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City adds extra parking with Saxton's purchase

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Plymouth added 40-some spaces to its stock of downtown public parking this month with the purchase of the former Saxton's Garden Center property on Ann Arbor Trail and two adjoining residential properties.

The \$2.25 million deal with the Saxton family, which owned a lawn and gardening supply store in Ply-

mouth for 80 years, comes as the successor to the Garden Center, Saxton's Power Equipment, moves to the front of the complex, giving it more space and greater visibility.

The move is the single largest addition to downtown public parking in years and offers a variety of options for redevelopment of the site, Mayor Dan Dwyer said.

"I think this is the first time in decades we've made a positive step in the right direction"

when it comes to public parking, the mayor said at a city commission meeting last week.

Dwyer said the 40-odd free parking spaces there now can be used immediately by people visiting downtown Plymouth, as well by as Saxton's Power Equipment customers. City parking signs have already been put up.

"Right now, it's a public lot," Dwyer said. "Anybody can

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The former Saxton's Garden Center property on Ann Arbor Trail has been purchased by the city for its parking, though businesses there now will remain for the time being, including Saxton's Power Equipment, which recently moved to the front of the complex.



Christine Isaacso (right) of Unique Refinishers of Canton talks to a visitor about safely updating bathroom fixtures.

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Township woman safe in Nepal

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

A Plymouth Township woman hiking in Nepal is communicating with her family following the earthquake there Saturday that killed more than 5,000 people.

Christine Bedenis, 27, used Twitter to send a message Monday to her mother Kay, reporting that she was safe and was staying away from buildings. Kay Bedenis said her daughter had been hiking the Anna-purna Circuit - within the quake zone, but away from the areas that sustained the most destruction - and had stopped at an area on the trail that had Internet access.



Christine Bedenis

Kay Bedenis said she first heard about the earthquake late Saturday morning.

"There was some concern, because there wasn't a whole lot of information coming out about where she was," she said Monday.

Kay and Timothy Bedenis had last heard from their daughter Friday, when she told them she would be hiking and out of communication range for two or three days.

"She didn't reach anywhere where she had communication until (Monday)," Kay Bedenis said. Christine also spoke by phone with her father, she said.

She said her daughter's hiking party saw some landslides and possibly an avalanche when the quake struck and felt

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Hundreds stop by O&E's spring expo at Schoolcraft College

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Spotting new ideas at Monday's spring expo, Life in Go!, is just what Plymouth Township resident Kathie Gornick was looking to do.

Gornick was especially interested in one company's bathtub designed to allow someone in a wheelchair to

access the tub. A ballroom dancing instructor, Gornick said there are several people she knows who might be interested in an idea like that.

"I come every year," Gornick said. "I want to see anything that's new."

Gornick was one of hundreds of people Monday who attended the 12th annual Observer & Eccentric spring

expo at Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center in Livonia. Dozens of booths and several speakers offered advice in many areas, including new technology in pain relief, financial advice for retirement planning, Alzheimer's and dementia caring, as well as many other topics.

One of those booths was for the Visual Arts Associa-

tion of Livonia. Monday was the group's first spring expo, Livonia resident Dorothy Amberger said. She said several people showed interest in possibly starting a hobby like painting.

Given that many people at the expo were retired, Amberger said there was no bet-

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Play ball! Miracle League of Plymouth season opens this weekend

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Maggie Hermann has been playing Miracle League of Plymouth baseball for years, but this season is especially exciting.

Maggie, 12, of Canton Township, will move up to a team for

older children, the Blue Angels, after spending past seasons in a bracket for younger kids.

"When I told her that she was going to play with the bigger kids, she was pretty excited," said her mother, Kelly Hermann.

The Blue Angels and seven

other Miracle League teams will open the spring 2015 season Saturday at Bilkie Family Field on Theodore Street in Plymouth. Games begin at 10 a.m. (Maggie and her family will miss the Blue Angels' 1 p.m. opener against the Green Hornets because of another commitment, but will be there

for future games, her mother assures.)

Maggie has cerebral palsy and isn't able to play mainstream sports, her mother said. But the Miracle League's specially designed field, plus the buddy system the league uses to help players with the game, lets her and dozens of other

children play baseball despite physical limitations.

"She just lights up to play," Kelly Hermann said. "It's just a really cool field."

The games also offer a welcome change for the players' parents, who have the Miracle

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League buddies take over and head to the bleachers to cheer.

A parent of a disabled child is typically at his or her side constantly and assisting with most daily activities, Hermann said, but the Miracle League lets them relax and enjoy their children's participation in youth athletics just like any other parent.

"Miracle League gives you a chance, even for an hour, to kind of live in that world and kind of be a parent," she said.

Kelly Hermann is the president of Kelly's Kidz, a not-for-profit group that raises money to provide financial assistance to children with physical impairments, with the

goal of helping them live more normal lives.

Kelly's Kidz is currently paying this season's Miracle League fees for 11 different children, among other projects. "We love doing it and it's just a great way to give back," Hermann said.

Saturday will mark the start of MLP's fourth spring season at Bilkie; the \$500,000 ballpark opened in summer 2011 in time for a fall season. Its fifth fall season will begin in August.

The MLP is in need of volunteers, said Chelsey Coleman, a league spokeswoman. About 20 player buddies are still needed for opening day, she said, and buddies are needed at all times throughout the season.

Hermann said she's impressed by how many young people are volun-

teer buddies: "I'm floored by the number of high school and college kids that come out there. It's really a cool thing."

For information on becoming a Miracle League buddy, go to the league's website, www.miracleleagueplymouth.org. There is a frequently-asked-questions page, under the 2015 Important Info link, for people who are interested in buddying and a VolunteerSpot link through which to sign up.

"Our players always need cheerleaders in the stands, so even if you can't buddy, we'd love to have people at the field cheering our players on," Coleman said.

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The Miracle League of Plymouth's 2015 spring season opens Saturday with four contests at Bilkie Family Field in Plymouth.

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PARKING

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park in there. I think the more people who park in there, the better."

Houses to be razed

In the short term, Dwyer said, the city will tear down the two houses on Maple, backing up to the garden center property, that it also purchased, plus some ancillary build-

ings on the commercial site, adding to the space available for parking. People in the area will be asked to weigh in on how that parking should look and the city's engineering firm is working on various scenarios, he said.

One house is already vacant, said Steve Valli, a Realtor who worked on the deal, while the other house has tenants on a month-to-month lease.

Dwyer said the tenants will be given time to find new housing and move.

"We're going to move as fast as we can without throwing people out in the cold," he said. City officials, don't plan on becoming residential landlords.

Over the longer term, Dwyer said, the rest of the property could also be redeveloped, perhaps with more public parking and perhaps as a commercial venture, or in some combination of parking and commercial use, but no firm plans have been made.

The mayor outlined a five-year time frame for that redevelopment.

Dwyer said it's highly unlikely that the two-story brick building on the eastern side of the property would be torn down. Part of the build-

ing, which housed Saxton's in Plymouth starting in the 1930s, dates from the 1920s and the building now houses shops and, on the second floor, apartments.

'We'd like to keep it'

"There really is no interest to tear it down," Dwyer said. "It's been around Plymouth for a long time and we'd like to keep it in Plymouth for a lot longer."

As far as the newer part of the building — the new home of Saxton's Power Equipment — Dwyer said no decision has been made about whether to raze it or leave it standing. City records show that part of the complex, which fronts Ann Arbor Trail with a large showroom window, is made up of two additions, one built in 1960, the other in 1966.

The city is paying for the site purchase and parking lot development through \$900,000 from the Downtown Development Authority's capital improvement fund, \$100,000 from the parking fund and part of the proceeds of a \$3.5 million bond sale completed early this year.

Repairs: Plymouth library offers alternate entrances

As the building repair project continues, the Plymouth District Library will remain open to the public, but will close the main entrance, starting Monday, May 4. All regular library services will continue as two alternate entrances are provided and clearly marked.

The temporary main entrance will be located facing the rear of the Penn Theatre. Library patrons are encouraged to park in that area. Barrier-free access will be available through the staff entry door, behind the fire station. Handicap parking will be moved over near this entrance, behind the fire station. This barrier-free door will be staffed during library hours to make access as easy as possible. The library's drive-through book drop will remain



PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY Crews are preparing an alternate entrance to the Plymouth District Library while repairs continue.

open. The construction schedule indicates that these alternate entrances will be in place until mid-June. For more information about the project or entering the library, call 734-453-0750, ext 242.

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'Eye of the Beholder'

P-CCS students display artistic talents at annual show

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Kaylee Yang prefers working with colored pencils or graphite. "You can just get more details in it," said Yang, a 10th-grader at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. "It's not as messy as pastels."

Details are an understatement with Yang's art. So much so, that one of her pieces simply titled, "Owl," took first prize at the Annual Plymouth-Canton Community Schools K-12 Art Show — "Eye of the Beholder" — last Saturday.

Yang's works were among 2,000 pieces of art created by school district students of all ages.

The art show must have been the busiest place in town. The parking lot at Plymouth High School was crammed. The sidewalk leading to the school entrance boasted columns of parents, grandparents, students, siblings and guests.

Inside, the cafeteria — where Kay Elaster, P-CCS regional director, stood greeting guests and giving out programs — was equally full with art and plenty of people wandering slowly throughout the area taking in all of the art mediums.

"All of this was created by students K-12," Elaster said. "They start in the beginning of the year. Teachers collect art that meets the goals of the lessons."

The show boasted two sets of judges: celebrity, including teachers and district administrators, and jurors. The latter included Marianne Dorais, executive director of Michigan Youth Arts; La'Ron Williams, an artist and faculty member of Adrian College; and April Armand, admission counselor at her alma mater, the College for Creative Studies.

"It was crazy," Yang said when told her "Owl" drawing took first prize. "Others here have amazing art," she said of her fellow students. "I really didn't think it would win."

But her former elementary art teacher wasn't a bit surprised. "Absolutely. There was no question," Judy Hanson said. "She has such talent. I am so proud of her."

Meanwhile, Alyssa Perko, a fifth-grade student at Workman, also received a winning ribbon. Her piece, "Mixed Matched Shapes," delighted guests and her grandmother, Maryann Placido of Roseville: "It looks like a kaleidoscope."

Perko's art was completed in black crayon and paint. "It started with a few lines and I just kept adding them," she said.

Winners chosen by judges in the juried show include: Kaylee Yang, first place; Audrey Roth, second place; Anna Debiasi, third place; Hadia Bokhari, two honorable mentions; Robyn Apley, honorable mention; Quinn Tapp, honorable mention; and Lily Sewell, honorable mention.

Photo winners include: Ashlyn McCann, first place; Molly McSween, second place; and Brandon Abate, honorable mention.

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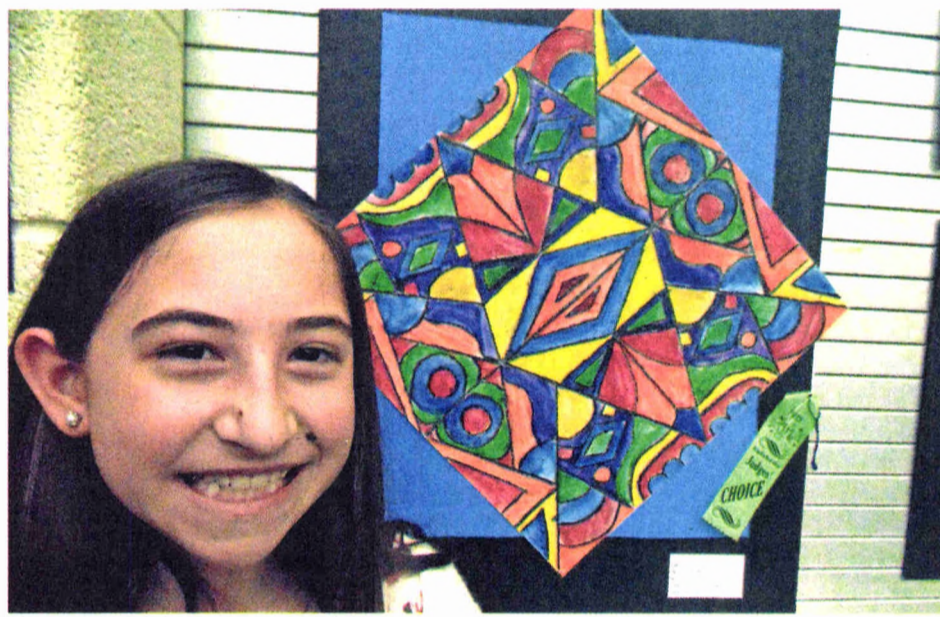
Families, parents, siblings, teachers and guests spent hours taking in student art creations for the annual art show.



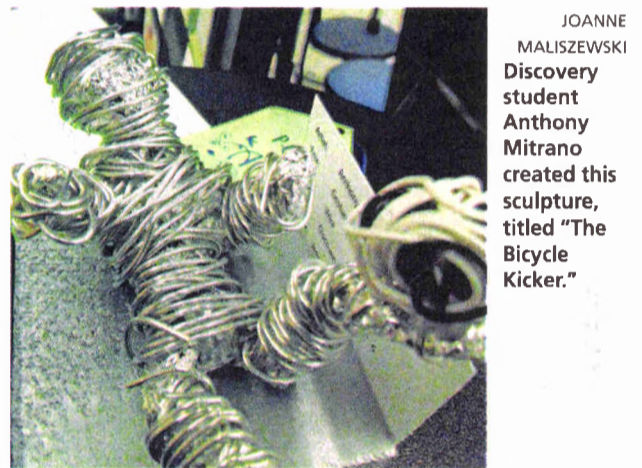
Kaylee Yang, a 10th-grader, and her pencil drawing, titled "Owl," took the judges' first-place award Saturday at the annual P-CCS Art Show.



Anna Debiasi took third place in the juried show with this painting.



Alyssa Perko, a fifth-grader, was honored for her work, "Mixed Matched Shapes."



Discovery student Anthony Mitrano created this sculpture, titled "The Bicycle Kicker."

EVERYONE HAS AN IDEA OR MAYBE A FEW...

Nicolette McKeivitz -

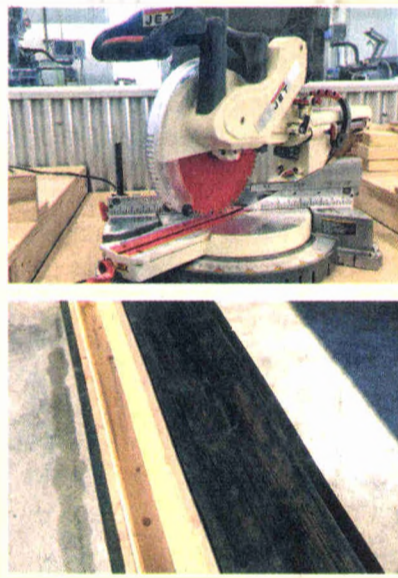
Nicolette has been busy in the Village Workshop Wood Shop this week. As she continues to work on her accent table you can see the progress being made! After Nicolette cut and sanded the frame for the table, she started working on the top using a compound miter saw and the table saw that she learned how to use at The Village Workshop just over a week ago. Each piece of wood was then shaped and sanded using the belt sanders and the shaper for the smooth surface she was trying to achieve.

When asked how her project was coming along, Nicolette was happy to share her thoughts on how much fun it was to use these tools and wishes more people would give it a try. The next step was to build the planter box that will sit down in the top of the table. After attaching the planter from the underside of the table, Nicolette applied her first coat of black stain that adds color and brings out the beautiful wood grain.

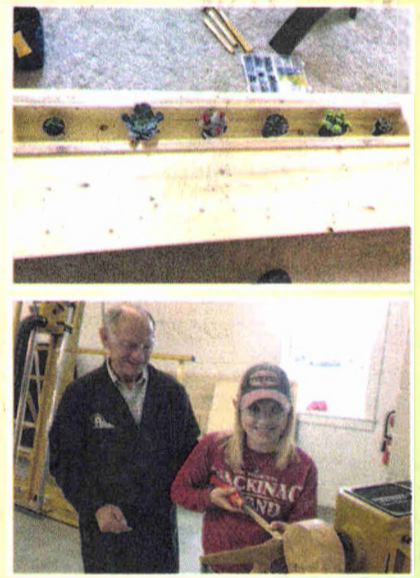
The planter box will hold potted plants. Nicolette plans to fill in the spaces with polished stones to give her table a modern and eclectic look.

On Sunday, Nicolette attended the "Wood Lathe 101" class taught by Master woodworker and artist Jim Tesen. In this class Jim teaches proper lathe set-up, safe lathe operation and basic wood turning techniques.

The tips Jim offered Nicolette from his years of wood working experience will be very helpful when she starts on working on the spindled legs for her table!



ACCENT TABLE



CUSTOM VINTAGE MOTORCYCLE



Mike Brimm works for a Big 3 automotive manufacturer building show vehicles.

Due in part to his life long love for vintage automobiles and his years of experience in the field, his interests go far beyond cars, trucks and motorcycles. Mike has always been a fan of art and design in many forms.

Fueled by an overactive imagination and having no fear of diving into any medium, Mike has created jewelry, metal sculpture and gives life to old things by repurposing and refurbishing furniture projects.

Mike's current project at The Village Workshop started as a 1970 BSA Thunderbolt motorcycle. After his ideas grew beyond the limits of what could be done with the original frame, he discarded almost everything except the original engine and started from scratch with a vision to bring this vintage machine into the future. Starting with straight lengths of tubing, he bent them into shapes that he

envisioned in his mind. With an eye towards making the bike look as though it is a vintage concept bike made by the manufacturer. Mike has painstakingly been creating parts of his own design, such as the motor mounts, to look as though they are an original vintage cast steel part. When in fact, they are made of multiple different pieces of steel welded, ground, sanded and polished to look like a smoothed out cast piece.

