. Tickets are \$11 per person and an additional donation can be made at purchase. Limited seats are available.

For more information regarding the charity screening, visit www.thenotsocoolkidspodcast.com.

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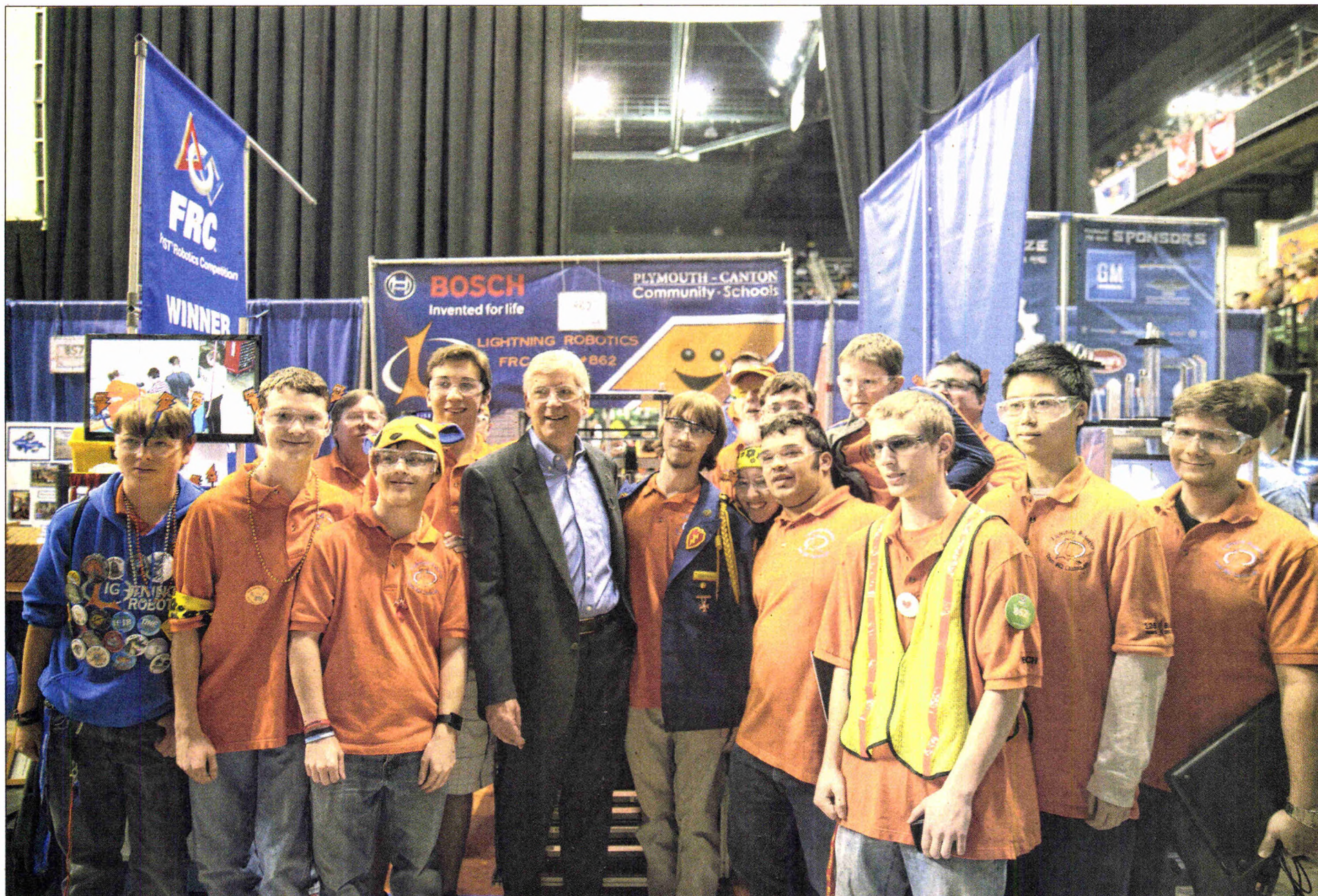
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Gov. Rick Snyder visits with Plymouth-Canton Team 862 members during the state competition at Eastern Michigan University. HENRY HOOVER

THE BIGGEST STAGE

P-CEP robotics team earns trip to world competition

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

The Plymouth-Canton FIRST Robotics Team 862 will find out next week if it can improve on the third-place finish it posted in last year's world championships in St. Louis.

Despite falling in the quarterfinal round of last weekend's state competition, Team 862 still gets a chance at the world competition after finishing in the top 23. It's the team's second straight trip to St. Louis; it finished third last year after winning the Curie Division.

This year's world competition takes place April 23-26.

And while winning is nice, the final result — whatever it is — won't diminish what the team has accomplished this year, according to faculty adviser Jay Obsniuk.

"I consider every season a successful season if I see growth in the students," Obsniuk said. "Winning is just icing on the cake."

This year's team, Obsniuk pointed out, had two freshmen on the drive team and younger students working on programming, CAD, fabrica-

tion and pit duty. All of them, he said, have learned leadership skills and how to work as a group.

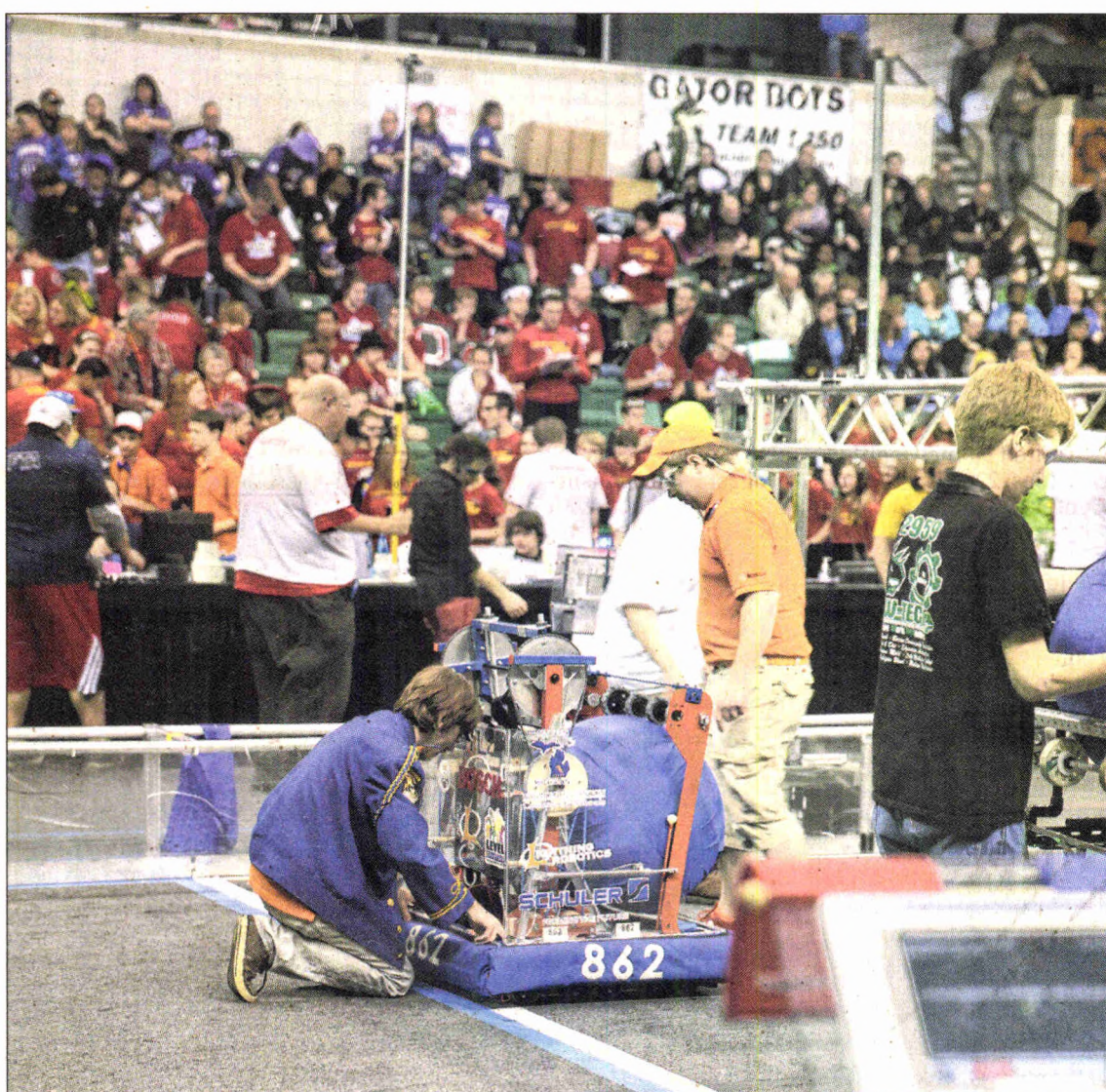
"Making it to worlds is a great opportunity for the students to reach out to teams from other states and countries and make contact with universities and businesses that they don't get with the Michigan district competition," Obsniuk said.

Team 862 failed to finish in the top eight at the state competition, but was chosen as an alliance member of Team 52 out of Pontiac. In a three-team alliance, Team 862 was chosen to be the scorer, while Team 51 and the third member, Team 68, were supposed to be the feeders.

Those teams, it turns out, were bottled up, limiting Team 862's chances to score. Their alliance fell in two straight matches to the second-seeded alliance, knocking them out of the competition.

But they finished well enough to qualify for the trip to St. Louis, where Obsniuk thinks his team's ability to work with other squads will be a benefit.

"Our robot is a very complementary robot ... we can play all phases of the game (collecting, passing and shooting)," Obsniuk said. "I think our strongest part is collecting and passing. I can't say we'll come back as world champions, but with a little luck, you never know."



Robot driver Julian Gabriel and drive team coach Joe Jagadics set up robot Neo on the field for a match. In order for the autonomous (no driver) period to work, the robot needs to be lined up per the robot's programming code (i.e., the robot will drive "x" amount of feet and then fire the ball into the high goal).

Mrs. Lincoln re-enactor shares rich part of history

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

You may think of her as Mary Todd Lincoln, but a recent re-enactor in Plymouth emphasized the president's wife went by Mary Lincoln or Mrs. Abraham Lincoln.

Joan McGlincy of Farmington is a past president of the Farmington Branch, American Association of University Women, which began portraying women in history some eight years ago.

McGlincy, who also portrays other famous women, brought Mary Lincoln to the spring luncheon of the Plymouth-Canton AAUW Branch at Station 885 on Saturday, April 12.

"I guess I'm drawn to assertive women," said McGlincy, who's appeared several times as Eleanor Roosevelt, as well as Abigail Adams. She's now researching Dolly Madison for a portrayal.

"I was born to a wealthy family," she said as Mrs. Lincoln, born in 1818 in Lexington, Ky. "I was the fourth of seven children."

Her birth family was active politically and young Mary was well-educated. She was



only 7 when her mom died. Her father soon remarried and young Mary clashed with her stepmother: "Immediately she and I came to loggerheads."

Very popular

Eventually there were 14 children in the chaotic home. Mary sought a husband at 17.

"I was very popular," she said. "I had a number of suitors, including Stephen Douglas."

She met and became engaged to Abraham Lincoln, who suffered from depression and broke an engagement with Mary before they later married.

"My family was very disapproving of this marriage," she said, due to her husband's social status. The young couple lived in a boarding house and as a circuit attorney he was often away.

The birth of the couple's first son Robert thawed family ties some and the Lincolns were able to build a home. "It was small, but it was our home," she said.

Mrs. Lincoln had grown up with slaves and needed to learn housekeeping skills. She "smoothed out" Abe's rough edges and read his speeches.

"I was very much involved because we were both politically ambitious," the re-enactor said.

Terrible time

Abraham Lincoln moved from the Illinois Legislature to Congress, with Mary having difficulty being socially ac-

cepted in Washington, D.C. The years 1849-50 were especially bad, as she lost her father to cholera and son Eddie also died.

"We were both devastated," she said. "It was a terrible time."

Abraham focused on his career, with two U.S. Senate losses. He moved from Whig to Republican.

His abolitionist views brought threats to him and his family, so Mary and their sons would travel separately. "We were seen as coarse and rude and loud. I was also rejected by the press," she said.

In that time, she became less of an adviser to her husband. Son Willy died of typhoid fever. "He was just absolutely crushed by the death of Willy," she said of the president.

"He loved the theater. He used to take Willy and Tad (another son) to the theater." She recalled the assassination. "He died without me being there," she said of the president. "I was just crushed."

Mrs. Lincoln later moved to Europe with Tad, who succumbed to pleurisy. She had had two blows to her head and had chronic migraines, in-

somnia and anxiety.

Controversial woman

Son Robert had her committed, with 18 men as witnesses. She was freed from the Batavia, Ill., sanatorium with the help of the first woman attorney in Illinois, who petitioned for her release to her sister in Springfield.

Mrs. Lincoln died at 64 in the same home she had married Abraham. She had been controversial in her time, due in part to debts and dabbling in spiritualism.

McGlincy noted Mary Lincoln's extensive work with Civil War troops and slaves who had been freed by the Emancipation Proclamation. She recommends *Mrs. Lincoln: A Life* by Catherine Clinton as a good book for those who wish to know more about the first lady.

The speaker was well-received by Plymouth-Canton AAUW members and guests. Program chair Sharon Belobradich of Plymouth Township said, "It was try, try, try again," in her introduction. "That's what Abraham Lincoln learned."

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Bank rebuked on add-on charge card fee practice

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau announced last week another settlement against a major bank for fraudulent activities with regard to add-on fees on charge cards.

The CFPB announced a \$738 million settlement against Bank of America. In the recent past, the bureau has also settled for hundreds of millions of dollars against other financial institutions, including JP Morgan Chase, Discover, American Express and Capital One.

The bank settlements basically dealt with two products that were marketed through telemarketers, along with their charge cards. These products were identity

theft protection and credit protection. Basically, the CFBB found that the banks used deceptive marketing tactics and were less than truthful with regard to the sale of these products.

We have all received these phone calls from our banks. A telemarketer tries to convince you to sign up for either identity theft or credit protection with the promise of a risk-free trial offer and the right to cancel whenever you want. Unfortunately, their sales tactics crossed the line and, thus, the massive settlements.

Whenever I receive a call from a telemarketer, I hang up. I don't care what they're selling. If it's coming from a telemarketer, I don't need it - even when it's free information and no risk.

I won't deal with telemarketers, even if they're calling from a charity. Many legitimate charities use telemarketers and I still say don't deal with them. After all, it's not unusual in a chari-

table situation for the telemarketer to keep 50 percent of the amount you are donating. In other words, if you donate \$100, sometimes \$50 or more goes to the telemarketer, not the charity.

In the Bank of America case, the bank was charging people for their identity protection service without them even signing up. What's amazing is that people who did not sign up for the ser-

vice were getting charged on a monthly basis and most did nothing to stop it.

The new CFPB will hopefully protect consumers from predatory and deceptive practices.

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



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

Canton road cleanup scheduled for Saturday

An adopt-a-road cleanup has been announced for 9 a.m. Saturday, April 19, along Geddes Road between Sheldon and Beck and along Beck between Geddes and Michigan Avenue, with a rain date set for the following day at the same time, if necessary.

Volunteers must be at least 13 years old. Bring work gloves, grabbing tools and dress appropriately for weather conditions and walking.

Look for the special green tubs along the

roads for bags and visibility vests at several locations. Just sign in, put on a visibility vest for safety, grab some bags, gather litter and trash, tie bags and leave them for pickup by Wayne County.

To volunteer, contact Greg Greene by email at gcreenedotbiz@aol.com, call 734-855-6192 or go to www.gcreene.biz for instructions - or just show up Saturday.

Community service letters available upon request, after participation.

Canton counseling program offers free Medicare, Medicaid help

United Home Health Services, 2200 N. Canton Center, Suite 250, is offering free individual counseling 1-3 p.m.

Wednesday, May 7, with a certified Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program counselor who can help provide a better understanding of Medicare/Medicaid eligibility, transitioning from employer coverage to Medicare,

plan options, assistance programs, drug insurance and Medicare/Medicaid fraud and abuse identification and reporting.

Medicare plan enrollment and subsidy application assistance also are provided. To schedule an appointment, call Heather Pinage at 734-727-2063.

