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Court bars sale of disputed property

By **Matt Jachman**
Staff Writer

Detroit's lawsuit against Plymouth Township and Wayne County over the ownership of 190 acres of former Detroit House of Corrections property in the township is again moving through Wayne County Circuit Court.

The 2013 lawsuit had been temporarily halted after Detroit's bankruptcy filing last summer, but Judge Robert

Colombo recently ruled that it could be reopened and also issued an injunction preventing the township from selling or offering for sale the 190 acres in dispute until the case is resolved.

The land is south of Five Mile and west of Ridge. "We can't sell it or enter into any agreements," township Supervisor Richard Reaume said Thursday. Still, he said, the township will continue to market the parcel as part of long-

term plans for a Five Mile Road high-tech corridor in the township and Northville Township.

Split decision

At issue is 190 acres of a 323-acre parcel the township purchased out of tax foreclosure in 2011 for about \$606,000. Detroit officials contend that 190 acres still belonged to the city and should have been legally split from the other 133 acres following the sale of that parcel to a developer in 2006.

State law, Detroit's suit says, forbids the forfeiture of property owned by a city.

Township and Wayne County officials, however, contend the foreclosure purchase was proper based on the information they had.

Charles Raimi, a lawyer handling the case for Detroit, said he plans to file a motion for summary disposition within a month, asking Colombo to rule quickly in the city's favor. "I believe it has a very good

chance," Raimi said Friday. "We wouldn't file it if we didn't."

Reaume said the township has received interest in the site from four companies, two proposing a combination technology and office park, one interested in residential development and one looking to build, on part of the site, an athletic complex.

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STARTING A NEW CHAPTER

Retirement beckons
long-time teachers

By **Brad Kadrich**
Staff Writer

They came in about a year apart, Jeanne Martin in August 1973 and Anne Wood-Alatalo in August 1974.

When school closed this year, two of the longest-serving teachers in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools were part of a deep, talented group of teachers all opting for a quieter life that, for the first time in their adult lives, won't include the bustling lives of elementary and middle school students.

The two veterans represent a large portion as the district loses centuries worth of experience. On the same night the retirements of Martin and Wood-Alatalo were accepted by the Board of Education, six other teacher retirements were included, totaling some 235 years of experience.

It was an exodus of teachers Monica Merritt, the district's assistant superintendent for human resources, called "definitely the fabric of our schools."

District 'lifer'

For Wood-Alatalo, her last steps in the hallways of Plymouth-Canton schools came some 60 years after her first steps. A Plymouth native who has spent nearly her entire life here, Wood-Alatalo's family lived on Sheldon Road at a time when there was nothing but farm land across from their home.

Her first academic experience was as a kindergartner at Bird Elementary School. She went to East Middle School when it was the only middle school in town (now there are five) and graduated from the original Plymouth High School (now Central Middle School).

Included in that learning career was a stint at Geer School, a period that would come back (she believes) to



West Middle School teacher Jeanne Martin, retiring this year, said she's "passionate about what I do. Kids have always been willing to go where I want to take them."

help her land her first job in Plymouth-Canton schools.

"I was hired in 1974 by George Dodson at Gallimore," Wood-Alatalo said with a smile. "I'm pretty sure the

only reason he hired me was because he was a teacher at Geer. We spent the whole interview talking about it."

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Parents petition to stop schools of choice

By **Brad Kadrich**
Staff Writer

A group of parents upset the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education is considering opening its borders to students from outside the district have started a petition to stop the move.

The petition, "Vote NO on schools of choice," had drawn nearly 200 supporters by Friday morning.

Stacey Collins, a Canton parent whose children attend Hoben Elementary School, started the petition with her sister because she doesn't think the board has sought any sort of community input on the matter and she believes there are other ways the district could make up the \$1.5 million in revenue the move is expected to generate.

The board is expected to vote on its 2014-15 budget at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 24, in a meeting at the E.J. McClenendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, in Plymouth.

Against the move

For a variety of reasons, Collins believes opening the district to 200 students from outside the district is a bad move. She detailed them in an email to board members last month, when the board first considered a schools of choice option.

"I think that school of choice is not right for P-CCS residents and students and I urge the board to think of other ways to deal with declining enrollment and fixing the budget deficit," Collins wrote. "Residents have spoken out against school of choice in the recent past, yet it seems as if the board is not listening to the citizens."

At a special meeting Tuesday night, the board got a 4-2 consensus (it didn't actually vote) on schools of choice for 200 K-2 students. The move

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Patriotic 'Salute' returning to Kellogg Park

Conductor Nan Wasburn leads the Michigan Philharmonic during the 2012 "An American Salute" performance in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park.



By **Matt Jachman**
Staff Writer

Old-fashioned American spirit as interpreted by a modern orchestra has given Plymouth one of its newest – and best-loved – summer traditions.

"An American Salute," a Michigan Philharmonic concert of patriotic-themed favorites and music from stage,

screen and popular genres, returns to Kellogg Park at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 28. With the help of several sponsors, especially the Wilcox Foundation and the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, the show is free.

DDA director Tony Brusca said the four-year-old tradition has quickly become one of

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Plymouth's most popular concerts, drawing an estimated 4,000 people.

"The crowds have been bigger and bigger every year and people put it down on their calendars as something they want to do during the Fourth of July period," he said.

"An American Salute," Bruscato added, has taken its place alongside other Independence Day-related area events such as the July 3 Plymouth Community Band concert, Plymouth Township's July 3 fireworks display, Plymouth's July 4 Good Morning America Parade and the township's Good Old-Fashioned Family Picnic, also July 4.

"There're just going to be a lot of fun things happening for those

folks who don't go out of town for the Fourth of July holiday," he said.

Patriotic, popular

The 2014 edition of "An American Salute" will feature renditions of *American Salute*, by Morton Gould, *The Stars & Stripes Forever*, by John Phillip Sousa, *Armed Forces Salute* (a medley of official songs of the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard) and the *1812 Overture* by Peter Tchaikovsky.

Popular classics will include the *Forrest Gump Suite* by Alan Silvestre, from the movie *Forrest Gump*; greatest hits by the rock band Journey (including the area favorite *Don't Stop Believin'*; a tribute to Louis Armstrong called *Satchmo!*; and music from the musical *Wicked*.

During *Armed Forces Salute*, organizers plan a ceremony

displaying flags of the various military branches, as well as a recognition of veterans from each of those branches who may be in the audience.

In addition, said Beth Stewart, executive director of the Michigan Veterans of Foreign Wars organization is planning to collect new socks to be distributed to military veterans who are down on their luck. The VFW will have a table near the Kellogg Park stage for donation drop-offs.

In addition to the Wilcox Foundation and the Plymouth DDA, "An American Salute" is sponsored by *Observer & Eccentric Media* and the Grand Traverse Pie Co. Concertgoers will have a chance to get a coupon for a slice of pie from Grand Traverse.

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City compromises on plan to calm Harvey Street traffic

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

After listening to passionate arguments on both sides Monday, Plymouth City Commission members chose a compromise plan to reduce the width of North Harvey in an effort to slow traffic.

On a voice vote with no dissenters, the commission approved narrowing Harvey to 34 feet between Church and Junction and to 28 feet at the intersections of Church, William, Blanche and Farmer. The compromise adds three feet to the original plan to take Harvey from its current width of 37 feet down to 31 feet; the original plan included further narrowing at the intersections.

The work will be done this summer during the rebuilding of Harvey between Church and Junction, the biggest project on the city's list of \$1.98 million in street-improvement work planned for this construction season.

About two dozen people, most of them residents of Harvey, spoke to commissioners Monday on the traffic-calming plan, with about half favoring narrowing the street to 31 feet and half in favor of maintaining the current width. Several people also endorsed a compromise.

Down the middle

"I was proud of the commission team and I was proud of the residents and how they approached it," showing respect, for the most part, for each others' points of view, Mayor Dan Dwyer said Tuesday.

"We're going to slow

Harvey Street Project



the traffic down, but maybe not as much as some people would've liked. We're going to keep the wide street, but maybe not as wide as some people would've liked," Dwyer said.

Residents who favored keeping Harvey at 37 feet said they liked its driveability and ease of access and were concerned that a narrower street would make on-street parking, especially during special events, difficult. Some said they didn't see a speeding problem, while some cited Harvey's designation as a commercial truck route as a reason it should stay its current width.

"A lot of people come to the city. They've got to be able to park somewhere," Michael Cox said.

"I don't feel like there's a speeding problem on the street," said Colleen Pobur, a former city commission member, who nevertheless said two cars had flipped over near her house, accidents she blamed on drunken drivers.

"I love the idea of the compromise. I think it's the spirit of this community and it makes a ton of sense," Pobur added.

Proponents of a 31-foot Harvey cited safety concerns. At 37 feet, the

street is up to about nine feet wider than others in the neighborhood.

'Take charge'

"I've had numerous close calls with people driving too fast," resident Lynwood Taylor, who has three children, told the commission. "You guys need to take charge of this. The parking will work itself out."

Jennifer Frey, a planning commission member who championed the issue in response to complaints about speeding on Harvey and as part of an overall goal of calming traffic in the city, said the current poor condition of the pavement on Harvey may be slowing some drivers who will be tempted to go faster once it's rebuilt.

"I think it would add value to narrow the street," Frey said.

The compromise of 34 feet came in the form of Commissioner Oliver Wolcott's amendment to his original motion to keep the width at 37 feet, but narrow the intersections to 28 feet. The concept behind narrowing the intersections is to make it easier for pedestrians to cross Harvey, as well as to slow traffic.

Harvey resident Ethan Fulton, who favored the 31-foot width, wasn't completely satisfied with the compromise. He said after the vote that, at 31 feet wide, traffic on Harvey would slow and commercial truck drivers would find an alternate route.

"From the data I've seen, 34 feet isn't really going to do anything," Fulton said.

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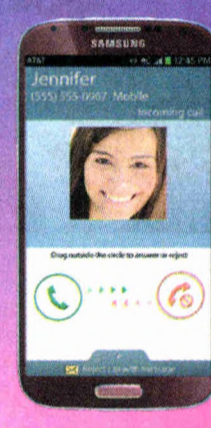
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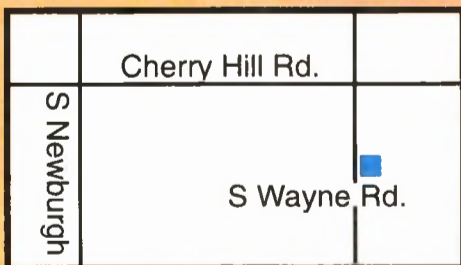
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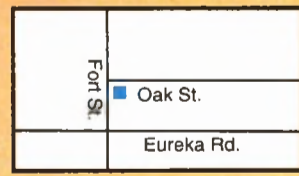
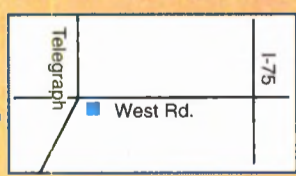
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An artist's rendering of the new middle school.

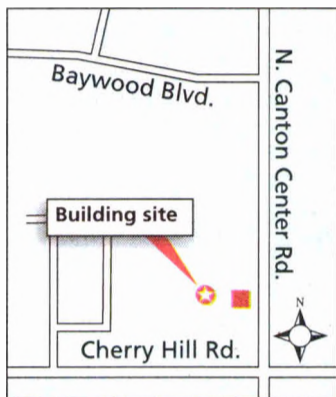
Ceremony breaks ground on new middle school

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials host an official groundbreaking ceremony Tuesday for its new middle school in Canton and the public is invited to attend.

The ceremony takes place at 5 p.m. at the site of the new middle school on Cherry Hill, west of Canton Center. Residents who wish to be there are being asked to meet in the Dodson Elementary School parking lot (corner of Beck and Cherry Hill); shuttle buses will take residents from Dodson to the site of the new school.

The district is building the new middle school to replace aging Central Middle School, which will close following the 2014-15 school year.

The 140,000-square-foot building, expected to cost some \$22 million to build, features a centrally located welcome area, a second-story media center and centralized space for art, life management, STEM labs and music. As currently projected, the



The new middle school being built by Plymouth-Canton Schools will be located just west of Canton Center Rd. on Cherry Hill Rd., behind Rose's restaurant.

new building would not include a pool.

The new school is scheduled to open in September 2015.

RSVP for the ceremony by calling Annette at 734-582-6936.

ON CAMPUS

Michigan State

Kyle Latack of Canton recently received certificates for achieving a perfect 4.0 GPA for the fall 2013 term and the spring 2014 term. Latack, a Spanish major with a linguistics minor on a pre-med track, was recently featured on the Michigan State website for research he's doing.

Latack's current research investigates how children develop an understanding of the difference between "he likes you" and "he likes you" (the latter intended to convey feelings closer to attraction than friendship).

"In conducting my research, I use a corpus, which is a large transcript of speech over an extended period of time," he told the website. The corpus allows him to see how a child's language develops. "I also have children listen to sentences and choose pictures that describe what they hear, which gives me some insight into how the child is interpreting the lan-

guage."

Latack's research is designed to develop better understanding how children learn the nuances of their own language. "We can also use it to understand what happens when someone is struggling to learn a language," he said.

Northern Michigan

» NMU recently announced its graduates.

Earning baccalaureate degrees were Plymouth residents **Katherine Bedenis** (BSN-nursing, cum laude); **Nicholas Fisher** (BS-zoology); **Bethany Grysko** (BS-biology/physiology, summa cum laude); and **Lukasz Kokoszka** (BS-computer science).

Earning her master's degree in exercise science was Canton's **Bryanne Bellovary**.

» Students making the dean's list for the winter 2014 semester with a GPA of 4.00 included **Katherine Niemann Meade** of Plymouth.

Those making the list with a GPA between 3.25 and 3.99

included:

From Canton – **Michele Bellovary, Erica Bingham, Shannon Flynn, James Hodgson, Brian Katafiasz, Leanna Miller, Collin Richter and Molly Wetter**.

From Plymouth – **Katherine Bedenis, Bridget Eades-Kasinger, Nicholas Fisher, Bethany Grysko, Anna Lang, Madison Macek and Caitlin Orr**.

University of Findlay

Evan Rinke of Plymouth was named to the spring 2014 dean's list. To earn this achievement, a student must attain a grade-point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Capital University

Capital University in Columbus, Ohio, has announced **Megan Gruenberg** of Canton was named to the provost's list for the spring 2014 semester. To be named to the provost's list, students must have achieved a grade-point average of at least 3.70 during the spring 2014 semester.



Record class

Twenty-three graduates of the middle school program at Dearborn Heights Montessori Center were recently honored during a formal ceremony to recognize their achievements. The 2014 graduating class is the largest in the school's history. This year's graduates included Canton residents Joseph Hermann, Aliyah Moline-Freeman, Monica Iyer, Sonali Mohanty and Amber Stockinger and Plymouth residents Patrick Byrne and Evan Kernosek.

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Voters face July 7 deadline to register for primary

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

As Canton political groups ratchet up their efforts to mobilize voters this election season, residents who want to have a voice in the Aug. 5 primary are facing a July 7 deadline to register.

As of Thursday afternoon, Canton had 63,998 registered voters, just two short of the 64,000 mark.

Township Clerk Terry Bennett said residents seeking to register may go to the clerk's



Bennett

office in the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center, or to any Secretary of State office. One is located in the Golden Gate shopping center on Lilley, south of Joy.

Potential voters also may get a registration application from the Secretary of State website at www.michigan.gov/sos. Simply click on the Elections in Michigan tab and look for the form

which, if mailed, must be post-marked by July 7.

Bennett said residents who go to the Canton Township clerk's office to register should bring identification. They also must be 18 years old by Election Day and reside in Canton.

The voter registration deadline comes as the Canton Democratic Club and the Canton Republican Caucus have both hosted issues forums in an attempt to inform and energize voters this election season. Their efforts have come as Canton is viewed as increasing-

ly split between the two major political parties.

Bennett issued a word of caution to primary voters, regardless of party affiliation. Voters in the primary, as opposed to the general election, must cast their ballots for one party rather than mixing up their choices.

"You must stay within the party framework," Bennett said. "You can't cross over."

Voters don't have to vote in every political race or for every ballot measure, but they must vote within the confines

of one political party. That's because the purpose of a primary is to choose candidates who will advance to the November general election and face an opposing party's nominee.

Finally, Bennett said the clerk's office still is looking for people to serve as chair and vice chair of precinct polling locations. If interested - or for more primary election information - call 734-394-5120.

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K-2 students. The move came after the state's school aid fund cut \$49 per student from the per-pupil foundation grant Gov. Rick Snyder had originally proposed and which Plymouth-Canton administrators had used to establish its budget.

The \$49 cut left officials scrambling to recover another \$820,000 added to a budget deficit that was already \$6.3 million. Board members Tuesday also decided to put back into the budget some \$1.5 million it would have saved by cutting 20 teachers (16.5 media specialists and reading in-

terventionists and 3.5 other licensed employees).

Consensus among board members, at the behest of administrators, was to open the 200 seats and sell an additional \$80,000 worth of district assets.

On Tuesday, while board members who signaled they would approve the schools of choice option weren't happy about it, they felt they had little choice.

"The state passed a bill that wasn't favorable to us," board President Judy Mardigian said. "We have a bigger hill to climb. In 16 years on the board, we've never gotten to this point (in the budget calendar) and gotten this kind of news, a week before we have to pass the budget. It really is

very unusual the state would draw the line where they did."

Lots of reasons

In her May 7 email, Collins outlined reasons why the board shouldn't consider it, which included:

» First Collins, who is on the boundary advisory committee, said the district shouldn't consider the option until that work is done. "How can we even begin to plan for accepting 200 out of district students ... when we don't know for sure how full the schools will be starting in 2015?" she wrote.

» Home values. "Ask any realtor and they will tell you, Canton homes similar in age, size, etc., appraise higher in the P-CCS district than the

Canton homes in the Van Buren or Wayne-Westland districts," she wrote. "This ... is because of the schools. If we begin offering our schools to students outside of the district, we are taking away the desire for people to move into our district."

» Traffic. "And finally, in light of the recent tragedy in one of our district parking lots, do we really want to invite and extra 200 out of district vehicles into our already crowded and dangerous parking lots putting our students and families at risk for another tragedy?" Collins wrote.

Among other options for raising the money, Collins told board members, were a tuition-based preschool (the board considered it a couple of

years ago), making the district's Young 5s program a full-day program (which is offered at charter schools) and closing an elementary school (the board considered that Tuesday and decided against it for now, citing timing issues with the start of the 2014-15 school year just a couple of months away).