Mike is excited about the relationships he has built with many of the staff and members at The Village Workshop. He says that the sharing of ideas, and constant offers of help, with his project, are very encouraging and make such a huge project feel much less overwhelming.

With the help of fellow member, Timm Carson, Mike has begun designing several of the BSA's parts in CAD, so that they can be machined from solid chunks of steel in The Village Workshop's well equipped machine shop.

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New fire chief continues rebuilding Plymouth department

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

With new equipment and a trio of newly promoted captains, Dan Phillips is settling into his job as Plymouth Township's new fire chief.

Even the department's name is new — sort of — as Phillips earlier this year got the Board of Trustees to agree to change the name back to the Plymouth Township Fire Department. Since 1995, it had been the Plymouth Community Fire Department, a name adopted when it began serving

both the township and the city of Plymouth. The city left that arrangement at the close of 2011.

Phillips, 43, took over in January from Mark Wendel, who retired Dec. 26 after 5½ years as chief. He continues the rebuilding efforts that Wendel began after township budget cuts led to the layoffs of firefighters in 2010 and 2012 and the closing of Station 2 on the township's northeast side.

"This department's gone through many changes," Phillips said in his office in township hall earlier this month. "It

was very difficult to manage the situation."

Between job cuts and attrition, the department was left with just 12 full-time firefighters for a while, less than half the number it had a few years earlier. Now at 18, plus Phillips and Fire Inspector William Conroy, the PTFD also has 10 part-time firefighters, giving it the ability to increase staffing during peak hours and times of large-scale emergencies.

Phillips is feeling positive about the department's future. "I'd say things are going really

well," he said.

New hires, equipment

Six men were hired as full-time firefighters just over a year ago with the help of a federal grant, including three who had been laid off two years earlier. In addition, Phillips also recently hired five part-timers and a rookie, from the part-time ranks, to fill the spot left open by his own promotion.

Two new ambulances were delivered early this year, the

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Plymouth Township Fire Chief Dan Phillips.

PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Pair arrested on paraphernalia charges

Police arrested two men on drug paraphernalia charges about 6:30 a.m. Saturday after responding to a report of men walking along Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township with flashlights.

A responding officer encountered the pair outside the Dunkin' Donuts on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275, and one told the officer that his car had broken down on the freeway, a Plymouth Township Police Department report said.

Police found the man, 55, was wanted on outstanding warrants and, upon patting him down, found a suspected

crack cocaine pipe in a pants pocket, the report said. The man admitted to having smoked crack a few hours earlier, police said.

The second man, 27, was also patted down, police said, and a suspected marijuana pipe was found in the waistband of his pants.

Both men were later issued tickets and released, the older man after he complained of tooth and back pain and high blood pressure and asked for medical attention. He was taken by ambulance to St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, police said.

Reckless riding

A 29-year-old man was arrested for reckless driving

Saturday night after police clocked him driving a motorcycle at 125 mph on the freeway.

An officer spotted the motorcyclist on eastbound M-14, east of Beck, around 10 p.m. and estimated his speed at well over 100 mph, a police report said. Radar showed the motorcycle was traveling at 125 mph, police said.

The driver changed two lanes at a time without signaling, weaved in and out of traffic and showed no signs of slowing, police said. When he exited to southbound I-275 — after making another two-lane shift — and had to slow because of the curve of the exit ramp, the officer was able to catch up, police said. The mo-

torcyclist pulled over at the end of the southbound I-275 on-ramp, police said.

The officer arrested the man on the spot. The report said he expressed regret and had an attitude "of remorse and full understanding of his reckless freeway riding," police said.

Pot and alcohol

A 53-year-old man arrested on a drunken driving charge early Sunday was hit with another charge when it was found he had 1.5 grams of suspected marijuana in his car.

A township officer stopped the man, driving a Dodge Challenger, in the area of Five Mile and Napier, just after 1

a.m., a police report said. The officer wrote the man had been driving 65 mph and over in a 45 mph zone and had crossed the center line while heading west on Five Mile.

The man performed poorly on field sobriety tests, police said, and preliminary breath tests showed his blood-alcohol content at 0.10 percent and higher. He was arrested and a search of the Charger turned up a plastic bag of suspected marijuana in the center console, police said.

The man told the officer he had been unaware of how fast he had been driving.

— By Matt Jachman

CANTON CRIME WATCH

Woman left child in car

A Romulus mother was issued a ticket for child neglect after police say she left her 18-month-old son inside her Chevrolet Malibu while she went inside the Walmart store on Michigan Avenue, west of Belleville Road.

Police found the child asleep and alone in the vehicle, with the doors locked and the

windows up, after a witness reported the incident about 5:15 p.m. Saturday. A police report said the temperature outside was 54 degrees at the time.

Soon after police arrived, the mother returned to her car and said she had left the child alone for less than 10 minutes while she went inside to return some hair cream. Authorities in Canton and elsewhere have

repeatedly said young children should not be left alone in a car.

Police ticketed the woman for child neglect and gave her a date to appear in 35th District Court. She was released at the scene.

Feces on porch

A 33-year-old Canton woman notified police after she found what appeared to be

animal feces on her front porch.

The woman speculated with police that she believes the incident could have happened because she and her family are Muslim, though she said no threats or harassment had occurred in the past.

The woman told police the feces was left near her front door sometime between 10 p.m. Friday and 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

She said she did hear a dog barking the night the incident happened. She told police she wanted to document the incident in case there are any more problems.

Harassing texts

A 36-year-old Canton woman told police that she and her daughter, 14, have been ha-

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LINDA CHOMIN

Volunteers from Freudenberg NOK in Plymouth raked the yards and cleaned flower beds at homes in Plymouth and Canton last weekend as part of Rake-N-Go.

Rake-N-Go volunteers clean up 36 yards in area

Annual event organized by Plymouth Community United Way

Stan Kovacheff came out to thank volunteers Saturday even though the 89-year-old Plymouth resident is scheduled to have surgery in the next couple of weeks. The team from Johnson Controls was already hard at work at the Rake-N-Go event organized by Plymouth Community United Way.

Almost 225 volunteers from Johnson Controls, Freudenberg NOK, Robert Bosch, Metro Consulting Associates, Home Depot, Boy Scouts Troop 1537, Lightning Robotics and Key Club from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, Life Church and Church of Christ cleaned the yards of 36 homes for senior citizens and disabled adults in Plymouth and Canton on four different occasions

in April and May. "It's a blessing," said Kovacheff, whose wife Christine wholeheartedly agrees with him. "You get older and realize certainly you can't do things like you used to do, but like to take care of your home. I can't bend or can't stand very long, so the group is a blessing."

Volunteers came alone or with their families, teams of co-workers and friends and piled leaves and leftover winter debris into yard waste bags donated by Home Depots in Canton and Plymouth.

The morning began with a complimentary breakfast made possible by Tim Hortons, Dunkin' Donuts, Kroger No. 671 and No. 703 and Busch's.

Jeff and Dyane Townley and their four children volunteered in the kitchen of Plymouth First United Methodist Church, where they kept the counter stocked with doughnuts, bagels, fresh fruit, coffee, juice and

water for the volunteers. The church has hosted the breakfast for several years.

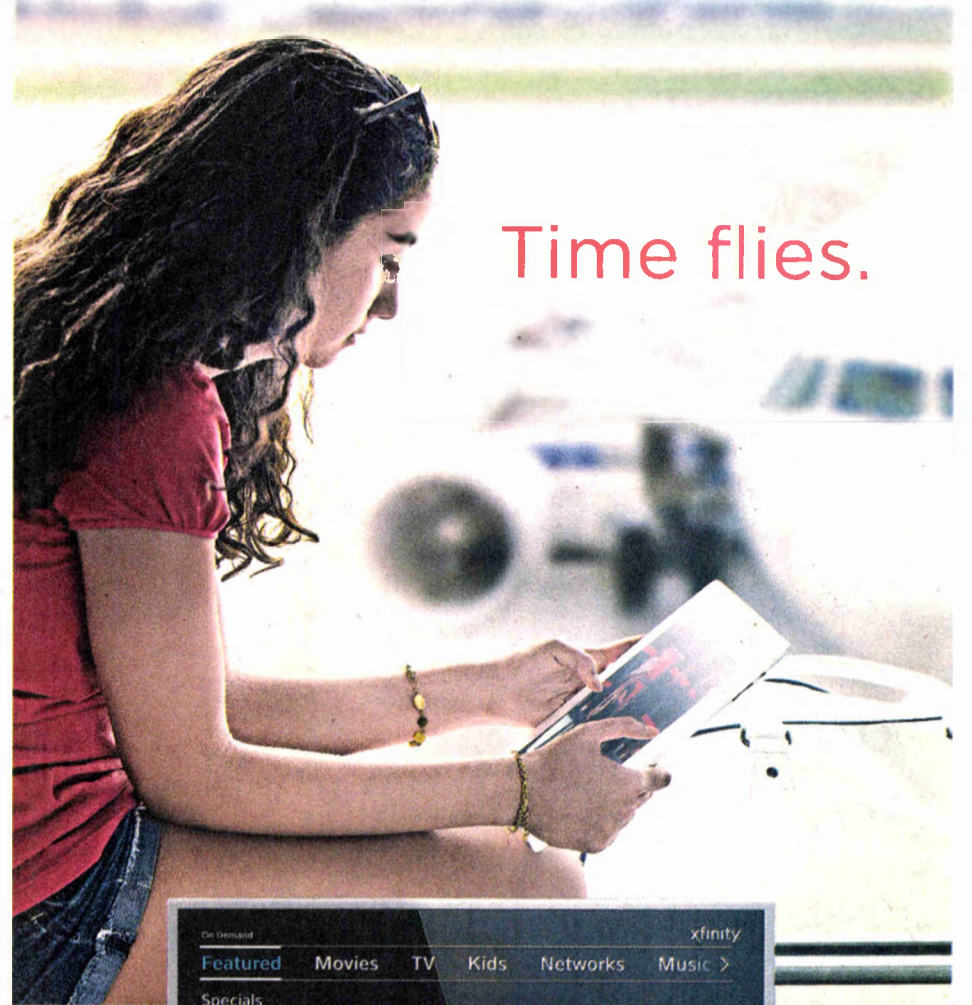
"We just like to help," said Dyane Townley of Canton. "We usually go out after the breakfast and rake, but the kids play flag football."

The Townleys were recently honored with a Community Service Award from Plymouth Community United Way for volunteering at events such as Rake-N-Go, Make a Difference Day and back-to-school supplies drives.

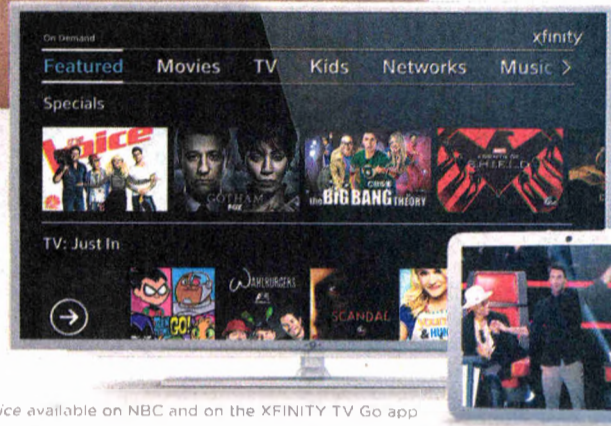
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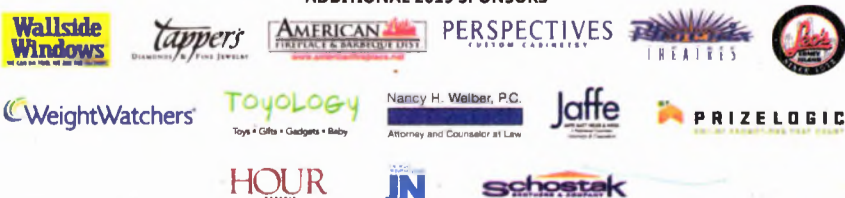
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The 2015 Life in Go! spring expo was held inside Schoolcraft's VisTaTech Center.

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EXPO

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ter audience to attract to a class at its facility at Five Mile and Newburgh.

"These are people who have time who might want to start ... an art hobby," she said. "We're happy if we get one or two students."

In addition to newcomers to the event, several people, including members of the Farmington Hills chapter of the Red Hat Society, are repeat attendees each year.

Shirley Ziemba of Farmington Hills said many of the members do lunch and head over to the spring expo. While an annual attendee, she said she planned on heading to booths and lectures to learn more about a popular topic — food.

"I like the stuff that explains about food. Healthy eating, that sort of thing," she said. "The ladies love it."

First-time attendees

Phyllis Clancy of Commerce Township and Livonia resident Mary Wiebe came and walked out with a bag full of goodies collected from the vendors.

"It's basically what I thought it would be," Wiebe said.

She noted that while some of the information available was not as relevant to her, she said she could see how many of the topics, including the pain management information, could be helpful.

The event attracted attendees from more than a half-hour away. One of those was Tom Mazur, who drove from Warren to attend.

He said there was not anything specific that caught his eye, but he was happy to walk out with more information on a variety of subjects.

"There's a lot of things going on here," he said.

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Vendor booths were crowded in the afternoon as expo visitors got information about various services offered.

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Dr. Gerald Turlo of Livonia's St. Mary Mercy Hospital talks to a large audience about "Understanding Memory Loss" during the Life in Go! spring expo.



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Visitors also got to help themselves to free copies of their local Observer & Eccentric and Hometown newspapers.



Shana Sayre (left) of Belleville's Twisted Rooster restaurant hands out food samples.

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A line forms before 1 p.m. April 27 to get into the Life in Go! spring expo held at Livonia's Schoolcraft College. The event was sponsored the Observer & Eccentric.

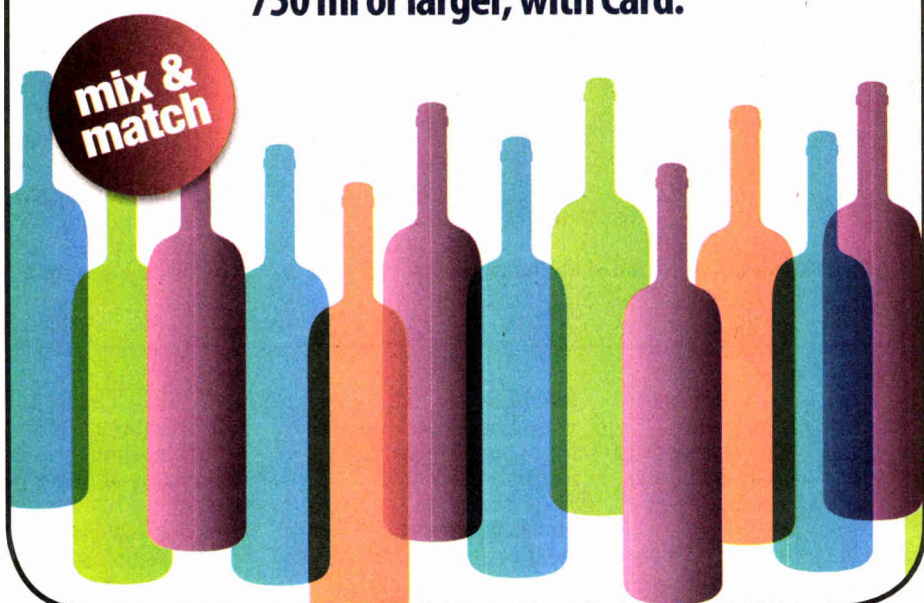


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Business leader lauds Proposal 1

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Rob Fowler, president and CEO of the Small Business Association of Michigan, faced some tough questions on Proposal 1 April 24 from Plymouth Rotarians.

"It constitutionally protects that source of money," Fowler said of Proposal 1, to be voted decided May 5 to, in part, address the state of our roads. His questioner was concerned about money being used elsewhere. "It cannot be used for something else," he said.

Fowler, speaker at the Plymouth Rotary meeting, urged a yes vote on Proposal 1. In response to a question from Rotarian Don Morgan of Plymouth, an attorney, on making toll roads to address costs, Fowler said, "The reason it doesn't happen is the economics. The money just doesn't work that way."

Fowler told Morgan and others at the Plymouth Cultural Center that making a current federal highway a toll road requires repaying the cost of building it.

"Poor infrastructure is frustrating business growth in Michigan," said Fowler, a Lansing-area resident whose group was founded in

1969. His group would normally support a tax increase, he added.

Its 25-member Board of Directors was unanimously in favor of endorsing Proposal 1, Fowler said. He called it "the best of some really bad options. This is really the best option on the table."

On a question of small business failure rates in Michigan, Fowler said "That really was a difficult time," referencing the recent recession. "I also think the wind is our back right now as more companies are starting and succeeding. I'm very optimistic."

Penny Joy of Plymouth, a Rotarian and retired Plymouth-Cadillac educator, said, "I thought it was very interesting that he explained Proposal 1 better than anyone I've heard."

Joy chooses to keep her Proposal 1 vote private, but has made up her mind. Fowler, after the meeting, said, "I might be the last guy standing who thinks it's going to pass."

He said opposition is not organized. "I like the chances. I think most of the opposition is a little more organic," Fowler said.

His group has more than 23,000 members and focuses on making Michigan more entrepreneurial.



Rob Fowler, president and CEO of the Small Business Association of Michigan, speaks April 24 at Plymouth Rotary.

YMCA contest focuses on special dads

The Plymouth Family YMCA is offering a "Why My Dad Is Special" Father's Day Essay Contest. Entries should answer the question, "Why is my dad so special that I'd like to run a 5K with him?"