For more information, visit www.mmmapinc.org.

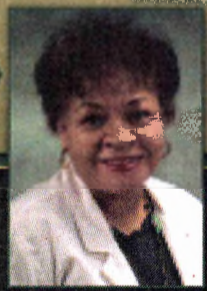
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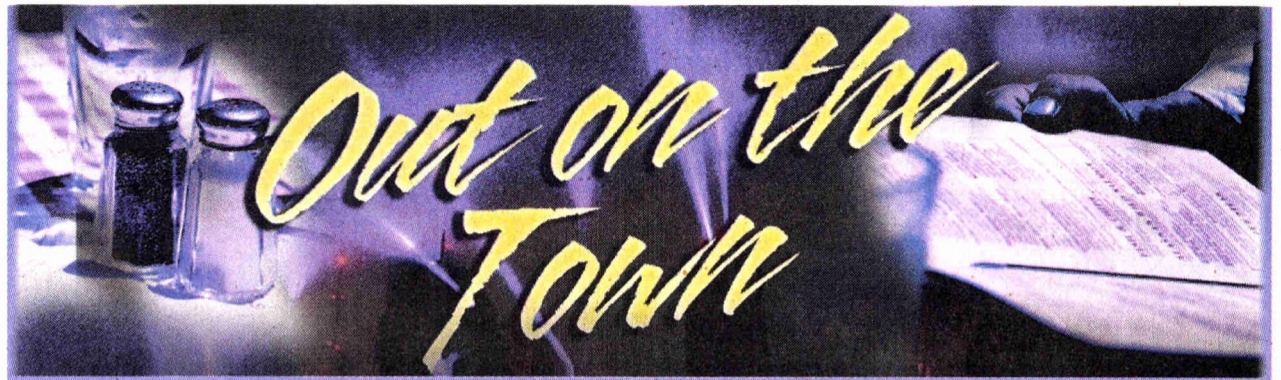


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DIVA DAY: TIME TO SHOP, VISIT, SAVOR SPRING

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Donna Barnes of Plymouth Township and daughter Laura Gabriel of Royal Oak were glad to be together Saturday for downtown Plymouth's Diva Day.

"We're just out to have fun," said Barnes, with Gabriel in Basket Krea-tions on Forest. "So far, we've gotten coffee and the boas and wine corks."

She showed the "Say Michigan" wine corks, popular at Basket Krea-tions with its many made in Michigan items. "I'll send them a little bit of Michigan," Gabriel said of loved ones elsewhere.

The women were among many at the event put on by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and local merchants. "We both work during the week and it's nice to get together," Barnes said, with her daughter adding she loved growing up in Plymouth and misses it.

"I didn't shop hardly at all this winter," Gabriel said. "Today's a nice day, so it's nice to be here. It makes me want to spend even more."

That was music to the ears of Stella Delap, Basket Krea-tions owner and a Canton resident. She's been in business 25 years, the first 10 in Canton.

"I think the weather has been a very big factor" in business, Delap said. She was wearing flip-flops Saturday, among many women in warm weather garb.

"It's been a very slow winter," said Delap, who noted shoppers didn't want to drive or walk far.

Over at Alpine Chocolat Haus on Main, owner Denise Fernandez was greeting customers. That store opened Dec. 17 for the business which has been around more than 28 years.

"This is our fourth store we've opened," said Fernandez, who lives in Gaylord, where they have a store and the candy is made. They also have stores in Boyne City and Sault Ste. Marie.

"Good," she said of Plymouth's response. "We're very happy to be here. Lots of positive comments."

Alpine Chocolat Haus' local business was steady this winter. "We are not down, which I am shocked (at)," said Fernandez, who's found business solid even at the northern locales, where there were 46 days below zero this winter.

"Maybe we embrace it; I don't know," she said with a smile.

Down the street at Sun & Snow, Heather Scott of Plymouth, a staffer who does the soft goods buying, was happy to greet Diva Day participants. "I think it's a good opportunity for people to come down and see the stores," Scott said. "It's a good time to introduce spring products."

Wes Graff, chamber president, was getting help passing out boas to shoppers that morning from Tony Bruscatto of the Downtown Development Authority — not a sponsor, but a helper.

"Obviously, we're very lucky" on weather, Graff said. "Today's going to be 70."

Graff agreed the winter was rough on businesses.

"Everybody's down because people could not get out," he said. "There's also pent-up demand just to get out and walk around."

Colleen Cannon, owner of TranquiliTea on Ann Arbor Trail, said of Diva Day, "It's a good event for us. We have a lot of good exposure."

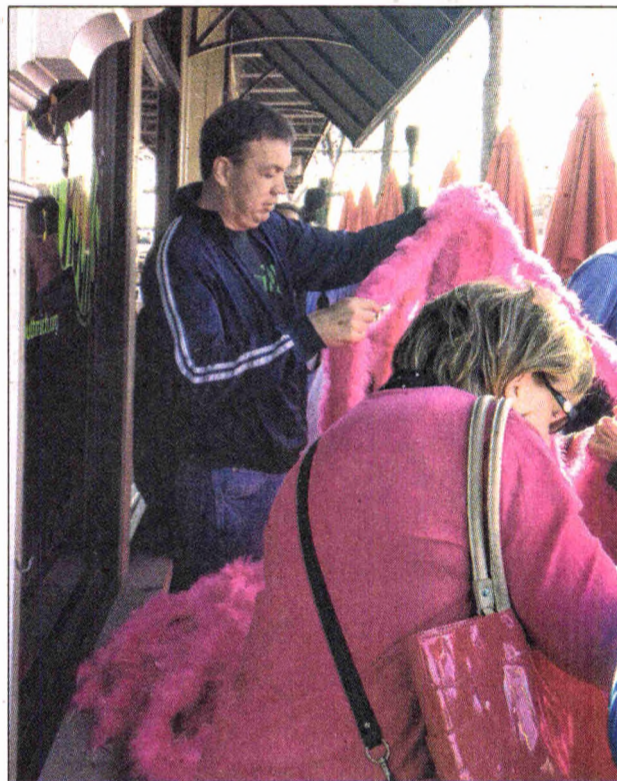
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TranquiliTea owner Colleen Cannon was glad to welcome Diva Day shoppers to her store on Ann Arbor Trail. "It's a good event for us," she said. PHOTOS BY JULIE BROWN



Visiting at Basket Krea-tions on Diva Day are (from left) Laura Gabriel of Royal Oak, store owner Stella Delap and Gabriel's mom Donna Barnes of Plymouth Township.



Wes Graff, president of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, passes out pink boas to women shoppers on Diva Day.



Alpine Chocolat Haus owner Denise Fernandez, by a display of Easter candy, greeted Diva Day shoppers Saturday.

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Library offers online business products

The Plymouth District Library offers a variety of free online business products and officials have scheduled seminars so prospective business customers can learn about them.

Interested business people can plan to attend one of the upcoming informational sessions, scheduled for 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Saturday, April 19, and again from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Saturday, May 24. An evening session will be held 5-8:30 p.m., Thursday, June 19.

"Libraries throughout Michigan are promoting local economic development," library Director Carol Souchock said.

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Registration is requested for these free sessions, and can be accomplished by calling the library at 734-453-0750, ext. 4, or online at plymouthlibrary.org.

Programs will be held in the Friends Room on the Library's main level. Attendees are encouraged to bring laptops or tablet devices for this hands-on learning experience.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

Appreciation luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts a Staff Appreciation Luncheon on Wednesday, April 23, at Carrabba's Italian Grill in Canton.

The luncheon is designed as a way for businesses to say "thank you" to their staffs. Lunch options include lasagna, chicken marsala or baked Parmesan ravioli. Cost is \$25 per ticket and deadline to RSVP is Friday.

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

Blues and brews

E.G. Nicks hosts "Blues, Brews and Barbeque" at 5 p.m. Saturday, April 26.

Music with Big Ray & the Motor City Kings, plus the Bluescasters, starts at 8:30 p.m. The event features limited-edition brews, lots of barbecued food and prizes.

Door Restore expands

Door Restore, started two years ago in the Canton-Ann Arbor area, is now expanding its service area to include Northville and Plymouth. According to Door Restore owner, John Eggenberger, the company specializes in restoring wood and fiberglass entry doors.

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With the expansion, the company hopes revenue to double. More information can be found at www.doorrestore.com or by calling 734-678-7602.

Girls night out

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its first Girls Night Out shopping and dining event 5-10 p.m. Thursday, May 8.

Part of the proceeds from the event, which costs \$20, will benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

The event is sponsored by Bovitz CPA, Curves, Showroom of Elegance and Mayflower Towing.

For information, call the chamber, 734-453-4040.

Concert schedule

The Plymouth Downtown Development Authority announced its annual "Music in the Air" Friday night concert schedule.

The free concerts draw thousands of music lovers to downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park. DDA officials are calling the 2014 lineup "one of the best ever."

The schedule kicks off May 23 with the Bluescasters and closes out Aug. 29 with the popular Steve King and the Ditties.

The full schedule and more information is available at www.downtownplymouth.org.

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W-W board supports RESA tax request

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

The Wayne-Westland school board has gone on record in support of a request by the Wayne County Regional Educational Services Agency to put a 2-mill enhanced millage request on the state's primary ballot.

The board voted 6-0, with Trustee Charles "Trav" Griffin absent, to support putting the request to voters in Wayne County in August. The levy, if approved, would generate \$80 million that would be distributed among school districts in the county based on student enrollment.

This is the third time Wayne RESA has floated the tax request. It needs to have the support of school boards repre-

senting 51 percent of students in the county to place it on the ballot.

"This is the only way a school district can raise operational revenue and that is through a county-wide enhanced millage," W-W Superintendent Greg Baracy said in requesting the board's support of the resolution. "This has come before us several times over several years and this is as far as it has gone because several districts did not pass the resolution."

Wayne RESA tried to get districts to approve a similar millage request in 2010 and 2012. The first time around, it failed to get the support of the county's largest districts — Plymouth-Canton, Livonia, Dearborn and Detroit. Two years ago, placing it on

the ballot came down to a decision by the Livonia school board, which voted 4-3 to oppose the tax request.

According to Baracy, there is "significant interest" among school districts across Wayne County this time around in asking RESA to put the request on the ballot.

"Almost every district is struggling and this provides the mechanism for them to raise needed revenue," he said.

'Win-win' for district

He added that the request is a "win-win" for Wayne-Westland. The millage would raise \$3.8 million in the district but, based on student population, it would bring in \$4.7 million in

revenue annually.

"That's \$4.7 million each year for six years with no strings attached," he added.

The millage would be for six years and be levied beginning with 2014. Baracy estimates that the owner of a home with a \$75,000 taxable value would pay an additional \$70 per year.

Baracy stressed that with the introduction of Proposal A, the ability of school districts to seek millage to support operations was eliminated, except for a few hold-harmless districts. The only avenue now available is a county-wide enhanced tax requested by the intermediate school district.

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Enter to win Detroit Lions football summer camp scholarship

Nine boys and girls ages 4-14 will win a scholarship to the 2014 Detroit Lions Summer Youth Camps.

The Detroit Lions, in cooperation with *Observer & Eccentric Media*, will award two scholarships to the following camps:

June 7-8, Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day, 9 a.m. to noon (QB-WR Academy for ages 8-14).

June 12-13, Brighton Scranton Middle School, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Fundamentals Camp for ages 6-14).

July 19, 26, Aug. 2, Southfield Inglewood Park, 10-11 a.m. (Lil' Lions Academy for ages 4-8).

July 21-23, South Lyon Volunteer Park, 6:15-7:15 p.m. (Lil' Lions Academy for ages 4-8).

One scholarship will be offered for the **June 30 through July 3 Plymouth Central Middle School Camp** from 8:30 a.m. to noon (Fundamentals Camp for youth

ages 6-14). The camps offer age-appropriate high-energy football instruction and technique training by high school and college football coaches and interactive drills, chalk talks and skill competitions.

More than 30 camps are scheduled from June through August. For a complete list of summer camps and academies, visit DetroitLions.com/youthfootball.

To enter the O&E Media's Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights Football Camp Contest, tell us in 50 words or less why you want to attend the camp.

Have your parents email a photo of you (jpeg format only and as large as possible), along with your name, age, phone number and community where you live, to cbjordan@hometownlife.com. Subject line is "Football Contest."

Deadline to enter is April 30.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Teen drug series

Dates/Times: 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 7 (Part 1) and 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 14 (Part 2)

Location: Canton High School Media Center, 84015 N. Canton Center, Canton.

Details: Growth Works presents a two-part series on how to understand and identify teen substance abuse and how to help when a young person may have a problem with alcohol or other drugs. Part 1, "What To Know," concerns how to understand teen substance abuse problems and recognize when a teen may be harmfully involved with alcohol and other drugs. Part 2, "What To Do," is about what should and should not be done to effectively help when a teen alcohol/other drug problem is suspected or identified. The program, presented by Brian Spitsbergen, is coordinated and presented by Growth Works with supporting sponsors for this event including Dawn Farm, the Livingston/Washtenaw Regional Coordinated School Health Program Advisory Team and Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. The program is targeted primarily to parents, guardians and relatives of teens, but is inclusive of teens, people who work with or care about teens/families, students, and anyone interested for any reason. Admission is free.

Contact: For additional information visit www.teensusingdrugs.org, call 734-495-1722, ext. 1102, or email bspitsbergen@growth-works.org.

Blood drives

Dates/Times/Locations:

» Friday, April 18, 8 a.m. to 6:15 p.m., St Thomas a'Becket Church 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Organizers are hoping to collect 400 pints, which would be the largest one-day drive in Michigan.

» Monday, April 21, 1-6:45 p.m., Church of Christ, 9301 Sheldon, Plymouth

» Monday, April 28, 1-6:45 p.m., VFW Post 6695, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth

» Wednesday, April 30, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton

Details: The American Red Cross sponsors a variety of blood drives in the month of April. Donors will be entered into a raffle for a \$150 Kroger gift card.

Contact: To make an appointment, call Diane Risko at 313-549-7052 or email Diane.Risko@redcross.org.

Medicare 101

Date/Time: Tuesday, April 29, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Location: Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth

Details: The Plymouth Community Council on Aging will host Bettie Hughes and her expert staff from the Senior Alliance in Plymouth to answer questions and guide beneficiaries to the most beneficial plan for their Medicare coverage.

Contact: RSVP at 734-453-1234, Ext. 236

Spring pottery sale

Date/Time: May 2, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; May 3, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; May 4, noon to 4 p.m.

Location: Village Pottery Guild studio, 340 N. Main, Plymouth (behind the Crossings restaurant)

Details: The Village Potters Guild hosts its annual spring sale. Functional and decorative pottery created by members of the guild will be available at this yearly event. Tableware, tiles, jewelry and a wide range of decorative and framed pieces will be sold.

Contact: For more information or directions to the studio for the sale, visit www.villagepottersguild.org or call 734-207-

8807.

Bowling for scholars

Date/Time: Thursday, April 24, 4-8 p.m.

Location: Plaza Lanes, Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: The Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. hosts an afternoon of bowling to raise money for scholarships. The club has reserved lanes for everyone to bowl two games that includes your shoes, pizza and soda for \$20. Each lane will have five players. Tickets for the event are available at Travel Leaders at the Kroger Plaza on the corner of Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon, International Minute Press on South Main and the Michigan Philharmonic at the Plymouth Community Arts Council on Sheldon. Tickets can also be purchased from members of the A.M. Rotary Club.

Contact: Email Leslie Greeneisen at greeneseil@aol.com.

Museum tea party

Date/Time: Sunday, May 4, 2 p.m.

Location: Plymouth Historical Museum, corner of Church and Main

Details: Kids and their dolls are invited to a tea party at the Plymouth Historical Museum. Children can dress up, choosing from an assortment of outfits with fancy boas or beautiful hats. Kids can get their photos taken while dressed up and also participate in make-and-take activities, where they will make a Mother's Day card, a frame for their photo and will get a flower to plant in the yard. A discussion of dolls through the years will also be a part of the mix, providing ample entertainment for the kids, while giving them a delightful tea party they are sure to remember for years to come. Tickets for the tea are \$25 for one adult and one child; additional children's tickets can be purchased for \$13 each. Tickets purchased after April 25 will be \$5 more.