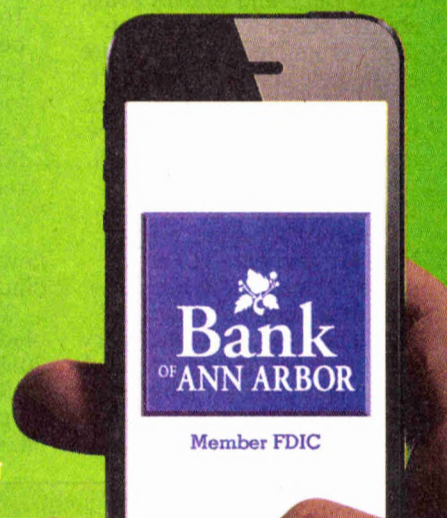
"I don't have a problem closing a school; I have a problem closing a school right now," board Secretary Kim Crouch said. "That seems like the easy thing to do because that was what was discussed last time. I don't think it's possible to close a school in two months."

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EMU, Schoolcraft OK criminology program

Schoolcraft College students interested in a degree in criminology will have an easier process transferring to Eastern Michigan University as a result of a new articulation agreement recently signed by the two schools at Eastern's Livonia Center, 38777 Six Mile Road.

EMU's bachelor of science in criminology and criminal justice requires a total of 124 credits. The new agreement will allow up to 86 credits

from Schoolcraft to transfer to EMU. The multidisciplinary program offers four areas of concentration: legal studies, law enforcement, corrections and criminal justice administration.

Articulation agreements are a joint partnership between an EMU academic program and a community college. Agreements make it easier for a student to successfully transfer to EMU, saving time and

money and transfer credits.

"We're excited about offering this articulated program because there has been so much interest expressed by Schoolcraft students," said Patricia Cygnar, director of community college relations at Eastern Michigan. "Eastern's degree completion program in criminology will be offered conveniently for Schoolcraft students at the EMU Livonia Center. Students will be able

to complete a bachelor's degree with the law enforcement or corrections concentrations right in Livonia."

The criminology degree can lead to a variety of careers in the criminal justice system and corporate/private security. Careers include police officer, criminologist, forensic psychologist, private investigator, security specialist and correction officer. The program is recognized by the Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Training Council and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

EMU and Schoolcraft have 15 other articulation agreements, including applied technology, industrial distribution, aviation management, communication technology, health administration, hotel and restaurant management, nursing



Signing the articulation agreement are (from left) Thomas Venner, EMU dean of Arts and Sciences; Kim Schatzel, EMU provost and vice president for Academic Affairs and Student Services; Cheryl Hagen, Schoolcraft College vice president of Student Services; and Robert Leadley, Schoolcraft College dean of Occupational Programs and Economic Development.

completion, public safety, social work and technology management.

Eastern Michigan University currently has 146 articulation agreements, with 17 Michigan community colleges, five out-of-state community colleges and three universities participating. A

reverse transfer program and the Honors program are also available through 33 academic programs at Eastern.

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Youth Volunteer Corps readies summer projects

Youth Volunteer Corps of Plymouth kicks off its summer of youth volunteerism July 7. High school teens from throughout the Plymouth-Canton area will be serving on a variety of projects planned at various local and metro nonprofits throughout the summer.

"Nearly 100 kids from the Plymouth-Canton area will be choosing to spend their summer vacation making a difference in their community," said Josh Borg, program director of YVC of Plymouth. "They are joining forces with thousands of other youth

volunteers throughout the country who will be serving with Youth Volunteer Corps this summer."

Youth will be serving in five-day stints, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at local nonprofits. The program has nearly 120 spaces available.

YVC of Plymouth Family YMCA Summer of Service has the following program weeks:

- » July 7-11
- » July 14-18
- » July 21-25
- » July 28 through Aug. 1 (middle school week)
- » Aug. 4-8
- » Aug. 11-15

- » Aug. 18-22
- » Aug. 25-29

Limited space is still available on some projects.

The mission for Youth Volunteer Corps of Plymouth Family YMCA is to promote a lifetime commitment to service among youth by offering volunteer projects for youth ages 11-18 each Saturday, after school, in school and during the summer. YVC of Plymouth Family YMCA is one of nearly 30 affiliates of Youth Volunteer Corps, headquartered in Kansas City.

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Dems roll out candidates at forum

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Officials of the Canton Democratic Club scheduled Wednesday's candidate forum in an effort to give voters a sense of where their candidates stood on various issues ahead of casting their votes in the Aug. 5 primary.

After a variety of Democrats took to the podium to answer questions or make statements at Canton Township Hall, there was a sense of "mission accomplished."

"We wanted the public to be informed, so they can make intelligent decisions on Aug. 5," said Steven Sneiderman, the president of the Canton Democratic Club. "The format lent itself to (candidates) being able to express themselves."

Candidates from a variety of races took to the dais one at a time for questions moderated by members of the club. Two primary races in particular – for the U.S. House 11th District seat (currently held by U.S. Rep. Kerry Bentivolio, R-Milford) and the state House 21st District seat (incumbent Democrat Dian Slavens of Canton is term-limited) – were the featured attractions.

Bobby McKenzie of Canton, a candidate for the 11th District, couldn't stay long enough to take part in that portion, set for the end of the night, and read a four-minute statement at the start of the forum. Democrat Nancy Skinner had car trouble and never made it.

Rochester Hills Dr. Anil Kumar was the only Democrat in that race to take questions.

The only other primary of note for Democrats comes in the state House 21st District race, where Canton residents Kristy Pagan and Natalie Mosher face off with Belleville insurance salesman Cornell Mathis. All three candidates answered questions on various subjects, most notably road issues and education reform.

Education reform

» Mosher said the state needs more programs "to encourage kids toward vocational and technical careers."

"We need to develop a K-12 path to earn an industry-recognized certificate or license," she said. "Most states have these kinds of programs and this will help non-college-bound students enter into better-paying jobs."

Mosher, who ran for U.S. Congress against Thaddeus McCotter four years ago and helped Canton Dr. Syed Taj's campaign in 2012, said she recently had a visit



Steve Sneiderman, president of the Canton Democratic Club, explains the format to the audience. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

with officials at Wayne County Community College, which has "an incredible partnership with Romulus High School, where the students graduate with a high school diploma and an associate's degree."

She also said declining enrollment has left the state with a big problem: too many school districts.

"We need to cut down on administration ... to keep more money in the classroom," Mosher said. "We'd create more equity in the quality of education."

» Pagan, a Canton native who graduated from Salem High School, called schools her "No. 1 priority," saying residents are telling her to "make sure schools are fully funded."

Pagan, who worked as a legislative aide to U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, said she's "really focused" on reducing class sizes, especially at the elementary school level, creating innovative programs like Plymouth-Canton's STEM Academy (she sits on the advisory board) and supporting teachers.

"Making sure teachers



Mathis



Mosher



Pagan

have a voice in the political process, especially through their union," Pagan said. "I'm an active supporter of organized labor and I think negotiating with unions in good faith should be a top priority."

Pagan, who worked on the higher education re-authorization act for Stabenow, said making college more accessible and affordable has to be a priority.

"We have more student loan debt than credit card debt in this country and that's unacceptable," she said.

» Mathis said he's in favor of replicating a program called the "Kal-

amazoo Promise," which provides a four-year scholarship to Kalamazoo residents who complete

their entire high school careers and graduate from a Kalamazoo Public Schools high school with a qualifying GPA. Students have 10 years to use the scholarship.

"Everyone who's talked to me knows I'm a big proponent of expanding the Kalamazoo Promise," Mathis said. "We're the only state losing population over the last 10 years. ... That kind of program attracts people to the state of Michigan."

Road problems

» Mosher said the state should look at the possibility of creating toll roads – "Ohio, Pennsylva-

nia and New Jersey all have toll roads and they seem to work fine," she said – and consider a bond or a temporary sales tax increase to fix Michigan's roads.

If the state sold a \$10 billion bond over 20 years, Mosher said, it would cost residents some \$83 a year. "I'd be willing to pay \$83 a year," she said. "I'd like to see it put on the ballot."

She said Arkansas, with a Republican-controlled Legislature, used a temporary sales tax increase. "Once the roads are maintained and fixed, we could bring the increase back down," she said. "It would be like an assessment."

» Pagan agreed roads are terrible – "I've lost three tires myself this winter," she said – and suggested a three-pronged attack to fix them.

First, she'd create yearly use fees for those who drive alternative-fuel vehicles (a move she said is recommended by the House Democratic Caucus). She'd also increase taxes on diesel fuel trucks, "especially those who have a significantly higher toll on our roads," and move some of the gas tax from the general fund into the transportation fund, then replace the money in the general fund by "increasing taxes on wealthy and large corporations."

"Statistics show we need \$1 billion a year to fund our roads," Pagan said. "We need to invest in long-term infrastructure in Michigan and

make sure our road repair doesn't happen every winter and every summer."

» Mathis said the state needs to "take a look at creative ways" to come up with revenue to fix roads.

One way he'd go about it, he said, would be to increase the state's wireless tax, which at 13.9 percent he said ranks 40th in the country now.

He advocates raising it 2½-3 percent, an increase he said hardly threatens the wireless industry.

"There's room to raise our wireless tax," he said. "We could raise it and we will be fine. When you look at cellphone users, whether young, middle age or older users, if we raise the tax 2½ or 3 percent, it's my belief ... people are going to continue using cellphones."

Other candidates from races where there is no primary also made an appearance, including Joan Gephardt and Terry Gilligan, running for the Schoolcraft College board, and Nate Smith-Tyge of Plymouth, who will challenge incumbent Kurt Heise of Plymouth Township for the state House 20th District seat.

When it was over, the audience responded with loud applause, for the candidates and for the format.

"I thought it was very interesting," Canton resident Janice Markey said. "I liked the format. I know more about what they stand for now."

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Fans get a kick out of World Cup soccer

By Beth Jachman
Staff Writer

The Englishmen at the Claddagh Irish Pub of Livonia were probably a little disappointed Thursday afternoon.

Make that a lot, as England lost to Uruguay in a FIFA World Cup match. But that didn't take away from the camaraderie as these hardcore World Cup fans gathered to watch.

"Since the day I was born," is the response of Leyton Ellison, who is from England and lives in Livonia, to the question of how long he has been interested in soccer.

He coaches a local soccer club, AC Milan Detroit, and plays soccer for Schoolcraft College.

He watches the World Cup matches every day, he said, but notes people in the United States aren't as interested as they are back home. "Nobody cares," he said.

Back home, soccer matches are more of a public event, said Marcel

Schmid, who is from Stuttgart, Germany.

"But the enthusiasm is growing here. It's getting bigger," said Schmid, who played professionally in Germany and coaches at Schoolcraft College.

Lifelong fans

Paul Johnston, who lives in Northville but is originally from England, agrees. "There'd be no traffic moving," he said pointing to busy Haggerty Road.

People in England don't just watch the game in pubs, he said. "A lot of people just have parties at home," he said.

"All my life," is his response to how long he has been into soccer.

But he says interest in the sport is increasing in the United States. "It's getting better," he said. He's been living in the United States since 1991 and said he has seen a big difference over the years.

Watching World Cup soccer with lifelong fans is exciting, Doug Ware of

Livonia said: "It's pretty exciting to watch the game with guys who understand it a lot better than I do."

"I appreciate their enthusiasm for the sport," Ware added.

Mike Bona of Livonia said he first began watching World Cup in 1994: "It's growing in popularity in the U.S."

"We've watched a lot of games here," he said. Bona is a soccer coach at Schoolcraft College.

100-percent soccer

Coaches from the Plymouth Soccer Club were also watching the game at Claddagh.

Yao Kra of Ivory Coast, who lives in Canton, says he goes to all the Irish pubs he can find to watch the games.

Watching games is much different here, though. "Back home, it's 100-percent soccer," he said. "It's fun."

"It's great to be with a crowd that loves soccer,"

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Livonia residents Mike Bona and Doug Ware are soccer fans and both enjoy World Cup matches. Bona coaches for AC Milan Detroit.



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Map shows area commute patterns

SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, now has a new interactive map that shows commuting patterns for communities in the seven-county southeast Michigan region – Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw and Wayne counties.

The new map answers the following questions for each community:

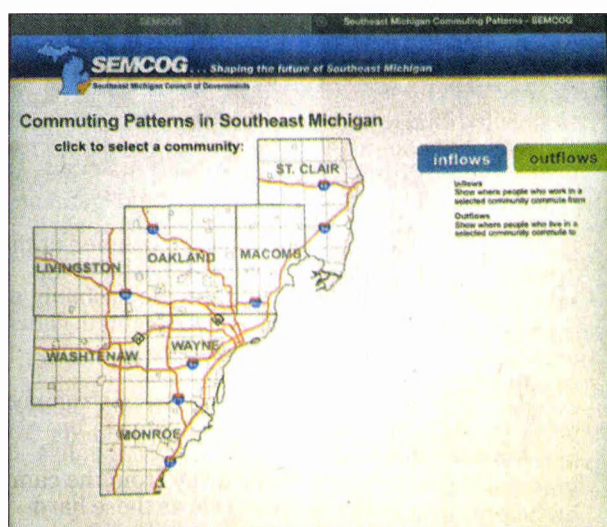
- » How many residents work in the community in which they live?
- » Where are additional workers commuting from?
- » What communities are residents commuting to?

Using data from the Census Transportation Planning Package, Commuting Patterns in Southeast Michigan, SEMCOG developed an interactive mapping tool that shows where people in southeast Michigan

commute to and from. Just click on a community and explore by selecting "Inflows" or "Outflows."

Results will show the number of workers who live and work in the selected community, as well as the number of workers who commute to the selected community. Detailed statistics of the communities' residents commute to or from display in a bar chart. The map also colors in the relational communities.

Travel to work – showing the connections between the business and labor markets – is one of the defining factors of a regional economy. Travel-to-work data in southeast Michigan suggests that the SEMCOG region is connected by commuting flows that tie housing markets and job centers across the region into one very strong, cohe-



SEMCOG has added an interactive map to its website that shows commuting patterns for communities in the seven-county southeast Michigan region.

sive interdependent region.

This interactive mapping tool (semcog.org/mapping/commute_map/index.html) is best viewed in Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox.

SEMCOG is the only organization in southeast Michigan that brings together all governments to solve regional challenges and enhance the quality of life for the seven-county region's 4.7 million people.



Leyton Ellison and Steve Davis, both from England, enjoy the World Cup at Claddagh Irish Pub. THOMAS BEAUDOIN

WORLD CUP

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said Zach Wilkes of Westland, who also coaches for the Plymouth Soccer Club. He said he has been playing soccer since he was 4.

"I played soccer my whole life," Erik Shaltis of Redford said Friday. "I coach both my son and daughter in Ferndale Soccer. I grew up in Redford Soccer League – my dad was the president of the league for several years."

The U.S. didn't have mainstream soccer on TV back then, "so when World Cup came along, I fell in love ... now every four years is like a month-long holiday for me and my friends – well, some of them," Shaltis said.

Because the U.S. team wasn't that good years ago, he became a fan of South American teams like Brazil and Argentina.

"I have the pleasure of watching it this year with three rookies," he said, referring to his girlfriend, son and daughter.

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The 5K run/walk is for cancer awareness. It is a celebration of life for cancer survivors, for those who have cancer and an opportunity for family members and friends to honor or remember a loved one.

To register, visit www.stmarymercy.org/embracelife5k.

Registration is \$25 before Aug. 22 and \$30

through race day. Mobile registration is also available.

New this year, teams can register online — all you need is a team captain and name. Once the team is set up, direct members to the online registration found at www.stmarymercy.org/embracelife5k and instruct them to select your team name from the menu near the bottom of the form.

Awards will be given to the first, second and third place overall male and female winners of each age division of the 5K run. Chip timing is used to ensure accuracy.

Sponsorship opportunities for the 5K are still available. For more information, call 734-655-1590.

Wayne County receives financial reporting award

The Government Finance Officers Association has honored Wayne County with the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its presentation of the 2013 fiscal budget.

The GFOA award "is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting and represents a significant achievement" by the county. To receive the award, Wayne County was required to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation.

The GFOA awarded Wayne County's 2013 fiscal budget after assessing it based on four nationally recognized guidelines: a policy document, financial plan, an operations guide and a communications device.

The 2013 Wayne County budget presentation met the criteria in all four major categories, as well as all 14 mandatory criteria that make up the four major categories.

Wayne County the most transparent county in the state.

"The Transparency in Government web page allows us to proactively engage in meaningful, two-way dialogue between Wayne County government and constituents and stakeholders," Ficano said. "We are working toward an A-plus Sunshine Review rating as we begin to make county contracts available on the transparency web page. We hope to have that completed by year end."

The county also received a Civic Education and Public Information Achievement Award just six months after redesigning the Transparency in Government web page. These award comes three months after the Sunshine Review boosted the web page's grade to A-minus from D-minus, making

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The Transparency in Government web page is an online tool that gives the public around the clock access to important and useful information about Wayne County operations. The web page is accessible from the spotlight content section of waynecounty.com and can be accessed directly at www.waynecounty.com/transparency.htm.

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The web page makes locating public documents and information easier by presenting the information cohesively. The information available on the new web page includes, but is not limited to, budgets, commission meetings and minutes, audit reports, selected contracts, contact information for elected officials and commissioners, local tax information and public records via FOIA.

The Sunshine Review is a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating the public about proactive disclosure of government data and other open government initiatives.

For more information about Wayne County's grade, go online to ballotpedia.org/Wayne_County_Michigan.

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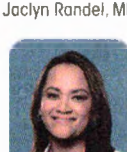
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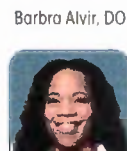
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only reason he hired me was because he was a teacher at Geer. We spent the whole interview talking about it."

Career shift

She hired in as a teacher's aide after graduating from the University of Michigan and teaching for a time in Ypsilanti. Realizing she could make more money as a teacher, Wood-Alatalo used time off on maternity leave to get a master's degree in library science from U-M.

In 1987, she became a media specialist at Gallimore and, when Bentley opened in 1994, she became that schools' first and - until someone else takes the job in September - only librarian. She said she loves the job because she's not limited to just the students in a single classroom, but exposed to an entire school population.