Essays must be 250-300 words, with youth ages 8-17 eligible. Entries are due by Friday, May 15, and may be mailed to: Plymouth Family YMCA, 248 S. Union St., Plymouth, MI 48170, or emailed to Sage Hegdal at shegdal@ymcadeloitroit.org

Essays may be about dad or any other man who plays a special role in your life. All entries must include a YMCA media waiver.

Three winners will be chosen and notified Friday, May 22. Winners will each receive a "team" entry into the YMCA Father's Day Run. The contest is offered in partnership with RunDTP, a local walking/running group, which will provide lunch.

Entrants are invited to train with RunDTP, with details at RunDTP.com.

For details, contact the YMCA at 734-453-2904 or on Facebook.

NEPAL

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tremors, but weren't immediately aware of what had happened.

"It's pretty remote and rural. There were some landslides and they thought they saw an avalanche off in the distance," Kay Bedenis said. "They're not in communication with anybody, so



Christine Bec
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@KayBedenise. Made it over the pass this morning i been away from buildings.

VIA TWITTER

Christine Bedenis sent Twitter message Monday. She is traveling following 2th Peace Corps assignment in Thailand.

they didn't realize an earthquake had happened until much later. The Annapurna Circuit is a hiking area in the Annapurna mountain

range, north and west of Nepal's capital, Kathmandu, where, according to various media reports, the devastation was severe.

Christine Bedenis will be continuing her travels in Nepal and other countries, which began in late March following a 27-month Peace Corps assignment in Thailand, Kay Bedenis said. She had been in Thailand since January 2013,

teaching English to young students and also teaching future Thai English teachers.

Christine has a blog, christinebedenis.wordpress.com, in which she writes about her Peace Corps work, her experiences in Thailand and her world travels. The blog was one of nine blogs by Peace Corps workers that last year won the Blog It Home contest, which recog-

nizes Peace Corps blogs that promote a better understanding among Americans of other people and cultures around the world, one of the organization's goals.

Christine is a 2006 graduate of Salem High School and majored in journalism and photography at Columbia College in Chicago.

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Salvation Army, post offices teaming to fight hunger

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton and Plymouth residents, working with their U.S. Postal Service letter carriers, have donated more than 310,000 pounds of food since 2006 to fight hunger in their hometown communities.

The effort, part of a national Stamp Out Hunger campaign, returns Saturday, May 9, when local letter carriers will collect non-perishable food items and give them to The Salvation Army of Plymouth for distribution in the Plymouth-Canton community.

"All the food collected in Plymouth and Canton stays in our community for distribution in Plymouth and Canton," said Laurie Aren, director of family and community ministries for the local Salvation Army. "That food stays here."

In its 23rd year, the Stamp Out Hunger campaign has specifically helped the local Salvation Army since 2006, providing food amounting to \$514,000 by government accounting standards, Aren said.

Gloria Gorny, a Canton Post Office letter carrier, said Canton postal workers collected 27,000 pounds of food last year – an increase of 8,000 pounds in just one year. It's not an easy task.

"It's hard work, but we feel an obligation to help people," Gorny said. "We see these people every day on our routes. We know people who need food."

Postal workers get some help from community volunteers who help to collect the food, which Gorny said should be



Food is sorted by Salvation Army helpers during a previous Stamp Out Hunger campaign in Plymouth and Canton.

non-perishable and within the expiration date – or it can't be distributed. Last year, one Canton resident handed over two personal checks totaling \$3,000 for The Salvation Army.

To help, residents simply need to place food items in bags near their mailboxes. Plymouth-Canton letter carriers will join the National Association of Letter Carriers in 10,000 communities across the nation to fight hunger.

Stamp Out Hunger has collected more than one billion pounds of food nationwide during the last 20 years, according to the U.S. Postal Service website.

Gorny, working with letter carrier Lois Fritz to help spearhead the Canton collection, said donors in the Plymouth-Canton area have been generous with their donations.

"I'm really grateful for my customers," she said. "They really come through for me."

The Plymouth-Canton effort is part of a larger project representing the

U.S. Postal Service branch 2184, which stretches from Northville to near the Ohio border. Some years the branch has collected 350,000 pounds of food.

Aren said the food drive is important to the Plymouth-Canton area for numerous reasons:

» The timing is perfect, she said, because it comes just before the school year ends, after which many children will have no access to free or reduced-price lunch programs. That means more families turn to food pantries for help.

» Increasingly, Aren said, more single adults, couples with children and seniors are looking for help from The Salvation Army in Plymouth.

» Some families, once lacking jobs, have returned to work, but at lower pay and with higher out-of-pocket expenses. Many of them earn just enough to lose their food stamps.

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PARC organizers, mayor excited about plan progress

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Don Soenen is looking forward to July 1. Soenen is the force behind the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex, or PARC, a plan to re-purpose Central Middle School into a community facility with extensive uses. Central is closing at the end of this school year, with a new middle school opening in Canton. "We've just gotten a tremendous response so far," Soenen said. "We're going to operate it for all the various user groups." That includes the Michigan Philharmonic, now based in offices at the Plymouth Community Arts Council building on Sheldon. "Beyond that, I'm going to leave it until the board approves it," he said of the half-dozen other arts and recreation groups slated "that are really solid at this point." Soenen said the PARC complex on Main Street will operate for the next three years largely as is "until we get a more favorable disposition out of the township." With

changes in township leadership that could change, said Soenen, who began work with others on the downtown Plymouth project in May 2013. He tips his hat in gratitude to residents Patty and Mark Malcolm for their donation of the property. The Malcolms are holding it privately now due to the nonprofit status of the project. Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer is confident the PARC complex will open this summer. "Absolutely. Never count Don Soenen out," Dwyer said April 20. "He doesn't have any quit in him and he's got a great group of people. I have every confidence they will be successful." Athletic field upgrades are in the works, including lighting. Soenen outlined four key areas: an economic impact study; development of the business case; a community survey; and the next phase of design. "I think the residents here deserve an opportunity to weigh in through a vote," he said. "Just let the voters decide."

Organizers are raising about \$6 million in private funds before approaching voters, he added. "We see tremendous support in the city and the township," Soenen said. "There's a strong emotional attachment to that site." Soenen said many residents went to school there or have children or grandchildren who did. Dwyer said the city commission is a partner in terms of managing green space and scheduling. Parks and Recreation has "robust software" for scheduling. The city wouldn't do the maintenance, but scheduling is different. "We're having very positive dialogue about that," Dwyer said. "I'm confident it's going to happen," the mayor said of PARC, noting he'd had earlier doubts as to the project's viability. "The township's vote (not to participate) really put it in a tenuous situation for some time," Dwyer said. The ownership plan with the help of the Malcolms changed



A plan is in the works to re-purpose Central Middle School to the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex, or PARC.

projects with the city of Plymouth through 2016. "I know Shannon. He's a reasonable guy. He's also in touch to the political winds," Doroshewitz said. "Shannon's brand new in office. I want him to be successful." Doroshewitz plans to sit down with Price in the next couple of months to discuss PARC. The site and its grounds are now used by many, including the Steelers football players and cheerleaders, youth baseball, softball and tennis. The Miracle League of Plymouth, a ball field for special-needs children that is also used by veterans, is also on site. The PARC complex will feature a pool. "It's going to be a community pool starting July 1," Soenen said, with hiring of lifeguards and others for community pool use underway. Fundraising will entail \$250,000 for the first phase of the next three years, including "an aggressive marketing campaign," he said. PARC plans call for a recreation center; 800-seat performing arts theater; senior citizen center; Scouting and youth programs; and more.

that. "Now they're going to own it. Any doubt I had is long erased now." Dwyer said public use of the site "is really important to us as a city." The recreation facility with an auditorium "would be a great asset to the entire community. We are 100-percent on board and have been from the beginning. Our role is to partner with them to whatever extent they want." As to changes in town-

ship leadership and getting on board, Dwyer said, "I have no idea. You'd have to ask them." Plymouth Township Trustee Bob Doroshewitz said, "Don has just been a tremendous force." Doroshewitz was involved in PARC plans early on with township resident Deb Madonna. "I don't know what our new supervisor's position is going to be on it," Doroshewitz said of Shannon Price and PARC. Price didn't return phone calls seeking comment. Doroshewitz said many people he talks to locally are offended the "board took it upon themselves to decide for them," rejecting joint

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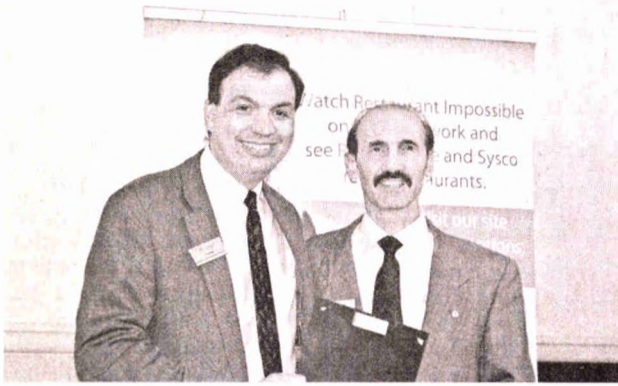
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PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce President Wes Graff presents a certificate to Volunteer of the Year Tom Borg of Tom Borg Consulting.



PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
In the Sysco Food Challenge dessert category, the staff of the Alpine Chocolate Haus was recognized for its Chocolate Potato Chip. Wes Graff, president of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is at the far left.



PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Standing with Wes Graff, the staff of JB Chowhound was recognized for its Smoked Salmon Parfait in the appetizer category.



PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Winning the entree category in the Sysco Food Challenge was the staff of Sive Restaurant at the Inn at St. John's with its Shrimp and Grits agave tequila prawns.



PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
In the soup/salad category, Leo's Coney Island staff walked away winners for its famous Greek Salad.

Showcase honors volunteers, foodies

The 26th annual Showcase and Taste of Plymouth not only spotlighted area businesses, but gave the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce a chance to honor some local volunteers and foodies.

The 2015 Volunteers of the Year were recognized for their service during the event. They included: Mark Napolitano, Plymouth Community United Way; Bonnie Prendergast, Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club; Kathy Turnquist, Plymouth Community Council on Aging; Richard and Betty Lou Lake, Kiwanis Club of Plymouth; Mary Tavana, Michigan Philharmonic; Mary Ellen King, Plymouth Historical Museum; Karen Ritter, Plymouth Lions Club; Penny K. Joy, Communi-

ty Foundation of Plymouth; Sharon Bright, Plymouth Garden Club; Bob Lamoureux, VFW Post 6695; Karen Childs, Plymouth YMCA; Delores Jurko, The Salvation Army; and Johnnie W. Johnson, American Legion Post No. 391.

Honored volunteers also included: Amanda Martell, Plymouth District Library; the late Dan White, Rotary Club of Plymouth; Bill Ventola, Rotary Club of Plymouth; Tom Borg, Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce; Sharon Belobraidich, Educational Excellence Foundation; Terry Allor, Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council; Jim Grutza, Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth; Ruta Lacis, Trailwood Garden Club; Kim

Scartelli, Partnership for the Arts & Humanities; Ken Little, American Cancer Society/Relay for Life of Plymouth; Lori Mross, Plymouth Canton Arts Council; Barbara J. Turnbull, Plymouth Goodfellows; Jerry Grady, Canton Community Foundation; Belinda Dotson, Plymouth Christian Academy; and Jeanne Fadden, Plymouth Christian Academy.

Winners of the Sysco Food Challenge included: Appetizer: JB Chowhound, Smoked Salmon Parfait; Salad/Soup: Leo's Coney Island, Famous Greek Salad; Entree: Sive Restaurant at the Inn at St. John's, Shrimp and Grits agave tequila prawns; and Dessert: Alpine Chocolate Haus, Chocolate Potato Chip.



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The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce honored volunteers for their service at the 26th annual Showcase and Taste of Plymouth.

Expands services

Plymouth-based Hayden-McNeil will expand publishing services to develop custom materials for smaller courses. This program is specifically designed for instructors with annual student enrollments as low as 200 students.

"I'm very excited about offering our publishing services to a broader range of higher education instructors," said Jeff McCarthy, Hayden-McNeil president. "By working with more faculty around the country, we can do our part to make education both more effective and affordable."

Instructors with low enrollments now have the opportunity to publish materials that are specifically tailored to their courses. They can choose what material and learning concepts are highlighted and customize them to best engage their students. From start to finish, instructors are fully supported by a publishing professional and design and production teams.

The expanded custom publishing program

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allows instructors of smaller courses to shop for a layout template and cover, as well as utilize Hayden-McNeil's multimedia database. Not only are they given the tools to create their project, but they can choose between print and digital options. Instructors will no longer have to rely on generic printing services or websites that have substandard results at high prices.

For more information on lower enrollment custom publishing, go to <http://www.hm-publishing.com/our-services/expanded-custom-program.html>.

Ribbon-cuttings

The Canton Chamber of Commerce has scheduled two ribbon-cuttings: Simply Dentistry, 5800 N. Lilley at 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 6; and TCS Michigan at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, at the chamber office, 45525 Hanford Road.

Detroit district

Tom Wilson, president and CEO of Olympia Entertainment, will speak about the new District Detroit at a multi-chamber of commerce luncheon from

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11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, at Laurel Manor Banquet Center, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia.



Wilson

The Plymouth, Canton, Livonia and Westland chambers will host the event. Tickets are \$30 for chambers members, \$40 for non-members. RSVP to teri@plymouthmich.org or at www.cantonchamber.com.

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OUR VIEW

Your vote counts; head to polls May 5

If you're registered, make sure to take some time to vote Tuesday, May 5. Granted, if you're reading this newspaper, research indicates you're more likely to head to the polls, if you haven't already made your choice via absentee ballot.

So perhaps your task should be to encourage others to vote next week.

The request on the ballot is an important issue, one that will hit you in the wallet. The state sales tax increase, Proposal 1, will definitely have an impact if it's approved. Every time you buy toilet paper, a pair of jeans or a garden shovel, the total cost will be a bit more.

In Plymouth and Plymouth Township, Proposal 1—generally known as the road tax—is the only item on the May 5 ballot. In addition to Proposal 1, Canton voters in three precincts in the south end that are part of Van Buren Public Schools will consider renewing millage for a sinking fund that will be used to make repairs at various district schools.

Proposal 1 will ask voters to allow a one-cent increase in Michigan's sales tax. It would increase the state's sales and use tax from 6 percent to 7 percent to increase transportation funding. The sales tax increase is part of a series of bills that would raise money for road repairs, schools and local government, among other things.

The state House Fiscal Agency has estimated that



the sales tax increase would generate more than \$1.6 billion per year, with \$1.2 billion for roads, \$130 million for mass transit, \$300 million to the School Aid Fund and \$95 million to local governments.

And while the process was a bit convoluted and has become controversial, to say the least, the bottom line is Michigan's roads need improvement and this was the best idea legislators could agree upon.

Opponents claim there's plenty of money available in Lansing and a new tax isn't needed. To that, we point to the many legislators who campaigned on such a platform. But session after session, we still haven't seen anyone point to this hidden stash of money for much-needed projects.

Tax increases stink, for sure. But the improvements we'll see through this ballot measures make it worth it.

Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday; however, registered voters can still request an absentee ballot. The city clerks' offices in Plymouth and Plymouth and Canton townships will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday to process requests.

At this time, voters may stop in and apply for an absentee ballot in person. Voters may also stop by clerks' offices during business hours in the weeks leading up to the May 5 election.

Voters who wait until the last minute, such as Monday, May 4, may still apply for an absentee ballot, but it must be voted at the clerk's office and turned in.

Whichever method you choose—absentee ballot or the polls—participate in your government and vote. Your voice is important.

OUR VIEW

Trustees must adhere to township purchasing policy

The foundation of good government is following established policies when spending taxpayer dollars, even if private donations help pay the tab, such as with Plymouth Township's July fireworks show.

The township's purchasing policy was spotlighted a week ago when it came time to vote on the \$40,000 no-bid contract for Zambelli Fireworks Manufacturing Co., which has by all accounts provided excellent fireworks shows.

Though Supervisor Shannon Price voted to approve the contract, he noted that—though too late this year for the fireworks show—next year the work should be bid. Township policy calls for bids on expenditures of more than \$15,000.

Trustees Chuck Curmi and Bob Doroshewitz voted against the contract, while the remaining members voted in favor.

Doroshewitz cited the township's purchasing policy, considering that the fireworks contract was the third such occasion in which bids were not sought. The other two expenditures were \$22,000 in snow-making equipment for the sledding hill at Township Park and a \$219,275 contract for new financial management software.

The need for elected officials to adhere to the township's purchasing policy is independent of the political struggles among trustees. A policy is a policy and it is one that the public expects their elected representatives, who are spending taxpayer money, to follow.

In defending the fireworks contract and Zambelli's work, Treasurer Ron Edwards—who organizes and solicits donations for the show—said the township board may override the requirement to seek bids.

And while that override, too, is part of the policy, the board has not voted in the latest three examples to override bids. It appears the expenditures or contracts are brought to the board in their final form, which leaves little room to make a turnaround and seek bids.

This is an issue about best practices for government, fairness, credibility and transparency.

According to the Institute for Public Procurement, "The manner in which government conducts itself in its business transactions immediately affects public opinion and the public's trust in good government. In addition to encouraging the public's good will and strengthened trust, the more practical business benefits of transparency are increased competition and better value for goods, services and construction."

To be sure, the public expects processes and policies to be followed. The issue here is not whether a particular vendor, such as Zambelli, has done a good job and therefore deserves to continue working for the township. The issue is about fairness to all potential vendors—existing and new—as well as transparency for the public. That's good government.