Contact: Tickets may be purchased at the Plymouth Historical Museum or at the museum's website using Paypal (<http://www.plymouthhistory.org/events/Hello-Dolly->



In accordance with Gov. Rick Snyder's proclamation declaring April 25 through May 3 White Cane Week for the blind and hearing-impaired, the Canton Lions will be in various locations around Canton Township and Belleville collecting money. Canton Lions Club president Larry Wegrzyn presented the proclamation to township Supervisor Phil LaJoy while Clerk Terry Bennett, Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin, past District Gov. Bill Van Winkle and past District Gov. Stan Daniels gave their support. The Canton Lions Club, whose mission is to assist the blind and hearing-impaired throughout Canton and Belleville, is looking for additional members. Anyone interested can contact member Bill Van Winkle at 734-254-9404 or govbill1@wowway.com.

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Pamper Yourself

Date/Time: Wednesday, May 7, 7 p.m.

Location: Sunflower Clubhouse, 45800 Hanford, Canton

Details: The Canton Newcomers and Neighbors host an evening of pampering. The evening features a cocktail-like setting with pampering stations, a charity raffle sponsored by ITWorks! to benefit Warm Hearts, refreshments from Mango's Fruit Market and raffles all evening.

Contact: RSVP is required to holliearnett@me.com. For more information on the club and/or to request a complimentary May newsletter, contact Noreen at nrybar@yahoo.com or 734-981-0486.

Potluck

Date: Friday, April 25
Location: Plymouth Friendship Station, 42375 Schoolcraft

Details: The Plymouth Friendship Station is looking for new members. In addition to the complimentary potluck dinner, participants can play pinocle, euchre or mah jongg.

Contact: Call Martha Shipman for more information at 734-420-2026.

Drive 4 UR School

Date/Time: Thursday, May 22, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Location: Blackwell Ford, 41001 Plymouth Road, Plymouth.

Details: Test drive any vehicle at Blackwell Ford and they'll donate funds to help support Salem High School football. Blackwell Ford and the Salem Linebackers Booster Club are partnering to help raise up to \$6,000 in support of the Salem High School football program as part as part of Blackwell Ford's Drive 4 UR School program. Help raise money for the Salem football team by test-driving a Ford vehicle. For every person who test drives a new Ford vehicle at this one-day event,

Blackwell Ford will donate \$20 to Salem's football program (limit one donation per household). Funds raised from this event will help the Salem football team "Go Further" through the purchases of new equipment, improve current facilities, and provide necessary supplies for players in training.

Contact: For additional information, contact Blackwell Ford at 734-453-1100.

Wildflower walks

Dates/Times: Sundays, April 27 and May 4

Location: Miller Woods (entrance is on Powell, just east of Ridge), Plymouth Township

Details: Join the Friends of Miller Woods for their annual wildflower walks through Miller Woods. Tours start on the half hour and are led by members of the Friends. The walks will highlight the beautiful native spring wildflowers along with the history of the woods and the Miller family's donation to our community. Tours are free and

last about 60 minutes. Dogs are not allowed and strollers are not recommended.

Contact: For last-minute weather changes that may affect the bloom times of the flowers, visit the website at millerwoods.com.

Ask a lawyer

Date/Time: Thursday, April 24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location: 598 N. Mill, Plymouth

Details: The Law Office of David C. Helm, PLLC, will host a free "Ask a Lawyer" event. Local attorneys will be on hand to meet with community members regarding a variety of legal issues in areas such as criminal offenses, employment law, real estate, probate matters, estate planning, personal injury and many more.

Contact: Call David Helm at 248-679-8804.

Jazz @ the Elks

Date/Time: Tuesday, April 29, 7-10 p.m.

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

Details: Jazz @ The Elks happens on the last Tuesday of each month; there is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres. This month features Johnny Trudell Quartet playing jazz favorites with Trudell on trumpet and flugelhorn, Ray Tini on bass, Chuck Shermataro on piano and Bill Cairo on drums.

Contact: For more information, call 734-453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com.

Surgeon's seminar

Date/Time: Friday, April 25, 10:30 a.m.

Location: Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth

Details: Dr. Ryan Mollie, orthopedic surgeon and hip and knee replacement specialist, will offer a free educational seminar. Mollie is an international proctor/teacher of this technique. This event is hosted by the Plymouth Community Council on Aging.

Contact: RSVP to 453-1234, Ext. 236.



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OUR VIEW



Players showed up in droves at a recent school board meeting to support ousted soccer coach Scott Duhl.

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Lesson lost

Administration missed teaching opportunity in Duhl firing

It seems too late for anything else to be done about it now, but Plymouth-Canton Community Schools administrators missed what could have been an excellent teaching opportunity in their handling of the Scott Duhl mess.

Administrators a couple of weeks ago fired Duhl, the former varsity girls soccer coach at Salem High School, for his unfortunate use of the slang for a male body part in describing one girl's play during a meeting. That girl, as nearly everyone knows by now, repeated the conversation to her parents, who complained to school officials, who promptly removed Duhl from the post (although he was allowed to keep his position with the boys program).

The move, coming on the eve of the 2014 season as it did, has prompted outrage among the soccer community. More than 100 people, most of them student-athletes, crowded into the Board of Education meeting room a couple of weeks ago to express their frustration over the situation.

In their haste to appease one upset set of parents (and there are indications the parents weren't really upset so much about the inappropriate language as the coach's perceived favoritism of certain players), administrators removed Duhl from his duties, without so much as a hearing or any real review.

But their behavior in the aftermath suggests there may be questions about the firing, which seems a bit extreme. At first blush, at least one administrator said the removal was done by officials at CoachEZ, the third-party contractor the district uses to handle coaching vacancies filled by non-staff members.

However, CoachEZ doesn't have that power; the right to fire belongs strictly with the district. Either the administration wasn't aware of that or officials were trying to hide behind CoachEZ; either of those conclusions would be disturbing.

District officials are apparently now calling Duhl's removal a "suspension" rather than a dismissal. That, likewise, would indicate there is some concern over whether the situation was handled properly at the building level.

There are other disturbing aspects of the whole situation. The girls wore jerseys in their opening game with Duhl's name on the backs, rather than their own. For this show of respect for their ousted coach, athletic director Tom Willette apparently threatened to forfeit future games, if repeated. This despite research done by team members to make sure the jerseys complied with Michigan High School Athletic Association rules.

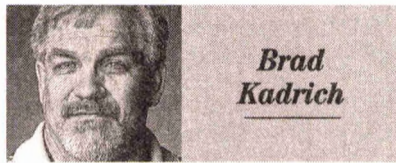
Perhaps the current administration could have learned from former Superintendent Jeremy Hughes, who infamously banned two books a couple of years ago largely because of concerns raised by one set of parents. Hughes eventually admitted his haste and reversed himself, letting the district's review committee handle it, and the books were reinstated in relatively short order.

It is, of course, the district's prerogative to handle these situations as it best sees fit. If officials really believe Duhl's behavior warranted dismissal, they have that right. We believe the dismissal was heavy-handed and the administration could easily have fixed it — and taught the students at the same time that adults also make mistakes, but are willing to correct them when necessary.

It would have been a great teaching moment for the kids and maybe an even better learning moment for the adults.

STAFF COLUMN

9/11 Memorial powerful reminder of a nation's pain



Brad Kadrich

A lot has changed in 13 years. The last time I was in New York was October 2001, three weeks after terrorists flew two jets into the World Trade Center, killing thousands and forever altering life as we know it.

I remember that visit as if it were yesterday. I made the trip with my brother and, as we walked in the streets near Ground Zero, the ground was still covered with debris, our feet crunching on the detritus of disaster. Shop windows were still blown out, inventory covered with dust and soot as shopkeepers waited for insurance companies to render decisions before they could deal with the damage.

The streets leading to Ground Zero at the time were blocked off by wooden saw horses and crime scene tape. And at those barriers, hordes of people, New Yorkers and visitors alike, simply stood, staring at the devastation wrought by the attacks. The few who talked conversed in hushed tones. Many cried.

There was no purpose to their standing there, other than what had to have been an unsuccessful attempt to understand. How do you understand the kind of lunacy and zealotry that collapsed the World Trade Center and, however briefly, brought a nation to its knees?

I remember being amazed by the resilience exhibited by New Yorkers then. I could remember the mayor in *Ghostbusters* famously saying, "It's every New Yorker's God-given right to be miserable" and thought that would be the reaction I'd see. But it wasn't. People were caring and supportive, holding hands and hugging, getting through it together.

I wasn't sure what I expected last week, during my first visit to New York since 9/11. On vacation with my two youngest sons, the 9/11 Memorial was the very first site we visited after arriving. As on my first visit, I wasn't sure what to expect. Time has a way of healing wounds, they say, but the 9/11 attacks left a deep scar, from which I don't know whether we've ever completely healed.

If we haven't, though, the 9/11 Memorial surely is a way to make that happen. Where once the rubble lay now sits a pair of reflecting pools, each nearly an acre in size, sitting in the footprints where the Twin Towers once stood. We got there around 10 in the morning and there were already hundreds of people in line, waiting to pass security to get a glimpse of history.



Visitors often place flowers in the names inscribed on the panels that edge the twin reflecting pools of the 9/11 Memorial in New York.

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The reflecting pools are, obviously, the first things you notice upon entering. As beautiful as they are, though, they are not the most striking part of the memorial. That distinction belongs to the bronze panels edging the pools, where the names of the thousands of people who died not only in that attack, but in the 1993 bombing, are inscribed.

The power of those names hits with the force of memory, with the pain of loss. I didn't know anyone who died in the attacks, so my loss was more existential. That didn't make the memorial less powerful for me. When you see row after row of names laid out like that, the loss is palpable.

I stood next to a gentleman Tuesday at one of the panels. He had wiped the condensation away from a particular name and stood for the longest time staring at it, his expression pained, his eyes unwavering. There were no tears, no heart-torn expressions, but it was clear that was the name he'd

come to see.

I have no idea who he was; he may have just been a guy in from Passaic, N.J., to see the memorial. The reporter in me wanted to ask him, but I couldn't intrude on even the possibility of his grief.

The other amazing story of the memorial is told by the 30-foot callery pear tree that stands as a testament to perseverance. The charred trunk of the tree was found in the rubble after the 9/11 attacks and it's been nursed back to health as one of the cornerstones of the memorial.

They call the tree the "Survivor Tree" and it's a well-earned nickname. It's also a pretty good metaphor for what this country has endured and stands as a powerful reminder, not only of the pain, but of the strength of a nation.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Back scratching

When I read that Gov. Rick Snyder appointed state Rep. Kurt Heise's wife to be a Wayne County Circuit Court judge, I was reminded of the old saying, "You scratch my back, I'll scratch yours."

Rep. Heise should feel proud, having been as loyal as a puppy to the governor these past few years. As for us seniors whose pensions are now being taxed, if we need a back-scratcher, we'll have to go to the dollar

store and buy our own.
John M. Vraniak
Plymouth Township

Sell DIA art

I'm sorry if I'm missing something here, but when you go into bankruptcy, you sell off all your assets, then have the remaining dollars to pay off your creditors.

Am I right?
Kevyn Orr has not sold off Detroit's assets. Before he can reduce the Michigan Constitutional Protected Rights of no pension modifications, he

needs to sell the DIA artwork.

Let's get a real appraisal of what the "true value" of the artwork is. It could pay for the entire Detroit deficit.

Tom Kelly
Plymouth

Courage of convictions

In my opinion, when someone like Mr. Hill "declines to comment" on the Vietnam veterans July 4th parade issue, it is a cowardly act. It goes to the character of the person and illustrates Mr. Hill's lack of courage of his conviction.

If Mr. Hill truly believes in his stand regarding the Vietnam vets parade issue, he should come forward like a man and reinforce his opinion. To quote Geoffrey Fieger, "If you don't stand up for something, you stand

for nothing."

The Plymouth/Canton Vietnam vets have contributed to numerous requests for funds or assistance to those in need in the community. Denying the vets a lead position in the parade is disrespectful of the sacrifices the vets have made for this country.

If Mr. Hill ever served his country, he would know "you have never lived 'til you've almost died. For those who fight for it, life has a flavor the protected will never know." (America! Division).

Robert Cohen
Plymouth

Unfair to Craigslist

I don't think you are being fair to Craigslist sponsors or your readers linking this crime to Craigslist.

If what you write, that

these two people met a year ago through Craigslist and have a mutual relationship, the article's implications should not be about trying to frighten your readers from using Craigslist. There's no question that people are becoming victims of crimes through the Internet and readers need to be careful, but my limited experience using Craigslist has shown it to be a neutral forum with safeguards in place to protect users who are not charged any fees to use.

I think a title using the word online rather than Craigslist would be better.

Douglas Elenbaas
Canton Township

Money not speech

First, the Republican-dominated Supreme Court ruled corporations were people (Citizens

United v. Federal Election Committee) and, as such, could contribute as much money as they wanted to elections.

Now, the Supreme Court has taken it further and ruled individuals can contribute all they want (McCutcheon v. FEC) because to limit an individual's contributions violates their free speech without serving a legitimate government interest.

Well, if the fact that money corrupts politicians isn't enough of a legitimate government interest, I don't know what is.

Our democracy has been taken over by corporations and rich people who can buy votes and completely corrupt the political process.

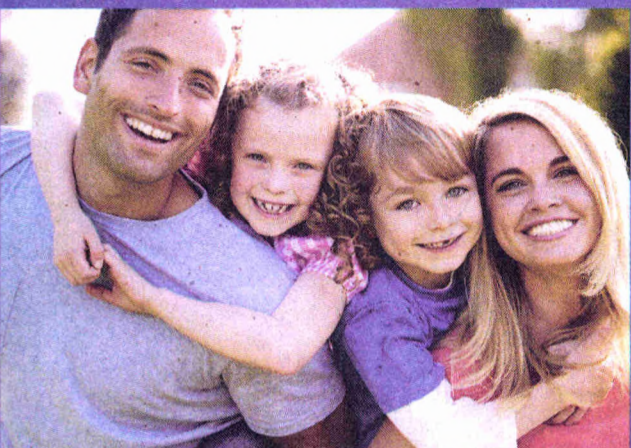
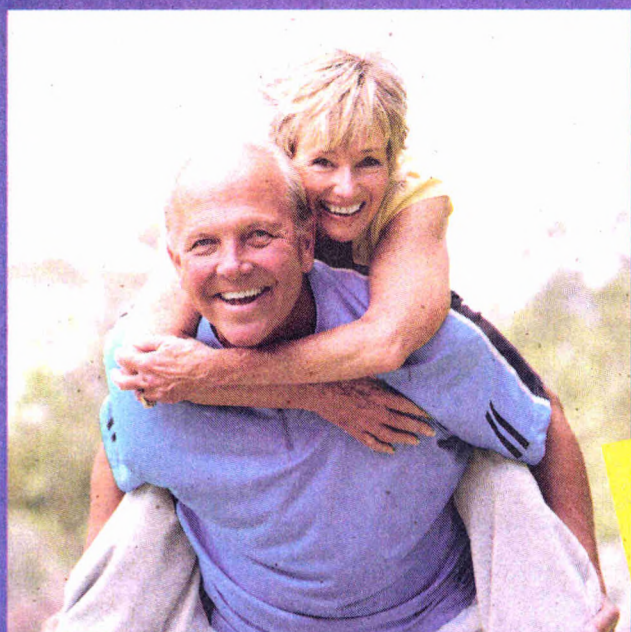
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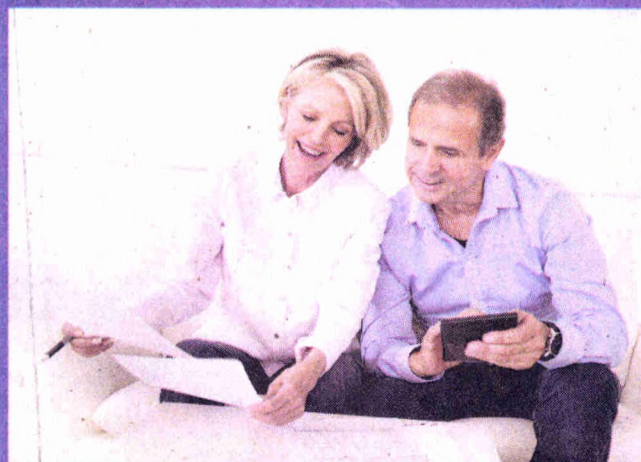
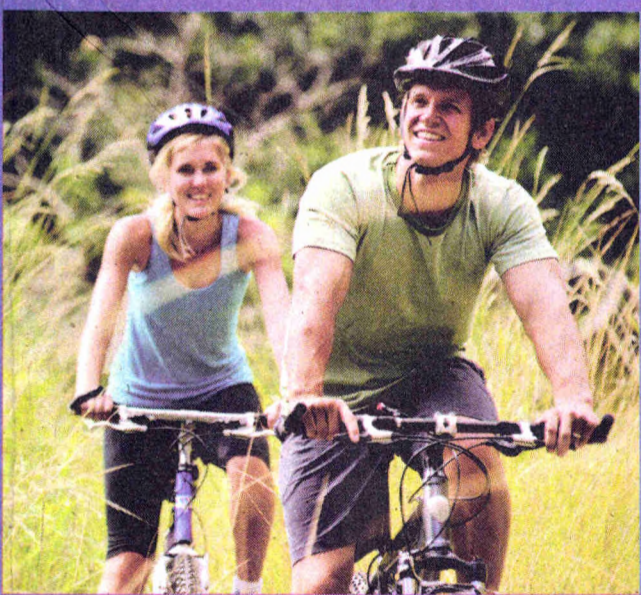
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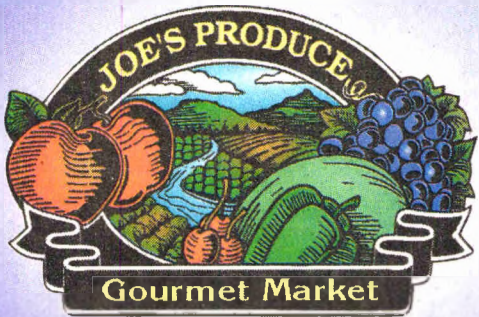
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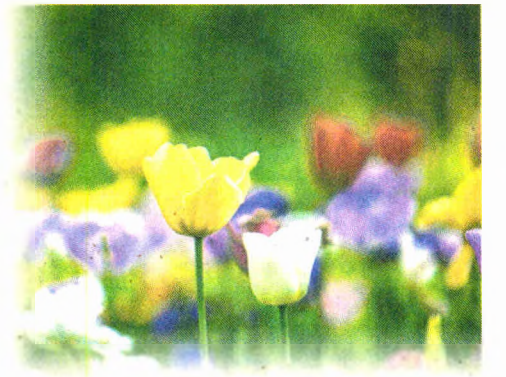
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PREP GIRLS LACROSSE