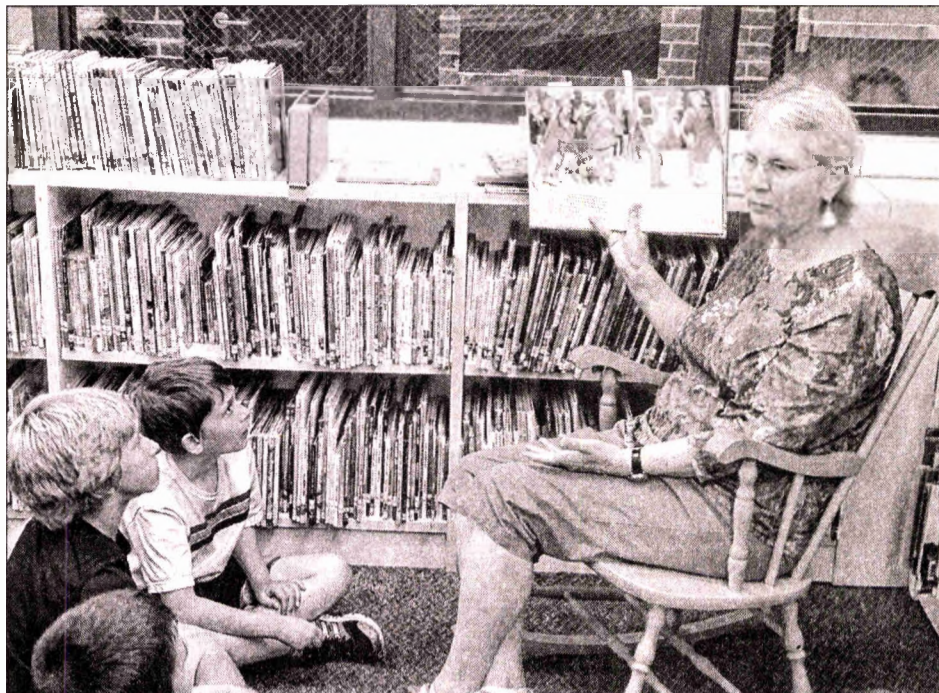
"I love libraries, I love books," she said. "I love seeing all the kids ... I get to see every student every week. We had a lot of freedom to explore styles of writing, styles of illustration. I love sharing books."

She said technology has changed the way kids view books and she's not that happy about it. While an iPad or other electronic devices give kids "instant gratification," Wood-Alatalo believes it dims the learning and excitement that's available from books.

"Studies show the increase in technology isn't good for kids," she said. "A book gives them more than these instant visual images. They still need to have the time sitting down and interacting with a book, with words on pages that turn."

Ways to learn

She's spent this year sort of purging, giving away the cartoon col-



Anne Wood-Alatalo, the only librarian Bentley Elementary has known, said kids "still need to have the time sitting down and interacting with a book, with words on pages that turn."

lection she brought with her from Gallimore and using the shell collection she inherited from her mother to teach kids lessons. At the end of each lesson, the kids get the shells.

"We talk about the shells and what they mean," Wood-Alatalo said. "I've had parents tell me they've been on vacation in Florida and their kids are running around the beach, identifying all these shells. I think the kids have learned a lot."

It won't necessarily be a life of leisure in Wood-Alatalo's retirement. She's always been active with the Humane Society of Huron Valley (she's been volunteering some 20 hours a week) and she plans to do even more now that she'll have the time.

And she'll remember a career doing just what she wanted to do, exactly where she wanted to do it.

"You have to want to be here and you have to want to do this job," Wood-Alatalo said. "Learning is a marvelous thing, which is why I'm doing the shells. There's a world out there and there's a way to explore it in your library."

We have to keep the wonder in these kids."

Living her dream

Martin, a social studies teacher, knew her time was winding down and pretty soon her students knew it, too.

As her final days wound down, Martin noticed she was getting notes from her students at West Middle School, notes of encouragement, notes of thanks. She knew she needed to thank them and she told herself she was going to "keep it together" when she did.

She didn't make it. When the time to say thank you came, so did the tears.

"Your notes meant so much to me," she told her students. "If I had to pick a group of kids to go out with, you guys fit the bill."

Hometown girl

Friday's last day marked the end of a career spent teaching in her hometown, which is where the desire to teach began. A Plymouth native, Martin remembers the eighth-grade teacher she had when she was a student at East Middle School. Mrs. Bridges so impressed

Martin as a young girl, she decided then how she wanted to spend her life.

And for the last four decades, that's exactly how Martin has spent it: teaching. She retired this week after teaching in Plymouth-Canton schools since hiring in 1973.

"I had the opportunity to live my childhood dream," she said. "I'm a hometown girl and to teach in my own town ... it's been wonderful."

She's been at it long enough that her past is coming around to be her present. Kids she had as students - including West teachers Brittany Lewis and Deanna Szwarra - are now colleagues.

That's not all that has changed. Technology has certainly altered the way teaching - and learning - is done. When she first started teaching, Martin remembers using 8 mm film as a visual aid. Now she just pops in a DVD or turns on a computer ("There are things you just didn't have access to in 1974, like YouTube," she said).

A new ministry

But Martin prefers to think about the things that haven't changed.

THE GREAT EIGHT

Many outstanding teachers retired from Plymouth-Canton Community Schools this year, but the group whose retirements were accepted by the Board of Education in a single night recently stands out. The group included eight teachers who totaled more than 230 years worth of experience. The eight:

- » Bentley Elementary School media specialist Diane Brady, hired in August 1977.
- » Allen Elementary School teacher Debbie Maloni, hired in September 1977.
- » Central Middle School science teacher Audrey Mamma, hired in May 2003.
- » West Middle School social studies teacher Jeanne Martin, hired in October 1973.
- » Hulsing Elementary School teacher Sharon Matz, hired in August 1998.
- » Farrand Elementary School media specialist Sally Picklo, hired in August 1997.
- » Eriksson Elementary School resource room teacher Patricia Wet, hired in September 1979.
- » Bentley Elementary School media specialist Anne Wood-Alatalo, hired in August 1974.

"Kids want to learn, however they may try to disguise that," she said, smiling. "I'm passionate about what I do. Kids have always been willing to go where I want to take them."

She'll miss the students, because "that's the fun part."

"I try to teach each kid each day," Martin said. "You get to know the kids and they get to know you. You come to respect each other. That's huge."

She knows it's going to be a difficult thing, closing that classroom door and walking out for

the last time. For Martin, teaching has been almost pastoral and she's leaving behind her congregation.

"This has been a ministry for me," Martin said. "I'm excited for new ministry doors that will open. Any time you're choosing a new path, there's some excitement, but also some grieving. Walking the hallways as a student and then coming back to walk them as a teacher ... it's been an incredible privilege and blessing."

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Wayne County holds hazardous waste collection event

Wayne County's Land Resource Management, a division of the Department of Public Services, is holding its popular Household Hazardous Waste collection from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 28, at Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn.

Wayne County residents only can dispose of medical sharps, household paints, stains, dyes, floor wax, floor care products, carpet cleaner, furniture polish, bathroom cleaners, stain removers, solvents, pharmaceutical waste (non-controlled substances only), nail polish, glue, fertilizer, lawn and garden chemicals, pesticides, antifreeze, motor oil, gasoline, automotive batteries, dry cell batteries, fluorescent bulbs (all types), fire extinguishers and smoke detectors.

Electronics - computer CPUs, monitors, printers, scanners, keyboards, mice, cellphones, fax machines, copiers and televisions - also can be recycled at the event.

Items that will not be accepted include commercial waste, industrial waste, radioactive material, explosives, ammunition, 55-gallon drums, shock sensitive materials, household trash, refrigerators, microwaves or other appliances, tires, yard waste and concrete.

LRMD officials are underscoring the importance of properly disposing of medical sharps like syringes, needles and lancets. Used needles can transmit serious diseases, such as HIV and hepatitis.

"Improperly discarded syringes, needles and lancets expose waste

workers to potential needle-stick injuries and potential infection," Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano said. "We want residents to know there is a proper way to dispose of this medical waste and that our Household Hazardous Waste events accept medical sharps."

The do's of medical sharp disposal include placing used needles, syringes and lancets in a hard-plastic or metal container with a screw-on or tightly secured lid. Containers commonly found in households like liquid laundry detergent bottles or metal coffee cans will work. Label the outside of the container

to say "Medical Sharps." The secured containers should be taken to a local household hazardous waste collection.

Or the lid can be reinforced with heavy-duty tape, labeled "Not Recyclable" and placed in the regular trash. That will prevent a trash hauler from mistakenly routing the container for recycling.

For recommendations and links for proper disposal of medical sharps, go to www.safe-needledisposal.org. For more information on the hazardous waste event, call 734-326-3936 or go online to www.waynecounty.com/doe/1043.htm.

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EATING AND GOUT

It is a popular notion that eating certain foods will bring on gout; almost everyone who has the condition can recall a meal of lobster, shrimp or a particularly large steak that the person felt led to an attack of gout that night.

Physicians would contend with that conclusion. The medical literature includes a number of studies that show that if a person eats the most anti-gout diet possible, doing so would at best, lower the serum uric acid, the precursor to gout, by only one milligram. In practice, physicians medicate to lower the uric acid levels by three or more milligrams.

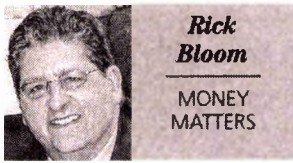
The story with drink is different. In short, drinking beer and whiskey increase the risk of gout, wine at the evening meal poses little threat. Of course, over indulgence of wine or spirits is both bad for one's health and for the gout. Because illicit brews are at times laced with lead, and because lead ruins the kidney's ability to rid the body of uric acid, it is important for anyone at risk for gout to stay away from such stuff.

For the vast majority of people with gout, who are on medication such as Allopurinol or Uloric, eating meat or seafood and taking a glass of wine, red or white, is as much an option as for anyone without gout.

What anyone needs to be aware of, is his or her intake of soft drinks. They contain a large amount of fructose, which the body ultimately changes to uric acid, the forerunner of gout. Drinkers of large amounts of soda pop are at more dietary risk for gout than steak or seafood eaters.

Overpayment into Social Security not uncommon

Q: Dear Rick: I am single and in my early 60s. I own my house. I no longer itemize on my tax return; I take the standard deductions. In 2010, the company I worked for put me on part time. I decided to get another part-time job and, between the two jobs, I'm making more than \$150,000 a year. I was recently told that both of the companies should not have withheld Social Security. I asked both of my employers if they would refund the money to me and they told me that they could not do it and that I should contact the IRS. Obviously, I don't want to



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

have to contact the IRS if I don't have to. Am I entitled to money back and, if I am, do I have to go to the IRS or can I go to my employer?

A: Based on facts you've provided, it does appear that you overpaid your Social Security obligation. Many people believe that every dollar earned is subject to Social Security tax, however that is not true. There is a cap each year and if you earn more than the cap, that income is not

subject to Social Security tax.

Once you reach that number, your employer will automatically stop withholding Social Security tax. However, that doesn't happen if there is more than one employer. Each employer stands on its own when it comes to Social Security taxes.

Your employers are not responsible for the refund. They withheld the money from you and paid it to the IRS. Unfortunately, you need to deal with the IRS.

If you work for more than one employer and your income exceeds the Social Security maximum, you can apply for a refund of the amount over withheld. Typically,

the time to do it is when you file your tax return. However, since you did not claim this, you need to amend your tax returns for the affected years as soon as possible.

There is, however, one issue. Your 2010 tax return was due April 2011. Unfortunately, you are only allowed to amend your return up to three years from when your return was filed. If you filed in April 2011, your statute of limitations would have run out. On the other hand, if you had filed an extension, you may find that you still have some time to file an amended return.

I recognize that people are leery of filing amended returns, but

they shouldn't be. In your case, the mistake was straightforward and documented. All you need to do is to attach your W-2s to your amended return. That will show the overpayment into Social Security.

Overpaying Social Security is not unusual. It typically happens when someone changes jobs and both employers are withholding Social Security. If you work for more than one employer, you should automatically check to make sure that you're not overpaying Social Security. This year, the maximum earnings subject to Social Security tax is \$117,000. That is up from \$113,700 in 2013.

One last note: Do not forget that in addition to Social Security tax, we also pay Medicare tax. This year, the tax is 1.45 percent. Unfortunately, that tax has no limit, so all your earnings are taxed. In addition, if you're a couple and earn more than \$250,000 or single and earn more than \$200,000, you have an additional 0.9-percent Medicare tax on income above that threshold.

Good luck.

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

St. Joseph Mercy outing tops fundraising goal

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

It's almost like Mother Nature wanted to help St. Joseph Mercy do its job.

Wednesday dawned with dreary weather, but (nearly) by the time golfers in St. Joe's annual pro-am golf outing were ready to hit the links at Canton's Fellows Creek Golf Course, clouds had parted and the rain had stopped.

After a mere 20-minute delay, the fundraising was on. A sold-out field of 54 teams, along with 54 pros, got in 18 holes of golf to help St. Joe's raise money that help patients who rely on St. Joe's for behavioral health services and whose need for care extends beyond the walls of the hospital.

"It went excellent," said Melissa Sheppard, director of special events for St. Joseph Mercy-Ann Arbor. "We were really delighted. We had a perfect window to get the players and pros out on the course. Everybody left satisfied. We were really thrilled."

It went well enough to raise more than \$160,000, some \$10,000 over the event goal. The tournament every year brings resources to patients and

physicians so that they can connect with care before a mental health crisis or an emergency room visit or hospitalization is needed.

The event featured appearances from Red Wings great Ted Lindsay, the event's chair emeritus; health reporter and TV personality Lila Lazarus; sports anchor Jeff Lesson, who hosts the radio show *Lesson on Golf*; and former Chicago Blackhawks star Wayne Presley. Former Wings player Joe Kocur and Columbus Blue Jackets defenseman James Wisniewski were scheduled, but couldn't make it.

Event chair Dave LaVigne, plant manager at Canton-based Gil-Mar Manufacturing, and a force of volunteers got the event off the ground, Sheppard said. They were able to secure appearances from players and businesses who keep coming back because "they've built strong relationships" with their teams.

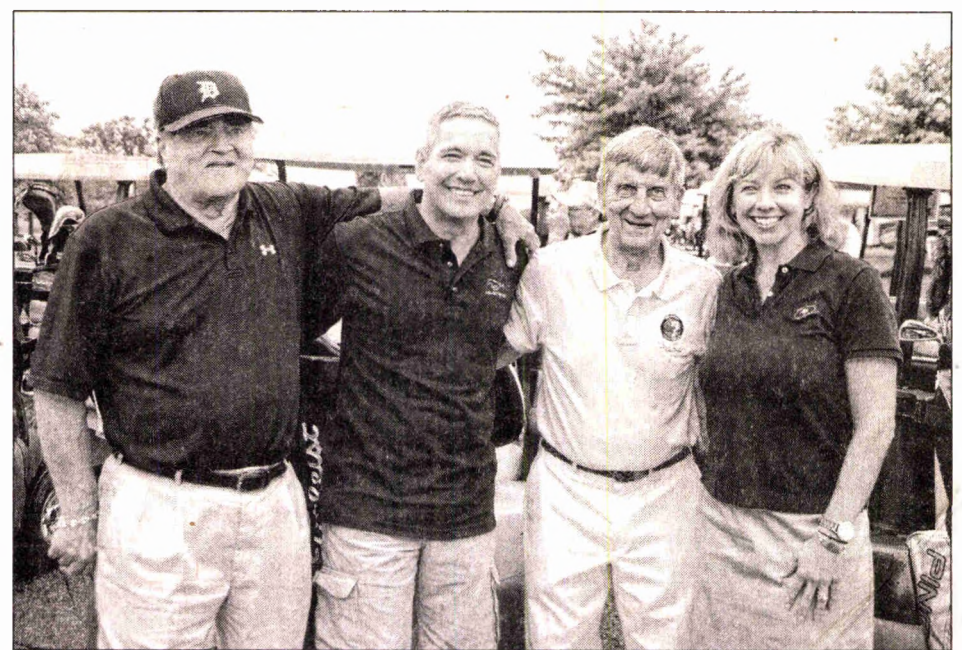
"I think the Canton community, along with the surrounding community ... we're so blessed to have such great supporters," Sheppard said. "We have so many who come back year after



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year. (LaVigne) did a tremendous job rallying the support of the Canton community."

Sheppard also lauded the support of Graphite Sponsor (\$10,000) Paragon Metals as well as Eagle Sponsors (\$5,000) Ferrantino Charitable Foundation, Meijer and Gil-Mar Manufacturing.



Eagle Sponsor and committee member Gil Ruicci of Gil-Mar Manufacturing Company (from left); Rob Casalou, president and CEO St. Joseph Mercy-Ann Arbor and Livingston; former Red Wings star Ted Lindsay, chair emeritus; and Kristin Casalou.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS THURSDAY July 10, 2014 6:00 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, July 10, 2014 commencing at 6:00 p.m., to consider:

- Application 1515, 14440 Shadywood CT, R-1 zoning district: is requesting one variance to install a 6 foot fence along the north side lot line whereas the maximum allowed is 4 foot, the variance being requested is 2 foot.

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

For further information contact Plymouth Township Building Department 734 354-3210.

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"The Plymouth District Library Board meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, June 24, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at the Friends Room on the main level of the Library at 223 S Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170."

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN (734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following:

- Z 14-05** 287 Arthur
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The Charter Township of Plymouth will receive single prime sealed bids for the proposed Plymouth Township Park Pavilion located at 46550 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI 48170. The bids will be due on or before Monday, **July 14th at 2:00 PM**. Bids received after this date and time or bids received via facsimile will not be accepted. Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope labeled "Plymouth Township Park Pavilion" to the Plymouth Township Clerk's Office, attention Nancy Conzelman, Clerk, located at 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Submit two (2) complete copies of the bid submittal. Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud starting at 2:05 PM on Monday, July 14, 2014.

This project is partially funded with Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant and relevant State requirements apply.

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DATE: June 20th, 2014

A copy of the drawings and project manual will be available at the Clerks for public review. Contractors are required to comply with the Charter Township of Plymouth's Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace Policy. A copy of the policy is available at the Township offices.

Michigan State Act PA 517 of 2012, Iran Economic Sanctions Act, requires notification that Iranlinked businesses may not bid on this Contract. Successful bidders will be required to provide certification that they are not an Iran-linked business.

Make proposals on the bid form supplied in the project manual. No oral or telegraphic proposals or modifications will be considered. Submit with each bid, a certified check or acceptable bid bond payable to Charter Township of Plymouth, in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid. Bidders are required to provide a Labor and Material Payment Bond and a Performance Bond for bids in the amount of \$50,000 or more.