LETTERS

'Big fat lie'

Friends, unfortunately our state government is pushing the largest tax increase in modern times in Michigan.

Proposal 1 is a massive increase that will cost every Michigan family hundreds of dollars every month. In a time of decreased overtime, increased health costs and overall higher prices for food, clothing, insurance, ask yourself, can you afford another \$80 to \$150 a month out of your family budget? Can you afford to increase the cost to renew your license and vehicle registrations?

Prop 1 is a big fat lie. The Michigan Legislature already passed a road funding bill last year that would fix our roads, hold contractors accountable and assure road tax goes to roads without raising your taxes. The Senate refused to take it up as Majority Leader Arlan Meekhof supports raising your taxes instead of doing their job.

Prop 1 raises the sales tax you pay on everything. It increases the gas tax an additional 10 cents on every gallon and raises the cost of license plates, vehicle registrations, trailer, snowmobiles. All registration fees go up.

The worst part is only half of the money actually goes to roads; the rest funds all kinds of special interests.

I urge you to vote May 5 and vote a resounding no.

If for any reason you believe you will be unable to attend the polls, I urge you get an absentee ballot. You can take apply to your local township and wait for the ballot in many cases and cast your absentee ballot right now!

We need to come together and tell them no more. Stop unnecessary spending and fix the roads first and say no to special-interest groups.

Lori Levi
Canton

In disguise

Shame on you *Observer* for telling people that Proposal 1 is a road tax. It is anything but a road tax! Also, shame for saying it is our only option.

The governor did not tell the truth at re-election time. How many times did we hear about what great shape our state was in and what a fabulous job he did the first four years, only to find out afterward that we are in fact in very dire shape. He is not telling the truth now.

This is a tax to replace money taken from the schools. It is a tax to help re-build the general fund that was depleted when all the tax credits were given to big business. Oh yes, in a couple of years we might have money for roads if the Legislature doesn't decide to do something else with it.

The largest tax increase in 50 years is being disguised as a road tax. The general public, middle class and poor, are getting a snow job and you are supporting it. I expect it from interest groups and guest writers, but not from you. I expect that when I read my paper, I will read facts and the truth.

Don Kelm
Canton

A quick refresher

Republicans have controlled all branches of government in Lansing since January 2011.

We're now into year five of government failing to fix Michigan's roads and infrastructure.

A job well done



HOWARD KAPLAN

Plymouth-Canton Educational Excellence Foundation Trustee Sharon Belobradich, event chairman Jim Harb and Abigail Stonebrook announce winning bids at the recent Wine Tasting & Silent Auction.

These two things are related.

Proposal 1 and the 10 tie-barred laws-in-waiting (all with P.A. numbers, signed by Gov. Rick Snyder) that depend on its passage, is the only thing Lansing Republicans could come up with in the first 48 months of their regime.

And this only happened because term-limited legislators with one foot out the door (led by former House Speaker Jase Bolger and former Senate Majority Leader Randy Richardville) found a little courage to stand up to right-wing bloggers and anti-tax outsiders like Grover Norquist.

A new Republican leadership that has worked hard to undermine Proposal 1, while exposing Snyder as a lame duck mere months after his reelection.

Win or lose May 5, Republicans own this.

Herb Helzer
Northville

Too little for roads

Via the various television and radio ads, we hear about how Proposal 1 is all about fixing our roads. As is the case with most things political, this isn't exactly true.

The projected \$1.95 billion this proposal would raise doesn't come from just the increase of our state sales tax from 6 percent to 7 percent (making it the second highest in the country), but it also comes from raising our fuel tax from 19 cents per gallon to 41.7 cents per gallon. While the proposal does remove the sales tax from the purchase of gasoline and diesel fuel, the consumer will see a net increase of roughly 10 to 13 cents per gallon at today's prices. Also, yearly vehicle registration fees will be increased.

But the real problem with Proposal 1 is how this projected increase in tax revenue will be spent. More than 30 percent of the additional tax money raised will not go to fixing our roads: \$116 million will go to fund mass transit, \$200 million will go to the School Aid Fund, which provides incentives and scholarships to attendees of community colleges and technical schools; \$40 million will go to the public school's "At Risk" program; \$24.8 million will go to the Recreation Improvement Fund; \$111 million will be shifted to various local city governments; and \$173 million will go into the state's general fund. Also, the Earned Income Tax Credit will be increased to 20 percent from its current 6 percent, which will result in an estimated loss of

\$261 million to the state's treasury.

So in order to get our roads fixed, something like \$700 million has to be spent on things other than our roads? This is the best idea our elected officials in Lansing could come up with?

James A. Kidd
Livonia

Another tax

I am a student at Schoolcraft College in Livonia and am writing regarding the upcoming special election May 5 to raise the sales tax one cent for the state of Michigan.

As a student and a person who is living on a fixed income through Social Security, I feel that it is another tax that would add to my expenses each year. If it is only going to the deplorable roads that we have in Michigan, I am sure that some people would vote for it, but I am not sure that it is just for the roads.

I am writing as an interested voter and trust that your newspaper would publish both sides of the question so that voters can make the choice that is best for them and our state.

Betty Dills
Livonia

Burden for middle class

I am grateful to the League of Women Voters for sponsoring the overview of the May 5 ballot proposal. I left the event with more knowledge of the proposal, feeling a little less confused and with a decision on my vote. I will not be voting for Proposal 1.

This was very difficult, since Proposal 1 clearly has some positive features. My decision is grounded in the fact that it will cost us, the taxpayers, more money at a time when the state median wage is low. At one time, Michigan's median wage was ranked fourth in the country. Today we are 24th. Michigan has lost many jobs to other states and other countries.

Proposal 1 would increase our sales tax, auto registration fees and gasoline fees right off the top. This places a financial burden on the middle-class resident who is already stretching their budget. This is not only our burden. My wish is for the Michigan Legislature to study the interventions of the corporate culture when it was faced with budget issues. The term "lean" was introduced by lawmakers.

A lean government might look at ways to cut costs without losing services to the citizenry. This is the challenge.

Rosemary Doyle
Livonia

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department has shifted to a new 800-megahertz radio system purchased about a year ago and Phillips has applied for a federal grant to help pay for "quint," a fire truck that combines several capabilities, including those of a ladder truck and a pumper truck.

Phillips also promoted three new department captains in January: Scott Gross, Charlie Mann and Dan Atkins.

"During the downturn, we didn't promote anybody for a couple of years," Phillips said. "It had all fallen on my shoulders" as the department's only captain, he added.

Now, with the chief running the overall operation, the department has one captain in charge of each of its three platoons, which provide coverage around the clock in 24-hour shifts. Each platoon also has a lieutenant and four other firefighters, plus each of the department's two stations has a part-timer on duty during peak hours.

The department responds to fires, serious traffic accidents and emergency medical calls throughout the township. Last year, it recorded 2,888 runs, an average of almost eight a day.

Supervisor Shannon Price said the township, like a lot of communities, had to make difficult decisions about the department because of tough economic times and, with the economy rebounding, he's looking forward to working with Phillips to rebuild it.

He said Phillips is open to innovations in providing services and should bring stability to the department. "He's doing a really good job," Price said.

Training emphasis

With a number of newer firefighters, Phillips said that ongoing training is his top short-term goal. All firefighters, full and part time, have graduated from a fire academy and are certified by the state, but Phillips said it's important they keep their skills sharp.

"The equipment is only as good as the firefighters and my priority is training the firefighters," he said.

The department is turning the still-closed Station 2, which is on Wilcox, into a training center, and plans to have courses in firefighter safety and survival there later this spring. The training, he said, will help firefighters increase their confidence and build muscle memory they can rely on to respond automatically in dangerous situations.

"In these times of great stress, we want everybody to react naturally," Phillips said.

Station 2, Phillips said, will remain closed as a fire station for the foreseeable future, though the issue is open to re-evaluation.

It's more efficient now, in terms of how personnel and equipment are distributed, to operate out of two stations, Station 1 on Haggerty and Station 3 on Beck, he said. There are six firefighters, including a captain and a lieutenant, in each of the three platoons and dividing them between two stations instead of three, he said, means they can more effectively respond to service calls.

Phillips grew up in Oakland Township wanting to be a police officer, he said, but chose a different path and says he's glad he did. His career started in 1992 in Rochester Hills, where he was a paid-on-call firefighter for about two years; he also attended college and worked at a gas station at the same time. He's been with the township for more than 22 years.

Phillips lives in Farmington Hills with wife Diane Roeder and their children, Cameron, 7, Trevor, 6, and Allison, 3.

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rassed by numerous text messages sent by the daughter's former best friend.

The woman, who lives in the Academy/West Point mobile home park near Michigan Avenue and Haggerty, told police Friday that the problem has been ongoing since late January.

The mother said she has received numerous text messages referring to her daughter in derog-

atory terms and claiming she is using drugs. The daughter also has been harassed by the suspect, a police report said.

Police were trying to contact the suspect's mother. Authorities also advised the Canton mother to consider getting a personal protection order against the suspect.

Coffee crime?

A Canton woman has been getting a regular serving of morning coffee, but not how she likes it.

The 43-year-old woman told police she has

found coffee thrown on her 2015 Dodge Journey on several occasions, most recently last Thursday. She indicated to authorities that she believes the incidents may involve a neighbor with whom she has had an ongoing dispute over parking spaces in her neighborhood.

The woman told police the incidents began in February. She conceded, however, that she hasn't witnessed the neighbor in question actually pouring coffee on her vehicle.

- By Darrell Clem



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BRINDZA TARGETING NFL DREAM



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

A constant throughout Kyle Brindza's football career, whether at Plymouth or Notre Dame, is his unwavering work ethic. Last week, Brindza worked on his kicking technique during a session at the Park.

ONE STEP AWAY

WITH NFL DRAFT LOOMING, PLYMOUTH ALUM BRINDZA KEEPS WORKING TOWARD HIS ULTIMATE GOAL

By Evan Paputa
Correspondent

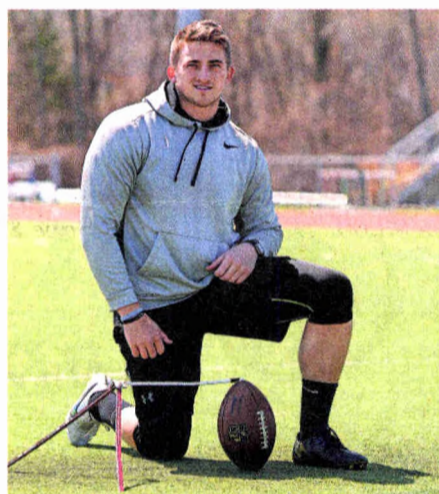
Ever since Kyle Brindza was old enough to kick a football, he knew he wanted to kick each Sunday afternoon in the fall.

With the three-day National Football League draft starting Thursday, the dream of reaching the highest level of football is finally upon the 2011 Plymouth High School graduate.

"It's always been a dream, going from high school to Notre Dame and getting a chance at the NFL," Brindza said.

Throughout the early stages of his illustrious Plymouth career, Brindza knew that his dream was reachable. During his sophomore season for the Wildcats in 2008, he booted the first of many career game-winning field goals and it let him know that he could kick at a high level.

"Sophomore year, I remember it was at Livonia Franklin, four seconds on the clock; it was their homecoming," Brindza said. "I think it was



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Kyle Brindza is optimistic that his NFL dream will come true.

dead middle from 37 yards out and I went in and put it right through the upright. I don't think that Franklin had (ever) lost a homecoming game

before that."

During his high school career, Brindza dedicated himself to getting a chance to play college football for his dream school, Notre Dame. Early morning weightlifting sessions and hours upon hours of kicking sessions at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity turf field paved the way to a four-year career with the Fighting Irish.

"My grandpa graduated from Notre Dame and got his MBA from there," Brindza said during an interview last week at the Park. "What's there not to like about Notre Dame? People always say I'm from Michigan; why am I going to Notre Dame? "It is a prestigious, traditional program that I wanted to be a part of. I wanted to be a part of a legacy."

Legacy left

Following his four-year career, Brindza will leave many fingerprints in the Notre Dame record book.

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P-CEP GIRLS TENNIS INVITE

Park netters take flight

Three Salem singles players prevail in finals; Rocks, 'Cats finish 2-3

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson won Saturday's Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Invitational, but coaches for the Park's varsity girls tennis teams only see positives emerging from the debut tourney.

Particularly taking flight on a cool, crisp day were Salem's singles players, with junior Chelsea Yu and sophomores Bianca Ghita and Madison Kulik capturing championships at Nos. 1, 2 and 3 singles, respectively.

"It was kind of chilly, so I knew I had to move my feet well," said Yu, victorious at No. 1 singles thanks to a 6-0, 6-0 win over Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard's Colleen O'Leary. "Especially since the ball won't bounce as well and I knew that I had to minimize my own mistakes, because that's what really costs you, especially in this kind of weather."

Ghita took No. 2 singles by a 6-4, 6-3 count over Plymouth junior Amber Tseng in a hard-fought match. And Kulik earned a 6-1, 6-3 triumph over Stevenson's Danielle Marzec.

Plymouth standout freshman Kara Hug — who remains undefeated this season — garnered first place at No. 4 singles. Hug bested Livonia Stevenson's Molly Cormier, 6-4, 6-3.

Talented and deep Stevenson took top honors, registering 22 points to top the eight-team field. But Salem and Plymouth also grabbed hardware for their respective school's trophy cases.

The Rocks tallied 18 points to win

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MICHAEL VASILNEK

Saturday's P-CEP tourney was quite a day for the Salem Rocks. From left are the team's three singles champions, Chelsea Yu (No. 1), Madison Kulik (No. 3) and Bianca Ghita (No. 2).

PREP BOYS LACROSSE

ULTIMATE TEAMWORK

Six points by Baechler, hat trick by Pakula spark Chiefs to 12-5 romp over Salem

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Coming out of the gates in full-attack mode, Canton scored early and often Saturday and romped to a 12-5 victory over Salem in a varsity boys lacrosse match-up.

Spearheaded by a precision passing game in the offensive zone, the Chiefs broke out to a 5-0 lead after one quarter at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's varsity turf field.

Senior attackman Brocton Baechler

was a catalyst, collecting four assists during that span — he finished with a goal and five helpers as the Chiefs improved to 6-3 overall.

"It's just team playing, there's no selfishness," Baechler said about the team's multi-faceted offense. "There's no one-man team, it's just always pass and catch, give and go."

A perfect example of that kind of teamwork came early in the fourth quarter of the Kensington Conference tilt.

With the Chiefs already up 10-2, Baechler circled the Salem goal and finally flung a quick pass to junior attackman Carson Pakula (three goals), who buried a shot from close range past Rocks goaltender Mack Baker.

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Jostling for the ball near Canton's net are Salem attackman Noah Willer (left) and Canton defender Brian Newton.

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PREP BOYS GOLF



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Canton's Donnie Trosper launches a shot Tuesday at Fox Hills while teammate Noah Lindbauer watches.

Chiefs' lineup strong throughout

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Donnie Trosper isn't the only Canton golfer playing strong this season.

On Tuesday at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center, Trosper registered a 2-under-par 33 to lead the Chiefs to a 138-183 win over Livonia Churchill.

But four of Trosper's teammates also broke the 40 mark as Canton (2-0 overall) outplayed its KLAAs South Division opponent on a much-welcome sunny afternoon.

Canton varsity boys golf coach Tom Alles said it was a major plus to finally have a nice, sunny afternoon for his team to compete in.

"It feels real good because it's been miser-

able to be out here," Alles said. "It hasn't rained much, but it's been really windy and cold.

"Every competition we've had, whether a tournament or a match, it's been really miserable to play. This is really nice."

Spearheaded by all-stater Trosper, the Chiefs demonstrated a potent varsity lineup from top to bottom to prevail.

"Donnie is just unbelievably talented," Alles said. "He can do it all and he's got a great attitude about it."

But Trosper had company doing great things Tuesday.

Shooting a 34 was junior Brian Oldani, who tallied an eagle on the par-5 hole No. 6.

"Brian told me he made about a 50-foot putt to get a three on a par-5, so that's pretty rare," Alles said.

Also strong were Canton seniors Chris Dooley (35) and Noah Lindbauer (36) and sophomore Suhas Potluri (39). Registering a 40 was senior Hunter Schlampp.

The visiting Chargers (0-3 overall, 0-2 in the division), however, had trouble with the fast greens on Fox Hills' Classic course.

"It's a good test, probably the best day they've had to play a round of golf in this spring," Churchill head coach Paul Worley said. "But the greens are telling the story here, pretty quick and got some undulation to them that my guys aren't really accustomed to."

Evidence of that was junior Sam Spayd's 41 score. Inflating his score were three different three-putts. Just eight days earlier, Spayd was medalist at the KLAAs Kensington Conference preseason tournament with a 71.



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Following through on a tee shot Tuesday at Fox Hills is Canton's Noah Lindbauer. Watching the shot are (from left) Canton's Donnie Trosper and Livonia Churchill's Griffin Ahmet and Sam Spayd.

John Doyle and Peyton Elkins tallied scores of 46 and 47, respectively, for the Chargers. Finishing with scores of 49 each were Griffin Ahmet and Logan Welch.

Salem nipped

The old adage that every shot counts literally showed itself to be true Tuesday as host Salem dropped a 166-167 decision to KLAAs Central Division opponent Livonia Stevenson.

"It was a lot better showing than our first match (April 23 against Northville)," Salem head coach Ryan Nimmerguth said. "We played much better today, lost by a shot. And I tell the guys every shot counts out there, no matter how

you're doing.