Chiefs storm Wildcats in 12-4 victory

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Alexis O'Flynn said she had a bumper of a day Monday, having to attend a funeral. Her night was much better. The Canton senior attacker thought it would be good to "take it out on the field" Monday night against the Plymouth Wildcats in a KLAAs Kensington Conference varsity girls lacrosse match-up.

O'Flynn constantly motored around and in front of the Plymouth goal and scored four times to spark the Chiefs to a 12-4 victory on a cool and rainy night at Ply-

mouth-Canton Educational Park's varsity turf field.

"We came out really strong today, we really wanted this one," O'Flynn said. "Rivalry games are always a good time."

The weather didn't seem to bother her or her teammates, either.

"It's not fun to play in the rain and the cold, but you just got to do it," O'Flynn added. "You don't really have any options."

The Chiefs (4-2, 4-0) did have options around the Wildcats' goal, with senior midfielder Annika Nuler also scoring four goals — two on perfect

setups by junior midfielder Jordan Church — with senior midfielder Connie Cox chipping in with three.

"She's hard to stop," Canton head coach Dave Bower about O'Flynn said. "She's got good skills, she changes her speed well and takes high quality shots."

"Our midfield really has been carrying us this year, along with Alexis on the attack in terms of goals. We saw some really beautiful assists out there, twice with Church to Nuler, those were beautiful goals, finding each other. We're getting



Plymouth's Hannah Figley (No. 14) tries to stop Canton attacker Alexis O'Flynn (No. 42) on Monday night. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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KVSSL meeting

Northville KVSSL coordinator Charlie Gabbart will host an informal informational meeting for potential new players at 9 a.m. April 22 at Zack's of Plymouth, 9468 S. Main St., just south of Ann Arbor Road.

Coffee is on Gabbart, although he requests that those planning to attend contact him in advance at cgabbart@ci.northville.mi.us or (248) 449-9947 so he can plan for the appropriately sized group.

'Meet the Coaches'

Canton High School's football program is hosting a mandatory "Meet the Coaches" meeting for incoming freshmen players and their parents at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 1 in the Canton North Building gymnasium. Players and parents are asked to arrive for the meeting at 6 p.m.

Contact Julie Baechler at juliebaechler@icloud.com for more information.

'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.

The 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.

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

Jerrica 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.

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

She was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis when she was 3 months old. Within the last year, Amy underwent a double lung transplant and many other surgeries prior to that.

Registration will continue until race day; registrations received prior to April 16 will include a race shirt. Signup forms can be found on the SJ5K Facebook page, P-CEP website or in Canton, Plymouth and Salem main offices. Event fees are \$25 for adults over 18 and \$20 for all others.

Contact event student coordinator Shannon Perry at SJ5Kcommunity@gmail.com.

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GOLF ON THE GO



Delaney Kowalczyk, of Westland, successfully finishes this Kwik Golf hole with encouragement from her teammates, Brayden Niemiec and Nick Barrett of Canton. All three 10-year-olds were participating at the first of three spring Open Houses at Hickory Creek Golf Course. PHOTOS BY TAMI BEALERT

Hickory Creek's Kwik Golf helps kids, families get up to speed

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Welcome to golf in the 21st century, where players sprint and chip away while being timed as though they were competing in a track and field meet.

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The faster version of the game on display during Sunday's open house at Hickory Creek Golf Course in Superior Twp. proved to be a major hit with 10-year-olds Brayden Niemiec, Nick Barrett and Delaney Kowalczyk.

And in the process, their parents were thrilled their kids were finding out from Hickory Creek PGA professional Tami Bealert that golf can be fast and fun.

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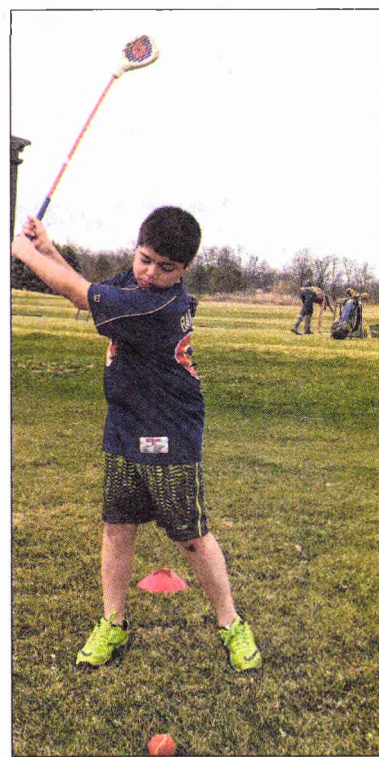
For the uninitiated, here's how Kwik Golf works:

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clubs and mini tennis balls, teammates of two or three proceed as though in a golf scramble.

- » One player tees off, and the teammates dash to the ball. Each takes turns hitting the ball into a large ring with a Velcroed flagstick in the center. On Sunday, they had to complete three holes in succession.
- » They are timed. The final

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Nick Barrett, 10, of Canton gets into the swing to launch another round of Kwik Golf.

PREP BOYS BASEBALL

Park baseball teams in drive

Salem routs Patriots; Canton, Plymouth each win 4-3

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

All three Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity baseball teams opened the week with impressive victories, including a blowout and two nail-biters.

The blowout was Salem's 17-2 romp over Livonia Franklin in what longtime Rocks head coach Dale Rumberger described as "one of the most productive home openers in Salem history."

Salem finished off the Patriots in three innings before the mercy rule was invoked.

Big guns at the plate were plentiful as the Rocks improved to 4-2 overall. Brandon Gillen stroked a triple and two doubles in three at-bats, knocking in three runs and scoring twice.

Mike Vernon and Justin Sydlowski each registered two hits and three RBIs while Jack Driscoll and Tyler Brooks also tallied two hits a piece.

Junior catcher Colin Savage homered in the third with a teammate on base, for his first Salem round-tripper. Rumberger said Savage immediately received the good-natured "silent treatment" in the dugout.

The recipient of all the offense was starting pitcher Andrew Hunt, who gave up just two

runs on four hits.

Rumberger is hopeful that all of the runs and hits did not run out, because Salem will face host Livonia Stevenson Wednesday in an important KLAAs Central Division doubleheader.

The Rocks also had a big weekend, defeating Taylor Truman 10-0 and Taylor Kennedy 9-2, both on Saturday.

Against Truman, Brooks pitched the shutout with Savage,

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PREP COLUMN

Salem girls have fired coach's back

By Mick McCabe
Gannett Michigan

At first glance, it appeared Salem's home-opening girls soccer game had turned into a family reunion.

Every player's name on the backs of their jerseys Monday night, April 7 was "Duhl."

"Yeah, well, I'm not going to comment on that so..." Salem's Tom Willette said. "You can just say 'no comment' from the athletic director."

No comment from the athletic director or the superintendent or anyone else in authority at Salem. But senior captain Olivia Kaye was happy to comment on why all of the jerseys had the same name on the back.

"We thought that would be a subtle way to show our support for him," she said.

She was talking about former coach Scott Duhl, who was fired last month after a conversation he had with a freshman.

Duhl is also the boys varsity coach at Salem and still has that position, so he did not want to talk on the record about what happened — nor did girls JV coach Mike Stratton, who also was at the meeting with the freshman when she was told she would be on the JV team.

After speaking with multiple sources, it is

apparent Duhl had a lapse in judgment when he used a slang term for a male body part in describing the freshman's style of play.

He actually was trying to compliment her in describing the edge — the swagger and presence — she had when she played. He said it reminded him of guy players he grew up playing with.

Evidently the girl went home and told her mother the word Duhl used and that is when all hell broke loose. Salem officials took the easy way out — or, I imagine, so they thought — and fired Duhl from the girls job.

But in trying to placate one parent, Salem officials enraged the parents of the other players who believe that while Duhl made a mistake, it should not have cost him his job.

And then there are the feelings of the varsity, JV and freshman players, who are furious over the decision and attended a school board meeting to show their support for Duhl.

"We're, obviously, very devastated," said Kaye, who signed to play at Northwood. "Losing him this year has been a tough loss because he really knows how to connect with us. It's just sad seeing something like



During a recent school board meeting, Salem girls soccer players sported T-shirts with fired coach Scott Duhl's name on the back. They wore identical jerseys during a game last week against Plymouth to continue their support of Duhl. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

that happen to someone you know is a good guy and doesn't deserve it."

At a school board meeting a couple of weeks ago, Superintendent Michael Meissen insisted Duhl's firing was the decision of CoachEZ, a contracting agency for coaches and school districts. However, CoachEZ serves as a third party for paying coaches and it is not possible that it would have the authority to demand a district fire a coach.

Out of control

The situation has spiraled out of control. The mother of the player, who

chose not to speak with the *Free Press*, evidently fears for her daughter's safety and has not permitted her to ride the bus with the team to away games.

"I don't think she understands all the effects it's had on her daughter," Kaye said. "She definitely put her in an uncomfortable situation. I don't know if they knew it would come to all this."

Of course, the mother didn't realize the unintended consequences of her actions. Neither did Willette when he showed up at the April 8 soccer practice and spoke to the players about the jerseys

they wore in the 3-0 loss the previous night to Plymouth.

"Tom actually came up to us at practice and told us that we're not allowed to wear them and he threatened to suspend us," said Kaye, who helped turn the T-shirts into jerseys and even went to the Michigan High School Athletic Association website to get the specifications to make sure they were legal.

"All the girls are freaking out and he pretty much told us that we lost because we wore our shirts. He told us he's been hearing that we're

the better team and he's like: 'If you guys didn't wear those shirts, you would have won.' Everyone took high offense at that. Nobody liked that comment."

Again, Willette refused to comment to the *Free Press*.

Staying out of it

George Kithas was hired to coach the varsity and is just trying to stay out of the line of fire. "They've welcomed me and I just want to focus on the season," he said. "I'm here to do my job — coach soccer. That's all I want to do."

That's all Duhl wants, too, but Salem officials have made a mess of the entire situation. They lost sight of trying to do what is in the best interest of the students.

Instead, they have given their students a life lesson in how not to run a school.

"They're just trying to appease all these separate parents because parents know, if they don't like something, they can run and complain and they can get what they want," Kaye said. "That's not OK. That's just going to cause a lot of problems in the future."

At Salem, that future is now.

Mick McCabe covers prep sports for the *Detroit Free Press*.

PREP BASEBALL

PCA stymied by Warriors' Williams

Jipping leads way in 9-3 rout of Thurston; HVL's Schaffer Ks 15

By Brad Emmons
Staff Writer

Lutheran High Westland got an early season gem thrown last Thursday by Jordan Williams.

The sophomore right-hander threw a no-hitter, fanned 12 and walked only three as the Warriors opened White Division play in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference with a 2-0

victory at Plymouth Christian Academy.

Williams was coming off a 9-1 season as a freshman.

"Jordan was zoned in and pitched really well," said Lutheran High Westland coach Kevin Wade, whose team improved to 2-0 overall and 1-0 in the MIAC White. "He kept the hitters off balance and hit his spots. He worked out of a jam in the third inning, but outside of that, nobody threatened."

PCA (1-1, 0-1) put two runners aboard in the bottom of the third in-

ning, but Williams got a slow grounder to third followed by a strikeout.

Mark Mika led Lutheran Westland's six-hit attack going 2-for-4 with a double and run scored. Cleveland Tarp also contributed an RBI double.

PCA starter Michael Slater, who worked the first five innings before giving way to Daniel Jipping, took the loss.

In a MIAC crossover on Friday, Lutheran Westland slipped to 2-1 with a 15-0 setback to host Novi Franklin Road Christian.

PCA 9, THURSTON 3: Plymouth Christian Academy recorded just four hits

but made the most of seven bases on balls to trounce Redford Thurston in this April 8 non-conference baseball matchup.

Daniel Jipping (three runs) provided most of the PCA fireworks, slamming a single, two-run homer and stealing home. Michael Slater (two runs) and Josh Slater also tallied base hits.

Starting and picking up the win was Michael Slater, who did not allow Thurston to score while he was on the mound.

Other PCA runs were scored by Johnny Lauch, Will Crelius, Josh Slater and AJ Greuber.

"We played a very solid fundamental game," PCA coach Joe Bottorff said. "It was a great win heading into our first conference game."

HURON VALLEY 3, BAPTIST PARK 0: Ryan Schaffer was the difference April 8 as Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (1-0) opened its season with a victory at Taylor Baptist Park.

Schaffer, a senior, threw a no-hitter, walked just three and struck out 15 to outdue the Wildcats' Daniel Eubank, who gave up just five hits, walked none and also fanned 15.

Schaffer, meanwhile, went 3-for-3 at the plate with a double and RBI.

PREP GIRLS SOFTBALL



Plymouth's Brooke Senkbeil rips a double during Monday's contest.

Plymouth pounds out 15-0 victory over Novi

Plymouth put up 15 runs Monday and routed Novi in a KLAA South Division varsity softball matchup.

The tone of the day was set immediately. Leadoff batter Brooke Senkbeil smacked a stand-up triple and trotted home two batters later when Lindsay Lutton doubled.

The two seniors were on fire for the Wildcats. Senkbeil went 4-for-4, knocking in two runs later in the contest.

Lutton chipped in with a 3-for-3 performance, including a second double, two RBIs and three runs.

Helping the cause were senior Celeste Miller (1-for-3, two RBIs), pitcher Mikayela Marciniak (2-for-3, three RBIs), Halli Barkume (1-for-2) and Ra-

chel Zerona (1-for-3).

Marciniak gave up just a walk and single to Novi over the course of the five-inning, mercy-rule shortened game.