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Questions regarding contract documents may be directed, in writing to D. S. Wright & Associates, P.C., 44456 Clare Blvd., Plymouth, MI, 48170, Fax: 734 956-9090 or email at DSWrightAssociates@outlook.com. Questions must be received no later than 5:00 pm July 7th, 2014.

All questions and answers will be placed on the Township website and on the MITN website for public review.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

BAREFOOT AUDITIONS

Date/Time: June 30-July 1, 7-9 p.m.
Location: Barefoot Productions Theatre, 240 N. Main, Plymouth
Details: Barefoot Productions hosts auditions for its summer production of the comedy *Southern Hospitality*, written by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wooten. There are roles for eight women (ages 20-65) and five men (ages 20-50). Performances will be Aug. 15-24. The production will be directed by Mike Cuba, who has had many years directing and acting experience for companies all over southeast Michigan. He most recently directed several productions for The Spotlight Players in Canton, as well as Barefoot Productions in Plymouth.

Contact: Visit Barefoot's website at www.justgobarefoot.com or call Cuba at 734-812-0102.

HISTORY KIDS KAMP

Date/Time: Saturday, July 26, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Location: Plymouth Historical Museum

Details: The Plymouth Historical Museum hosts its third annual History Kids Kamp, where children can experience aspects of the Civil War by recreating what life was like during the war, including dressing in period clothing, getting their picture taken, as well as a chore race consisting of old-fashioned tasks from the mid-1800s. There will also be a scavenger hunt, which will entertain and educate while they search for clues to solve a puzzle. Children will be able to chat with Civil War soldier reenactors who can answer questions, demonstrate marching and much more. The boys will be given the opportunity to "enlist" in the army.

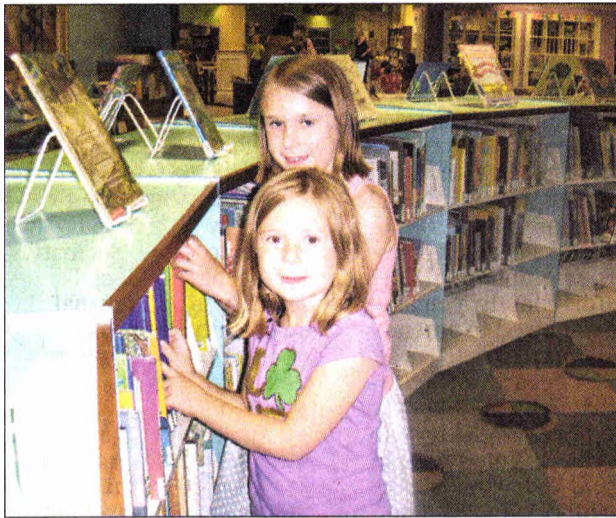
Tickets purchased by July 18 are \$35 per child; after that, tickets are \$40; alternatively, the purchase of a new or renewed Daisy membership to the Plymouth Historical Museum (value \$50) will allow one child to attend for free. The target age for children is 6-12 years old; however, children under 8 will need to be accompanied by an adult.

Tickets are available at the Plymouth Historical Museum during open hours or can be purchased using PayPal on the museum's website. The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main.

Contact: Call 734-455-8940 for more information.

FAMILY BENEFIT SHOW

Date/Time: Wednesday, June 25, 5-8 p.m.



Reading fun

The Karell sisters joined a crowd of kids on a cloudy Thursday at the Plymouth District Library for the library's Summer Reading Program. Bird Elementary School students Miette, 8, and Nika, 6, check out the selection of "I Spy" books.

Location: VFW Post 6695, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth

Details: VVA Chapter 528 and VFW Post 6695, in conjunction with CRUZ'N 528, sponsor a car show to benefit the family of Wayne Pritchard, son of VVA 528 member Gary Pritchard, who died suddenly in April. During the car show, regular menu of food and beverages will be served, 50/50 raffles will be conducted and door prizes will be given. Oldies music will be provided by DJ Koz. All proceeds from the show will go to Wayne Pritchard's family.

Contact: For more information, call 734-459-6700.

GHOSTS OF PLYMOUTH WALK

Date/Time: Sunday, June 29, 7 p.m.

Location: The walk circles Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth and lasts about 90 minutes. Participants should meet at the fountain in Kellogg Park.

Details: Participants can meet and greet some of the characters from Plymouth's past during the Plymouth Historical Museum's "Ghosts of Plymouth" walk. Hear the tales of early Plymouth from the characters themselves, such as Phil Markham (inventor of the Markham Air Rifle), his mistress Blanche Shortman and his spurned wife Carrie, colorful physician Dr. Luther Peck and George Starkweather, the first white male born in Plymouth Township. Tickets are \$10 per person (\$5 for children under 10)

in advance or \$15 (\$10 for children under 10) at the park and can be purchased at the museum's website using PayPal or at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main Street.

Contact: Call 734-455-8940 for more information.

LIBRARY MUSIC SERIES

Time/Location: Each Wednesday, 7-8:30 p.m., Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main

Dates:

» July 9, Hollywood's Golden Age - The film score hits its stride as it accompanies some of tinsel town's classic films.

» July 30, The Film Score Grows Up - After World War II, films and film music become darker and more realistic.

» Aug. 20, The Classical Film Score, Lost and Found - Big changes in films and scores in the '50s but it all comes back again in the '70s.

Details: The Plymouth District Library will host music professor Karl Schmidt for a four-part series this summer. Schmidt will present music and video excerpts from films such as *The Jazz Singer* (1927), *Gone With the Wind* (1939), *The Best Years of Our Lives* (1946) and *High Noon* (1952), as well as a study of political and social changes that influenced all forms of art, including films. This music series is made possible through the Michigan Opera Theatre's Department of Community Programs and the Friends of the Plymouth District Library.

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Seminar Presentations

9 - 9:45 a.m.

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Speaker: **Gail Schramek, NP**

10 - 10:45 a.m.

"Maintaining Independence As We Age" - What an assessment and prevention can do to help you stay healthy -
Speakers: **Gerald Turlo, MD & Jessica Weathas, LMSW**

11 - 11:45 a.m.

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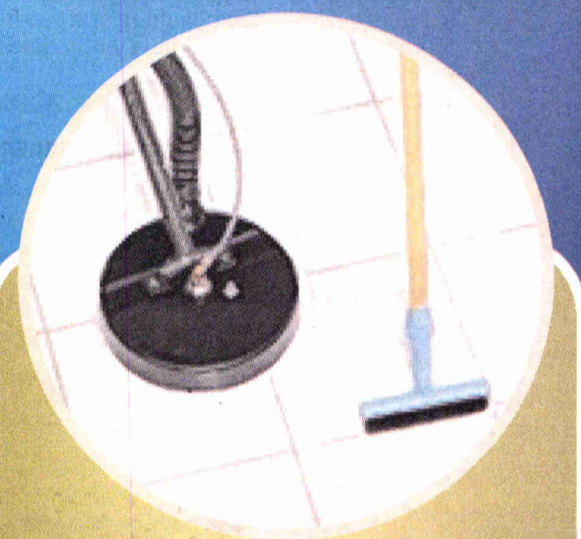
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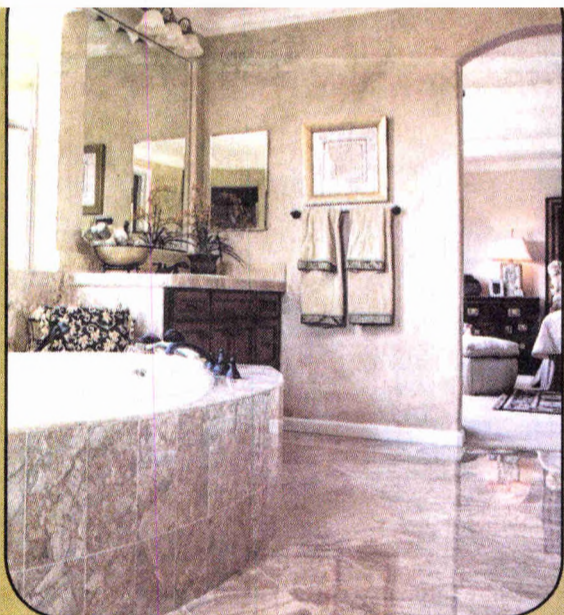


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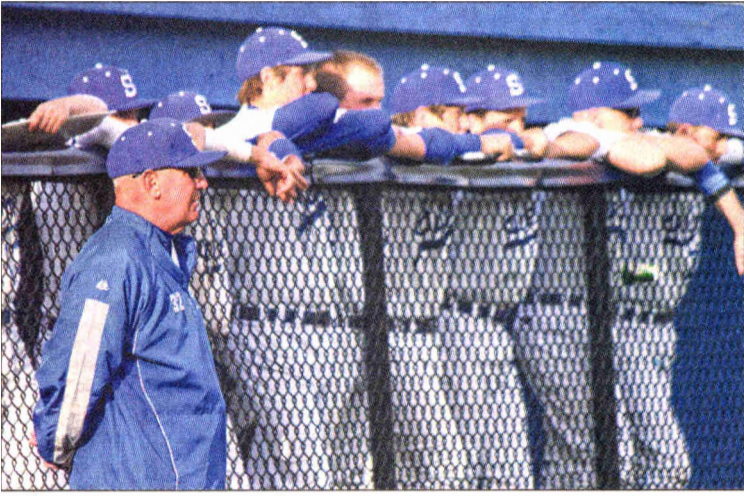
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Rumberger caps off storied career



Longtime Salem baseball coach Dale Rumberger and his team keep close tabs on the action during a recent game.

Rocks baseball coach steps down after 28 years with program

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Salem's varsity baseball team in 2014 ran like a well-oiled machine as the Rocks posted a 28-10 record, most victories in school history.

And the mechanic, head coach Dale Rumberger, is leaving the garage.

Rumberger informed his players and their parents that he was retiring from the post

shortly after the Rocks were defeated 1-0 by Northville in the recent Division 1 district tourney.

During Rumberger's 20-year career as Salem's head coach (1995-2014), the Rocks compiled a record of 356-303. As an assistant coach from 1987-94, he helped the team go 143-67 and win a state title in 1991.

One of his former players from those early successes, Salem athletic director Tom Willette, praised Rumberger's baseball acumen, communication skills and work ethic.

"Dale Rumberger is one of the best teachers of baseball skills that I know at the high

school level," Willette wrote in an email to the *Observer*. "If you wanted to put in the time and effort, coach Rumberger would spend countless hours throwing batting practice or hitting ground balls or watching pitchers throw to develop those players to their full potential."

"Dale Rumberger has a passion for Salem baseball, starting as a player for the Rocks at the original Plymouth High School and then as part of the coaching staff at Plymouth-Salem and finally Salem High School."

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ANOTHER LEVEL

Marines steer GC football players through challenging, team-building workouts

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The presence of camouflage-wearing United States Marines proved to be more than a subtle hint that the intensity of Tuesday morning's Garden City High School football workout would be ramped up a few notches.

On the first morning following semester-ending final exams, more than 100 Cougars were tested with a challenging Marine Corps combat fitness session that included

an 800-meter run, a drill that required the lifting of 30-pound ammunition cans and a grueling "movement under fire" obstacle course – all under the direction of locally-based Marines, including Staff Sgt. Robert Stokes, a 2004 graduate of Westland John Glenn High School.

"The workouts we're doing today are great for football because they test the athletes' strength and endurance, while at the same time building teamwork and chem-

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USMC Staff Sgt. Robert Stokes (right) encourages a Garden City football player through a drill.



Garden City's Nick Clark drags teammate Nick DeHetre through a portion of an obstacle course designed by the U.S. Marines. PHOTOS BY ED WRIGHT

Canton golfer Do captures Amateur in dramatic finish

By Greg Johnson
Correspondent

Canton's Henry Do emerged as the champion of the 103rd Michigan Amateur Championship after one of the most dramatic finishes in the history of the state's oldest and most prestigious championship.

The 19-year-old University of North Carolina golfer turned back 41-year-old commercial real estate lender Steve Anderson of Troy in 19 holes Friday in the 40th Ama-

teur held at historic Belvedere Golf Club in Charlevoix.

"I'm still shocked I was able to come out with a victory," Do said. "It's quite an accomplishment for me to have my name on the (Staghorn) trophy with those other guys."

Do lost a 1-up lead on No. 16 to a stunning downhill 20-foot birdie by Anderson and then at No. 17 fell victim as Anderson dropped a 45-foot putt from across the green for birdie.

"I was completely rattled on the tee and my caddie (Dongmin Kim) told me you still

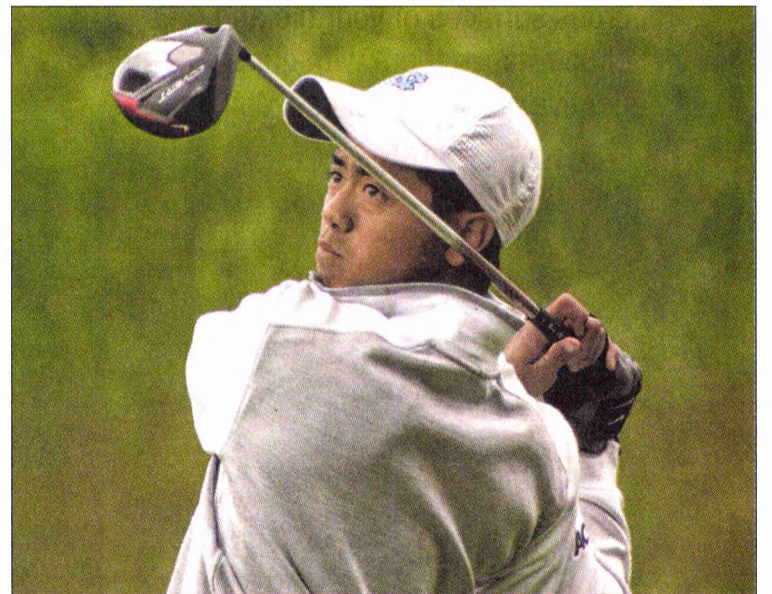
have a shot at this," Do said. "So I got it together a little bit, hit a good tee shot and gave myself a good opportunity to hit one close and I guess I did."

He did – a 180-yard 7-iron shot to within 12 inches to force extra holes.

"That's got to be all-time greatest shot for me under pressure," Do said. "I can't think of a better shot."

On the first extra hole, Anderson missed the green short and missed his seven-foot par

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Canton's Henry Do, who just completed his freshman year at North Carolina, won the 103rd Michigan Amateur in dramatic fashion. GREG JOHNSON | GAM

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12U Blues win invite



The 12U South Farmington Blues won their age group in the SFB Invitational with a 4-1 record. The Blues defeated the Fenton Tigers, 8-2; Bay Area Bulls, 11-5; Southfield Cardinals, 12-8; and Bulls in the final game, 11-1. Team members include: (front, from left) Jacob Kelbert and Eric Johnson; (kneeling, from left) Jack Felder, Parker Kent, Alex Kosdrosky, Tommy Walsh, Greg Wiacek and Nick Pearen; and (standing, from left) head coach Chris Kelbert, Ben Ward, coach Jim Pearen, Gunnar Lombard, Chris Martin, coach Eric Johnson and Kyle Goodling.

Thunder champs



The 13-and-under Livonia City Thunder captured their second tournament of the year recently in the Battle of the Bats Tournament in Toledo, Ohio, with a 9-1 victory over the Indiana Baseball Factory, the top-ranked USSA team from Indiana, after wins over the Tecumseh Zone, 14-3, and the AAA Oakland Grizzlies, 14-0. Team members include (front, from left): Andrew Lack, Marco Genrich, Cole Bushart, Nick Rood, Brian Wendt and Justin Reynolds and (back, from left) head coach Dennis Bushart, Ethan Sandusky, Evan Yokie, Tommy Wells, Alan Woodward, assistant coach Joe Lack, Joe Hardenbergh, head coach Greg Wendt and Brendon Unger. Also part of the team is assistant coach Rick Genrich.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Spartan grid outing

The Livonia Stevenson football benefit golf outing will begin with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Sunday, June 22, at Idyl Wyld Golf Course, 35786 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Included in the \$80 is 18 holes of golf (with cart), lunch at the turn, dinner and raffle prizes.

A registration form can be printed at www.stevensonfootball.com

For more information, email mlmical-lef25@gmail.com.

Drive, chip, putt

Pheasant Run Golf Club is hosting a local qualifier Tuesday, July 1, for the 2014 Drive, Chip & Putt Golf Championship for boys and girls ages 7-15.

The free competition, sponsored by the Professional Golfers Association of America and Augusta National Golf Club, will give area youth the opportunity to compete in separate divisions in four age categories.

Each participant's skills will be put to the test in driving, chipping and putting, with players judged on accuracy and distance.

Boys and girls just need to bring a driver, putter and a wedge.

Contestants will be given three attempts, with their best shots qualifying them for points that will be accu-

mulated throughout the day.

Top finishers will be awarded certificates.

Winners will continue to advance leading up to the Drive, Chip & Putt Championship finals scheduled to be held on the grand stage of the Augusta National Golf Club during the 2015 Masters Tournament week.

Online registration is currently under way at www.drivechipandputt.com.

For more information on the event or to learn more about Pheasant Run Golf Club's seasonal offers and specials, visit www.golfprgc.org or call 734-397-6460.

Franklin grid outing

The Livonia Franklin football benefit golf outing will be Saturday, July 26, at Idyl Wyld Golf Course, 35786 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

There will be a shotgun for the four-person scramble starting at 8 a.m. The cost is \$65 (includes prizes, contests, hot dog and pop at the turn, dinner and afterglow at the 1 Under Bar & Grill).

Checks should be made payable to Franklin football and mailed to: 9623 Westmore, Livonia, MI 48150.

For more information, call Chuck Roth at 734-637-6719 or Dan Cline at 734-748-5283. You can also email [chuckrothcarpen-](mailto:chuckrothcarpen-try@gmail.com)

try@gmail.com or dan.cline@trw.com.

Coaches wanted

» Livonia Churchill is seeking a girls and boys varsity swim head coach following the recent resignation of Aaron Rieder, who spent 10 years with the boys and 11 with the girls.

» Livonia Red (Churchill and Franklin) is in need of an assistant gymnastics coach for the 2014-15 season.

If interested, contact Churchill athletic director Marc Hage at 734-744-2650, ext. 46117, or fax resume and letter of interest to 734-744-2824.

Think summer golf

PGA teaching professional Tami Bealert is offering a series of golf classes and events at Hickory Creek Golf Course, 3525 Napier Road, Superior Township.

Adult drop-in clinics are also available including: Golf Enhancement sessions — 6:45-8 p.m. each Monday (locations and times subject to change by season); and Golf Conditioning — 10:30-11:30 a.m. each Saturday (January through November) at Hickory Creek.