"Whether it's a one-foot tap-in or a great drive, every shot counts."

Salem's Hayden Winch and Stevenson's Alex Hunt were co-medalists with scores of 38 each.

Jakob Lenders and Adam Marcero (42 each) also had solid showings for the Rocks, while Shawn Weldon and Matt Schaumburger chipped in with a 45 and 46, respectively.

Rounding out Salem's score card was Jake Stropes, with a 49.

In addition to Hunt, the Spartans (2-0) were led by Jon McDonald (41) and Hyder Mansour (42).

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PREP GIRLS SOCCER

Janke's late goal lifts pesky Wildcats

Plymouth edges Canton 2-1 in KLAAs South Division showdown

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Being in the right place at the right time is what Plymouth junior forward Olivia Janke prides herself on doing on the soccer pitch.

And that paid dividends Tuesday night, as Janke scored both goals — including a tie-breaker with 7:12 remaining — to give the Wildcats a hard-fought 2-1 girls soccer victory over KLAAs South Division and campus rival Canton.

The Wildcats then found a way to win despite losing senior defender Erin Winters (ankle) and junior defender Megan McCurry (knee) to injuries within a seven-minute span in the second half.

"It was a good win, but it was costly," said Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich, whose division-leading team improved to 5-0-1 in the KLAAs South. "We had a couple players go down injured; hopefully it's not serious."

"Other kids stepped up, they had to. We got back into this thing and got the game-winner."

Janke had scored in the first half, finishing off a nifty feed from Alexis White.

But then the Chiefs evened things up 1-1 when Hannah Lapko nudged a rebound into the Plymouth goal with 36 minutes to go.

Thanks to defensive efforts from players such as Addison Lewis and Kelsey Melnick — who Neschich needed to come

through following the injuries — and goalkeeper Julia LaFlair, the Wildcats held off Canton's attack.

"It's a Park rivalry, so we knew we had to come in strong," LaFlair said. "And I think everyone on the team played really hard."

Making the read

Then, Plymouth made the winning play at the opposite end of the Park's varsity soccer stadium.

Katelyn Chipman angled a pass from the left side of the box near the end line that found Janke, stationed near the right post. Janke made no mistake, beating Canton goalie Sarah Hammond.

"She's been our most active forward up there and just finding the right spots," Neschich said about Janke. "Nice assist from Alexis White on the first one to find her in behind."

"And the second one, Chipman had a great centering ball to her that she just finished. Two great finishes tonight."

According to Janke, it was key to regain the lead, especially on an injury-filled night.

"You got to keep working even when they score, you got to get it back," Janke said.

"Playing with (Chipman), she always makes great crosses in, she picks it out perfectly and you kind of know where it's going to go."

"You just got to make it work and get to where the ball's going, get a touch on it."



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Plymouth's Olivia Janke (left), who scored both of the Wildcats' goals Tuesday, battles for the ball against Canton's Mary Galm.

It's all about reading the ball."

Canton had been struggling for goals in recent games, head coach Jeannine Reddy said. So at least getting one goal might be the start of something good.

On the play, Cristen Pederson sent a hard shot from inside the box that Plymouth

goalkeeper Julia LaFlair made a diving stop on.

But the ball deflected away from LaFlair and Lapko jammed it into the wide-open cage.

"We're working on trying to finish, trying to support each other off the ball," Reddy said. "And I think they did a lot of

that today."

Although Neschich said the win put Plymouth in "the driver's seat right now" in the KLAAs South, he cited upcoming tests against Livonia Churchill and Livonia Franklin.

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BRINDZA

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He set 10 school records, highlighted by longest field goal (53 yards, twice), single-game field goals (five, twice), single-season scoring by a placekicker (98 points in 2013), single-season field goals (23 in 2012), career 50-yard field goals (four) and single-season extra-point percentage (38-for-38 in 2012).

Brindza's collegiate career came to an end on an encouraging note as he kicked a 32-yard, game-winning field goal to lift Notre Dame over Louisiana State University in December's Music City Bowl.

Although it capped a three-game stretch in which he admitted to "trying to control a little too much," Brindza couldn't be happier to go out with such positive momentum.

"I wish my senior year would have been a little bit better, but that last kick against LSU kind of helped me out a lot. I needed that," Brindza said. "Coming into the fourth quarter, I knew it was going to come down to a game-winning field goal. I saw it in my mind."

After the conclusion of Brindza's Notre Dame career, he set off on the final leg of his quest to the NFL. He has graduated with a degree in visual communications and a minor in economics.

Immediately following his graduation, Brindza flew to Florida, where he was able to work with kicking coach Brandon Kornblue at the Ignition training facility.

Ignition and Kornblue helped Brindza prepare for his pro day, a chance to work out in front of NFL scouts, held at Notre Dame in March.

"For me it was wake up, work out, have lunch, kick in the afternoon, recover at night and go to the chiropractor and massage therapist three to four times a week," he said.

Coming home

The Plymouth Township resident then returned home to spend the final month before the NFL draft. He has been regularly kicking at P-CEP in preparation for the draft. He has taken the time back home to reconnect with Plymouth head coach Mike Sawchuk.

Brindza still uses the same advice Sawchuk gave him at Plymouth when lining up for a field goal.

"One of the biggest things I took from coach Sawchuk was letting the crowd tell me if it was good or not," Brindza said. "(He always told me) to focus on my form and keep the eyes on the sweet spot. The crowd is going to tell you if it's good or bad."



MATT CASHORE

Notre Dame kicker and Plymouth alum Kyle Brindza (No. 27) is jubilant after kicking a field goal during the 2014 season.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

During his senior season at Plymouth, Kyle Brindza boots another strong kickoff.



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Plymouth alum Kyle Brindza's vision for his future remains clear — to kick in the National Football League.

Since returning home, Brindza has invited aspiring high school kickers to train with him. His mission has been to teach the local kickers more than the proper way to kick a football.

"I'm trying to help out the local kids," Brindza said. "I want them to understand it's not just about being a kicker. I want them to understand the process of being a good kicker; it's not just about Friday nights."

"I want to help them be able to move on to Division I, Division II or so on. It's going to be in the weight room, off the field."

Brindza's selfless attitude today is the same as it was when he last kicked for the Wildcats in the 2010 Division I state championship game, according to Sawchuk.

"I am extremely proud of Kyle in that he is the same person he was when he left PHS," Sawchuk said. "He is still very humble, disciplined in his work ethic and reaches out to our kids if they need help with football or life."

Bright future

Brindza enters the NFL draft as one of the top kicking prospects in seemingly every pre-draft ranking system. Although it would be extra satisfying to be one of the 256 play-

ers selected in the draft, he knows the history of kickers in the draft.

When looking for an understanding of making it as a kicker in the NFL, Brindza went to 13-year veteran, Jay Feely.

"If you look at the top guys (kickers) in the NFL ... I talked to Jay Feely, Michigan alum, he was a free agent," Brindza said. "He wasn't a starter right away, had to work his way into the mix in the NFL and kind of jump to different places."

"For me, it's being able to understand that if a great kicker like that had to do it, I might have to do it."

Whether or not Brindza gets drafted, Sawchuk knows the former Wildcat has the skills on and off the field to be an asset for any organization. After the draft is completed, NFL teams sign non-drafted players as free agents.

"No matter what happens with the draft, Kyle will have a successful life because of the kind of person he is," Sawchuk said. "With his leg strength, I'm pretty confident that he will end up on an NFL roster."

PREP ROUNDUP

Salem girls sparked by Tardiff in 10-7 victory

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

A strong all-around game Friday catapulted Salem's varsity girls lacrosse team to a 10-7 win Friday over Dexter.

Getting the Rocks going early were sophomore Leah Tardiff and senior Joslyn Longe, each scoring a goal before the game was five minutes old.

Salem (4-7) built a 4-2 half-time lead following goals by Longe and Amanda Merkel.

The Rocks would not relinquish the lead in the second half, backstopped by sophomore goalie Maddie Johnson and a sturdy defense that forced a season-high 13 turnovers.

Tardiff also was instrumental in Salem's victory, scoring three more goals in the second half. Longe (two goals, assist) and Andi Marthaler (goal, assist) also had productive games.

"I was pleased with maturity the team showed coming off of difficult stretch," Salem head coach Dave Medley said. "They really showed a lot of growth as a team and as young adults."

Meanwhile, Plymouth's varsity girls lacrosse team dropped a 10-8 decision Monday to visiting South Lyon despite two goals each by Michelle Burke, Natalie Nowicki, Marissa Cirino and Cathryn VandenBosch.

Wildcats goalie Erin Oleszczak played well with 10 saves.

"I am proud of our girls," Plymouth head coach Jake Wieloch said. "They kept their heads up and continued to play hard, even when we were down. They never gave up."

Boys lacrosse

Plymouth's varsity boys lacrosse team defeated South Lyon Unified for the first time since 2010 with Monday's 11-7 victory.

Kyle Robertson and Nolan Ouellette each scored a hat trick, with Jack Balch (two goals), Zach Gallaher (goal, assist) and Justin Brodzik (two goals, assist) also having big nights.

Saturday, the Wildcats prevailed 11-9 over Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard. Brodzik and Ouellette each tallied three goals.

Girls track

Plymouth scored 129 points, besting 15 other schools, to win Saturday's Crestwood Charger Invitational. The Wildcats had 22 medalists, scoring in 15 of 17 events.

Sophomore sprinter Ryan Draper won two individual events (100 dash, 200 dash), was part of the victorious 800-meter relay team (with Anna Lukens, Faith Washington and Jewel Davis) and placed second in another, accounting for 38 of Plymouth's points.

Also winning multiple individual events for the Wildcats were Annie Bonds (1,600, 3,200) and Kirsty McInnes (100 hurdles, 300 hurdles).

» Canton finished fifth with 59 points at Saturday's North Farmington Raider Relays.

"This was a good outing for our team as we competed and medaled in every event," coach Alan Jones said.

He said freshman Olivia Pahl and senior Allison Putz were outstanding in the 6,400 relay.



KAREN HANSEN

Fighting for possession of a ground ball against Dexter are Salem's Joslyn Longe (left) and Leah Tardiff, who scored four goals.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

JACK OF DIAMONDS

Stevenson senior pitcher
Ferguson two-hits Canton

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

For a baseball team like Livonia Stevenson, which has grown accustomed to seventh innings saturated with drama, Monday's final inning against visiting Canton was about as boring as watching artificial turf grow.

And the Spartans can thank senior starting pitcher Jack Ferguson for that.

The hard-throwing lefty limited the Chiefs to just two hits – a second-inning double by Nick Durocher and a sixth-inning single from Cody Zidzik – to lead Stevenson to a 5-2 victory in a KLAA crossover clash.

Working with a rare three-run lead in the seventh, Ferguson issued a lead-off walk to Edward Zajdel before retiring the next three Chiefs with a strikeout and two ground outs.

Ferguson, who will play at Saginaw Valley University beginning next season, struck out seven and walked four.

"It's always special to throw a complete game," said Ferguson, who helped his team improve to 10-5 overall and 5-2 in the Kensington Conference. "I threw a couple last year, but it still feels good. I felt strong at the end. I threw 106 pitches my last game (April 23) and I was at 91 coming into the seventh today, so my pitch count was good."

All but a handful of the Spartans' past several games were either decided with seventh-inning walk-offs or suspended in the latter stages with the game tied.

"We're still a young team, but it's a very positive group who are buying into what we're

telling them," Stevenson head coach Rick Berryman said. "They never give up and they're very coachable."

Berryman credited Ferguson and No. 9 hitter Mark Pettersson for Monday's solid victory.

"Jack did an outstanding job of mixing his speeds and mixing his pitches today," Berryman said. "I like to see kids who want to finish a game like he did today. He pitched well with the lead."

"Mark ... had a couple really nice at-bats today and was our unlikely hitting hero. He did a nice job today."

Canton starting pitcher Tyler Byers – a southpaw, like Ferguson – turned in a strong outing, scattering six hits and two walks while striking out five over five innings.

Scott Bazner pitched a perfect sixth for Canton.

"This is Tyler's fourth start and he's improved every time out," Canton head coach Mark Blomshield said. "There are no morale victories in a loss, but his performance was a positive. It looks like he'll be serviceable for us down the road and be able to pitch at a high level."

"Their pitcher did a real nice job today. He's a hard thrower and experienced. He attacked the strike zone and had us defensive at the plate pretty much all day."

Canton seized a short-lived 1-0 lead in the top of the second, when Bazner drew a two-out walk before scoring on Durocher's double up the right-center field gap.

Stevenson countered with a pair of runs in the bottom of the inning. With runners on first and second and one out, Pettersson and lead-off batter Chris Tanderys delivered back-



Livonia Stevenson's Mark Pettersson beats a tag attempt by Canton infielder Justin Dolney during Monday's KLAA baseball game.

to-back RBI singles, plating C.J. Breen and C.J. Weiss.

The Chiefs drew even at 2-2 in fourth when Nick Romanowski drew a lead-off walk, advanced to second on Andrew Miller's sacrifice bunt and scored on a two-out error.

The Spartans answered with a pair in their half of the fourth to take the lead for good. Nate Bunton walked and scored when Pettersson's hard-hit single eluded the Canton right fielder and allowed him to advance to third. Pettersson came home on a Tanderys sacrifice fly.

Stevenson tacked on an insurance run in the fifth, when Gordon Ferguson's infield single scored Frank Carlin, who opened the inning with a hit.

Late setback

Salem senior Tyler Brooks launched a walk-off two-run home run in the bottom of the seventh inning Friday to lift the Rocks to a dramatic 4-3 victory over Stevenson in the first game of a KLAA Central Division doubleheader.

The second game was suspended due to darkness after the top of the sixth inning with

the score deadlocked at 7-7.

Eric Scott earned the victory for the Rocks with two innings of scoreless relief. Dan Bos suffered the loss after giving up two runs and two hits over the final 2½ innings.

Brooks started on the mound for Salem, giving up three runs and five hits in five innings.

Jack Ferguson was the lone Spartan with two hits. Breen and Morris clouted RBI doubles for Stevenson.

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SOFTBALL/BASEBALL

Plymouth home run in eighth tops Northville

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Plymouth's varsity softball team continued its torrid start to the season with Monday's 5-3 win over Northville.

The Wildcats (11-1 overall, 8-0 in the KLAA South Division) scored two runs in the eighth on a home run by freshman Whitney Holden. Another outstanding freshman, Jenny Bressler, went 3-for-4.

Plymouth's winning rally began when senior Brittney Miller singled and moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by freshman Jes Tucci. Holden then stepped up and delivered

her tie-breaking homer.

Defense gave Plymouth a chance to win, Wildcats head coach Lauren Delapaz said. She cited a double play in the sixth featuring shortstop Holden, second baseman Gina Barber and first baseman Mikayla Rose.

"Salem edged Livonia Churchill, 5-4, Monday to improve to 9-1 on the season."

Freshman pitcher Morgan Overaitis pitched into the sixth, giving up just one hit, while Kara Hutchison homered and doubled.

Salem held off a late Chargers rally when Katie Hiltz made consecutive outstanding

catches with two runners on base to close out the win.

Baseball roundup

Patrick Downing went 2-for-3 and Cameron Stella pitched five strong innings (no earned runs) but Plymouth dropped a 2-0 game Monday to Northville.

Meanwhile, the Wildcats rolled Saturday to a sweep of Ann Arbor Skyline. Plymouth won 11-1, fueled by Kyle Wolter's 3-for-4 game and five RBIs.

In the 13-3 win over Skyline, Owen Spryszak did not give up an earned run in six innings of work, while Downing (3-for-4,

homer, three RBIs), Jared Merandi (2-for-2, two RBIs) and Luke Hirshman (1-for-3, two RBIs) led the offense.

CANTON SPLITS: The Chiefs defeated host Midland, 5-2, Saturday, but then lost 2-1 in the former, the Chiefs were sparked by a complete game from pitcher Nick Sprosek with offensive contributions from Noah Spencer (hit, RBI), Michael Flaishans (hit, RBI) and Scott Bazner (double).

Greg Goodbred took the tough-luck loss in Game 2, despite hits by Jake O'Donnell and Andrew Loehnis.

SALEM WINS TWO: Salem earned a pair of victories, edging Livonia Stevenson, 5-4, April 22 thanks to a walk-off homer by Tyler Brooks and then blanking Walled Lake Central, 3-0, Saturday.

Throwing the complete game shutout for the Rocks was Jake Siepenko.

PCA 15, SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN 4: Plymouth Christian won a five-inning mercy game Monday.

Austin Andres had two hits and three RBIs to pace the Eagles, while Josh Slater, Nick Andres and Jake Shook also had multiple hits.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

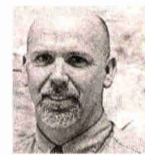
Madonna's Haeger hits 600-win plateau

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

It was a banner weekend across the board for the Madonna University baseball team as the Crusaders swept their four-game series against host Lourdes (Ohio) University at Mercy Field in Sylvania.

Coach Greg Haeger, now in his 19th season, also notched his 600th and 601st career victories April 18 as Madonna beat the Gray Wolves twice, 7-0 and 2-1, to improve to 33-11 overall.

Haeger now ranks second all time on in the WHAC career wins coaching list with 433.



Haeger

MU starter Evan Piechota (Livonia Stevenson) went all nine innings in the opener to raise his season record to 6-1. The junior right-hander scattered six hits, struck out 10 and walked only two.

Offensively, Taylor Grzelakowski led the way, going 2-for-4 with a double and two RBIs. Rob Matigian (Livonia Churchill) also went 2-for-2 with an RBI, while John Lauro added two hits.