Plymouth and Canton will set to meet Wednesday in a key divisional twinbill.

CANTON 7, NORTHVILLE 3: Visiting Canton defeated the Mustangs Monday behind a complete game 5-hitter by pitcher Hannah Shuler.

Paige Aresco sparked the Chiefs with a double and a two-run homer.

Helping the cause were Kendyll Richter (2-for-4, two doubles), Bryn Birchler (2-for-4, two doubles), Shuler (2-for-4, two runs) and Kaitlin Keys (3-for-3). Val Lentine hit an important sacrifice fly in the seventh for an insurance run.

SALEM 4, FRANKLIN 2: Winning pitcher Kristi Zink scattered eight hits and a walk over seven innings Monday lifting the Rocks (1-3, 1-3) to the Kensington Conference crossover victory over visiting Livonia Franklin (3-6, 2-2).

Salem scored a run in the first and strung together four hits in the third to add four more runs.

Losing pitcher Courtney Garbarino allowed four runs, all earned, without a walk or strikeout.

Freshman Danielle Hoskins singled twice and had both Franklin RBIs, while senior Colleen Mandrnik added a double, senior and scored a run.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Piechota, Schuba spark Crusaders

Two standout pitching performances Saturday catapulted the Madonna University baseball team to a pair of 5-1 victories Saturday over Lourdes University (Ohio) at Ilitch Ballpark.

Sophomore right-hander Evan Piechota went all nine innings for the Crusaders in the opener. The Livonia Stevenson High grad struck out 10 and walked three to even his record at 3-3.

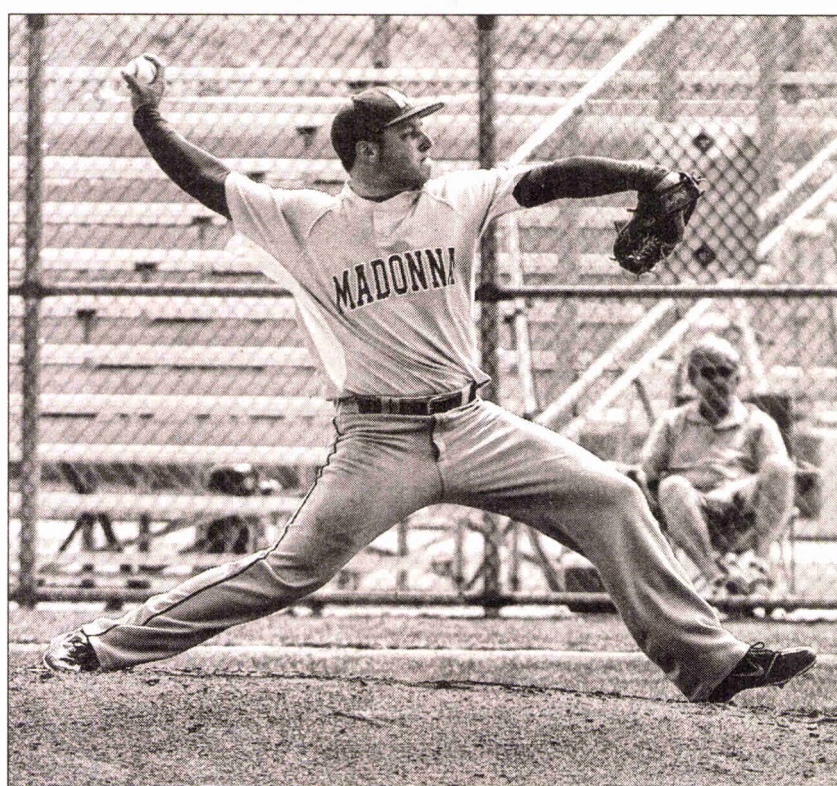
Taylor Grzelakowski went 2-for-3 with a double and two RBIs. Victor Barron and John Lauro also knocked in runs.

In Game Two, senior right-hander Travis Schuba threw a six-hitter over seven innings as MU improved to 20-17 overall and 7-9 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Schuba (5-1) struck out three and walked one.

Offensively, Ben Matigian (Livonia Churchill) and Ryan Lech each collected two hits and two RBIs.

The loss dropped Lourdes to 8-22 overall and 5-14 in the WHAC.

MU was scheduled to return to conference action Wednesday at Aquinas before starting a four-game set Friday and Saturday at Indiana Tech.



Madonna sophomore right-hander Evan Piechota evened his record at 3-3 by going all nine innings in a 5-1 victory in the first game of a twinbill against Lourdes (Ohio). HAYLEY STEMPIEN | MADONNA ATHLETICS

BASEBALL

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Sydłowski and Driscoll ripping two hits each.

Eric Scott picked up his first varsity win in relief of starter Nick March against Kennedy. Closing out the victory with three innings of scoreless relief was junior Wes Ross.

Gillen and Nick Minichiello each tallied two base hits and Rumberger said his team played great defense.

Chiefs prevail

Canton held off a late rally by host Northville on Monday to earn a 4-3 KLAA crossover

victory.

Brent Mattson slammed the door against the heart of the Mustangs lineup in the bottom of the seventh with the tying run on base.

Getting the victory with two innings of relief was Nick Hazergerian, who followed starter Noah Spencer (five strong innings).

On offense, Canton got on the board in the fifth when pinch hitter Grant Slomkowski and Nick Schnur singled, with Weston Price walking to load the bases. Robert Guajardo's subsequent hit scored two runs to make it 2-2.

Northville regained the lead 3-2 in the fifth on a sacrifice fly, but Canton went out in

front to stay on a two-run homer by senior James Hall (which followed a 1-out single by Hazergerian).

The win upped Canton's record to 4-2 overall and 3-1 in the KLAA, entering Wednesday's big doubleheader against Plymouth.

On Saturday at Milan, the Chiefs defeated Ann Arbor Pioneer 5-3 before falling 2-0 to Milan.

Against the Pioneers, Mattson collected three hits while Spencer knocked in two runs. Earning the win with four innings of no-hit pitching was senior Drew Misenko.

In the loss to Milan, starting pitcher Colin Elgas was the tough-luck loser. He gave up

just two runs and four hits in his first varsity start.

Wildcats hang on

Plymouth overcame the cold weather and Novi Wildcats Monday, collecting a 4-3 KLAA victory.

Starting pitcher Derek Ebeling was strong over 6 1/3 innings, giving up three hits.

"Derek settled down after a tough first inning and was in control, mixing his pitches perfectly," Plymouth head coach Jason Crain said. "Coach Beau Adams did a wonderful job preparing our pitchers this winter and spring building confidence in their secondary pitches."

Finishing up the win with a

two-out save was Cameron Stella, who also went 2-for-3 at the plate with an RBI. Also tallying two hits for Plymouth was Andrew Jossey.

"It was a hard-fought battle where both teams struggled through cold conditions as they worsened throughout the game," Crain said. "Kevin Anthony had a game-saving play while catching an off-line throw that would have let the tying run in and put the winner on third."

"Our team continues to get contributions from a variety of players which just proves our depth will be an asset as the season progresses."

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Hoops are where Robb's heart is

Plymouth senior to play basketball at Aquinas

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The idea of joining Plymouth soccer teammates in Division 1 programs appealed to Kylie Robb.

But not long after Robb committed to play DI soccer at Western Michigan University, she realized it really wasn't what she wanted to do.

So she had a major change of heart, to not only change her college destination but sport of choice.

Recently, the Plymouth High School senior signed to play women's basketball at Aquinas College, a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics D-II school.

"I'm excited, I'm happy I finally got this out of the way," said Robb, following her signing ceremony in the Plymouth gymnasium. "Going into high school I didn't think I wanted to play high school soccer, but Coach (Jeff) Neschich talked me into it.

"Then last year with all the hoopla with Madi Lewis and Stephanie Dillon and Zoe Foster all going D-I, when I got the opportunity to go to a big Division I school for soccer I was like 'Yes!' But then kind of like immediately after, I was like 'This is not what I want to do.'"

No nonsense

Her future college coach, Julie Nash, was part of the festivities and thrilled about having the tough-as-nails point guard join the Saints in 2014-15.

"I am extremely pleased

that she went with the orange round ball instead of the black-and-white one," said Nash, smiling. "In watching her play, I just like her gutsy style and kind of no-nonsense approach to the game. She's not afraid to dive on the floor and do all the little things.

"We kind of pride ourselves on being a blue-collar working team, working hard. Defense is a big part of it, and I think with her leadership that she's shown on the floor, I think she'll definitely have a great career for us."

Parents Ann and Steve Robb and younger brother Joey all were on hand for the ceremony. Kylie's family also realized that basketball was where her heart is, not stopping soccer balls as a goalkeeper.

"It's been a long process," Steve Robb said. "I think her first love was always basketball. She had made the commitment to Western for soccer. I think it was a little bit of having the opportunity to be a Division I athlete at Western Michigan is what made her make that original choice in soccer.

"As the months went on, she realized that she wanted to be a basketball player. So I think this is a great fit."

The place for her

All it took from there were a couple of visits to the Grand Rapids college, where she met Nash and players and got to see the picturesque campus and surrounding area.

"As soon as I got there, I liked Coach Nash, and I can't wait to play for her," Kylie Robb said. "I fell in love with the campus, I love the team and I just love everything about Aquinas. So I'm really excited to go there and play for Coach Nash."



Plymouth senior Kylie Robb recently signed to play basketball at Aquinas College. Robb is flanked by parents Ann and Steve Robb. Standing (from left) are Plymouth coach Nick Brandon, Kylie's brother Joey, Plymouth athletic director Kyle Meteyer and Aquinas coach Linda Nash. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

It will be a bonus for the family that she will only be a couple hours away from their Canton home, not to mention playing road games at nearby colleges such as Madonna and Concordia.

Of course, how much Robb gets to play as a freshman will be up to her.

"They all fight it out. She's got the ability," Nash said. "It's a matter of once we line them all up and they start competing.

"We've played freshmen a lot. It's all up to her. But I think she definitely can play at this level, there's no doubt about it."

With Robb being the first player to sign with a college since Nick Brandon took over as Plymouth's varsity girls basketball coach, he was almost as proud as Robb's parents were.

"I see really positive things for her," Brandon said. "I think the biggest thing with Kylie joining a program

is how much her teammates will benefit. She brings such an intensity to practice every single day.

"She plays at each practice like it's a state championship game and those are the type of players you want as part of a program. Aquinas made a great choice and Kylie's going to be an awesome addition to that program."

And Robb, who brings a 3.67 grade-point-average and plans on studying for a degree in business management (with an emphasis on sports), definitely will be where her heart is.

On the basketball court. "When I de-committed from Western a lot of people were like 'Oh, why did you do that?'" Robb said. "I don't care about Division I or Division II, as long as I'm doing what makes me happy. ... And that's playing basketball."

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GIRLS SOCCER ROUNDUP

Blazers boot Gabriel Richard

Warriors rally past Southfield Christian

Sam Riga and Mikeyla Hawkins tallied two goals apiece Saturday as host Livonia Ladywood blanked Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 6-0, in a Catholic League girls soccer crossover victory.

The Blazers, who improved to 7-1-2 overall and 3-1-1 in Division 1 of the Catholic League, jumped out to a 3-0 halftime lead on goals by Conner Huggins, second minute (from Abby Pelon); Riga, 33rd minute (from Jenna Urso); and Riga again, 39th minute (from Emily Huddleston).

The Warriors put it away with three second-half tallies — Urso, 47th minute (from Huggins); Hawkins, 55th minute (from Kennedy Bullard); and Hawkins again, 62nd minute (from Clare Kelley).

Ladywood goalkeeper Whitney Bauriedl made two saves to record her third shutout of the season.

Isabelle Dirksen made five saves for the Fighting Irish, who slipped to 1-6-2 overall and 1-4 in Division 2 of the Catholic League.

"It was a nice all around game for us," said Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker, whose team out-shot the Fighting Irish, 20-3.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 4, SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN 2: In a MIAC Red Division match Monday, host Lutheran High Westland (3-1, 2-0) scored four unanswered goals to beat Southfield Christian (0-3, 0-3).

Goals by Taylor Barry (unassisted) and Elizabeth Keating (from Barry) staked the Eagles to a 2-0 lead, but Sadie Schultz cut the deficit to 2-1 at halftime with a goal at the 26-minute mark.

The Warriors then scored three straight second half goals as Mara McMahon tied it on the penalty kick and Sam Benner tallied the go-ahead goal on a bobbie by the keeper. McMahon's unassisted goal, her second of the game, capped the scoring.

Lutheran Westland goalkeeper Kayleigh Goodfellow made four saves.

"We stepped up our game on the second half after having a flat first half," Lutheran Westland coach Sara Schaefer said.

BELLEVILLE 3, CLARENCEVILLE 0: Morgan Marshall scored twice, while Demi Przystump added another Monday leading the Tigers to a Western Wayne Athletic Conference victory over Livonia Clarenceville (0-2, 0-2).

Clarenceville goalkeeper Jillian Bunker made 16 saves in the setback.

"We came out ready to play in the second half, which was a half too late for us," Clarenceville coach Amanda Moody said. "We had more scoring opportunities and determination in the second half."

Moody singled out the offensive efforts of Jordan See, Lindsey Fosth, Brianna Tuuri-Cesarz and Tristyn Bean, along with the defense provided by Summer Reddick, Sam Franco, Hunter Iuliano and Jeana Mariani.

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PREP GIRLS LACROSSE

Rocks start fast, hold off late rally from Novi

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Salem's girls lacrosse train just keeps on rolling. The visiting Rocks edged previously undefeated Novi 11-9 Monday night to improve Salem's record to 8-1. But it wasn't easy. Salem built a 9-3 halftime lead but got sloppy after the intermission, enabling the Wildcats the chance to creep back into the KLAAC Kensington Conference matchup. Salem head coach Dave Medley cited his team's stellar defense as the Rocks slowed Novi's offense (the Wildcats had been averaging 19.5 goals per contest entering the match). "We had another great de-

fensive game early on with Andi Marthaler, Amanda Merkel, Megan Finkebeiner, and Shannon Burke slowing down their offensive front," Medley said. Salem also had strong work in the draw circle, with Rose Krasofsky, Lauren Britton, Jenna Carter and Bridget Kerwin winning most of their draws. On the offensive front, the Rocks were paced by Krasofsky (five goals), Joslyn Longe (three goals), Kiersten Vala (two goals, two assists) and Sarah Edgecomb, who tallied one marker. Friday night, after Salem edged Plymouth 10-9 to finish off a previous match that had been deadlocked (the KLAAC does not permit games to end



Salem's (from left) Jenna Carter, Rose Krasofsky and Sarah Edgecomb, shown from earlier this season, continue to be instrumental in their team's torrid start. JEFF CARTER

in ties). Then in the regularly scheduled matchup, the Rocks pre-

vailed 10-5. Krasofsky again led the Salem attack, scoring five

goals and chipping in with an assist. Other goal scorers included Longe (2 goals), Leah Tardiff, Carter and Vala (who also had an assist). "We came out strong leading 8-2 at the half, and played with caution the rest of the way, as we know they have some players that can score fast," Medley said. "We felt fortunate to be able to get some quick scores against their goalkeeper, she has been stellar over the games we have faced her, as have all the seniors. "I can't say enough how hard they have played against and always pushing us to the limit."

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PREP BOYS LACROSSE

Resilient Chiefs get past Gabriel Richard

Canton's varsity boys lacrosse team showed its ability to bounce back from disappointment, with Saturday's 13-11 victory over Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard. The Chiefs (3-2 overall) lost a tough 10-9 game to Orchard Lake St. Mary's on April 9 in a game that went four overtimes. A fast start against Gabriel Richard helped immensely, as the Chiefs went up 5-1 with Carson Pakula scoring early in the match to make it 1-0. Senior Kyle Topper ripped in four goals before the end of the quarter (Topper finished with seven goals in the con-

test). Junior Brocton Baechler kept the Canton offense rolling in the second quarter as he scored two times, with junior Gerald Belanger setting up one of the tallies. Sophomore Ben Phillips (from Topper) and junior Nolan Gilo added goals before halftime, as Canton built a 9-2 edge. Gabriel Richard opened the second half with five unanswered goals, however, to make it 9-7 after three frames. In the fourth, it was 9-8 early on before Topper took over with three more goals

(one assisted by Pakula). Capping off the game and victory with a last-minute goal was Pakula, netting his second of the day. Senior goaltender Collin Smith was outstanding in net, stopping 15 of 26 saves and coming up big down the stretch. Helping the cause was senior defenseman Jake Evavold (6 takeaways, 5 groundballs) with other key takeaways recorded by sophomore defensemen Ryan Schlieger and Kumar Johnson. Scoring four of Gabriel Richard's goals was Plymouth resident Steve Ramos.