To register for classes, visit Bealert's Facebook page at TrainwithTamiGolf.com.

For more information, email TrainwithTami@gmail.com or call 734-731-0238.

AMATEUR

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putt, which left Do to finish with a three-foot par putt and the victory. It closed out the drama, which included one of the players winning each of the last six holes played in the match.

"It was crazy," Do said. "I give Steve a lot of credit for making those two putts on 16 and 17. It really gave me a headache, because I thought I was closer than him on 16 and he could lag it close and I could lag it close and I would still be 1-up. Then on 17 he makes a bomb, which is unbelievable. I told myself I still have one more hole left and if I can just stay in there, I can hopefully force this to extra holes."

Anderson, a former Eastern Michigan University tennis player who took up golf because it's more relaxing, said he gave everything he had as the surprise finalist and a first-time match play qualifier as the 36th seed.

"If I had to lose, I'm happy it was to Henry," he said. "I made a great putt at 16, 17 was some

luck there and on the extra hole, it just didn't work out when I missed short. Henry's a great guy with a great attitude and a lot of talent. It's not bad to lose to somebody like that."

Anderson said he never felt pressure because he was just having fun and meeting nice people.

"All week getting to know all these people, you know they probably relate to me given my age because I'm a little slower out here than most of the guys and I've got back problems like they do," he said. "It was a good time. I never experienced anything like this."

Do reached the final with a 3 and 2 win over Grand Valley State golfer Chris Cunningham of Milford in their morning semifinal. Anderson won in 19 holes over Otto Black, a University of Toledo golfer from Pinckney.

Do said it was great to win at Belvedere and praised the grounds staff for getting the course ready for the tournament after the long winter.

"It was really in amazing shape," he said. "It's a great course and a great old club."

On hand to see his

victory was his golf coach, David Kendall from the Kendall Golf Academy in Ypsilanti. Kendall is also Do's godfather and made the trip from Ann Arbor to watch Do play in the championship match.

"I want to thank my godfather, Dave Kendall, for coming to watch me today," Do said. "He has been very important to me in my life and it meant a lot that he drove four hours to come watch me play."

Do, a business major at UNC, is a 2013 graduate of Ann Arbor Greenhills High School.

In his first-ever collegiate tournament, Do captured the 2013 Bridgestone Intercollegiate back in October. He was the GAM Junior Amateur Champion in 2011 and the 2010 Michigan PGA Tournament of Champions runner-up. Do also won the 2010 and 2011 AJGA Randy Wise Junior Open and the 2013 AJGA Coca-Cola Junior.

Do tied for sixth at the 2013 Michigan Open and tied for seventh earlier this month at the 2014 Michigan Open.

Greg Johnson is a freelance contributor for the Golf Association of Michigan.

MARINES

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istry," Stokes said. "Each athlete will be scored in the drills today, then we'll come back in August and see how much they improved."

Stokes said Tuesday's program, which is available to all high school athletic programs throughout the area, is an outstanding opportunity for young athletes to learn more about the Marine Corps than what they see on TV and on the Internet.

"A lot of people think the Marine Corps is all about kicking down doors and blowing things up, but there's obviously a lot more to it than that," said Stokes, who has served a total of one

year in Afghanistan. "Obviously, what we do requires a lot of physical stuff, but you have to be smart, too. I actually work in meteorology and oceanography, along with doing this."

"This is a great way for us to become involved in the community and teach these young men about leadership and team-building. Winning in football is all about working together. It's a lot like the Marine Corps, only on a smaller scale."

Senior captain Nick DeHetre gave Tuesday's session glowing reviews — even though the workout had only just passed the half-way point.

"It's definitely motivational, working with some of the people who help keep our country safe and free," DeHetre said, moments

after he completed the movement under fire drill. "It's inspirational to see it and hear about it first-hand compared to watching it on TV. These guys have been through a lot and they all have their own story to tell."

DeHetre also enjoyed the variety the Marine Corps workout offered him and his teammates.

"It's a nice opportunity to get exposed to other workouts other than football-based workouts," he added. "I like that we have junior varsity and varsity players out here side by side, working together on a hot day to get better. It shows how committed and dedicated we are to building a winning team."

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FIRST-TEAM SINGLES
Winnie Karoub, Mercy: She completed her third season as a No. 1 singles player with a 12-6 record and made the all-area first team for the third straight year.

She is the Catholic League champion and a regional winner, too. She won a match and advanced to the second round of the Division 1 state tournament.

"Winnie is a tremendous No. 1 singles player," coach Joe Stafford said. "She's super athletic and plays tennis at a national level. When she's on her game, she can play with anybody."



Karoub

"She can hit the ball a lot of different ways. And she's a fighter. When she's really focused and playing her game, she's tough to beat."

"She's a great student as well. She's definitely going to play at the next level in college."

"We think we have a great singles lineup. They're all back again next year and we're excited about that."

Aimee Moccia, Stevenson: The senior, headed to Grand Valley State, earned first team singles honors all four years en route to an 85-18 career record, including a 20-3 mark as a senior.

Moccia was the Kensington Lakes Activities Association 'A' tournament and Public Schools of Livonia champ, as well as regional runner-up who qualified for the Division 1 state finals for the third straight season.



Moccia

She avenged one of her three losses with a 7-6, 6-4 first-round win in the state finals over Isabel Zhang of Ann Arbor Huron before losing to eventual state champion Davina Nguyen of Utica in the round of 16.

"Aimee had a stellar senior year and career at Stevenson," coach Don McCathney said. "She was easily the most focused dedicated female player I have ever coached."

"She played tennis the entire year and focused on becoming the best player she could be."

"The best part of Aimee's game was her sportsmanship and the way she carried herself on the court. Her court demeanor was exemplary."

"In four years of watching Aimee play, I never witnessed her get upset or lose her temper at any time."

Carolyn McCullen, Franklin: The Patriots' top singles player, headed to Lawrence Tech, finished her senior season with a 19-2 record and won the KLAA 'B' tournament along with invitationals crowns at Carleton Airport and Salem.

As junior, McCullen went 20-5 and reached the round of 16 in the Division 1 state finals.

"Carolyn has worked really hard to improve her game for 2014 season," coach Rick Clack said of the two-time state qualifier. "She had another very strong season, and her only losses were to all-state players."



McCullen

"She was determined, from the beginning of season, to have an excellent year and there were no dips in her play throughout the season."

"She is the second tennis player at Franklin in the last five years to accept a collegiate tennis scholarship."

Arti Vaishnav, N. Farmington: The sophomore was the top player on another good Raiders team, which won a Division 2 regional title.

Vaishnav played No. 1 singles for the second year in a row and is a repeat member of the all-area first team.

"Arti had a good year, considering the competition she plays in the OAA Red Division, which is the toughest league in the state, in my opinion," coach Whitney Wasielewski said.

"She was named to the all-league team and was the regional champion. She is a young player and still has two

- 2014 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS TENNIS FIRST-TEAM SINGLES**
 Winnie Karoub, jr., Farm. Hills Mercy
 Aimee Moccia, sr., Liv. Stevenson
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 Arti Vaishnav, soph., N. Farmington
 Sheryl Carter, soph., Farm. Harrison
 Kathryn Dunleavy, soph., F.H. Mercy
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 Maura Ehrlich, jr., N. Farmington
 Andrea Kopitz, sr., N. Farmington
 Mackenzie Zierau, jr., Farm. Hills Mercy
 Clara Pilchak, jr., Farm. Hills Mercy
 Ashley Tran, sr., Farmington
 Priyanka Sakthikumar, sr., Farmington
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 Chelsea Yu, jr., Salem
 Maddison Johnson, sr., Canton
 Kendall Payne, soph., Liv. Franklin
 Rachel Gringlas, sr., N. Farmington
 Bridgette Conniff, soph., F.H. Mercy
 Rylie Fallu, sr., Liv. Churchill
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 Sarah Hinrichs, soph., Farm. Hills Mercy
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Churchill: Triveni Arvikar, Jessica Banini, Maggie Trinka; **Franklin:** Morgan Wither-spoon; **Stevenson:** Jill Weiland, Arryn Dochenez, Danielle Marzel; **Canton:** Anna Scheppele, Jasmine Najm-Henry; **Plymouth:** Amber Tseng; **Salem:** Kylie Enright, Tiffany Chan, Bianca Ghita; **North Farmington:** Dania Abdulhamid, Eva Pitts, Myra Visser, Madison Selinsky; **Farmington:** Hannah Pierce, Aneasha Yande, Isha Nadgouda; **Harrison:** Clarissa Gaddis, Tina Wheeler; **Mercy:** Gillian Toler, Carly Demkowicz, Emmie McCann, Megan Nadolski, Cathy Lowrance; **Redford Union:** Abigail Walters; **Garden City:** Kaylee Tucker.

years to develop. "Arti is a tough and consistent player and I'm looking forward to the future as she continues to improve and get stronger."

Sheryl Carter, Harrison: The sophomore No. 1 singles player had a successful season for the Hawks in the OAA White Division.

Carter was a Division 2 state qualifier and advanced to the third round of the finals, finishing with an 8-7 record.

"Sheryl is a motivated athlete," coach Delric Clemmons said. "She and her teammates braved the cold temperatures this season for practice sessions and matches."

"She is a reliable player who sets a good example for her teammates in the areas of punctuality and good sportsmanship."

"Her calmness and focus while competing in the state

finals tournament was commendable. It has been a pleasure coaching her this season."

Kathryn Dunleavy, Mercy: She starred at No. 2 singles for the second year in a row for the Marlins, winning Catholic League and regional championships. The sophomore compiled an 11-7 record.

"Kathryn is a really skilled player," Stafford said. "She's a great leader on and off the court. She's always thinking about her teammates. It's been great having her at Mercy for two years."

"She's so skilled; she hits a great ball and she has all the shots. She takes the ball early. She hits way out in front and dictates the majority of the points. She always makes her opponents do the majority of the running."

"She is really committed to her game and she works at it. She's probably our hardest worker and most committed player in the off-season."



Dunleavy

FIRST-TEAM DOUBLES
Andrea Kopitz and Maura Ehrlich, N. Farmington: The veteran players - Kopitz is a senior and Ehrlich a junior - led a strong lineup of doubles teams for the Raiders.

They helped North win a Division 2 regional championship and finish ninth in the state.

"Maura and Andrea were a very tough doubles team this year, moving up from No. 2 doubles to No. 1," Wasielewski said. "They were named all-state honorable mention and were also regional champions."

"They finished the season with a winning record, which is very impressive considering their competition. Both of these players were team captains and they proved to be



Kopitz



Ehrlich

leaders on and off the court." **Mackenzie Zierau and Clara Pilchak, Mercy:** Zierau, who won a state championship at No. 2 doubles last year, and Pilchak were a pleasant surprise when they combined to play No. 1 singles this year, according to Stafford.

Playing against great competition, the junior duo posted a 9-9 record, won a regional championship and finished third in the Catholic League.

"They had great chemistry," Stafford said. "They were really solid for us. Mack has great ground strokes from the baseline; Clara is a great all-court player and is really agile at the net."

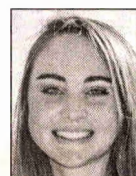
"It was fun to watch those two, because they were always so supportive of each other. They would always keep pumping each other up. You could tell they really enjoyed playing together."

"One doubles was a really deep flight this year and they more than held their own against the top No. 1 doubles teams in the state."

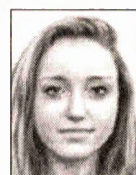
Ashley Tran and Priyanka Sakthikumar, Farmington: The senior duo won the OAA White Division championship at No. 1 doubles, moving up two places from their third seed to defeat top-seeded Troy Athens in the final.

Tran and Sakthikumar were Division 2 regional runners-up, holding their seed and finishing second to North Farmington's Kopitz and Ehrlich.

They compiled an impressive 16-5 record with losses to Stoney Creek, Troy Athens, North Farmington (twice) and state champion Forest Hills Northern.



Zierau



Pilchak



Tran



Sakthikumar

SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

Glenn football

Westland John Glenn is offering a summer skills football camp from noon to 3 p.m. (incoming grades 11-12) and 5-8 p.m. (grades 9-10) Monday through Thursday, June 23-26, at the high school gym.

The cost is \$15. For more information, call Glenn varsity coach Tim Hardin at 734-419-2329.

Wildcats football camp

The 2014 Plymouth Wildcats Football Skills Camp will be held June 23-25 at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity turf field.

Youngsters entering grades 5-9 next fall will go 5-7 p.m. each day; those entering grades 10-12 will go 7-9 p.m.

Visit www.plymouthwildcatsfootball.com to download a camp brochure and get additional information. Contact Coach Mike Sawchuk at 734-765-1766.

Canton football camps

Summer football camps being run by the Canton High School program are slated for June and July at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity field.

Visit www.cantonchiefsfootball.com to download a flier.

Fundamental Camp: The camp is for players entering grades 3-6 in fall 2014. Times are 9 a.m. to noon June 23-26. Contact Enza Lanava at 313-300-1173.

Skills Camp: The camp is for players entering grades 7-9 in fall 2014. Times are 5-7:30 p.m. July 14-17. Contact Richard Mui at 248-229-2738.

Madonna volleyball

Madonna University will offer a series of summer volleyball camps for middle school and high school players including:

Advanced - 8:30 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday, June 23-26; general skills - 1:40 p.m. Monday through Thursday, June 23-26; setters - 8:30 a.m. to noon Sunday through Wednesday, June 29 through July 2; hitters (session I) - 1:40 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday, June 29 through July 2; hitters (session II) - 8:30 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday, July 7-10; and defensive - 1:40 p.m. Monday

through Thursday, July 7-10.

The cost for each camp is \$135.

For more information, call MU coach Jerry Abraham at 734-432-5612 or email jabraham@madonna.edu.

Churchill soccer

Churchill High School will be staging a soccer camp for boys and girls (ages 10-16) 9-11 a.m. Monday through Friday, June 23-27, at the high school, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

The cost is \$49 and camp will be run by current boys and girls varsity head coaches. Bring cleats, soccer ball and shin guards.

For more information, email boys coach Matt Grodzicki at mgrodzic@livoniapublicschools.org or girls coach Reid Friedrichs at rfriedri@livoniapublicschools.org.

Churchill hoops

The Livonia Churchill boys basketball camp (grades 5-9 in the fall) will be from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday, June 23-27, at the high school. The cost is \$50.

For more information, email Churchill coach Jim Solak at solakj@taylor.k12.mi.us. You can also call 313-303-7170 or 734-946-6657.

The Churchill girls 2014 summer basketball camp (grades 5-9 in the fall) will be 3-6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, July 15-18, the high school. The cost is \$50.

For more information, email coach Matt McCowan at mmccowan54@gmail.com or call 248-761-9201.

Franklin baseball

Livonia Franklin varsity coach Matt Fournier and his staff will hold their annual Future Stars summer baseball camp (grades 2-8) from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday, June 23-26, at the high school, located at 31000 Joy Road.

Included in the \$60 cost, if registered by Friday, June 20, is a camp T-shirt.

For more information, email Fournier at mfournie2@livoniapublicschools.org or call 734-968-0499.

Madonna hoops

The Madonna University summer boys basketball camp

(ages 8-15), sponsored by the city of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation, will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 23-27, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center (main gym), 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile).

The cost for residents is \$205 and \$215 for non-residents.

Registration will be at the LCRC, but can also be done through mail, fax or by registering at www.ci.livonia.mi.us (to download a form). For more information, call 734-466-2900.

Lady Spartan hoops

The Lady Spartan basketball camp (entering grades four-nine) will be from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Wednesday, June 23-25, at the Stevenson High School field house and gym, 33500 W. Six Mile, Livonia.

Included in the \$60 cost is a camp T-shirt. Players will be grouped by age and skill level.

For more information, email Stevenson varsity girls basketball coach Tim Newman at tnewman@livoniapublicschools.org.

Summer camps

On tap this summer through Canton Leisure Services are basketball and baseball summer camps instructed by long-time coach Pat Watson.

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

Basketball: There will be three weekly basketball camps at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway. 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, visit cantonfun.org, call Canton Sports Center at 734-483-5600 or visit either

Canton Sports Center or Summit on the Park and inquire.

Churchill hockey

The Livonia Churchill summer hockey camp will be 10-11:20 a.m. Monday through Friday, July 7-11 and July 14-18, at Edgar Arena, 33841 Lyndon, Livonia.

The cost is \$175 (checks should be made payable to Churchill H.S.).

For more information, email Churchill coach Jason Reynolds at Jayrey48152@gmail.com or call 734-788-0447.

Churchill football

The Livonia Churchill Twilight football camp (grades 3-8) will be 7-9 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, July 23-24, at the high school.

The cost is \$35 if pre-registered by July 1 or \$50 after. You can register in person beginning at 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 23, at the football field pavilion.

Churchill will also offer two camps for grades 9-12 including basic offense and defense techniques, 5-8 p.m. Sunday through Tuesday, June 22-24, along with advanced offense and defense techniques, 5-8 p.m. Sunday through Tuesday, July 27-29.

The cost is \$100. You can register in person at 4 p.m. Sunday, June 22, at the football field pavilion.

Campers will need cleats, running shoes and a signed liability agreement. All checks should be made payable to Churchill High School: Allen Feigel, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48150. No refunds two weeks prior to start of camp.

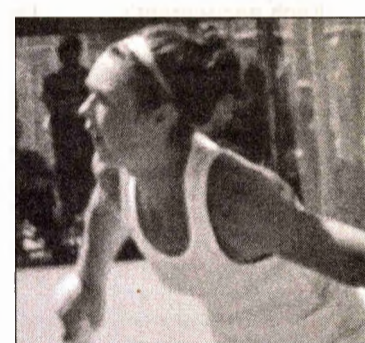
MU cross country

Madonna University will stage summer cross country base camps for serious high school runners 8:45-9:45 a.m. July 28 through Aug. 1. The cost is \$75.

MU will also hold long runs 7:30-9 a.m. Saturday, July 12, July 19, July 26 and Aug. 2, at Cass Benton Park.

The cost is a \$2 donation each long run.

For more information, email Pat Daugherty at pdaugherty@madonna.edu. Daugherty can also be reached during the evenings at 734-658-0226 (cell) or 734-432-5634 (office).



Competing during the Division 4 state tournament at No. 2 singles is Maddy Szuba of Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard. She won the championship.

Just perfect!

Szuba wins No. 2 singles title at D-4 finals to cap undefeated senior year

Maddy Szuba just completed a season to remember for Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard's varsity girls tennis team.