In Game 2, left-hander Alex DeYonker (5-2) pitched six strong innings, allowing just one run on three hits. The sophomore from Livonia Franklin struck out five and did not allow a walk before giving way to reliever Bobby St. Pierre, who pitched a scoreless seventh, striking out two batters.

With his ninth save of the season, St. Pierre now shares the Madonna single-season record with both John Fedorka (2004) and John McCracken (2008).

Lauro had two hits and two RBIs, while Ryan Lambrecht also went 2-for-3 as the Crusaders notched their 10th straight win.

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Celebrating a goal Saturday are Canton's Carson Pakula (left) and Brocton Baechler, who led the Chiefs' attack with a goal and five assists against Salem.

LACROSSE

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In the first quarter, Baechler set up goals by Pakula, senior midfielder Gerald Belanger and junior midfielders Micah Rinke and Aditya Joshi.

"We have a very experienced team, a lot of seniors, great junior play," Canton head coach Fred Karam said. "The nice thing about our starting six is we can score from any position. We have that luxury."

"So when you can pass and catch and you can score, when other team's try to match up with us, we have fourth, fifth, sixth options. It's very tough to

play against us from a defensive standpoint."

Varied attack

To underscore that point, Baechler and Pakula weren't Canton's only go-to players when the Chiefs needed goals.

Belanger scored twice, while Krebs also tallied a pair of goals along with an assist.

Others chipping in with a single goal were senior midfielder Nolan Gilo (who also collected an assist) and junior attackman Austin Bauer.

Canton outshot Salem by a 39-29 count, demonstrating the edge in territorial play.

Salem head coach Corey Mattingly, whose team dropped to 4-7 with the loss,

concluded that the Chiefs "came into this game a little more pumped."

The Rocks misfired with passing attempts and could not mount much of an attack against Canton junior goaltender Trevor Stahl, trailing 9-1 at halftime and 10-2 after three quarters.

To Mattingly's dismay, Canton players such as senior midfielder Jonathon Krebs and junior defender Ryan Schlegler sat back and picked off passes like cherries. That short-circuited Salem's sporadic offensive surges.

"We knew who we were facing coming in," Mattingly said. "We knew who they were and who their best players were. We just didn't play to our strengths."

Only in the final eight minutes did the Rocks show some offensive spark, scoring three

times within a 2:45 span.

Salem was held to Joey Krause's goal (set up by Matthew Cameron) in the first half and Krause made it 10-2 late in the third, firing one in from the left flank. Marty Mills assisted on Krause's second goal.

The Rocks played stronger down the stretch, with a fourth-quarter goal by senior Noah Willer (with Canton down a man) and subsequent back-to-back goals by Andy Gregor and David Lee.

"(The Chiefs) just possess the ball," Willer said following the contest. "We only had the ball for a couple minutes; they kept it the whole time."

With the victory, the Chiefs were in position to claim the Park championship with a win Wednesday against Plymouth.

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Salem's Andy Gregor (left) tries to check Canton's Nolan Gilo during Saturday's varsity boys lacrosse match.



Ladywood's Abby Randall (right) tries to pick up the ground ball in a game played by the Blazers earlier this season.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Ladywood overcomes adversity to beat Irish

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

It wasn't easy, but Livonia Ladywood overcame adversity and the elements April 21 to earn a 10-9 Catholic League girls lacrosse victory over visiting Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard.

Dani Dwyer scored four goals, while Jillian Jacobs added three as the victorious Blazers improved to 4-3 overall and 4-0 in Division 1 of the Catholic League.

Also scoring goals for Ladywood were Nicole Reece, Colleen Barnes and Colleen Lynch.

Junior goalie Aliya Grandison made 13 saves.

Lauren Layden scored four goals, while Rachael Dunleavy, Olivia Marcarelli and Marissa Barman had one apiece for Fighting Irish (3-3, 1-1 Division 2).

After the assigned officials did not show for the 5 p.m. scheduled start, the game was delayed for 90 minutes until replacements were found.

"We had to wait for them to show up and they were more familiar with the boys game

than the girls," Ladywood coach Kris Sanders said. "So we didn't get our game started until 6:30, which put us very far behind. The weather began to get nasty at the end of the first half and continued into the second."

Ladywood led 7-6 at half-time.

"The game was very physical, which was due to the fact that the officiating was geared to allowing for the physicality seen in the boys games and their lack of knowledge of the girls' rules," Sanders said. "At the end of the night, we came out on top, but we still have lots of work to do to bring us up to the level we know we are capable of and is expected."

But the Blazers were able to pull out the victory.

"We struggled to get any rhythm going and we were not sharp in our offensive or defensive ends," Sanders said. "Our midfield play was the strongest part of our game. We managed to just stay above Gabriel Richard to pull out the win. However, they played a great game."

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Canton grid camps

Football players will want to start making plans to attend one of two camps taking place this summer at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park football stadium and being offered by the Canton Chiefs Football Boosters.

The Canton Chiefs Football Skills Camp (for youngsters entering grades 7-9 in 2015-16) will have two Monday-Thursday sessions, June 8-11 and July 20-23, with sessions 5-7:30 p.m. each day. Those who register early (until May 19) can sign up for both camps for just \$50; fees go up to \$60 for both camps as of May 20.

Also slated for this summer is the Canton Chiefs Wing T/3-4 Camp (for youngsters entering grades 10-12). The dates are 2-5 p.m. Monday, June 15, and 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 16, through Thursday, June 18, at the P-CEP varsity stadium. Camp fees are \$25 for those who register early and \$30 after May 19.

Both camps focus on the fundamentals, whether for becoming a lineman, running back or quarterback. Each participant will learn the Chiefs football philosophy for offense and participate in practice sessions. All campers will receive a Chiefs football T-shirt and shorts.

Contact Richard Mui at 248-229-2738 for information about the Skills Camp or Tim Baechler at 734-455-7691 about the Wing-T Camp.

Plymouth football meetings

The Plymouth High School football program is holding a pair of informational meetings during May to help prepare for the 2015 season.

A Meet the Coaches meeting for incoming ninth-graders will be 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 12.

The session, which will take place in the PHS cafeteria, is to give incoming freshmen "a head start on what the expectations are for being involved in a Division 1 high school football program."

The following week, 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, will be a mandatory parent/player meeting, also in the cafeteria.

It is "imperative" that prospective 2015 players in all grades (0-12) attend, along with their parents. Discussed will be player and parent expectations as well as booster club information and responsibilities. Those with any questions about either meeting should contact Plymouth head coach Mike Sawchuk through email at michael.sawchuk@pccsk12.com.

Wildcat camp

The annual Plymouth Wildcat Passing/Lineman Camp is scheduled to take place Monday through Wednesday, June 22-24, at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. All football players in grades 5-12 are invited to participate.

The camp will be divided into two sessions - 5-7 p.m. each day will be camp for

players entering grades 5-9 in the 2015-16 school year; players entering grades 10-12 will follow 7-9 p.m. Those who play skill positions will be taught the Wildcats passing game and how to defend the pass; offensive and defensive lines will be taught pass pro and pass rush techniques.

The cost of the camp is \$40. Go to plymouthwildcats-football.com for a camp brochure. Any questions can be sent through email to coach Mike Sawchuk at michael.sawchuk@pccsk12.com.

Horizon honors for Thompson

For the second year in a row, Sarah Thompson (Canton/Plymouth H.S.) took home an award from the Horizon League as the University of Detroit Mercy sophomore recently was selected to the all-league team.

The announcement was made at the annual Horizon League Golf Championship banquet on the eve of the conference tournament at the Mission Inn Resort.

Thompson led the Titans and was fifth in the Horizon League with a career-low 78.61 average, which includes seven top 20 finishes and three top 10 efforts.

Her seven top 20 performances came in just eight events that Detroit took part in. She was runner-up at the Loyola Fall Invitational with 239. She also finished fourth at the Dayton Fall Invite with 165 and shared sixth, tallying 151, at the IPFW Spring Classic.

She set career bests in a round (73 in the second round at IPFW), 36 holes (149 at Dayton) and 54 holes (237 at the 2014 Rocket Classic).

It is the 20th time in school history that a Titan has earned all-league honors and the first for Thompson, who was the 2014 Freshman of the Year.

Another Nedeljkovic

Hockey fans in Plymouth and Canton already know about goalie Alex Nedeljkovic, who starred for three seasons with the now-defunct Plymouth Whalers (the Peter Karmanos-owned OHL team that played at Compuware Arena was sold earlier this year; the Whalers will become the Flint Firebirds for 2015-16).

Nedeljkovic also recently signed a three-year NHL entry-level contract with the Carolina Hurricanes. Whether he plays for the Firebirds next season depends on if he makes the parent club in training camp. He cannot be assigned to the minors, so if he doesn't crack the Carolina roster he will be returned to Flint for next season.

Meanwhile, hockey fans in Flint hopefully will get the chance to cheer for another Nedeljkovic - Alex's younger brother Andy, who was drafted by the Firebirds in the 10th round (184th overall) in the OHL Priority Selection held April 11.

Andy Nedeljkovic, a Canton resident, is a right wing.



Salem's varsity girls tennis team earned the runner-up trophy at Saturday's P-CEP invitational.

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TENNIS

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the runner-up trophy; the Wildcats won a trophy for finishing third, with 17 points.

Rounding out the standings were Gabriel Richard (fourth, 14 points), Dearborn (fifth, 12 points), Canton and Livonia Franklin (tied for sixth, nine points) and Temperance Bedford (eighth, seven points).

Measuring up

"It's important to have this eight-team invite, because it's nice to see what competition is out there and to see how we stack up against the other schools," Salem second-year head coach Ty Moss said. "We have a good idea on how the Park teams play, but it's always nice to see teams we don't usually see and play against them."

According to Wildcats head coach Rob McLaren, whose team recently wrapped up the KLA South Division title for the third time in five seasons (2011, 2013, 2015) with a 7-2 victory over Livonia Churchill, the hope is for teams to get a good read on non-Park opponents at the tournament.

"We have 24 courts on one site and we thought it'd be a great idea to get eight teams out here," McLaren said. "All eight teams are really good competition for the three Park schools and so the three coaches agreed we'd have a P-CEP Invitational and this year Plymouth would host it."

"We're going to rotate hosting responsibilities. But we wanted to get good teams out here, around our same ability, so we'd have good, quality tennis. And that's what we've seen today."

Concurring was Canton head coach Barb Lehmann.

"Great tournament, great group of competition, all kinds of levels, which is nice to see," Lehmann said. "Canton's done well. This is a hard tournament because when you have eight teams and you randomly draw, you never know if you're getting the top player against you the first round or the last round."

"You really have to be on your game every single time, which I think is a real advantage for the girls, real good



Focusing on the ball before making a volley Saturday is standout Plymouth freshman Kara Hug, who is undefeated this season.

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experience for them."

In the finals

Two P-CEP doubles teams reached the finals, only to fall just short.

At No. 1 doubles, Plymouth seniors Teahn Horton and Alexa Earls lost 6-1, 7-6 to the Stevenson duo of Arryn Dochenetz and Sam Digiovanni.

"We did a shuffle after our fourth division match," McLaren said. "We had a girl, Alexa Earls, who is a state qualifying swimmer and she took a couple years off from tennis and decided to come back her senior year to play tennis."

"And (Earls) shocked us all by moving up the ranks really quickly. We had her at No. 3 doubles for a while, but she's been winning all her matches, she's been winning her challenge matches against her opponents, so she moved up to the (top) doubles spot for the Churchill match and she's there today."

Meanwhile, Salem's Amy Lawler and Sarah Martin took second at No. 5 doubles, dropping a 6-0, 6-0 decision to the Spartans' Allison Malkowski and Alyssa Ayash.

With matches still unfolding, McLaren said some Plymouth players were "doing really well and some are struggling a little bit. Our singles are doing especially well."

"Kara Hug, who is our No. 4 singles player, she hasn't lost a match yet this season," McLaren said. "She's doing incredibly well as a freshman, lots of poise, really good on-court presence. And our No. 2 singles (Tseng) is playing extremely well."

Plymouth senior Sarah Gamble "had a tough draw" at No. 1 singles, losing 6-0, 6-0 to Salem's Yu earlier in the tournament. Junior Swetha Duraiswamy lost the third-place match at No. 3 singles to Canton's Alexis Madau (6-0, 7-6).

Finishing fourth at No. 4 singles for the Rocks was senior Kylie Enright, falling 6-0, 6-1 to Franklin's Yasmeen Freeman.

Although Canton did not challenge for the championship, Lehmann was pleased with how members of her team competed.

Senior co-captain Jasmine Najm-Henry and junior Katie Rivera lost consolation finals at Nos. 1 and 4 singles, respectively.

"(Najm-Henry) had a strong match in the very beginning, played really well in the second and this is a pretty strong one right now against Livonia Franklin," Lehmann said. "Our No. 1 doubles (seniors Megan Plave and Maranda McMaster) has done well. All four of my singles have done well."

NO PLACE LIKE HOME



The Greenwich Circle home's exterior is inviting.

RICHREALTY

Canton home offers relaxed, easy lifestyle with a view

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Canton is a booming community, and a home at 48566 Greenwich Circle in the township shows why.

The home was listed at \$389,990 by RichRealty of Plymouth with Realtor David Fletcher, and has drawn an offer.

"It's a majestic looking home," Fletcher said. "Not much sells in there. People just move in and they stay."

The home is south of Cherry Hill and west of Beck Road, and in the Plymouth-Canton school district. It was built in 2001.

"You can see the golf course," Fletcher said of the nearby Pheasant Run course. "The property backs right up to the pond area. It's a really nice setting."

The colonial home has four bedrooms and two and a half bathrooms.

There's a nice-sized patio for relaxing. There are hardwood floors throughout the first and second story. The master bedroom suite is good-sized, and the glamour bathroom is praised by RichRealty.

The kitchen has granite counters and a large island. It also has upgraded kitchen cabinets, he said.

The stainless steel appliances in the kitchen will stay, he said, and are only about a year old. "There's actually three ovens in the kitchen. The kitchen is very large."

There's a second floor laundry room



The Canton home's kitchen features an island and granite counters.

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with a newer washer and dryer also staying, Fletcher added.

There's a three-car attached garage, as well as a family room, living room and dining room.

Fletcher agreed Canton is booming, noting the Plymouth-Canton schools bring in buyers. "That's just such a positive," he said.

Taxes are lower in Canton Township than Plymouth, too, he noted. "They get all the benefits of the communities," he said of Canton residents.

Fletcher noted the extensive upgrades include crown molding and wainscoting on the lower part of walls.

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Court rejects fair housing claim on parking

Q: Do you think a fair housing violation occurs when a disabled unit owner seeks permission to park in a handicap parking space that is a limited common element of another unit?

A: Not necessarily, because the association may have not have had a right to take the assigned parking of another unit owner.

In a related case out of Virginia, the condominium at issue contained underground parking garages, and four of the spaces were identified as handicap parking spaces. In 1995, the developer conveyed each parking space as a limited common element for the exclusive use of the unit owner of each of the four condominium units.

In 2007, a husband and wife contracted to buy a unit. Prior to closing, the couple received a parking diagram showing the four handicap spaces, and also showing the four spaces were limited common elements assigned to individual unit owners. The couple viewed the parking space assigned to their unit, saw it was not a handicap space and would not meet their needs, (the husband suffering from severe osteoarthritis), but did not inquire about handicap parking availability prior to closing.

Soon after closing, the husband notified the condominium manager that he could not park his van in his parking space and that he required a larger parking space in a better location. The manager stated he could not do this since all of the spaces were individually owned, but that the new unit owner could trade spaces with another owner, provided they were willing to do so. The manager offered to post a flier on a community bulletin board to promote the husband's interest in wanting to trade parking spaces.

The husband filed fair housing complaints. After this, one of the handicap parking space owners expressed a willingness to license the use of his handicap space to the disabled husband, but the husband rejected the offer because the parking space owner demanded the right to reclaim the parking space if the unit was sold, or if he acquired a tenant who needed a handicap parking space.

The trial court granted judgment to the association, finding no fair housing violation, and the association appealed, but the appeals court upheld the result, noting among other things that limited common elements, (including handicap parking spaces) can only be reassigned if all property owners affected by the reassignment consent.

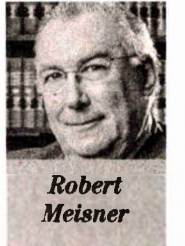
Q: Can an association's letter of intent between two associations be an enforceable contract?

A: Yes, provided it includes all the material terms of agreement, and provided these terms are definite.

In a case recently decided, a condominium association filed a lawsuit seeking a determination it was the owner of several parking spaces located between its units and adjacent townhouses constituting part of a homeowner's association. The condominium association argued it believed it held title to the parking spaces for over 20 years, and that even though it did not hold actual title, it acquired title through adverse possession, and if not, that it had obtained an easement for their use.

As trial approached, the parties entered into negotiations, and represented to the court that they had come to an agreement in principle, but needed more time to memorialize the terms of the agreement, including a lease for 99 years. The condominium association and the homeowner's association signed a letter of intent, but problems later developed, and the homeowner's association asked the court to enforce the letter of intent. The trial court found an enforceable contract existed and had to be enforced, and the appeals court upheld the decision.