Canton's Annika Nuler (No. 7) flips the ball over Plymouth's Sarah Curtis. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

LACROSSE

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more assists this year than we have had in the past, and I'm really impressed about that."

In control

Canton's other goal was scored by Church, who had a total of three assists. Sophomore attacker Casey Bower drew a helper, on the game's final goal with just under nine minutes remaining, and senior attacker Sarah Davenport also collected an assist. "Church and Annika Nuler did a really great job," Bower said. "Their height helped them to get a lot of the balls that were up in the air, and Connie Cox, the third midfielder, did an excellent job controlling the ball allowing us to eat up large amounts of time down on the offensive end." For the Wildcats (1-6, 1-4), scoring twice was Marissa Cirino, with single markers by Carly Gustafson and Natalie Nowicki (shadowed well by Canton freshman Lauren Rippey). All of Plymouth's goals came in the second half, which began with the Wildcats trailing 5-0. Earning the victory in goal for the Chiefs was Melissa Neal, who stopped 13 of 17 shots.

"I was happy that our defense showed a lot of improvement throughout the first half and into the second half they were sliding a lot better," Plymouth head coach Jake Wieloch said. "Our offense started working a little bit together. "... We're still young on the offensive side. A lot of the basic skills we got to keep working on. (We) hit a lot of

posts today, so the girls are coming around." Wieloch added that the players on his team are "working hard, playing hard, they're trying to buy in to what we're putting in place. It's a new season, we're young, we only have six seniors. They're doing the best they can and they're working hard."

Off and running

Cox got the Chiefs off to a fast start with two goals in the first 3:35 and it soon was 3-0 after Church put the ball behind Plymouth goalkeeper Megan Wieloch. Neal came up with some timely stops to keep the Wildcats off the board before halftime, including denying Michelle Burke and Gretchen Schoen on point-blank opportunities. O'Flynn tallied her first of the night when she scored with 14:28 remaining in the first half and her next goal (with 4:46 left) was a work of art. She circled the goal and worked her way in front of Wieloch before flinging the ball into the top corner from about 8-yards out. The Wildcats came out with more fire to start the second half and immediately got on the board, when Gustafson needed just 17 seconds to score. But less than two minutes later, Canton upped the lead to 7-1 on markers by O'Flynn and Nuler. The Canton onslaught continued with O'Flynn's fourth of the game (from Church) and Cox' third to make it 9-1 with 20 minutes left in the contest. Both teams pretty much swapped goals for the rest of the night.

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After the tee shot, Kwik Golf teammates (from left) Brayden Niemiec, Nick Barrett and Delaney Kowalczyk sprint to the ball Sunday at Hickory Creek Golf Course. PHOTOS BY TAMI BEALERT

KWIK GOLF

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score is determined by adding the number of strokes to however long it takes to finish the job.

On target

During one of their rounds on Sunday, the team of Brayden and Nick needed 58 seconds plus nine strokes for a total of 67; Delaney and Kathy finished in 98 seconds but were more accurate with six strokes. "It helps them understand the purpose of the game is one, to have fun, and two, to be safe when we're playing," Bealert said. "That's why I gave them only one club for a group. And three, they got to have their skill, because otherwise their points are going to go up high. "We want them to work on their skill. If they stick on that flag stick we take a point away, and that's good. We want them to have a low score." The boys were asked about what they learned from playing Kwik Golf. "You can't hit it way too hard with the little balls, it will go way, way too far," said Nick, a friend of Brayden's. Brayden quietly said the activity helps him with his "accuracy." He previously took a learn-to-golf course from Bealert and already possesses a pretty sweet swing and follow through. Meanwhile, Brayden's mom, Mandy Niemiec of Canton, also got in on the fun as did Delaney's aunt, Kathy Kowalczyk of Westland.



Converging on the ball are (from left) Brayden Niemiec, Delaney Kowalczyk and Nick Barrett.

Mandy and Scott Niemiec, who just live down the road from Hickory Creek, noted how much fun golf can be for families — especially when there is a fun, low-key way to get into golf without the stress of being part of a serious game. "It's fun, it's a good way to get outside, gets the kids playing, being active," said Mandy, about the benefits of Kwik Golf and other innovative programs at Hickory Creek. "It also makes golf a lot more fun, for me anyway." **Something new** Watching from the sidelines was Delaney's mom, Danielle Kowalczyk, who said the open house convinced her that Delaney would rather golf than play soccer (a sport she had previously dabbled in). "I think it's great because my daughter doesn't know how to play golf," Danielle Kowalczyk said. "I did the hole-in-one thing up front and I've been doing the drives

here. But I've been watching her. "We're going to be signing up Delaney. I think it's a 5-6 week course." Kwik Golf was one of several activities on hand at the open house, all designed to perhaps pique someone's interest enough to sign up for a class (or have their parents sign them up). Bealert, instructor in a series of "Train with Tami" courses at Hickory Creek (located just west of the Canton/Superior Twp. border), bubbles over with enthusiasm watching young kids tap into the sport for the first time. And if the rest of the family's in on the action, that's even better. "It's about enjoying golf without the stress of having to be on the golf course," Bealert said. "It's great for new golfers, as well. It's just great for families to have fun, especially if you're limited on time."

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Summer camps

Canton Leisure Services is offering basketball and baseball summer camps instructed by longtime coach Pat Watson. Drills and skills emphasized will cover offensive strategies and defensive plays. 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. Those sessions (for ages 7-14) will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. as follows: Session 1, July 7-11; Session 2, July 21-25; Session 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 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 14-18 at Canton Sports Center, 46555 W. Michigan Ave. Ages 7-14. To register, go to cantonfun.org, call Canton Sports Center (734-483-5600) or visit ei-

ther Canton Sports Center or Summit on the Park and inquire. **Canton football camps** Three summer football camps run by the Canton Chiefs high school program are slated for June and July. All will take place at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity field. Go to cantonchiefsfootball.com to download a flier. » Wing T Camp: For players entering grades 10-12 in fall 2014. Times are 5-7:30 p.m. June 16 and 5-8 p.m. June 17-19. Contact Tim Baechler, 734-455-7691. » Skills Camp: For players entering grades 7-9 in fall 2014. Times are 5-7:30 p.m. June 9-12; 5-7:30 p.m. July 14-17. Participants who sign up can get both camps for the price of one. Contact Richard Mui, 248-229-2738. » Fundamentals Camp: For players entering grades 3-6 in fall 2014. Times are 9 a.m. to noon June 23-26. Contact Enza Lanava, 313-300-1173.

SPOTLIGHT JR.

Theater troupe offers youth enrichment

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Spotlight Players plans to make youth theater more affordable, educational and fun for young actors, starting with auditions for its summer production, *Aladdin and His Wonderful, Magical Lamp*.

"I chose it because it's a true ensemble show," said Kristin Heitmeier, who is directing the Canton community theater's first production for its new youth program. "We're bringing the kids in smaller groups to audition instead of doing auditions in front of everyone who shows up. It's more private and it gives the kids an opportunity to feel comfortable. We want to nurture and respect them and give the kids a wonderful experience."

"In a lot of theaters for this age group, 5-18, if you pay a certain amount of money — anywhere from \$200-\$300 — you're guaranteed a part. But this is a true audition. It's not 'pay to play.' If you're cast it's a \$35 fee, including your costume. We're trying to give kids a sense of theater and how it really works, but in a respectful, fun, learning environment. Part of that real life theater experience is that sometimes you put your best foot forward and get cast and sometimes you don't."

Auditions, open to ages 5-18 of all acting skill levels, run 6-8 p.m. May 5-6 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hills, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. Children and teens should be prepared to sing 16 bars of their favorite song a cappella. Older participants also will read from the script. Spotlight Players expects to cast 50



Young actors perform in the ensemble during Spotlight Players' production of *Barnum* last year. With the addition of a youth theater program at Spotlight Players, they'll have more opportunities for speaking roles.

young actors for the play, which will be performed July 10-13 on the main stage at the Village Theater.

Canton's youth troupes

Spotlight Players has involved youngsters in its adult productions over the past few years. Most of the roles have been nonspeaking, and in the chorus of such shows as *Barnum* and *The Music Man*. The new youth program, temporarily dubbed "Spotlight Jr.," is Spotlight's second dedicated youth theater. Its first, Spotlight on Youth, began four years ago, "started on a small scale and doing small shows,"

according to Spotlight board member Anne Cloutier-Munro of Plymouth. The adult theater and Spotlight on Youth parted ways last year.

"They became their own troupe. Spotlight on Youth was doing well on its own," Cloutier-Munro said. Both Spotlight on Youth and Forever After Productions, which also stages youth shows at the Village Theater, charge per child participation fees. According to Forever After Productions' website, the pay-to-play method allows it to keep ticket prices low, create "phenomenal sets" and work with professional directors.

Cloutier-Munro said Spotlight Players decided to create the low-cost youth theater program after hearing from parents who said they couldn't afford pay-to-play fees.

"We found that a whole group of kids were not able to afford to do theater. When they get to high school or even middle school, other kids are far beyond them because their parents had the means to put them in theater. These kids couldn't compete," she said. "We decided to do another program and not charge kids huge fees. We're trying to bring community theater back to the community."



Acting lessons

Cloutier-Munro said Heitmeier has been able to keep costs low by choosing a play with a well-known story but with less expensive royalty costs.

Heitmeier also plans to incorporate "mini lessons" on character development and stage movement, giving cast members practical tips on acting. Youngsters also will have an opportunity to work on the backstage crew and learn what it takes to stage a play.

"While it's open to ages 5 to 18, it will be a legitimate production. We worked through how to do some amazing special effects and I've got an outstanding crew," Heitmeier said.

The youth program's second production, *Harry's Hotter in Twilight*, a spoof on the *Twilight* and *Harry Potter* series, is set for October. Spotlight Players' 2014-15 season will include *The King and I*, *Steel Magnolias* and *Get Smart*, a play based on the 1960s television series. Its spring musical hasn't been determined.

For more information about Spotlight Players, its youth program or senior troupe, the Still Got It Players, visit spotlightplayersmi.org.



Zig Zag Kid tells the story of a 13-year-old boy, his adventures, fears and fantasies. The film caps the 11-day Lenore Marwil Jewish Film Festival at the Berman Center for the Performing Arts on the Jewish Community Center campus.

Films cover topics from lox to dancing at annual festival

The documentary, *Dancing in Jaffa*, kicks off the 16th annual Lenore Marwil Jewish Film Festival, noon Sunday, April 27, at the Berman Center for the Performing Arts on the campus of the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, West Bloomfield.

Dancing in Jaffa tells the story of a ballroom dancer who returns to his hometown, Jaffa, Israel, to teach youngsters in the city's divided communities to dance together and ultimately create friendships. The documentary is among 30 films that will be screened during the 11-day festival at the Berman Center. Fifteen of the films also will be shown May 4-8 at the Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor, and seven will be screened April 24 and 27 and May 4-8 at the Flint Institute of Arts, 1120 E. Kearsley, Flint.

Highlights of the festival at the Berman Center include:

» *The Last White Knight*, the true story of a volunteer with the civil rights movement who returns 40 years later to Mississippi to meet the man who nearly beat him to death; 2 p.m. Sunday, April 27.

» *The Sturgeon Queens*, a documentary about a 100-year-old store that sells lox and herring. Filmmaker and producer Julie Cohen will lead a discussion following the film; 8 p.m. Thursday, May 1.

» *The Upside Down Book*, a documentary focusing on a woman who goes in search of a German couple whose name is inscribed on her family's 1938 copy of *Mein Kampf*. Filmmaker Hinda Mandell will be part of a panel discussion and dinner following the film; 5 p.m. Monday, April 28.

» *In the Shadow*, an award-winning thriller from the Czech Republic; 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 29

» *Quality Balls: The David Steinberg Story* focuses on comedian and director David Steinberg; 9 p.m. Saturday, May 3.

» *Sukkah City* follows a design competition and exhibition of sukkahs, temporary shelters built for the Jewish festival of Sukkot, that were created by contemporary architects and designers; noon Sunday, May 4.

» *Next Year in Jerusalem* looks at eight nursing home residents who travel to Israel; 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 6.

"Each one of these films is like entering another world, a once-in-a-lifetime adventure," said Rachel Ruskin, film festival director.

Tickets for individuals films are \$12. A matinee pass for use at any five screenings of 2 p.m. shows, is \$40 for Jewish Community Center members and \$45 for nonmembers. Download a ticket order form and complete film schedule from jccdet.org. For more information, call 248-661-1900.

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ANIMALS
DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Labor Day, with closing time at 8 p.m. Wednesdays in July and August

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

Details: Admission is \$14 for adults 15-61, \$10 for senior citizens 62 and older, and for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is \$5. Detroit Zoological Society members get free admission and parking

Senior Day: Seniors, 62 and older, and a caregiver admitted free from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday, April 30. Features live music, tractor train tours, bingo and senior resource area
Contact: 248-541-5717

ART & CRAFTS
NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Gallery hours, 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through April 26

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: "Detritus," an exhibit of works by airbrush master Tom Thewes
Contact: 248-344-0497; <http://www.northvillearts.org>

VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during public performances; artist reception, 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 29

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: Glass orbs and columns created by Paul Stankard
Contact: 734-394-5300

COMEDY
EMERGENT ARTS

Time/Date: Open mic, 8 p.m. Sunday, April 20 and 27, following 5 p.m. "Comedy Dojo" classes

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

Details: Chili Challis, national headliner comedian and former staff writer for *The Tonight Show With Jay Leno*, coaches new and experienced comics in the nuances of their craft during his Comedy Dojo. Mark Sweetman emcees the open mic. \$5 suggested donation at the door. For more about the fee-based classes, visit ChilliChallis.com
Contact: 734-985-0875

FILM
PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 18-19

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: *Mary Poppins*, admission \$3
Coming up: *The Lego Movie*, 7 p.m. Thursday, April 24 and May 1, Friday, April 25; and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 26-27
Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penn-theatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, April 25, and 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, April 26

Location: 17360 Lahser, north of Grand



Photos of glass, like this one by Ron Farina, are displayed with glass art by Paul Stankard, through April 30, at the Village Theater in Canton.

River Avenue, Detroit
Details: Three Stooges Film Festival, \$6
Contact: 313-537-2560

MUSEUM
PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 23

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: Antiques appraisal clinic with Doug Dalton Auctioneer and Schmidt's. Items include furniture, art and small objects. No jewelry, coins or stamps. A maximum four items. Call for appointment. \$10 per item
Contact: 734-455-8940

MUSIC
BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY

Time/Date: Open mic sign up, 6:15-6:45 p.m.; performances 7-9 p.m., the third Saturday of the month through May

Location: The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: Open mic musicians may perform two songs, original or cover. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Annual memberships are \$25 for individuals and include free admission.

Contact: Scott Ludwig at BFSpresident@aol.com for additional information

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: On April 29, Johnny Trudell Quartet will play jazz favorites. \$10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres
Contact: 734-453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. April 25

Location: VisiTech Center on the main campus, located on Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia

Details: Percussion Group Cincinnati; admission is \$20 for adults, \$10 for students
Contact: 734-462-4403; www.schoolcraft.edu/music

TUESDAY MUSICAL OF DETROIT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 25

Location: Max Fisher Music Center (Orchestra Hall), 3711 Woodward, Detroit

Details: The concert features Bill Baxtresser, trumpet, Mark Watson, bass-baritone, and Dizhou Zhao, piano, playing music by Handel, Liszt, Balakirev and a new composition by David DiChiera, founder and director of the Michigan Opera Theatre. Admission is \$35 and includes and afterglow
Contact: 313-520-8663; TuesdayMusicalofDetroit.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: Erin Zindle, April 25; Michigan Fingerstyle Guitar Society presents Muriel Anderson, April 26; Gurf Morlix, April 27; open mic, April 29; Rod Picott, May 3; Empty Chair Night featuring Annie and Rod Capps, Joel Palmer, and Dan Hazlett, May 4; open mic, May 6; Bill Bynum and Company, May 9; Four Block Empire with Cold Tone Harvest, May 10; The Choir, May 11. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted.