The Plymouth Township resident, who recently graduated from Gabriel Richard, captured the No. 2 singles championship at the Division 4 state tournament at Holly.

Szuba, whose parents are Mike and Anne Marie Szuba, defeated Jessica Bouma of Kalamazoo Christian by a 6-3, 6-2 tally.

With her victory, the 17-year-old finished her senior year undefeated (20-0), having never lost a single set.

She also was the team captain, wrapping up a stellar four-year varsity career with the Fighting Irish.

As a bonus, one of her teammates was younger sister Sarah Szuba, who played at No. 3 singles.

"Being captain, having her sister Sarah on the team and winning a state championship was a great way to finish her high school career," Mike Szuba said.

Szuba also had plenty of success academically. She graduated summa cum laude.

Her plans are to attend University of Michigan's College of Engineering this fall.



Szuba

RUMBERGER

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Led by example

Willette added that Salem players needed to only see the kind of extra effort Rumberger always devoted to the program to become infused with an extra shot of motivation.

"Dale took great pride in the Salem baseball field, one of the best-kept fields in the state of Michigan," Willette added. "He would spend a lot of his own time cutting the grass, (removing weeds) and dragging the infield.

"All Dale ever asked of his players was to always give 100 percent because that's what he did as a player himself and as a coach."

According to the MVP on Rumberger's final team, shortstop Jack Driscoll, the coach always had the right answers to questions about all aspects of the game.

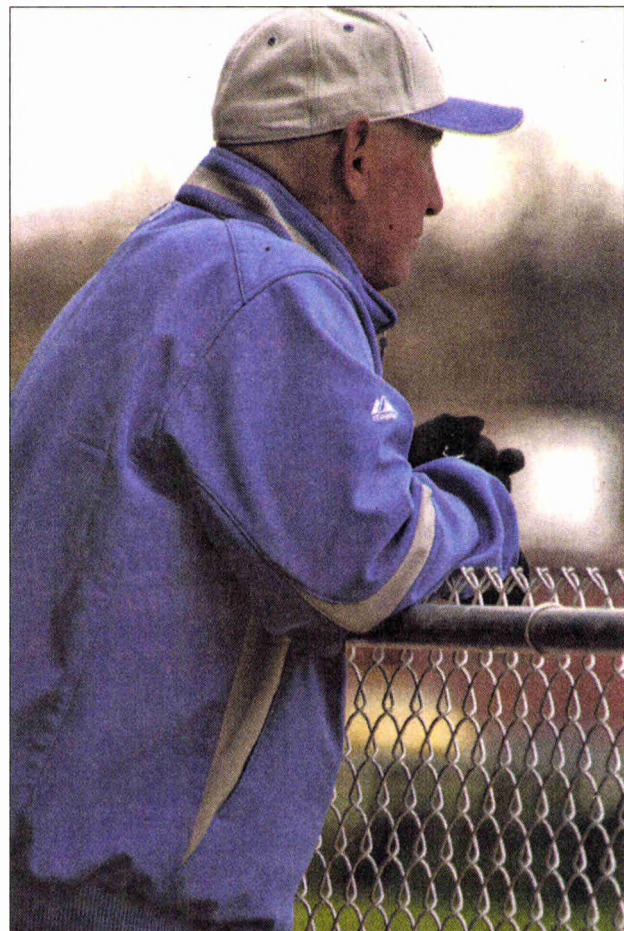
"Coach Rumberger's a really great coach, who helped me a lot on just becoming a better baseball player and even a better person," said Driscoll, who recently graduated. "With hitting (instruction), he's always saying, 'Stride, rotate, swing.' Just be on top of the ball.

"If you do all that right and you listen to him, everything will work out."

With a laugh, Driscoll added that players always went the extra mile to heed Rumberger's words of wisdom, because "he always says that he hates being wrong."

Winning legacy

Rumberger's coaching legacy is one for the record books, having collected numerous awards capped off by his 2012 induction into the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Other honors include being



Dale Rumberger is retiring after 28 seasons with the Salem Rocks, the past 20 as head coach.

THE RUMBERGER FILE

What: Coach Dale Rumberger is retiring after 28 seasons with the Salem Rocks varsity baseball team.

Career: He was Salem's assistant coach from 1987-94, and took over as head coach in 1995. During his 20-year career at the helm, the Rocks went 356-303 and won three division titles, three district titles and a regional championship. During his eight seasons as assistant coach, Salem posted a 143-67 record and won the 1991 state championship as well as a number of division, conference, district and regional titles. Overall, Salem teams went 499-370 with Rumberger on the coaching staff.

2014: Rumberger's final season was among his best, with a 28-10 record. The squad recorded more than 100 stolen bases and three players had 40 or more base hits.

Awards: Honors were plentiful, including Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association Assistant Coach of the Year (1991), District Coach of the Year (1995, 2000, 2005), Observer Coach of the Year (1995, 2000) and MHSBCA All-Star Game Coach (2001). He was inducted into the MHSBCA Hall of Fame in 2012.

named *Observer* Coach of the Year in 1995 and 2000.

Canton head baseball coach Mark Blomshield called Rumberger "an ambassador to the sport of baseball. Dale ran a quality program for a very long time, which in its own is a monumental task in today's age."

One of the games

Blomshield always looked circled on his schedule was the Canton-Salem match-up.

"I knew we would have a good old-fashioned rivalry game that day," Blomshield said. "We always looked forward to it."

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Mike Unger (left), who has been Lutheran High Westland's A.D. since 1987, is passing the torch to his former student Kevin Wade. BRAD EMONS

Lutheran Westland making an A.D. transition

Teacher Unger retires after 27 years, pupil Wade takes over

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

In 1987, his first year as athletic director at Lutheran High Westland, Mike Unger got to experience divine intervention first-hand.

He recalled finding a peculiar message on his desk and still has the cherished note in his possession, pinned to a board in his office surrounded by all his plaques, trophies and photos.

"We had a football game canceled that year at Hamtramck St. Florian," Unger said. "The message said, 'All activities canceled for the week.' It was because the pope (John Paul II) came to town."

Lutheran High Westland athletics has come along ways since those days, when Unger had to scramble to find games before the Warriors eventually moved into the Metro Conference and then the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

"Back then, we played teams like Peck and Waldron, schools we knew nothing about," said Unger, who is stepping down as the Warriors' A.D. after 27 years, giving way to one of his former students, Kevin Wade.

The 63-year-old Unger recently accepted a retirement-buyout package from the Lutheran High School Association, but he isn't completely stepping away.

He'll continue to teach four math classes and will coach track and field in the spring, while re-assuming the cross country team duties this fall, taking over for his daughter-in-law Allie Unger.

"It looked pretty good and I had somebody that wanted to be athletic director," Unger said.

"And I thought this was the time. I enjoy it, but it wears sometimes. I can still teach, which I thoroughly still enjoy doing, and I can still coach. I'm hired back part time and if I can do it, why not?"

Unger, who graduated from Concordia (Neb.) University and did his graduate work at Wayne State University, spent eight years as A.D. at Detroit Lutheran West before migrating to the then-new Wisconsin Synod school located on Cowan Road in Westland.

A member of the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association Hall of Fame, Unger guided Lutheran West to back-to-back MHSAA Class C boys track state titles in 1981-82, as well as a runner-up finish in 1983.

He also brought Lutheran Westland its only state title in 2001, when the Warriors captured the Division 4 boys track and field championship.

While Unger will still be wearing a couple of hats, he won't have to don the big sombrero.

"I won't be here as many nights," Unger said of relinquishing his A.D. duties. "I enjoy doing the athletic director stuff, but then nights wear on you with the Friday or Saturday afternoon football games. I'll get my schoolwork done earlier, is what I can do, and I might not even be here in the morning as much. The plan is to teach four (classes), which I do now. My teaching load will be the same."

The 34-year-old Wade, a 1997 Lutheran Westland grad, has served as the school's dean of students and will become an assistant principal.

A graduate of Concordia University of Ann Arbor, Wade has undergraduate degrees in physical education and secondary education. He also has a master's in administration from Concordia-Mequon (Wis.). This past year, he taught advanced biology and environmental science.

Wade has been the

school's varsity baseball coach for the past 10 seasons, guiding the Warriors to a runner-up finish in the 2008 Division 4 state tournament.

His plan is to continue as varsity baseball coach, but he'll step down as the school's varsity volleyball coach. He led Lutheran Westland to a runner-up finish in the Class D state tournament in 2008.

The Rev. Tom Lange, a part-time religion teacher at Lutheran Westland, will take over the volleyball job this fall and be assisted by longtime JV coach Dave Ruth.

"Administration has always kind of been my goal," Wade said. "I think I've always wanted to be an athletic director and Mike knows that. I've been the dean of students for three years, including all the discipline stuff. I'll be picking up more with the assistant principal-type change. Administration is where I'm at and maybe one day I may become a principal. I guess my bosses see some good in me, so they kind of keep giving me opportunities."

Wade was called "a quiet student" by his mentor when he used to sit in Unger's class. The two are now going over items such as the athletic budget and have been working closely together the past month during the transition phase.

"It's all the little details that I don't know anything about," Wade said. "I understand athletics, I understand sports. Obviously I've coached a variety of sports, but it's all the little things (Unger) has done that I don't know about that happens. So when things pop up, that's going to be the biggest challenge. It's nice that he'll be in the building. And if I ever get stuck, I'll be able to bounce things off of him."

It should be a smooth hand-off of the baton.

That's unless the new pope (Francis) decides to pay an unexpected visit.

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Area spikers grab the gold

Next Generation wins AAU state title

The "next generation" in club volleyball is doing just fine, thank you.

Next Generation Volleyball Club 15-1 captured the state championship for the Under-15 Club Division, May 30 and June 1 at Cornerstone University.

Next Generation, composed of a number of area athletes, defeated Indiana-based Dunes Volleyball Club 22-25, 25-27, 15-13 to prevail in the 2014 MJVBA Association Championship/AAU Grand Prix.

The full U15 Next Generation roster is: Katie Coe (Plymouth), Gabrielle den Boer (Canton/Canton HS), Jordyn Kreucher (Mercy HS), Kylie Kreucher (Novi MS), Mallory Lynch (Northville MS), Sydney Hughes (Mercy HS), Nya Rodriguez (Troy HS), Allie Sanderson



Celebrating after winning the state championship in the 15U division is the Next Generation Volleyball Club. The team includes players from Canton, Plymouth and Mercy high schools.

(Mercy HS) and Hailey Sygiel (Mercy HS).

With the victory, Next Generation advanced to nationals in Orlando, Fla.

The semifinal match immediately preceding the championship game was a barn burner between local 15 regional team High Velocity Hurricanes and the Dunes

team (25-22, 20-25, 15-13).

Next Generation Volleyball club practices out of Novi, Southfield and Utica and will hold tryouts for the 2015 season beginning July 28.

Go to www.nextgenerationvolleyball.com for more details.

Get physical: Yoga program aims to keep pulmonary hypertension patients active

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Rana Awdish, M.D., hopes yoga will help patients with pulmonary hypertension — high blood pressure in the lungs — exercise more successfully.

Awdish, a Northville resident and pulmonologist at Henry Ford Hospital, developed a 40-minute yoga program, available on DVD and download through iTunes and Googleplay, with poses modified for individuals with pulmonary hypertension. The exercises are gentle enough for hypertensive patients, even those on oxygen or with joint pain, and can be accomplished seated or standing. The program includes three levels of low-impact yoga

exercise that is aimed at improving balance, strength, reducing stress and calming the nervous system.

“What we find so impactful about yoga is two-fold: Most of our patients are so limited because of shortness of breath. They find it difficult to exercise,” said Awdish, who has practiced yoga for 20 years. “Yoga meets them where they are. Even if they are wheelchair-bound, yoga allows them to do exercise in their chair. It meets patients where they are and they have successes.”

“The focus on the mind-body aspect of it and the focus

on the breathing helps to calm the nervous system” and reduce blood pressure and heart rate, Awdish added.

That’s especially important for individuals with pulmonary hypertension. In patients with the disease, the heart works harder to force blood through the narrowed vessels in their lungs. It typically develops between ages 20-60 and strikes women two or three times more than men. Awdish said genetics and environmental factors likely play a role in developing the disease.

“It’s been a rare disease for a long time and is now being recognized, and recognized in older people more now than before. It tends to run hand-in-hand with rheumatoid arthritis and lupus. We know that if patients exercise, they’ll have

less joint pain and a better quality of life. What we don’t know what the ideal exercise modality is.

Exercise success

Awdish said she created the yoga program after patients asked for it. They wanted to try yoga, but weren’t sure which kind was safe and which poses they should avoid.

“These were things I knew because I had done yoga for so long. I started doing yoga in college, but it became meaningful to me in 2008 when I became critically ill.”

She said yoga played a big role in helping her to regain her health as she recovered. She practiced basic yoga exercises and saw results.

“I could see day to day I

was getting stronger.”

Awdish said the focus on breath in yoga also may help patients view their breathing, which often is hampered by their disease, as a “healing modality” rather than a symptom of pulmonary hypertension. Common symptoms of the disease are shortness of breath, fatigue, chest pain, and a racing heartbeat.

“It empowers patients to create a more healing environment for their bodies. It’s so empowering for them to have successes.”

A grant from the Pulmonary Hypertension Association paid for the program. To order a free DVD, visit henryford.com and click on departments and then the link to pulmonary and critical care medicine.



Rana Awdish

Study shows Sweet Dreamzzz helps preschoolers get more sleep

A new study from the University of Michigan found that preschoolers taking part in the Farmington Hills-based Sweet Dreamzzz educational sleep program slept 30 minutes longer each night.

In the study, published in the journal *SLEEP*, 152 preschool children and their families participated in the Sweet Dreamzzz Early Childhood Sleep Education Program, through Head Start programs. The sleep project included a one-time, 45-minute sleep education program for parents, and two weeks of classroom sleep education for the preschoolers. Parents were asked to keep diaries for assessment of their children’s sleep habits.

“We know that an increase in sleep duration of that magnitude is associated with better

function for kids during the day,” said Katherine DeRue, who conducted the study while she was a postgraduate fellow at the University of Michigan Sleep Disorders Center and Departments of Neurology and Pediatrics. She is now a pediatrician and sleep physician at IHA Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Consultants in Ann Arbor.

“Parents often underestimate how much sleep their kids require, so an educational program like this, directed at parents when they have more control over their kids’ sleep schedules, can have great impact.”

The study also found that parents’ awareness and knowledge of good sleep behaviors also improved after program participation, but this effect

was not sustained when parents were retested one month later.

“So we found that a two-week program of daily exposure to sleep education in the preschool classroom, along with an initial presentation for parents, can be an effective strategy,” said Ronald D. Chervin, M.D., M.S., the study’s senior author, director of the U-M Sleep Disorders Center, and a volunteer on Sweet Dreamzzz’s Advisory Board.

“But repeated exposure or reminders about the sleep information may be necessary to maintain the effects for kids and especially parents over time.”

This is believed to be the first study to examine the effect of a sleep education program on the sleep of preschool-

age children.

Learning good habits

Among the lessons taught were recognizing 8 p.m. as the desirable bedtime; learning that an apple is a better snack before bedtime than a candy bar; and identifying reading rather than watching television as a relaxing activity before bedtime.

“We are pleased to see that the University of Michigan researchers have been able to measure the impact of our sleep program. We know a proper sleep environment, regular bedtime routine, and the right amount of sleep hours each night can impact the future of our children,” said Nancy Maxwell, Sweet Dreamzzz executive director. Sweet Dreamzzz provides

educational programs on sleep, along with free sleep essentials, such as sleeping bags, toothbrushes, and books about sleep, to schoolchildren in low-income areas. Sweet Dreamzzz’s main aims are to encourage better sleep — and thereby better health and learning — at the earliest ages.

“Nutrition and exercise are commonly the focus of educational efforts to improve children’s health,” Chervin said. “Good sleep — in quality and quantity — is no less vital to our kids’ future, yet it’s rarely if ever discussed. Our new findings suggest that a small amount of effort to promote better sleep could have substantial benefit now, and conceivably for years to come as these youngsters grow older.”

Change... Should I be afraid?

Ask A Garden City Hospital Health Expert



Dr. Haddad
Obstetrics/Gynecology

Like it or not, things change. It’s inevitable. And, while all women will experience menopause, the extent of its effects can vary greatly. Obstetrician/Gynecologist and GCH Health Expert, Dr. Chadi Haddad, provides an overview of what to expect during this physical change.

Q: When does menopause usually start and what causes it?

A: Menopause is a normal part of aging and generally occurs after the age of 40, with an average age of 51. However, some women may experience menopause early, either as a result of surgery, such as hysterectomy, or from damage to the ovaries. Each woman is born with a finite number of eggs, which are stored in the ovaries. The ovaries also produce the hormones estrogen and progesterone, which regulate menstruation and ovulation. Menopause occurs when the ovaries no longer release an egg every month and menstruation stops.

Q: Will menopause symptoms last for the rest of my life?

A: For most women, the symptoms of menopause last for a relatively short time. However, a woman’s level of estrogen naturally remains low after menopause. This can affect many parts of the body, including the sexual and urinary organs, heart and bones. So in that sense, the changes of menopause will be lifelong. But eating right, exercising and making other positive lifestyle changes can help a woman feel great and live a long, healthy life after menopause.

Q: What is the difference between perimenopause and menopause?

A: The term ‘menopause’ is often used interchangeably with perimenopause. However, a woman only technically reaches the menopausal stage of life after she has not had a menstrual cycle for twelve months. The major difference between perimenopause and menopause is the production of eggs. During perimenopause, a woman experiences irregular periods, but her ovaries may still produce eggs.

Q: Even though my eating habits have not changed, I’ve gained weight recently. Is this linked to menopause?

A: It may be. The body’s metabolism changes during and after menopause. Everyone’s metabolism begins to slow during the early to mid-30s. This change occurs slowly, so it may take a while for the impact of eating habits to affect weight. It is important to make a sensible, nutritious diet and healthy behaviors, such as getting enough exercise, a goal for life. Evidence suggests eating a diet, which includes lean protein and is low in fat and carbohydrates, may help.

At Garden City Hospital’s Center for Women’s Health, Dr. Haddad and his team provide the most advanced services in gynecology, obstetrics, prevention and surgery. To make an appointment with Dr. Haddad, call 313.561.2200.

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GREENMEAD GARDEN WALK

Livonia senior recognized for gardening, painting

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Beverly Johnston hated gardening as a child.