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 1-5, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS

17560 Birwood Ave \$315,000
16099 Buckingham Ave \$220,000
22045 Valley Oaks Dr \$525,000
17295 W 14 Mile Rd \$153,000
32840 Wentworth St \$230,000
30335 Woodhaven Ln \$365,000

BINGHAM FARMS

23860 Overlook Cir \$280,000

BIRMINGHAM

410 Bennaville Ave \$265,000
1525 Cole St \$232,000
2260 Derby Rd \$280,000
1584 Dorchester Rd \$620,000
1592 E Lincoln St \$175,000
1524 Fairway Dr \$335,000
1048 Ridgedale Ave \$418,000
1145 S Eton St \$250,000
411 S Old Woodward Ave Unit 823 \$260,000
2020 W Lincoln St \$600,000
323 Wimbeldon Dr \$443,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

1535 Lone Pine Rd \$467,000
2364 Mulberry Rd \$200,000
4961 Dryden Ln \$440,000
726 Parkman Dr \$634,000
5490 Shadow Ln \$355,000
1906 Sherwood Gln \$550,000
2256 Sudbury Way \$635,000
3 Vaughan Xing \$1,210,000
122 W Hickory Grove Rd \$97,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

1382 Bramblebush Run \$260,000

1949 Devonshire Rd \$125,000
2110 Eagle Pointe \$215,000
6785 Halyard Rd \$425,000
3823 Quarton Rd \$240,000
1806 S Hill Blvd \$150,000
4113 Telegraph Rd # A-214 \$70,000

2555 Vhay Ln \$764,000

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

682 Cranbourne St \$136,000
8837 Edgewood Park Dr \$675,000
4973 Fairgrove Ln \$302,000
1703 Trace Hollow Dr \$313,000
1444 Vanstone Dr \$105,000

FARMINGTON

33702 James Ct \$187,000
24010 Pickett Ave \$116,000
33309 Shiawassee Rd \$275,000

FARMINGTON HILLS

33835 Brittany Dr \$275,000
37690 Burton Dr \$265,000
36991 Driftwood \$188,000
28363 Farmington Rd \$167,000
30522 Fox Club Dr \$394,000
26730 Greythorne Trl \$189,000
22115 Haynes Ave \$15,000
23409 Haynes St \$85,000
29868 High Valley Ct \$290,000
36601 Howard Rd \$380,000
36846 Kenmore Dr \$340,000
22801 Middlebelt Rd \$118,000
23179 Middlebelt Rd \$84,000
34999 Pennington Dr \$200,000
30465 Ramblewood Club Dr \$245,000
21612 Rockwell St \$169,000
32492 Shady Ridge Dr \$298,000
29731 Sierra Point Cir \$188,000
24132 Tana Ct \$135,000
28434 Wildwood Trl \$205,000

FRANKLIN

27340 Crestwood Dr \$383,000
30380 Kincardine Rd \$695,000

HIGHLAND

3390 Kingsway Dr \$305,000
2624 Lynch \$320,000
2145 Middle Rd \$200,000
170 N Milford Rd \$87,000
3409 Taggett Lake Dr \$225,000
3819 Woodland Dr \$230,000
2007 Woodridge Ct \$175,000

LATHRUP VILLAGE

18550 Lincoln Dr \$155,000
18544 Wiltshire Blvd \$130,000

MILFORD

636 Crawford Farm Ln \$390,000
597 Dorchester Way \$246,000
1543 Fairfax Ct \$490,000
1151 Holden Ave \$260,000
3951 Lone Tree Rd \$140,000
1475 Oak Hollow Dr \$520,000
334 S Houghton Ct \$400,000
136 Turnberry Ct \$278,000

NORTHVILLE

21399 Bridle Run \$200,000
41772 Broquet Dr \$156,000
44428 Cottisford St \$372,000
43750 Doris Ct \$203,000
42106 Roscommon St \$119,000
20970 Turnberry Blvd \$1,650,000
842 Yorktown Ct \$144,000

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43100 12 Oaks Crescent Dr # 6022 \$175,000
24839 Acorn Trl \$873,000
43358 Ashbury Dr \$370,000
28288 Carlton Way Dr \$213,000
24356 Cavendish Ave E \$485,000
20886 Dundee Dr \$470,000
28989 Hearthstone Dr \$312,000
185 Maudlin St \$245,000
51291 Mayfair Ter \$291,000

NORTHVILLE

17189 Briar Ridge Ct \$606,000
17527 Farmcrest Ln \$377,000
15956 Morningside \$164,000
682 Thayer Blvd \$357,000
20546 Woodbend Dr \$455,000

PLYMOUTH

11901 Howland Park Dr \$489,000
101 S Union St \$230,000
11753 Sycamore Dr \$127,000
13692 Westbrook Rd \$388,000

REDFORD

24487 Olde Orchard St \$108,000
24730 Olde Orchard St \$100,000
1795 Paramount St \$98,000
24636 Picara Dr \$300,000
24906 Reeds Pointe Dr \$440,000
49667 Timber Trl \$459,000
39728 Village Wood Cir \$84,000
24296 Warrington Ct \$400,000
41778 Webster Ct \$185,000

SOUTH LYON

1369 Cartwright Ln \$340,000
864 Challenging Trl \$175,000
25725 Coach Ln \$370,000
412 Lyon Ct \$138,000
776 Norchester St \$199,000
1121 Paddock Dr \$227,000

SOUTHFIELD

18255 Adrian St \$181,000
25247 Catalina St \$105,000
29766 Fall River Rd \$130,000
18780 Hilton St \$105,000
17261 Madison St \$195,000
30780 Northgate Dr \$165,000
28705 Pierce St \$9,000
28705 Pierce St \$31,000
22505 Providence Dr # 201 \$67,000
20069 Secluded Ln \$80,000
30248 Southfield Rd # A181 \$34,000
30058 Sparkleberry Dr \$369,000
22041 Twyckingham Way \$186,000
17521 Westland Ave \$100,000
24275 Woodland Dr \$143,000

WHITE LAKE

8961 El Dorado Dr \$318,000
8830 Twin Lakes Dr \$298,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

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CANTON

3983 Norwich Dr \$132,000
2041 Town Center Rd \$87,000
6948 Willow Creek Dr \$155,000

GARDEN CITY

32615 Alvin St \$63,000

31170 Block St \$66,000
32544 James St \$102,000
350 N Leona Ave \$80,000

LIVONIA

34234 7 Mile Rd \$180,000
18238 Deering St \$42,000
9874 E Clements Cir \$122,000
33393 Fargo St \$49,000
32639 Five Mile Rd \$89,000
31211 Grandon St \$130,000
8878 Lamont St \$199,000
28543 Lyndon St \$142,000
33081 Myrna Ct \$211,000

NORTHVILLE

15905 Stamford St \$123,000

PLYMOUTH

11901 Howland Park Dr \$489,000
101 S Union St \$230,000
11753 Sycamore Dr \$127,000
13692 Westbrook Rd \$388,000

REDFORD

26215 Ivanhoe \$150,000
32651 Benson Dr \$137,000
35231 Bock St \$116,000
31750 Conway Dr \$118,000
30744 Fernwood St \$114,000
7381 Garden St \$96,000
2275 Minerva St \$126,000
34459 Nancy St \$45,000
38490 Sycamore Ct \$115,000

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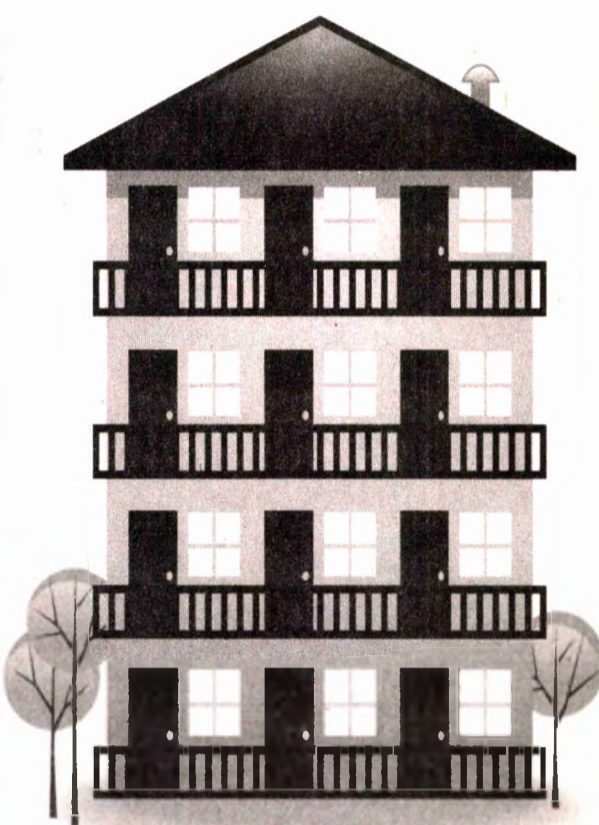
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Dearborn Federal Savings Bank	399721	(313) 565-3100	3.5	0	3	0
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Burn slightly
 - 5 Meat substitute
 - 9 No longer in office
 - 12 Equal to the task
 - 13 Pull down
 - 14 FDR had three
 - 15 Pricy entree
 - 17 Sweater style (hyph.)
 - 19 Charged particle
 - 20 Be alarmed about
 - 21 Stomach
 - 24 No-iron (hyph.)
 - 27 Sand formation
 - 28 Vaccine type
 - 29 Weep over
 - 30 Colony member
 - 31 Keeps from sinking
 - 32 Fay's role in "King Kong"
- DOWN**
- 1 Btu kin
 - 2 Cable network
 - 3 Linen vestment
 - 4 Dwell

- 33 Here, in Le Havre
- 34 Lodging places
- 35 "Hot Lips" Houlihan
- 36 Gothic —
- 38 Merv's hostess, once
- 39 Campaign staffer
- 40 Word to end a card game
- 41 — Dame
- 43 Ivy shoot
- 47 Malt beverage
- 48 Very funny person
- 50 Rev the engine
- 51 Sleeping place
- 52 Begins the next crop
- 53 — Khan

Answer to Previous Puzzle

LET	AVID	KILT
ORE	LOGO	OATH
SARDINES	ANDY	
STARE	REAL	
ENG	FABLE	
IDEA	RAPT	EOE
NEED	IVE	PARK
SAN	ITER	ISIS
TRYST	TUX	
ETAT	PEPSI	
WELD	CASELOAD	
AGOG	DIAN	PAL
ROBE	CLOD	ERE

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- 5 New driver, maybe
- 6 Galley mover
- 7 Neighbor of Sp.
- 8 Shows for the first time
- 9 In the hole
- 10 Mdse. bars
- 11 Chiding sound
- 16 Sock filler
- 18 Forty winks
- 20 Comes unraveled
- 21 Oil-well capper Red —
- 22 Con game
- 23 Hinted at
- 24 Male honeybee
- 25 Minor quarrel (hyph.)
- 26 Busybody
- 28 Cup fraction
- 31 Notebooks
- 35 Actress — Bullock
- 37 Oxygen source
- 38 French wine
- 40 Realizes
- 41 Take into custody
- 42 Corrida cry
- 43 AAA job
- 44 Type of doll
- 45 Fritz, to himself
- 46 Grassy field
- 49 A moon of Jupiter

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
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		7	3			6		
					2		5	9
8			9		1			
						5		
			1				8	
						1	3	
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3					5	7		
	9	4						

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N G C N S C R T O F I N L I S O W K P N
I M E G I M F T T F R T H N S G P P I
V L N I R V E Y N U S O E O M I W V P R
I S I N U N Y S E U M T I C N V O M O E
R Y C E O B M L I O O T G S T Y D M T E
D H R E T S L S T U A C C D L I F F S T
E N Y G B D F U M T R R S E A L L O C T S
C N P A W G A M I B Y C T S C S O N S T
N O L E W F W P B V T O E T O P E T E T
A I I L D H I G D A R Y I I D R A A R G
T T M I G C G S F C A S I N U F C M T N
S A I M E K C I M A F I A A S R U O H I
I E T R T E S E H T F D E T T B M P L K
D R P U G P N C V I I Y L I M A F I W C
D C I D D A G A S O C G D O S S G R W A
M E I W L N C P Y N H A P N S I Y T Y P
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- STOP
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3	8	2	6	4	5	7	9	1
7	6	5	8	1	9	4	2	3
4	7	8	5	9	6	1	3	2
2	3	6	1	2	7	9	8	4
5	3	9	6	1	2	4	7	8
6	4	1	7	8	2	3	5	9
9	2	7	3	5	4	6	1	8

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Garage/Moving Sales

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Canton: Windsor Park Subside Garage Sale 9-5

Thurs., April 30 - Sat. May 2nd E. of Sheldon to Emerson N. of Warren to Arlington
www.windsorparkcanton.org

Commerce - Sat-Sun 9-2p

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FARMINGTON HILLS

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FARMINGTON HILLS- Multi family

10 Mi/Middlebelt, 4/30-5/2 open 9am- Furniture, lamps, glassware, clothes, toys Hockey equip. electronics

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West Bloomfield - 3779 Hutchins Hills Dr.

Fri, April 30th-May 1st, 9-4pm. Clothes, Antique furn, office supplies, tools

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Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Admission for Thursday's preview sale is \$2. Bag sale (\$3) and half-price sale are on Saturday. Bags will be provided
Contact: 734-464-0211

RUMMAGE SALE
Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Thursday, April 30, 9 a.m. to noon Friday, May 1, 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 2
Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Newburgh and Wayne Road, Livonia
Details: \$2 admission per adult Thursday only; Free admission Friday-Saturday. Saturday half-price sale.
Contact: 734-422-0149

MAY ASCENSION SERVICE
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, May 14
Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford
Details: The service will be followed by a free ice cream social at 8 p.m.
Contact: 734-968-3523, 313-532-8655

BOUTIQUE, LUNCH
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 6
Location: Congregation Shaarey Zedek, 27375 Bell, Southfield
Details: Ricki Lake, actress, talk show host and documentary film producer, is the guest speaker at the Lois Linden Nelson Woman's World, a fundraiser for the Sisterhood of Congregation Shaarey Zedek. The boutique will offer a variety of gift items, including Judaica, from favorite and new vendors. Boutique admission is free. Lunch and speaker tickets start at \$72
Contact: 248-357-5544, Ext. 48; llnwomansworld.org

CARD PARTY
Time/Date: 6:30-10 p.m. Friday, May 15
Location: SS Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland
Details: Play cards and games of your choice. Includes door and table prizes, along with 50-50 drawing, light meal and snacks. Admission is \$8
Contact: 734-722-1343

CONCERT
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, May 15
Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon, Canton
Details: Mitch McVicker Concert will support Kids Against Hunger. Free will offering. A food packaging event will be held 9:30 p.m. May 16 for Kids Against Hunger
Contact: 734-459-3333; connectingwithGod.org

CONCERT
Time/Date: 3 p.m. Sunday, May 3
Location: Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 Fort, Detroit
Details: The Fort Street Chorale and Chamber Orchestra present Haydn's *Mass in D minor* and Poulenc *Organ Concerto in G minor* with David Wagner on the organ. Tickets are \$20
Contact: tickets@fortstreet.org; 313-961-4533

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Details: For registered families or those interested in sending their child to St. Genevieve School for kindergarten
Contact: jslaviero@stgenevieve.org; 734-425-4420

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CLOTHING BANK
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Location: Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton
Details: No documentation needed
Contact: info@cantoncf.org

FAMILY MEAL
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Details: Free meal
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Details: Includes baked goods, clothing, household goods, furniture, small appliances, linens, bedding, jewelry, toys, books and a boutique. \$3 and \$6 bag sale Saturday
Contact: 248-553-3380

WIDOWED
Time/Date: 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 17
Location: St. Kenneth Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth Township
Details: Mass, fellowship, light lunch. Helpers needed to assist with the Mass and lunch.
Contact: Pat at 734-895-6246 or Liz at 734-452-9149

WORLD LABYRINTH DAY
Time/Date: Noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 2
Location: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia
Details: Walk the church's 11-circuit medieval-style labyrinth. Staff will be on hand to facilitate group walks and answer questions. Weather permitting, a canvas, three-circuit labyrinth will be available for younger children
Contact: Lunice Clay at 734-748-3493

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 Shulenberg at 734-464-9491

Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
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SINGLES
Detroit World Outreach
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Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

First Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays.
Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville
Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5
Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant
Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.
Contact: 313-534-0399

SONG CIRCLE
Congregation Beth Ahm
Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat
Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.
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Details: Includes baked goods, clothing, household goods, furniture, small appliances, linens, bedding, jewelry, toys, books and a boutique. \$3 and \$6 bag sale Saturday
Contact: 248-553-3380

They know their catechism



Nicholas Maccani, Sara Stawarz, Hannah Rawlings, Mackenzie Shick, and Julia Zurenko of St. Robert Bellarmine School show off their certificates for participating in a Catechism Bowl held at St. Genevieve School. They attained second place overall.