Benefit concert: Features Lac La Belle and the Motor City Troubadours, 8 p.m. Friday, May 2, at Trinity Church of Livonia, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia. Tickets are \$15, \$12 for subscribers. Proceeds benefit the theater
Contact: 734-464-6302

THEATER
EMERGENT ARTS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 18-19

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

Details: A variety of improv troupes perform at each show; tickets are \$8 and are available at the door or online
Contact: 734-985-0875; emergentarts.com

MOTOR CITY YOUTH THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. April 25-26 and May 2-3; and 2 p.m. April 27 and May 4

Location: 27555 Grantland, Livonia

Details: *Peter Pan*. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors
Contact: 313-535-8962; mcyt.org

Serve seasonal fare for Easter dinner

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Time to put away your winter holiday recipes and think spring.

Chef Rebecca Wauldron, executive chef for Busch's Fresh Foods markets, says Easter is the perfect time to add fresh, seasonal produce to the menu.

"You don't want to trot out the sweet potatoes again. Spring is different. The spring holiday is an opportunity to try something different," she said.

"At this time of the year we crave these wonderful vegetables we don't get during winter. It's a sign of spring that they are at the market. Fresh peas, butter lettuce — they are light but satisfying."

Wauldron created several Easter recipes for the home cook, including Sour Cherry Glazed Ham, Fava Bean and Ricotta Crostini and Fennel and Potato Gratin, that are "upscale," but attainable.

"They are crowd pleasers."

Her recipes for Shaved Asparagus, Fresh Pea, & Prosciutto Salad and Almond Cake With Strawberry Rhubarb Sauce also use seasonal produce.

"When choosing asparagus (for steaming or grilling) make sure they are all of similar thickness," she said, adding that stalks of varying sizes require different cooking times. "It's also tasty raw. When you shave it and mix it in a salad, it has a very earth, fresh flavor."

Picking ripe rhubarb is just like choosing celery — look for firm stalks.

"Rhubarb is not the first vegetable you think of for dessert. But when it's paired with another fruit, it creates a nice sauce."

Wauldron noted that the almond cake also is gluten-free, as are most of the other dishes. She said a romaine lettuce leaf can be used in place of the baguette in the crostini recipe.

Want to stay out of the kitchen on Easter? Busch's also offers both complete Easter meals and a la carte side dishes. Easter meals are available for pickup through Sunday, April 20. For ordering information and menu options, visit www.buschs.com.

Almond Cake With Strawberry Rhubarb Sauce



Shaved Asparagus, Fresh Pea, & Prosciutto Salad

SOUR CHERRY GLAZED HAM

Yield: 8-10 servings

Ingredients:

- 1 ½ cups sour or tart cherry preserves
- 2 tablespoons coarse Dijon mustard
- 2 tablespoons sherry vinegar
- ½ cup chopped onion
- ¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon ground allspice
- ¼ teaspoon ground cayenne pepper
- 1 fully cooked bone in spiral ham (about 6-8 pounds)
- ¼ cup white wine

Directions:

1. Combine the preserves, mustard, vinegar, onion, cinnamon, allspice, and cayenne in the bowl of a food processor fitted with a metal blade. Pulse the mixture until it is smooth and combined. The glaze mixture can be made up to two days ahead.
2. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees and adjust the oven rack to a lower position.
3. Place the ham, flat side down, in a large roasting pan. Place the ham in the preheated oven and roast for about 1 hour. Remove the ham from the oven and completely coat with the glaze mixture.
4. Return the ham to the oven and roast for an additional 45 minutes or until the internal temperature reaches 145 degrees and the exterior is caramelized. Remove the ham from the oven and place on a clean cutting board to rest.
5. Pour the juices from the pan into a small sauce pan, making sure to scrape all of the caramelized bits in the pan to add to the drippings. Add the wine to the sauce pan, bring the mixture to a boil and simmer for about 2-3 minutes until thick.
6. Serve the ham with the pan sauce.

ALMOND CAKE WITH STRAWBERRY RHUBARB SAUCE

Yield: serves 10

This recipe is adapted from Claudia Roden's book *The Food of Spain*.

Ingredients:

- ½ pound (1 ¼ cups) blanched whole almonds
- 6 large eggs, separated
- 1 ¼ cups superfine sugar
- Grated zest of 1 orange
- Grated zest of 1 lemon
- 4 drops almond extract
- Confectioners' sugar for dusting
- 3 cups fresh rhubarb, cut into ½-inch pices
- ¼ cup sugar
- ¼ cup water or white wine
- 1 pint strawberries, stemmed & quartered

Directions:

1. Finely grind the almonds in a food processor.
2. With an electric mixer, beat the egg yolks with the sugar to a smooth pale cream. Beat in the zests and almond extract. Add the ground almonds and mix very well.
3. With clean beaters, beat the egg whites in a large bowl until stiff peaks form. Fold them into the egg and almond mixture (the mixture is thick, so that you will need to turn it over quite a bit into the egg whites).
4. Grease an 11-inch springform pan, preferably nonstick, with butter and dust it with flour. Pour in the cake batter, and bake in a preheated 350°F oven for 40 minutes, or until it feels firm to the touch. Let cool before turning out.
5. Just before serving, dust the top of the cake with confectioners' sugar.
6. While the cake is baking, place the rhubarb, sugar, and water in a sauce pan and bring to a simmer over medium heat.
7. Simmer the rhubarb for about 10 minutes or until the sugar is dissolved and the rhubarb is tender.
8. Remove the rhubarb from the heat and stir in the strawberries. Allow the mixture to cool to room temperature or chill before serving.
9. Serve each slice of the cake with a few spoons of the strawberry rhubarb sauce.

FAVA BEAN AND RICOTTA CROSTINI

Yield: 8 appetizer servings

Ingredients:

- 1-2 shallots, thinly sliced (about ½ cup)
- ½ cup apple cider vinegar
- 1 cup fresh fava beans, shelled and peeled (substitute organic edamame beans if favas are not available)
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- Fresh basil leaves, torn
- 1-2 teaspoons extra virgin olive oil
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 8 ounces low-fat ricotta cheese
- 16 slices of good, crusty baguette, lightly toasted
- Flaky sea salt, such as Maldon

Directions:

1. Pour the vinegar over the sliced shallots to cover and let soak for at least 10 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, bring a large pot of heavily salted water to a boil. Cook the fava beans in the boiling water for about two minutes. Transfer with a slotted spoon to a large bowl with ice water. Let them sit for five minutes, or until completely cooled.
3. Drain the shallots and reserve the vinegar for another use. Combine the fava beans with the garlic, basil, shallots, and olive oil. Season with salt and pepper to taste.
4. Spread the ricotta over the toasted bread slices, and top with the fava bean mixture. Drizzle with extra olive oil, if desired, and sprinkle with flaky salt.

FENNEL & POTATO GRATIN

Yield: 6 servings

Ingredients:

- 3 ounces grated Gruyere cheese
- 3 ounces grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 ¼ cups heavy cream
- 2 teaspoons minced fresh garlic
- 1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt (or more to taste)
- ½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 2.5 pounds Yukon Gold potatoes, scrubbed (no need to peel)
- 1 fennel bulb, stalks removed

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Oil or butter a 2-quart casserole dish.
2. Combine the cheeses and mix. Transfer about ½ cup of the cheese mixture to a separate bowl and set aside. Combine the remaining cheese with the heavy cream, garlic, thyme salt and pepper. Mix well to combine.
3. Use a mandolin or a very sharp knife to slice the potatoes as thinly and as evenly as possible. Place the sliced potatoes in the bowl with the cream mixture.
4. Quarter the fennel bulb and remove the tough core from each section. Use a mandolin or a very sharp knife to slice the fennel as thinly as possible.
5. Add the fennel to the bowl with the potatoes and toss until the potatoes and fennel are completely coated with the cream mixture.
6. Evenly layer the potato fennel mixture in the prepared casserole dish, making sure that there is an even distribution of ingredients.
7. Pour any cream mixture remaining in the bowl over the potatoes and fennel. Cover the casserole dish with foil and place in the preheated oven.
8. Bake the gratin for about 30 minutes, remove the foil and continue to bake for 30 more minutes or until the top is beginning to brown. Remove the gratin from the oven, sprinkle with the reserved cheese, return to the oven, and bake for about 20-30 more minutes or until the top is well-browned and the vegetables are tender.
9. Allow the gratin to rest for a few minutes before serving.

SHAVED ASPARAGUS, FRESH PEA, & PROSCIUTTO SALAD

Yield: 4 servings

Ingredients:

- 1 pound fresh peas, shelled
- 1-2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon minced shallot
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- ½ pound fresh asparagus spears, tough ends removed
- 2 medium size radishes, cleaned, stemmed and shaved or sliced
- 6 cups red butter lettuce, cleaned and roughly torn
- 2 tablespoons chopped mint
- 6 slices prosciutto, cut into thin strips
- ¼ cup shaved Parmesan cheese

Directions:

1. Bring a small pot of water to boil. Cook the shelled peas in boiling water 3-4 minutes, until tender. Drain and let cool.
2. Meanwhile, whisk the lemon juice, shallot, and mustard in a salad bowl. Whisk in the oil in a slow stream to emulsify into a dressing. Season to taste with salt and pepper.
3. Place the asparagus spears on a cutting board and use a sharp vegetable peeler to shave off thin slices that run the length of the asparagus spear.
4. Toss the lettuce, asparagus, radish slices, peas, and mint together in a large bowl with the dressing. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Divide the salad between four plates and top evenly with prosciutto and Parmesan cheese.

RELIGION CALENDAR

APRIL BREAKFAST, EASTER FAIR

Time/Date: Pancake breakfast, 8:30-10 a.m.; Easter activities, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Saturday, April 19

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

Details: Free community breakfast; Easter Fair includes crafts, egg hunt, egg decorating, cookie decorating and more. Parents must accompany their children

Contact: 734-522-6830; christoursavior.com

EASTER WEEK

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday, April 17; 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Good Friday, April 18; 9:30 a.m., Easter Sunday

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Details: A free Easter breakfast will be served from 8-9:15 a.m. All visitors will receive a free DVD, "Come Follow Me"

Contact: 734-968-3523 or 313-532-8655

EASTER WEEK

Time/Date: Prayer at 8 a.m., 7:30 p.m. Liturgy followed by adoration in the Day Chapel until prayer at midnight, Thursday, April 17; 8 a.m. prayer, reflective silence at noon, Stations of the Cross, 2 p.m., Liturgy of Good Friday, 3 p.m., and Liturgy of the Hours, 8:30 p.m., Friday, April 18; prayer at 8 a.m., blessing of food, 11 a.m., Easter Vigil Liturgy, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 19; 6 a.m., 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. worship, Sunday, April 20

Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel Roman Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth

Details: The Rev. Ben Luedke will lead participants through a day of prayer. The program, which runs until 3 p.m. is sponsored by the Association of Christian Therapists. Cost is \$5. Participants may bring a sack lunch. Coffee and snacks will be provided

Contact: Antoinette McDermott at 313-255-9676 or email Kris at fuzziandcompany@gmail.com

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Thursday, April 17

Location: St. Matthew Lutheran Preschool/daycare, 5885 N. Venoy, Westland

Details: Open house and preschool/Kindergarten round-up. The school has openings in grades from preschool to eighth grade. It's also accepting enrollment for a new day care program, aimed at children, 30 months-5 years, that will open June 9. The day care will run 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday. \$40 for a full day care day or \$170 for five days

Contact: Tara at 734-578-7427 or Tammy at 734-425-0261

SHROUD OF TURIN

Time/Date: Noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, April 17; 9 a.m. to noon Friday, April 18; and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, April 20

Location: In the gym at St. Michael's school, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: A replica of the famous Shroud of Turin, the suggested life-size burial cloth of Jesus Christ, will be on display

Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200

EASTER WORSHIP

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday, April 20

Location: St. Theodore of Canterbury Catholic Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Contact: 734-425-4421

EASTER WORSHIP

Time/Date: 6:30 a.m., Service of Holy Communion at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, April 20

Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 34175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Contact: 734-522-6830; christoursavior.org

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

Time/Date: 8 a.m., 10 a.m., noon and 3 p.m. April 27

Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel Roman Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth

Contact: 734-453-0326; www.olgparish.net

GOOD FRIDAY FILM

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, April 18

Location: Warren Road Light and Life Church, 33445 Warren Road, at Farmington Road, Westland

Details: A free special screening of the Mel Gibson movie, *The Passion of Christ*, will be presented in the church sanctuary to commemorate Good Friday. There will be a Q & A after about what guests saw, and refreshments will be served. Rated R, it is recommended for adults only.

Contact: 734-458-7301

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8 a.m. April 18

Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: 39th Men's Good Friday Breakfast includes full breakfast and guest speaker, the Rev. Sunil Noah, founder of Emmanuel Bible School and pastor of Emmanuel Indian Fellowship. Tickets are \$6 for men, \$3 for boys, 10 and under

Contact: 734-459-3333

RECOLLECTION DAY

Time/Date: Registration at 8:30 a.m., Mass at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 26

Location: St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, located at West Chicago and Inkster roads, Redford

Details: The Rev. Ben Luedke will lead participants through a day of prayer. The program, which runs until 3 p.m. is sponsored by the Association of Christian Therapists. Cost is \$5. Participants may bring a sack lunch. Coffee and snacks will be provided

Contact: 734-397-1777, Ext. 111; tami@connectionchurch.info

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.

Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township

Contact: John Shulenberger at 734-464-9491

Our Lady of Loretto

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Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township

Details: Scripture study

Contact: 313-534-9000

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Time/Date: 7:8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays.

Location: School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

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Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200, or www.livonia.stmichael.org

Ward Presbyterian

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays

Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville Township

Details: Learner's Bible study is held

Contact: 248-374-5920

FAMILY COMMUNITY MEAL

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

Location: The Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

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Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers

of infants through kindergartners

Contact: Ethanief Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

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

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.

Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.

Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

Nardin Park United Methodist Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, May 2

Location: Connection Church, 3855 S. Sheldon Road, Canton

Details: Girl's night out with a God focus for women and girls, 13 and over. Includes teaching, outreach for homeless veterans, giveaways and party. Lifesavers, Rice Krispies Bars, packaged plastic utensils, Ritz snack mix, and easy-open cans of fish or meat will be collected at the event

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Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests.

Contact: 248-476-8860

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back

Details: Music, singing, prayer

Contact: Grace at 734-464-1896, Shirley at 734-464-3656 or Geri at 734-464-8906

St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: Praying silently or aloud together, prayer requests welcomed.

Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

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

Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwow.org

First Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays.

Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville

Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5

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

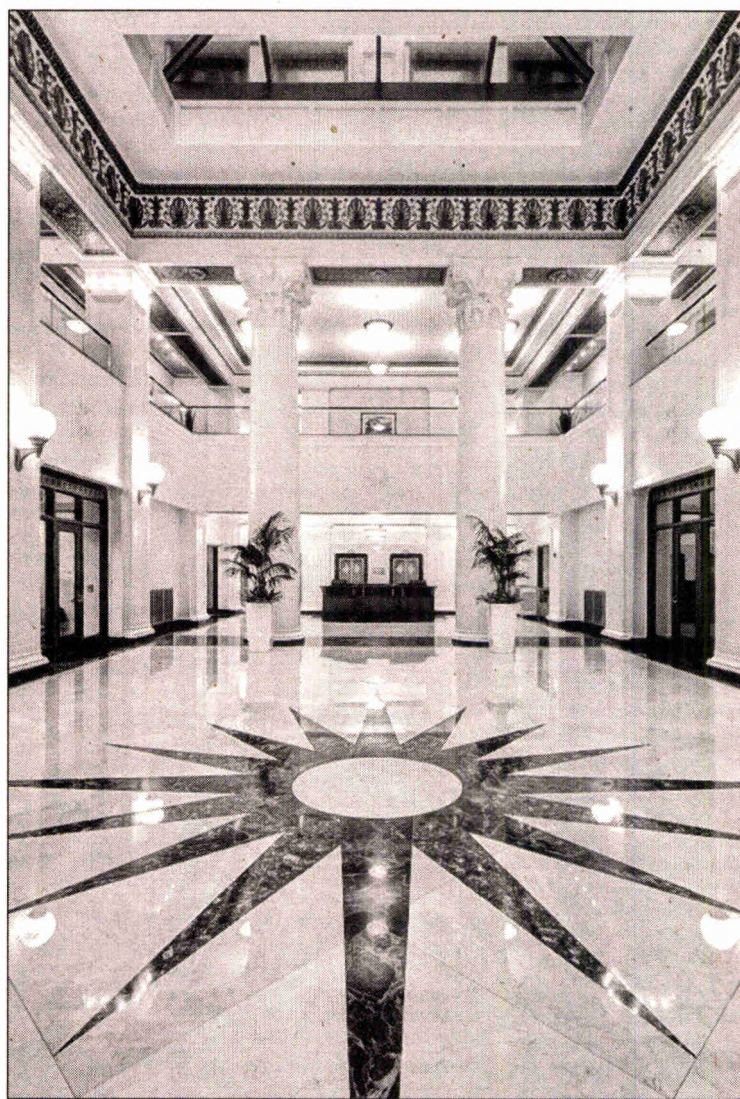
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The Chrysler House exterior in Detroit is eye-catching.