"We had a vacant lot next to our house that my mother planted," said Johnston, recalling her childhood yard in Plymouth. "My sister and I helped her. We're talking using a hoe to get out weeds, carrying buckets of water, and canning everything. It was not our idea of a good time. We swore that we'd never have gardens."

But after she married, moved to Livonia 62 years ago, and started raising her four children, Johnston discovered "there's more of my mom in me than I realized." She put in a few tomato plants behind the garage and eventually added cutting flowers. When the family moved to their second Livonia home 48 years ago, Johnston put her green thumb to work.

Now at age 86, she'll open her yard to visitors Saturday, June 28, on the Greenmead Garden Walk in Livonia.

"What I aim for in the garden is to make it pleasing to me. I see something I like that appeals to me, I like the color or shape of the leaf or I think it looks cool next to something. I have an impulse garden."

Johnston said her mix of colors and potted annuals also reflects her interest in art and experience as a painter.

"I'm very much influenced by color. I just planted delphiniums next to rosy azaleas. I'm always thinking about what to put next to each other," she said. "I had a teacher who once said for a painting not to be boring, put in something unexpected. And that is the way I treat my garden."

A raised bed, for example, includes a Japanese maple tree that once thrived but since dying has become yard sculpture. Her late husband and two sons planted the tree for Mother's Day one year. Johnston decided to leave it in tact in memory of her husband and one of her sons, who also has



Beverly Johnston is an accomplished artist as well as gardener. Several of her paintings will hang in her garden during the walk. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

died. A wind chime hangs from the tree, which sits near a gazing ball.

Abstract artist

A few of Johnston's floral pastels and paintings will be on display in her garden during the walk. Meanwhile, she'll set up her easel in one of the other gardens on the tour and will paint.

She recently won first place for an abstract painting she entered into the Visual Arts Association of Livonia (VAAL) spring art show, which runs through June 30 at the Livonia Civic Center Library.

Johnston said she has "always been into art" to some degree since childhood and has taken classes at Michigan State, Schoolcraft, Center for Creative Studies, Birmingham Bloomfield Arts Association and at VAAL, where she serves as treasurer. While raising her children, she didn't have much time to dabble, but when her youngest daughter was 4, Johnston attended a "ladies day out" at the YMCA and took

25TH ANNUAL FRIENDS OF GREENMEAD GARDEN WALK

When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 28

Where: Five gardens at homes throughout Livonia, along with gardens at Greenmead Historical Park, located at Newburgh and Eight Mile

Tickets: \$9 in advance; \$10 day of the event. Tickets available at all Livonia public libraries, Greenmead Historical Park and at Livonia City Hall, located at Five Mile and Farmington Road.

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two art classes.

"I eventually got back into it. I joined an art club and started taking instruction."

She painted still life compositions and landscapes for years, but switched to abstract work after taking a class with Laura Host at the BBAC.

"I used to enter all the local



Beverly Johnston's floral paintings will be on display during the garden walk, but her passion is abstract art.

art shows. I don't do that much any more. I paint full size. It's hard to lug paintings around. Mainly now I paint for me."

Lugging bags of dirt and mulch to the backyard and weeding from a kneeling position isn't easy, either. Four years ago, Johnston hired Col-

leen Giovanni of Farmington Hills to help with the heavy stuff outdoors.

"She is very nice. She brings in four or five kids and they work. I like her attitude and her kids. She teaches them the ethics of working."

FLOWERS ARE FOREVER WALK

'Every year is a work in progress'

Pool, park-like setting create hotel resort theme in Plymouth Twp. garden

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Linda Breakie usually plants 35 flats of annuals to accent her perennial beds every year and spends about 20 hours a week getting her yard into shape for summer.

But this year, with her five-acre property in Plymouth Township on the the Flowers are Forever Garden Walk, she has been busy adding 15 flats, and working full time in the garden.

"A neighbor was in it last year and recommended me," said Breakie, who agreed to open her yard to the public on Tuesday, June 24. "Every year is a work in progress. Every year I'm trying to get in more perennials. The number of annuals never goes down. There is a lot of room to fill in."

She and her husband, Richard, who are both retired, bought the property 20 years ago, when they were self-employed in the health field. Although the site included "a lot of messy woods" and an above-ground pool, they liked the overhang at the attached garage and imagined it would become the perfect spot for outdoor gatherings.

"Richard has worked so hard on cleaning up the property," Breakie said. "When you drive up it kind of looks like a park. We're in a natural beauty area, so we don't want it to look too manicured."

Family flowers

In addition to weeding out trees and scrub bushes, the couple had an in-ground swimming pool installed. The back yard also includes a waterfall,

FLOWERS ARE FOREVER GARDEN WALK

When: Noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 24

Where: At several gardens throughout Plymouth and Plymouth Township

What: Presented by Trailwood Garden Club of Plymouth

Tickets: \$8 pre-sale and \$10 on June 24. Tickets half off for children, 12 and under. Babies carried in arms are free. Strollers are not permitted. Tickets available at Saxton's Power Equipment, 587 W. Ann Arbor Trail; Backyard Birds, 627 S. Main; and Sideways, 505 Forest Ave.

Contact: Karen Jachym at 734-459-5087 or Marilyn Detmer at 734-454-4625

hot tub and rock garden. Breakie also transplanted many perennials that once grew in her mother's gardens in Detroit and Dearborn Heights. One peony, for example, was handed down from her paternal grandfather to her mother and finally to her.

"It's the prettiest bloom of any peony I've ever seen," she said, describing the 50-year-old plant. "It's carnation pink. I try to group all the colors in the back (yard). I like the pinks and purples. I enjoy colors and flowers, but I'm not a Master Gardener."

She calls her yard a "jumble garden" because of its mix of plants and colors. It's set in sandy soil which is easy to dig, but requires added supplements. Breakie also sprays her plants with repellent to safeguard them from the dozen or so deer that cross the property every day. She has "dog-proofed" much of the yard but discovered that their three



Linda Breakie says the entrance to her five-acre property on Ridge Road in Plymouth Township looks like a park.



Linda Breakie works on her garden, amid lavender, begonias and ageratum flowers. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Australian shepherds seem to understand the phrase "get out of the flowers."

Breakie plans to add chairs, umbrellas and other items to give the back yard a "hotel

resort" theme for the Flowers are Forever Walk. The Trailwood Garden Club also will sell plants and garden ornaments on site.

GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR

Send material for the Garden & Nature Calendar to Sharon Dargay, sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Heritage Park

» Take a Full Moon Friday Night Hike 9:30-10:30 p.m. July 11. Cost is \$3 per person. Hikes are for ages 5 and up. Pre-register at recreg.fhgov.com. Or pay at the event.

» Family Campfire, 7-9 p.m. July 11, is free. Marshmallows, s'mores and beverages will be sold.

The park is located at 24915 Farmington Road, south of 11 Mile, in Farmington Hills.

Livonia Garden Club

The Livonia Garden Club presents its Small Standard Flower Show, 3-5 p.m. Friday, June 27, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 28, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. The event is free. For more information, visit livoniagardenclub.org or email admin@livoniagardenclub.org.

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Celebration enhances your mental health

As Guillaume Apollinaire said, "Now and then it's good to pause in our pursuit of happiness and just be happy."

In previous columns I've written about the ingredients for being mentally healthy, such as being thankful, implementing anti-stress practices, building resilience, volunteering, and therapeutic talking. I think we can add to the list participating in happy celebrations. And with the month of June well under way, we don't need to look very far to find many celebrations.

Traditionally, June is the season of celebration. There are many weddings in June. There are many graduations from high schools, colleges, graduate schools and even kindergartens at this time of year.

Also, there is the first day of summer on June 21. There are memories of Mother's Day celebrations recently held in May and the anticipation of Fourth of July celebrations just ahead. That



Len McCulloch

means fireworks, for me. There is the grand event of Father's Day, which was celebrated this year on Sunday, June 15, and Flag Day on June 14.

Personal celebrations

Sometimes, when the feats achieved or the milestones marked are not grand, or are not experienced due to various circumstances, the progress made, even in baby steps, towards one's goals certainly can be a reason to celebrate. I know a man who is celebrating the three-month absence of seizures in his life in June. Another has achieved sobriety from alcohol and other drugs of abuse for six months. Many have birthdays in June. Did you know that on each birthday, each year, you have completed one

more trip around the sun and have begun your next trip around the sun, as an inhabitant of planet Earth?

June can be the celebration of ending a school year. Locally, at least, many were dismissed from schools as of June 12. It is the beginning of summer vacations. Perhaps for many it is a time to celebrate the vacation time from work, and to enjoy a travel trip or a chance to repaint the house. Around these parts of Michigan, June will certainly be the cause for celebration of the end to winter, finally. Our spring was pretty lame and the longevity of this year's winter, with snow falling into April, gives many folks cause to celebrate and be optimistic about continued warm weather.

Feeling happy

Celebrating lifts one's spirits. It is difficult, if not impossible, to be angry at others, anxious and fearful, or depressed and despondent,

while celebrating something. Instead of anxiety-raising blood pressure and heart rate, let celebration put a positive twist on all changes in how we feel.

I think that within the spectrum of celebration there is an opportunity to be grateful. Gratitude goes a long way in calming us and helps us to focus on what we have vs. what we don't have. Summer months are traditionally characterized as seasons to relax, to get away, to take it easy, to be playful, to have fun and to enjoy. So, celebrate!

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Décor sponsor David C. McKnight, owner of Emerald City Designs, in Farmington Hills, and Christie Couch of Bloomfield Hills PHOTO BY JULIE YOLLES, SOCIAL SCENE COLUMNIST

Suite Dreams room makeovers delight ailing children

It's been 13 years since Bloomfield Hills residents Kris Appleby and Kay Ponically founded the Suite Dreams Project. Their dedication and drive to bring joy into the homes and bedrooms of seriously ill children is astounding and heartwarming.

This year's Hats Off Luncheon at Shenandoah Country Club in West Bloomfield drew 450-plus women and a few great men including Décor Sponsor David C. McKnight of Emerald City Designs in Farmington Hills. Guest speaker Flora Armstrong talked about her family's experience with Suite Dreams. Armstrong has five children, including Matthew, 9, who has leukodystrophy. In March, Suite Dreams volunteers revamped the Armstrong home, espe-



Julie Yolles SOCIAL SCENE

cially Matthew's bedroom. A diehard Spongobob fan, Matthew was thrilled with his new Spongobob-themed room. "Suite Dreams completely changed our lives," Armstrong told the crowd. "I am so thankful that they came to our house to make the space beautiful."

For consideration of coverage in this column, send event happenings, including invitations and press kits, to Julie Yolles, Social Scene columnist, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 1073 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham, MI 48009. Contact her at socialscenejulie@gmail.com or 248-642-9465.

Local art club gives first prize to abstract painting

The Visual Arts Association of Livonia recently awarded prizes to the top three selections in its spring art exhibit, Artistic Expressions.

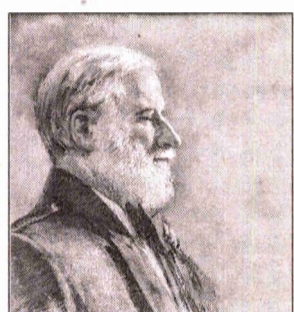
Meaghen Jackson, an artist, juror and instructor, juried the show, which continues through June 30 in the Fine Arts Gallery located at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia. The exhibit showcases the outstanding art work done by VAAL members in all media including: watercolor, acrylic, oil, pastel and mixed media. The art work is for sale.



Meandering, by Beverly Johnston of Livonia, won first place in Visual Arts Association of Livonia's current show.

Beverly Johnston took first place for her abstract painting, Meandering.

Johnson became active in VAAL 12 years ago and became a contributing board member.



Regina Dunne won second place for Scotch Man.

She also was an early member of the Palette and Brush Club, one of the oldest art clubs in the area, and is a member of the Farmington Art Club. She took art



In the Pink, by Ann Sullivan-Smith, took third place.

lessons from Emily Fox, Alice Nichols, Edee Joppich and Audrey di Marco and has studied with nationally known teachers.

Other winners were Regina Dunne, second

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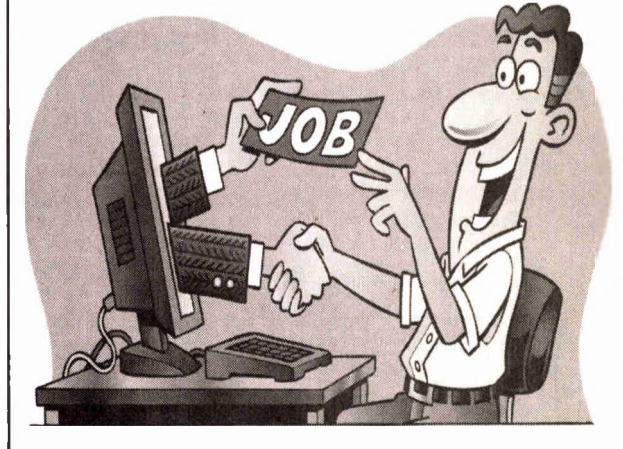
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50-year reunion is planned 5-11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at Andiamo, 21400 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. Ticket purchase deadline is Aug. 25. Email Judy (Berry) Buck at jarc-buck@sbcglobal.net for more details.

DEARBORN FORDSON HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES OF 1952

62nd reunion set for both January and June classes, Saturday, Sept. 13, at Park Place in Dearborn. Contact Al Orloff at orloffal@aol.com or 734-432-9308; or Marvin Smyth at mmsmyth@juno.com or 313-562-4378 for more information.

CLASS OF 1984

A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 2, at Roma Hall Banquet Center in Garden City. Cost is \$45 per person for buffet dinner, open bar, and dancing. Contact Michele (Tonina) Belczak at michelebel@sbcglobal.net, visit the class Facebook page, Fordson Class of 1984 or www.payit-square.com/collect-page/33028.

DETROIT CODY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1964

50-year reunion runs 6 p.m. to midnight Friday, Sept. 19, at the Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel, 21111 Haggerty, Novi. For more information, contact Mike and Barb Kerby, 734-525-0546, kerby66bam@msn.com.

DETROIT MACKENZIE HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES OF 1950S, '60S

Fourth annual picnic set for noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 31, at Nankin Mills Pavilion in Hines Park, corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive, Westland. Bring your own picnic or buy Michigan-made hot dogs, chips, pop, water and ice cream on site. T-shirts, sweatshirts, and music CDs also will be sold. Seating available under the shelter, or bring your own chairs and pop-ups. Questions? Call Janet Cable at 734-377-4009 or email mackenzie50s-60s@hotmail.com. Or check out www.classcreator.com/Detroit-MI-Mackenzie-1960

FARMINGTON HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1974

40th reunion planned for Friday-Saturday, Aug. 29-30, with a Friday night social and tour of the high school, wine/beer tasting and dinner and dancing on Saturday. For more information, email David Hayes at davidhayz@yahoo.com.

FRASER HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1964

50-year reunion from 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Aug. 9, at the Sterling Inn, 34911 Van Dyke, Sterling Heights. Contact Rich Whipple, 734-751-2992, rekjwhipple@yahoo.com for more information.

INKSTER CHERRY HILL HIGH SCHOOL ALL CLASSES

Open to faculty, staff and alumni, noon to midnight Saturday, July 26, at Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy, between Wayne and Newburgh, Westland. Pre-registration is \$10 per person through July 15 and \$15 after July 15 and at the door. No charge for faculty and staff. To register visit CHHSALUMNI.NET. Contact Debbie Endress Gannon at debbie.gannon@team-detroit.com.

CLASS OF 1964

50-year reunion, 8:30 p.m. to

12:30 a.m. Friday July 25, at American Legion Hall, 23850 Military, Dearborn Heights. Contact Christine Walker Cruickshank at 248-313-0544.

LIVONIA BENTLEY CLASS OF 1974

40th class reunion set for 6 p.m. Saturday, June 28, at One Under Bar and Grill in Livonia. \$40 per person. Visit www.bentley74.com to buy tickets.

LIVONIA STEVENSON CLASS OF 1974

40-year reunion, planned by Linda Armstrong, Kim Geiger and Jack Karbowski, 7 p.m. to midnight Nov. 29, Corsi's Restaurant, 27910 Seven Mile, Livonia. Includes dinner, photo booth, disc jockey, pizza. Reservations and payment with Karbowski, 313-530-9634; karblitski@yahoo.com.

PLYMOUTH SALEM CLASS OF 1974

6-11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, at the Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Email Joy McClendon at joymcclen@gmail.com or visit Facebook.

ROMULUS HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1979

A 35-year reunion is planned for Aug. 16 at Best Western Gateway International (Airport), 9191 Wickham, Romulus. For more information, contact Duane Moffat at 248-426-5501 or Spectroem2@gmail.com.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN CLASS OF 1979

35th reunion starts with an informal get together, 7:30 p.m. to midnight Friday, Oct. 24, at Doc's Sports Retreat, 19265 Victor Parkway, Livonia. The reunion runs 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 25, at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy Road, Westland. Cost of \$65 per person includes dinner, open bar, dancing and disc jockey. Make checks payable to JGHS Class of '79 and send to JGHS Class of '79, 887 Eton Ct., South Lyon, MI 48178.

RELIGION CALENDAR

JUNE CHURCH CLOSING

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Mass, Sunday, June 29

Location: St. Hilary Catholic Church, 23901 Elmira, Redford Township

Details: A reception and tour of the church buildings will follow the service. The church is closing after 60 years

Contact: 313-533-1560; sthilary-redford.org

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 25

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

Details: The Canton Concert Band performs on the north lawn at the church. Bring a chair or blanket. Donations of non-perishable food will be collected and delivered to Open Door Ministry, Canton

Contact: 734-459-3333

LECTURE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 25

Location: Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Watch the second part of Howard Lupovitch's lecture, "Transforming the Jewish Landscape: Great Jewish Philanthropists," on DVD. The topic is "The Bronfmans and Max Fisher." Admission is free

Contact: Nancy Kaplan at 248-737-1931; nancyelen879@att.net

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 25

Location: St. Michael the Archangel Parish, school cafeteria, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: Al Kresta, a former evangelical pastor and now president and CEO of Ave Maria Communications, will talk about the future of religious freedom in the U.S. Free

Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200; livonia@michael.org

SERMON SERIES

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday and 9:30 a.m. Sunday through summer

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Details: Sermon series on The Lord's Prayer

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

BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 9:15 a.m. to noon, June 23-27

Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster Road, Livonia

Details: "Weird Animals — Where Jesus' Love is 1-of-a-Kind!" is the theme. The sessions, for 3-year-olds through students entering fifth grade, will include story time and lessons, music, crafts, recreation and snacks. Cost is \$8 per child

Contact: 734-422-1470, ext. 17; www.sppc.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. to noon, June 23-26

Location: Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, Livonia

Details: "Summer JAM" is for grades K-6. Students will learn about parables and making movies. The session closes with a free family movie night at the Phoenix Theater at Laurel Park

Contact: 734-427-8743; livoniachurch.net

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 5:30-8 p.m. Sunday, June 22-Wednesday, June 25; registration will start at 5 p.m.

followed by a light supper and the program

Location: First United Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland, 3 Town Square, Wayne

Details: The theme is "Neighbors around the World." Youngsters will visit Australia, Zimbabwe, Japan, the United Kingdom and Mexico through life lessons.