The Chrysler House, its interior shown here, was among the lauded buildings.

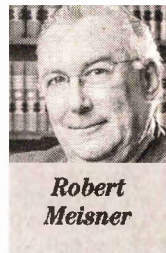
Group supports growth in Detroit

Q: I have heard something about the Detroit Future City. Can you tell me what, in general terms, that is?

A: Detroit Future City was created in response to the enormous challenges facing the City of Detroit. For the last four years, DFC has been assembling and analyzing data to inform and support a plan for vitality, growth, and health. It has taken on the task of uplifting the people, businesses and places of Detroit by improving quality of life and business in the city. As it relates to the real property in the city, this task requires an alignment of numerous disparate agencies and interest groups. The city must achieve a collaborative approach to land management among diverse groups, each with its own defined mission and charge. For more information, it is suggested that you contact www.detroitworksproject.com/the-framework.

Q: Our landlord has placed a no smoking ban in our apartment and even on our patio. This was not in our lease when we signed, and we smoke on our patio. What can we do about it?

A: You need to look at the lease, as the landlord generally has the right to pass reasonable rules and regulations. However, a ban on smoking may give you justification to get out of your lease depending upon what the judge thinks is a reasonable rule and whether that rule stretches to smoking on your patio which I think is an unreasonable rule *per se*. I would argue with the landlord that such limitations should only be effective upon the renewal of your lease and seek the advice of counsel.



Robert Meisner

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Metro area buildings garner top commercial kudos

The Building Owners and Managers Association/Metro Detroit announced three regional winners in the 2013-14 The Outstanding Building of the Year Awards (TOBY). These outstanding properties received top honors in regional competition among 22 distinguished buildings in BOMA's North Central Region including Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky. The program honors outstanding leaders and properties in commercial real estate.

The 2013-14 Regional TOBY Award recipients are:

Under 100,000 Square Feet Category

m@dison. Located in Detroit.

Managed by: Bedrock Real Estate Services, LLC
Property Manager: Darlene Strickland

Property Owner: M@dison Theater Building Company
Architect: C. Howard Crane

Renovated Building Category

Chrysler House. Located in Detroit.

Managed by: Bedrock Real Estate Services, LLC

Property Manager: Casimer Daniewski

Property Owner: 719 Griswold Associates, LLC

Architect: Daniel Burnham

Historical Building Category

Coleman A. Young Municipal Center. Located in Detroit.

Managed by: Detroit-Wayne Joint Building Authority/Hines

Property Manager: Gregory McDuffee/Michael Kennedy

Property Owner: Detroit-Wayne Joint Building Authority

Architect: Harley, Ellington & Day

The TOBY Awards, now in its 29th year, is the most prestigious and comprehensive program of its kind in the com-

mercial real estate industry, recognizing excellence in office building ownership and management.

All facets of a building's operations are thoroughly evaluated during the judging process, including tenant relations programs, community involvement, emergency preparedness and security standards, and continuing education for building personnel. Floor plans, site plans and photographs round out an in-depth portfolio, providing the judges with an extensive examination of the building.

"TOBY winners represent the commercial real estate industry's best of the best in office management setting; the benchmark for the industry," said Janet Langlois, executive director, BOMA/Metro Detroit.

Regional winners now advance to international competition at the 2014 BOMA International Every Building Con-

ference & Expo in Orlando, Fla., on June 24, 2014.

For additional information on the 2013-2014 TOBY and Leadership Awards, contact Emily Keranen or visit www.bomadetroit.org.

Founded in 1908, BOMA/Metro Detroit is a professional, nonprofit trade association whose nearly 400 members either own or manage commercial real estate, or provide goods and services to the industry. BOMA Michigan members represent organizations managing more than 250 million square feet of office and industrial space, with employees and tenants totaling more than 1.25 million people in Michigan. BOMA/Metro Detroit provides commercial real estate professionals the opportunity to work together for professional growth, advocacy rights, corporate profit, and the benefit of the nine South-eastern Michigan communities it serves.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 25-29, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS		
22010 Village Pines Dr	\$405,000	
BIRMINGHAM		
1539 Emmons Ave	\$210,000	
533 Graten St	\$320,000	
680 Humphrey Ave	\$885,000	
1035 Mohegan St	\$825,000	
2223 W Lincoln St	\$350,000	
111 Willits St # 210	\$730,000	
111 Willits St Unit 49	\$729,000	
BLOOMFIELD HILLS		
1160 Forest Ln	\$540,000	
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP		
5171 Provincial Dr	\$417,000	

1910 Raymond Pl	\$450,000	
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP		
5121 Carinas Way Ct	\$309,000	
5145 Carinas Way Ct	\$297,000	
2099 Sleeth Rd	\$45,000	
FARMINGTON		
23890 Gill Rd	\$180,000	
32718 Grand River Ave	\$35,000	
Unit B		
31640 Lamar Dr	\$134,000	
21016 Meadowlark St	\$138,000	
FARMINGTON HILLS		
22294 Abington Dr	\$270,000	
30793 Oak Valley Dr	\$244,000	
29539 Omenwood Ave	\$228,000	
21727 Purdue Ave	\$92,000	
28775 Raleigh Rd	\$243,000	
20730 Saint Francis St	\$65,000	
20840 Sunnydale St	\$136,000	
37890 Thames Dr	\$226,000	
25263 Witherspoon St	\$237,000	

25381 Witherspoon St	\$350,000	
MILFORD		
800 Bird Song Dr	\$65,000	
1280 Yosemite Valley Dr	\$277,000	
NORTHVILLE		
21860 Parkwood Ln	\$273,000	
NOVI		
25514 Arcadia Dr	\$512,000	
51219 Brompton	\$327,000	
27537 Cromwell Rd	\$305,000	
42721 Faulkner Dr	\$300,000	
21946 Picadilly Cir	\$505,000	
22727 Renford St	\$90,000	
25825 Sierra Dr	\$86,000	
47281 Stratford Ln	\$620,000	
SOUTH LYON		
59245 Bavarnhaus Ct	\$87,000	
23141 Cheyenne Ct	\$383,000	
784 Glen Meadows Dr	\$30,000	
52071 Red Cedar	\$356,000	
61305 Saddlecreek Dr	\$320,000	

330 Scott St	\$118,000	
56195 10 Mile Rd	\$450,000	
54110 West Ct	\$353,000	
SOUTHFIELD		
18520 Autumn Ln	\$112,000	
28709 Brentwood St	\$73,000	
30083 Fairfax St	\$78,000	
29726 Farmbrook Villa Ln	\$79,000	
30560 Old Stream	\$170,000	
15801 Providence Dr #	\$74,000	
07d		
25530 Southfield Rd #	\$23,000	
A101		
29300 Southgate Dr	\$99,000	
24800 Templar Ave	\$123,000	
WHITE LAKE		
11 Blackberry Dr	\$257,000	
951 Mallock St	\$182,000	

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 16-20, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON		
4538 Artley St	\$274,000	
8330 Chatham Dr	\$100,000	
48339 Chesterfield Dr S	\$338,000	
8719 Columbia Cir	\$75,000	
306 Constitution St	\$135,000	
881 Constitution St	\$218,000	
45423 Cypress Ct	\$335,000	
7333 Emerson Dr	\$193,000	
45520 Fieldstone Dr	\$176,000	
4243 Forest Bridge Dr	\$245,000	
44067 Gordon St	\$120,000	
50211 Grant St	\$281,000	
41474 Hanford Rd	\$195,000	
43934 Harsdale Dr	\$161,000	
1376 Heritage Dr	\$144,000	
47071 Hidden River Cir N	\$365,000	
51164 High Meadow Crossing S	\$365,000	
2624 Hogan Way	\$250,000	
1490 Kensington Dr	\$298,000	
276 Meadowlake Rd	\$179,000	
7869 Oxford Dr	\$110,000	
43226 Pepperwood St	\$198,000	
42350 Saratoga Cir	\$147,000	
46953 Spinning Wheel Dr	\$217,000	
8025 Trillium Ln	\$110,000	

1301 Wagon Wheel Rd	\$178,000	
GARDEN CITY		
32722 Alvin St	\$54,000	
446 Arcola St	\$52,000	
6208 Deering St	\$57,000	
5947 Helen St	\$50,000	
29039 James St	\$30,000	
33521 Rosslyn Ave	\$75,000	
29538 Rush St	\$45,000	
410 W Rose Ave	\$90,000	
LIVONIA		
36737 Angeline Cir	\$132,000	
27600 Barkley St	\$118,000	
19001 Doris St	\$142,000	
9353 Eastwind Dr	\$160,000	
11764 Farmington Rd	\$123,000	
28491 Gita St	\$138,000	
19614 Hardy St	\$162,000	
8900 Henry Ruff Rd	\$123,000	
29648 Hillbrook St	\$140,000	
27600 Joy Rd	\$94,000	
9164 Knolson St	\$102,000	
38484 Lancaster St	\$240,000	
14586 Ronnie Ln	\$192,000	
36284 Meadowbrook St	\$176,000	
31535 Merrimood Park Dr	\$128,000	
29779 N Clinton St	\$114,000	
28581 N Clements Cir	\$125,000	
16441 Penn Dr	\$230,000	
14586 Ronnie Ln	\$179,000	
9913 Roseland St	\$135,000	
35340 Schoolcraft Rd	\$142,000	
14255 Sunset St	\$120,000	

14179 Susanna St	\$201,000	
30841 Wentworth St	\$85,000	
NORTHVILLE		
48392 Binghampton Dr	\$645,000	
18202 Blue Heron Dr W	\$450,000	
18214 Blue Heron Dr W	\$394,000	
44993 Broadmoor Cir S	\$420,000	
16901 Carriage Way	\$150,000	
42256 Crestview Cir	\$370,000	
16772 Dover Dr	\$150,000	
47052 Merion Cir	\$625,000	
15957 Morningside	\$153,000	
18025 Peninsula Way	\$413,000	
41518 Waterfall Rd	\$370,000	
18254 Woodbury Ct	\$1,025,000	
PLYMOUTH		
10912 Chestnut Dr	\$165,000	
10057 Creekwood Cir	\$285,000	
15150 Farmbrook Dr	\$212,000	
13821 Hunters Park Dr	\$495,000	
1669 Gloucester St	\$270,000	
41324 Greenbriar Ln	\$174,000	
47327 Hunters Park Dr	\$358,000	
11303 Maple Ridge Dr	\$460,000	
9054 McClumpha Rd	\$315,000	
9054 McClumpha Rd	\$280,000	
356 N Evergreen St	\$212,000	
390 Pacific St	\$240,000	
45206 Riveredge Dr	\$290,000	
950 Sutherland St	\$188,000	
14140 Terrace Ct	\$193,000	
46354 Wesford Ct	\$322,000	
13677 Westbrook Rd	\$450,000	
REDFORD		

9573 Berwyn	\$60,000	
14214 Brady	\$46,000	
9362 Garfield	\$75,000	
9339 Hemingway	\$80,000	
19334 Inkster Rd	\$21,000	
17698 Lennane	\$79,000	
11401 Lovern	\$63,000	
10042 Royal Grand	\$48,000	
26235 Southwestern Hwy	\$10,000	
WAYNE		
4327 Third St	\$60,000	
35303 Ash St	\$86,000	
3310 Dearborn St	\$95,000	
4120 Garfield St	\$57,000	
35324 Glover St	\$38,000	
36870 Greenbush Ct	\$97,000	
35128 W Michigan Ave	\$83,000	
WESTLAND		
2065 Alanson St	\$15,000	
32223 Anita Dr	\$80,000	
6791 Bison St	\$91,000	
1507 Elias St	\$100,000	
35164 Hazelwood St	\$40,000	
143 S Wildwood St	\$115,000	
38173 N Rickham Ct	\$127,000	
36490 Newberry Estates Dr	\$245,000	
8329 Rae Dr	\$110,000	
7455 Randy Dr	\$109,000	
5315 S Middlebelt Rd	\$58,000	
143 S Wildwood St	\$99,000	
719 Summerfield Dr	\$190,000	
6240 W Morgan Cir	\$99,000	
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AFI Financial	2431	(810) 588-4424	4.125	0	3.125	0
Ameriplus Mortgage Corp.	127931	(248) 740-2323	4.125	0	3.125	0
Co-op Services Credit Union	408356	(734) 466-6113	4.375	0.25	3.375	0
Dearborn Federal Savings Bank	399721	(313) 565-3100	4.375	0	3.375	0
Fifth Third Bank	403245	(800) 792-8830	4.375	0	3.5	0
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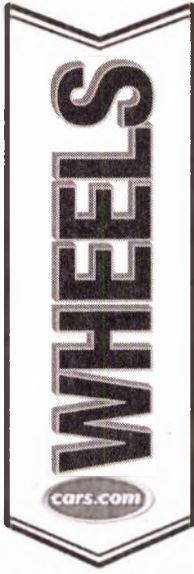
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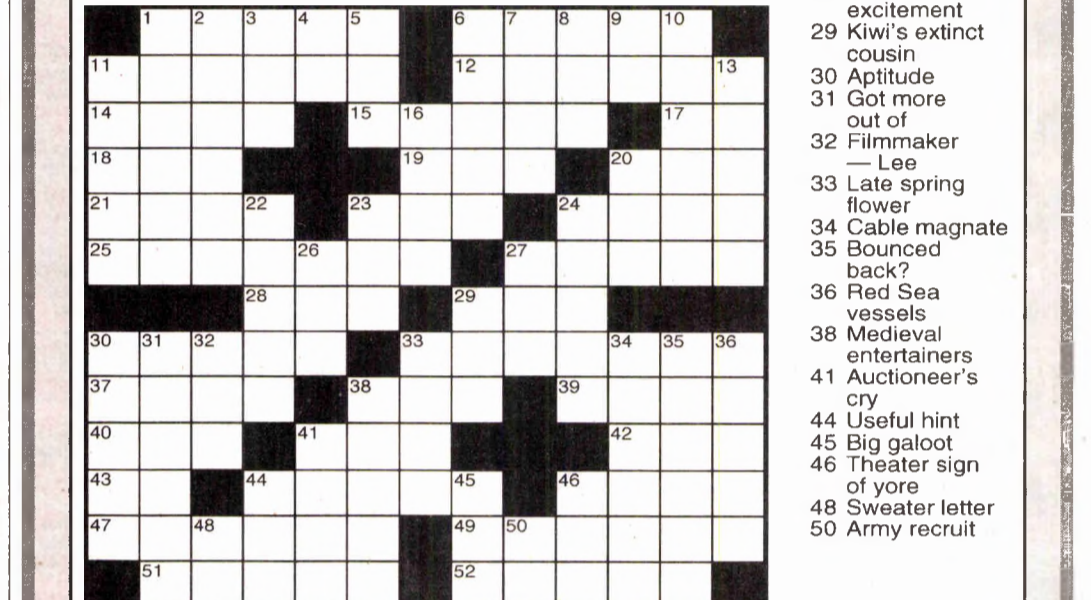
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