Contact: 734-721-4801

JULY DVD SERIES

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Wednesday, beginning July 2

Location: Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: View a 36-part series, "Holy Land Revealed" on Biblical archeology by Jodi Magness, a professor in the Department of Religious Studies at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Free

Contact: Nancy Kaplan at 248-737-1931 or email nancyelen879@att.net

FILM

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 9 and 16

Location: St. Aidan, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Free movies are *The NeverEnding Story*, on July 9 and *Gravity* on July 16. Refreshments provided and a brief discussion will follow the screenings

Contact: RSVP to 734-425-5950

MUSIC FESTIVAL

Time/Date: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, July 26

Location: Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Laverne, Redford

Details: Free festival with Christian music performances by This Fire Within, The Repeat Offenders, Bekah Greenman, Aaron Lucas and Co., Connor Roy, Heavenly Embers and more. Crafters and vendors will be on site 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Food concessions will be available

Contact: 313-937-2424; www.HosannaTabor.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 6-9 p.m. July 21-25

Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

Contact: 734-427-3660; groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/good-hope

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. July 28-31

Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 3003 Hannan, Wayne

Contact: 734-728-1950

YOGA CLASSES

Time/Date: 10:30-11:30 a.m. July 1, 8, 15 and 22

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

Details: Lauren Burtell teaches a Tuesday yoga class. Walk in each class for \$10

Contact: Burtell at 313-671-7909

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

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township

Details: Scripture study

Contact: 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel

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

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

Details: Catholic author Gary Michuta leads a study of Acts of the Apostles.

Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200, or www.livonia@michael.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 MEAL

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

Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

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

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Karen and Terry White of Plymouth Township on their wedding day in 1984.

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS

Terry and Karen (Sovel) White will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary June 30. The couple married in 1984 at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, in Dearborn.

Terry grew up in Garden City, Karen in Westland. The couple lived in Westland for 20 years and now reside in Plymouth Township. Terry

and Karen met while working at the McDonald's on Ford Road in Westland, when they were 17.

They have two daughters, Renee (Freddie) Jordan and Theresa White. Both live in Plymouth.

Terry is employed by Hewlett-Packard and Karen works for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools. They enjoy

spending time with family and friends, traveling, attending concerts and watching the Detroit Red Wings.

They plan to celebrate their anniversary with a dinner and date night, which may include a stop for ice cream at the McDonald's where they met. A trip later this year also is in the works.

ART

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place, for her pastel portrait, *Scotch Man*, and Ann Sullivan-Smith, third place, for her acrylic *In*

the Pink. Dorothy Amberger, Gail Churchill, Daria Fileta, Fred Keebler and Barbara Eko Murphy received honorable mentions.

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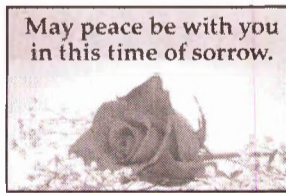
SIRHAL, M. CHARLOTTE

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WOZNIK, VILMA S.

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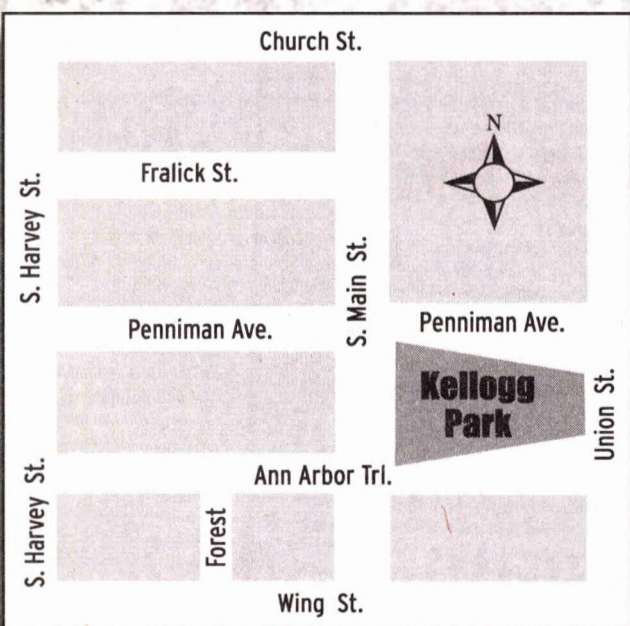


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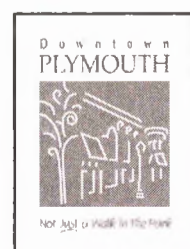
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When do I bring up my baggage in a job search?

Just like in dating, job searching can sometimes cause you to look back on your past at some of the baggage you've collected. But while your date may be forgiving of poor communication skills or your fear of commitment, hiring managers aren't necessarily as understanding.

So when you bring baggage to your job search, such as gaps on your résumé or looking for jobs out of state, you'll have to discuss the subject carefully and at the right moment. To help figure out timing, consider these tips for addressing your job-search baggage.

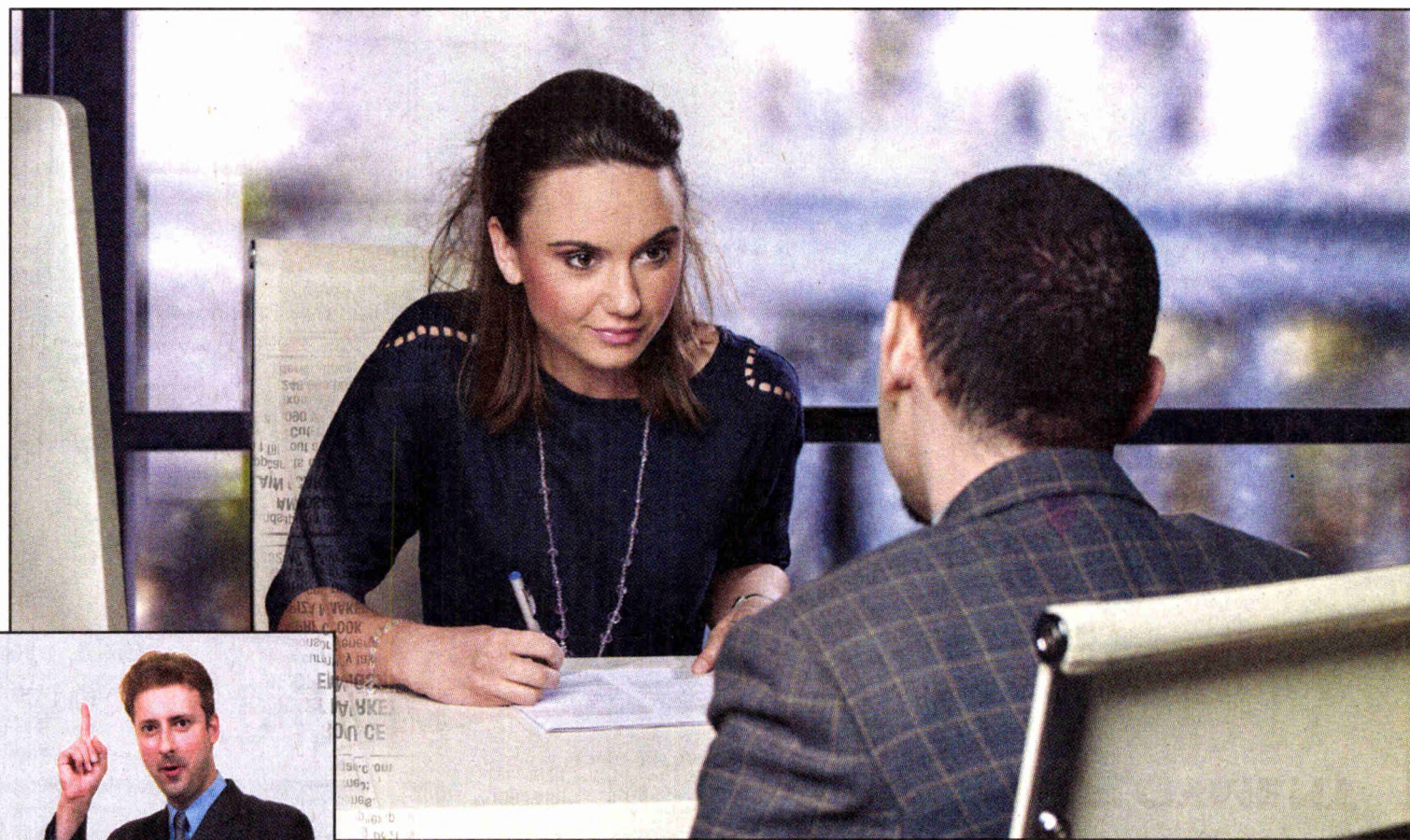
Save the cover letter for why you're qualified

A cover letter may seem like a natural place to address any concerns a potential employer may have, but in a competitive job market, your first impression can't be made up of reasons to doubt your capabilities.

"This weakens your application right from the start," says Cheryl E. Palmer, career coach and owner of Call to Career, a career coaching firm. "My advice is to keep it positive in the cover letter and avoid touchy issues. If you have a strong résumé, the recruiter will follow up with you, and if they have questions about your background, they will ask those questions during a screening interview. But with the cover letter and résumé, you at least want to make the first cut."

Addressing résumé gaps

If there are gaps of empty time on your résumé, an employer will likely be curious as to what you were doing. Palmer suggests waiting for the interviewer to bring this up -- but be sure to have an answer ready. "The answer that you give needs to be clear enough so that it does not provoke more questions,"



you stayed involved with your field. Whether it was volunteering, pursuing more education or simply reading industry publications, show how you made the most of your time.

When you're overqualified

she says. "So if the company that you worked for closed, and you were unemployed for a period of time after that, you need to explain that the company closed and tell the interviewer what you did in-between jobs. Hopefully you can truthfully say that you were doing contract work or updating your skills by obtaining a certification."

As Palmer mentions, employers want to know that your career was a part of your life even when you weren't working, and they want to know how

There are plenty of reasons a job seeker may be interested in a position that's a rung lower on their career ladder. Just know that interviewers will want to understand your reasoning. Yes, you can bring your experience to the role, but if an interviewer believes you're only interested in the job until you can find something better, he probably won't take the risk of hiring you. Instead, point to why this match makes sense.

"If you have been in management but are being interviewed

for a staff position with no managerial responsibilities, you may talk about how you realized that you prefer to be in a position where you can focus on being an individual contributor and do your best work. After all, not everyone is cut out to be in management," Palmer says. "Or you might enthusiastically talk about your interest in the mission of the company that you are applying to instead of focusing on the fact that it is a step backward for your career. The bottom line is that you need to convince the interviewer that your taking the position will be a win-win for both parties."

Bringing up relocation

By applying for a job that's a significant distance away from you, you may think it's obvious

that you're willing to relocate. However, employers can sometimes see this as a gray area in a candidate's qualifications.

To help take away doubt, Palmer says, "Typically, when it comes to relocation, you are competing against local candidates. And not all employers are willing to pay for your relocation. If you are in a position to pay for your own relocation, and you know that the employer will not do it for you, it is appropriate to mention in the interview that you are willing to relocate at your own expense. This will put you on an even playing field with local candidates."

Susan Ricker is a writer and blogger for CareerBuilder.com and its job blog, The Work Buzz. She researches and writes about job search strategy, career management, hiring trends and workplace issues.

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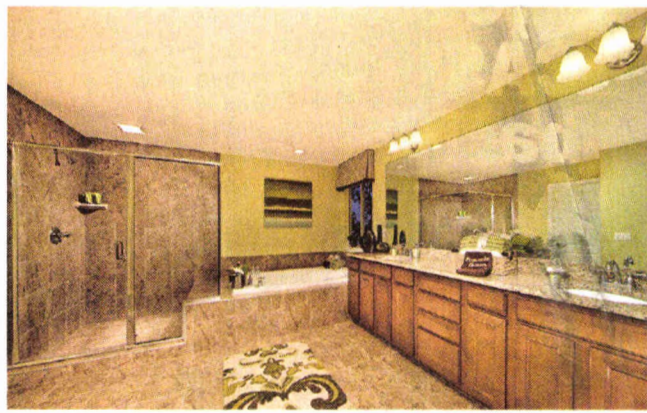
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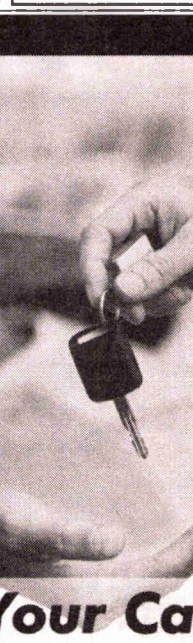
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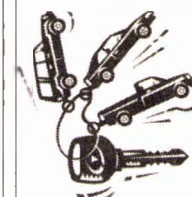
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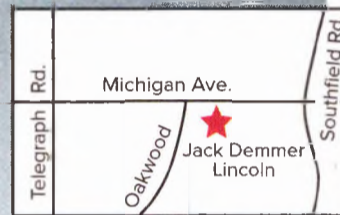
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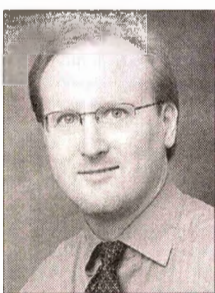
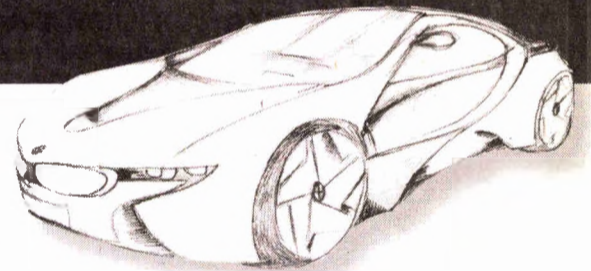
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GMC Has a Big, Big Hit in Hugely Capable New GMC Yukon



By Dale Buss

If the unraveling of Iraq had occurred even three years ago, the U.S. automotive industry might have been greatly alarmed because of the potential run-up in oil – and gasoline – prices and how it would spook American consumers, as such spikes notably have before. And sales

occurring ever again in our lifetimes have receded to almost nil. Gasoline prices in this country can be expected to demonstrate much more stability in the years ahead – albeit at today's \$3-a-gallon-and-up levels – even though oil remains a global market.

And demand for vehicles such as the new Yukon, and the 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe and Chevrolet Suburban, won't be whacked nearly as severely as they were several years ago.

After the 2008 financial crash and Great Recession, the entire segment of hulking SUVs like the GM models and the now-defunct Ford Excursions was written off as moribund. Gasoline prices spiked at more than \$4 a gallon; they offered woeful fuel economy; the recession had sapped purchasing power from most Americans; and gas-thirsty SUVs were considered automotive Public Enemy No. 1 by the mainstream media and cultural elite.

But the new GM fleet is just the right group of new offerings to bring the category back amid signs that a good number of Americans again want the size, roominess, towing capabilities and other practical advantages of mammoth SUVs in updated packages. Yukon sales, for example, were ahead by 143 percent in May compared with a year earlier and were 42 percent higher for the year to date compared with 2013.

The Yukon also has just gotten a hugely important new imprimatur: It was named in a tie with Suburban as the top-ranked Large SUV in the 2014

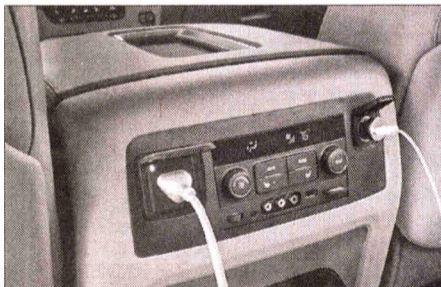
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So what kind of vehicle is worthy of such glowing regard?

The new 2015 Yukon is fully redesigned with greater engine output

The 2015 version still offers some of the most important benefits of driving such a large vehicle: a high position to optimize visibility while driving, ample mass and loads of safety features to lend confidence on the road, and cavernous

with a 5.3-liter V8 engine that generates 355 horsepower, even more than last version's 320 horsepower, and a six-speed automatic transmission. But Yukon also posts respectable fuel economy of 18 mpg combined, 16 in the



Rear connectivity features are a highlight. prospects would look significantly worse for vehicles such as the brand-new 2015 GMC Yukon.

But while sensitivities to the threat to Iraq's oil capabilities have sent global crude prices significantly higher lately, one major change in the picture has prevented U.S. consumers and automakers from being nearly as concerned about such dangers as last time: the new paradigm of domestic energy security.

Advanced technologies such as "fracking" and horizontal drilling have boosted U.S. crude-oil production by 47 percent since 2010, and last October domestic oil production surpassed imports for the first time in nearly two decades.

The upshot: The chances of a repeat of the traumatic gasoline-lines scenario of the Seventies



The 2015 GMC Yukon is helping bring back the large-SUV segment.

and improved fuel economy at the same time, better standard and optional equipment, an integrated fold-flat third-row rear seat, updated exterior styling, a quieter interior and low-range gearing now available on the Denali model.

The new Yukon still brings its traditional rugged truck construction and V8 towing capacity but also has added amenities and features that make the experience of driving and riding in it more like that of a full-fledged luxury SUVs.

I got to experience most of the joys of the new Yukon on a recent road trip.

interior room and seating flexibility that take maximum advantage of all of that room.

The SLT version that I drove also featured four-wheel-drive, providing the kind of sure-footedness that comes in handy in the unpredictable weather Michigan has experienced so far in 2014.

What the latest Yukon also provides is better fuel economy than ever before, and more touches that add up to a premium driving experience.

The 2015 Yukon comes standard

city and 22 on the highway with 4WD. GM's new "active fuel management" features such as cylinder deactivation are squeezing every possible mile out of this big powertrain.

Comfort-wise, the new, noticeably improved Yukon now sports high-quality materials, crisp gauge readouts, an intuitive central infotainment display, advanced rear-passenger connectivity features, and other creature comforts including a third row of seats that now is firmly anchored in the vehicle's floor as stow-away seats.

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