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

Dunning Park Bible Chapel
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays
Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford
Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.
Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE
Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday
Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.
Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER
St. Edith Church
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday
Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows
Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

St. Michael Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday
Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton
Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.
Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

SINGLES
Detroit World Outreach
Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304
Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.
Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

First Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays.
Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville
Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5
Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant
Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.
Contact: 313-534-0399

SONG CIRCLE
Congregation Beth Ahm
Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat
Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.
Contact: 248-737-1931 or email

CONCERT
Time/Date: 3 p.m. Sunday, May 3
Location: Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 Fort, Detroit
Details: The Fort Street Chorale and Chamber Orchestra present Haydn's *Mass in D minor* and Poulenc *Organ Concerto in G minor* with David Wagner on the organ. Tickets are \$20
Contact: tickets@fortstreet.org; 313-961-4533

DEMENTIA SERIES
Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 27
Location: St. Colette Parish, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: "Aging in Place Successfully" looks at the cognitive symptoms of dementia-related diseases, treatment options and staying in one's home. The program is part of an ongoing series, featuring a team of dementia care specialists and ministry facilitators. Each session is held at a different church in the Northwest Wayne Vicariate
Contact: Nancy at 734-464-4436

KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP
Time/Date: 1 p.m. Friday, May 8
Location: St. Genevieve Catholic School, 28933 Jamison, Livonia
Details: For registered families or those interested in sending their child to St. Genevieve School for kindergarten
Contact: jslaviero@stgenevieve.org; 734-425-4420

LIVING ROSARY
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 20
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: In this candlelit service, a person or small group represents a bead of the rosary and leads the prayer that bead represents
Contact: 734-261-1455

MYSTERY PURSE AUCTION
Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 2
Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Details: Purses are filled with items ranging from lotions to candles to gardening items. Participants must be over age 16 to bid during this family-friendly event. Auction starts at \$5 per purse. Gift for first 50 attendees and door prizes for moms. Includes light lunch, presentation by Shawn Taft from Family Services Alliance and Livonia Cares. Proceeds benefit Livonia Cares and Women of Faith
Contact: Mary Cisney at 248-471-1322

RUMMAGE SALE
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 1-2
Location: Free Pentecostal Holiness Church, 35245 Wallace, Westland
Details: This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one
Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

CLOTHING BANK
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. last Saturday of the month
Location: Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton
Details: No documentation needed
Contact: info@cantoncf.org

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

HEALING SERVICE
Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month
Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia
Details: The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.
Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@tbosm.com

MOMS Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners
Contact: 734-721-1511

RUMMAGE SALE
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, May 1, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 2
Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, one block east of Farmington Road, north of 12 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Includes baked goods, clothing, household goods, furniture, small appliances, linens, bedding, jewelry, toys, books and a boutique. \$3 and \$6 bag sale Saturday
Contact: 248-553-3380

SUPPORT
Apostolic Christian Church
Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily
Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia
Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.
Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

Connection Church
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday
Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton
Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free
Contact: Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009

Detroit World Outreach
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202
Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems
Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August
Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills
Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group
Contact: 248-433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church
Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City
Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations
Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

Fireside Church of God
Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center
Contact: 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidechog.org; or email to adm@firesidechog.org

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday
Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available
Contact: 734-421-8451

St. Thomas a' Becket Church
Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton
Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly
Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322

Unity of Livonia
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia
Details: Overeaters Anonymous
Contact: 248-559-7722;

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/desserts)
Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township
Details: Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free.
Contact: Child care, 248-374-7400; www.celebraterrecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate

THRIFT STORE
St. James Presbyterian
Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford
Contact: 313-534-7730 for additional information

Way of Life Christian Church
Time/Date: 2-3:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through May
Location: 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth
Details: Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives.
Contact: 734-637-7618

TOUR
Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to noon first Sunday of the month
Location: The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit
Details: Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus, a humble Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. No reservations are needed, although the center requests an advance phone call for groups of five or more. No cost for the tour, although donations are accepted.
Contact: 313-579-2100, Ext. 149; www.solanuscenter.org

WORSHIP
Adat Shalom Synagogue
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Sunday; and 6 p.m. weekdays
Location: 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills
Contact: 248-851-5100

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday service
Location: 35300 W. Eight Mile, Farmington Hills
Contact: pastor Terry Miller at tshelton@mi.rr.com; 248-478-6520

Congregation Bet Chaverim
Time/Date: Services are held 7 p.m. the third Friday of the month
Location: At the shared facilities of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge, Canton
Details: Reformed Jewish Congregation with Rabbi Peter Gluck and Cantorial soloist Robin Liberatore
Contact: www.Facebook.com/betchaverim or email to betchaverim@yahoo.com

OPEN ARMS CHURCH
Worship: Sunday 10:30 am Wednesday 7 pm
Pastor Grady Jensen & Music Minister Abe Fazzini
33015 W. 7 Mile Rd. • Livonia 48152
Between Farmington & Merriman
Across from Joe's Produce

Plymouth Oratorio Society sings 'new' Vivaldi work

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

The Plymouth Oratorio Society will be the first choir in Michigan to sing Vivaldi's *Dixit Dominus* when it takes the stage Sunday, May 3, at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

"It will be kind of fun to be the first," said Richard Ingram, POS director. "It's fun to tell all my musician friends we're performing a new piece by Vivaldi. They chuckle. I think this piece will end up being a popular piece by him."

Ingram contacted the company that published the work and discovered POS will give the piece its Michigan debut. The concert will begin at 4 p.m. at the church, 45201 N. Territorial, a quarter mile west of Sheldon, Plymouth Township. Admission is free, although a free will offering will be taken. The Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra and organist Mary Ann Baldud will perform with the choir.

Mistaken identity

Vivaldi was an Italian composer, known for his violin concerto, *The Four Seasons*, who wrote during the Baroque music period. He lived from 1678-1741. *Dixit Dominus* originally was attributed to Baldassare Galuppi, but a musicologist 10 years ago noticed the piece was written in Vivaldi's style.

"They decided that back in the 1750s somebody had ordered music by Galuppi from someone who also handed them this," Ingram said, explaining that Vivaldi's *Dixit Dominus* was incorrectly iden-

tified as a Galuppi composition at the time. "It's pretty unusual centuries later to find out there is more music by a famous composer that we never knew about."

"The Vivaldi Institute, a group that promotes the music of Vivaldi, had a musicologist make a modern version of it and they published it. The music is available."

Gregg Powell, Michigan Sinfonietta business manager, came upon the composition in a little music shop in Italy while on vacation. He told Ingram about the music, who listened to a recording of the piece.

Solo parts

"His *Gloria* is (Vivaldi's) most famous," Ingram said, pointing out that *Dixit Dominus* shares its attributes, including a sense of excitement and interesting rhythm. "It's just fun to sing."

Dixit Dominus is divided into 11 movements and includes several challenging solos.

"I thought it was something that we could do well. For some of the organizations the solos are pretty hard. Luckily, we have a number of soloists in the organization."

POS also will perform Mozart's *Solemn Vespers*, which Ingram chose as a contrast to the Vivaldi selection.

The Mozart piece is better known and more lyrical, Ingram said.

"The Vivaldi piece is definitely from the Baroque period. Mozart was a little later — from 1780 or so. The Mozart piece has beautiful melodies in it and the most well-known movement is a soprano solo



that has chorus underscoring it. It's beautiful. We've got a good soprano."

The POS draws singers from throughout southeastern Michigan to rehearse 7:30-9:15 p.m. Monday from January-

April at the church in preparation for its annual concert in May. No auditions are required, although singers must be capable of reading and singing classical music.

"We're looking forward to

our 30th year," Ingram said. "We'll probably perform one of the big standards for chorus and orchestra."

For more about POS, visit plymouthoratoriosociety.org.



Classical Bells, a Livonia-based handbell ensemble, will perform May 8 at a fundraiser for Paul's Players, a community theater group.

Handbell concert to benefit scholarships for drama camp

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Livonia-based Paul's Players will add a program for high school students to its summer camp lineup this year.

"I'm excited about starting the new high school program," said Pat Hutchison, founder and director. She also runs drama camps for elementary and middle school students, and stages an annual family-oriented summer musical.

"For the teen camp, we'll only use 10 kids," Hutchison said. "We're trying not to charge the kids for that camp."

"Each will get 15 minutes for their own musical play ... to tell about something that bothers them."

Hutchison said an alumni of her theater program suggested the program, which has been dubbed "baggage and backpacks."

Teen camp scholarships and the staging of *Fiddler on the Roof*, this year's summer musical, will be costly. Hutchison figures the rights for *Fiddler* at approximately \$2,000.

"It's an expensive summer we're about to embark on," Hutchison said. She has enlisted the help of Classical Bells to

help defray costs.

The handbell choir, based at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia, will play a benefit concert for Paul's Players, 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 8, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia. Tickets are \$12 and include a dessert buffet with sweets from Livonia bakeries including Elite Sweets, Cantoro's Market, and Heritage Bakery. For tickets, call 248-347-4134 or email paulsplayers@gmail.com.

Classical Bells, founded 31 years ago, will play a variety of music including classical, jazz, pop, swing and inspirational.

"Most people think of handbell choir as church music," said Rebecca Rowan, a member of both Paul's Players and Classical Bells. "We're doing a nice arrangement of *What a Wonderful World*, *Over the Rainbow* with a ukulele player, and *Ain't Misbehaving*. We've got a bluegrass one with an accompaniment track."

"There will be a small group of singers from Paul's Players doing selections, too," she said, adding that their theme is bells. "It will add some fun."

Rowan, who plays with two bells in each hand, fell "in love

with the sight and sound" of handbells when she was a teen. She played piano for many years — a good foundation for handbells — before giving bells a try in 1998 and joining Classical Bells.

"Practice is a big part of it. A lot of bell playing is muscle movement. A lot of times you're putting a bell down and picking up other bells," she said. "It's also about your brain. All of us are middle age. This is good for our brains."

Classical Bells has performed with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and toured throughout the Upper Peninsula last year. For more, visit classicalbells.com.

Hutchison said auditions for *Fiddler on the Roof* will be open to all ages 5-8 p.m. June 8-10, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. The Children's Theatre Camp for elementary school students runs July 13-17 and costs \$65. The Broadway Bound camp for middle school students runs June 15-19 and costs \$125. The Teen Workshop runs June 15-19 and July 13-17.

Download a registration form from Paul's Players on Facebook.

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ANIMALS DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily
Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

Details: Admission is \$14 for adults 15-61, \$10 for senior citizens 62 and older, and for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is \$5. Detroit Zoological Society members get free admission and parking
Contact: 248-541-5717

ARTS AND CRAFTS LIBERTY STREET BREWING

Time/Date: Through May 30
Location: Upper Hall Gallery at the Brew Pub, 149 W. Liberty, Plymouth
Details: Works by Lanny Henderson
Contact: 734-207-9600

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 1-16. Opening reception, 6-9 p.m. May 1

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville
Details: 16th annual Student Art Show features works by middle and high school students in Northville
Contact: 248-344-0497

FILM AUDITION

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, May 10

Location: Jazz Cafe at Music Hall, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit

Details: Detroit filmmaker Colin Duerr will meet with eligible actors to cast for the lead in a feature film, *The First Grade*. Children who audition for this role of a young serial killer should be bi-racial — African American and Caucasian — ages 6-10. Boys and girls can both audition, but if a girl is chosen, she may require a haircut. Actors should request a page of the script for preparation and send two head shots and resumes to casting@thefirstgrade.com

Contact: www.thefirstgrade.com
LENORE MARWIL JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

Time/Date: May 10-21

Location: Berman Center for the Performing Arts, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Tickets are \$12 per film or \$360 for two patron passes which includes entrance to every film, along with the patron night reception on May 17. Thirty films will be screened, including a portrait of musician Marvin Hamlisch and *Starfish Throwers*, which looks at three individuals who feed families in need. Check online for complete list of films and screening times
Contact: 248-661-1900; theberman.org

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday April 30; 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 1-2; 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 3; 7 p.m. Thursday, May 7

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth
Details: *The Second Best Exotic Mari-gold Hotel*; admission \$3
Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penn-theatre.com

HISTORY HISTORIC GREENMEAD

Time/Date: 10 a.m., 11 a.m., noon, and 1 p.m. Saturday, May 2

Location: 20501 Newburgh at Eight Mile, in Livonia

Details: Storyteller Nancy Klein will tell the story of Peter Rabbit and lead children on an adventure through the Village, following the footpath of Peter Rabbit. The event, aimed at ages 3-7, will include a sack lunch, beverage and Peter Rabbit gift. All tickets sold in advance. Cost is \$7 per child
Contact: 248-477-7375

KELSEY MUSEUM

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through May 3

Location: 434 State St., Ann Arbor
Details: "Death Dogs: The Jackal Gods of Ancient Egypt" features approximately 40 artifacts, some never before displayed, along with archival photographs and explanatory graphics
Contact: 734-764-9304

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday-Sunday

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: "Creative Hands: Busy Hands" runs through June 14. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-17
Contact: 734-455-8940

YANKEE AIR MUSEUM

Time/Date: Doors open at 4 p.m. Friday, May 8

Location: Hangar 1, Bay 8 entrance at the end of Kirk Profit Drive on the west side of Willow Run Airport, Ypsilanti.

Details: The museum launches its flying season. The public may watch flight operations of its historic World War II aircraft and book a ride on the B-17 Flying Fortress or B-25 Mitchell medium bomber. The B-17 will follow a special flight plan, flying over Memorial Park in Royal Oak, where a 70th Anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day will take place. Rides on the B-17 are \$450 and \$400 on the B-25. They last approximately 45 minutes with 30 minutes in the air
Contact: 734-483-4030, Ext. 236

FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CHORUS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 8-9

Location: Meads Mill Middle School, 16700 Franklin Road, Northville.

Details: The 70-member Chorus, directed by Steve Segraves, sings tunes from Broadway shows, such as *Les Misérables*, *Sweeney Todd*, *Oklahoma* and *Phantom of the Opera*. Tickets in advance for \$12 or at the door for \$15. Online ticket sales end May 5
Contact: farmingtonchorus.com



SWAP SOY FOODS

FOR MEAT, DAIRY INGREDIENTS IN RECIPES

As families look for easy-to-prepare and affordable sources of protein, soy foods are increasingly in the spotlight. The nutrition profile and versatility of this plant-based protein makes it an attractive mealtime solution, but how to cook and prepare soy foods may have the average home cook stumped.

These days, soy foods can be found throughout the supermarket, with protein-enriched bars, cereals and snacks becoming top sellers, followed closely by traditional soy foods such as tofu and soy milk. But a 2013 study by Edelman Berland shows that when it comes to cooking with soy foods, people are hesitant about the unknown.

"There's plenty of ongoing research that illustrates the wide variety of nutrition benefits of eating more soy, but many people are intimidated by not knowing how to prepare soy foods," said Barbara Ruhs, a registered dietitian and retail expert. "Most soy foods don't have very strong flavors, which is why they're the perfect addition to most recipes and meals. My best advice is to just experiment and enjoy."

It's actually quite easy to incorporate tasty soy-based foods and beverages into your family's meals and snacks. Soy foods can be incorporated into everything from on-the-go snacks to comfort food, adding protein and cutting cho-

lesterol for heart-health benefits in your favorite foods.

For example, tofu is so versatile you can use it instead of ricotta in lasagna or the cream in your pumpkin soup. These tips for cooking with soy foods will help get you started:

» Use firm or extra-firm tofu for baking, grilling, sauteing and frying. For an even firmer, more meat-like texture, use a tofu press to squeeze out the moisture and allow the tofu to absorb marinade.

» When re-hydrated, textured vegetable protein (TVP), also known as textured soy protein, resembles cooked ground meat. Similarly, pre-cooked soy crumbles are perfect for chili, spaghetti sauce and tacos, and contain no saturated fat or cholesterol.

» Edamame, or young soybeans, are a fun, protein-rich snack to eat out of the shell when steamed, and can also be used instead of other beans in your favorite recipes.

» For sustained energy on-the-go, foods with soy protein such as protein bars, cereal, and shakes keep you feeling full longer.

Find more tips at www.soyfoods.org and [facebook.com/SoyfoodsAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/SoyfoodsAssociation).

Courtesy of Family Features



TORTILLA BAKE

Servings: 12

2 medium onions, chopped
1 green bell pepper, chopped
½ cup mild salsa
2 cans (15.5 ounces each) chili beans (do not drain)
1 can (8 ounces) tomato sauce
1 cup textured vegetable protein (TVP), dry (or soy-based "crumbles")

1 cup corn kernels
¼ cup water
1 can (2.25 ounces) sliced black olives, drained
1 tablespoon chili powder
18 (6-inch) corn tortillas
1 cup shredded Mexican-style or cheddar cheese

Optional garnishes: sliced tomatoes, olives and avocado

Preheat oven to 350°F. Coat 9-by-13-inch baking dish with cooking spray.

Combine onions, pepper, salsa, chili beans, tomato sauce, TVP, corn, water, olives and chili powder in large saucepan and bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Spread about one quarter of chili mixture on bottom of prepared baking dish. Top with six tortillas, overlapping or cutting to fit as necessary. Top with another quarter of chili mixture and a third of cheese. Repeat for two more layers each of tortillas, chili mixture and cheese.

Cover with aluminum foil and bake for 30 minutes. Garnish with tomatoes, olives and avocado, if desired.

Nutrition information per serving:
240 calories; 12g protein; 36g carbohydrate; 8g dietary fiber; 6g fat; 494mg sodium



SPICY CORN MUFFINS

Recipe from Silk
Makes 12 muffin

¾ cup yellow cornmeal
1 ¼ cup unbleached all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon cumin
1 cup Silk Original or Unsweetened Soy milk

1 egg
¼ cup canola oil
1 tablespoon honey
1 (7 ounce) can chipotle chilies in adobo sauce, drained
1 cup canned corn kernels, drained

Preheat oven to 400°F. Spray or grease a 12-cup muffin pan. Whisk together cornmeal, flour, baking powder, salt, and cumin in a large bowl. In a separate bowl, whisk together soy milk, egg, oil, and honey.

Pour egg mixture over cornmeal mixture and stir until ingredients are moistened. Do not overmix. Remove chilies from can and chop. Gently stir chilies and corn into batter.

Spoon into prepared pan and bake for 15-18 minutes until golden brown.

Nutrition per muffin: 152 calories, 3.5g protein, 14.5g carbohydrate, 2g dietary fiber, 6g fat (0.5g saturated fat), 15.5mg cholesterol, 300mg sodium (calculated using unsweetened soy milk)



TABBOULEH WITH EDAMAME & FETA

Recipe by Sunrich Naturals
Makes 6, 1 1/4-cup servings

2 ½ cups water
1 ¼ cups bulgur
¼ cup lemon juice
¼ cup prepared pesto
2 cups Sunrich Naturals Shelled Edamame
2 cups cherry tomatoes, halved
½ cup feta cheese, crumbled
½ cup green onions, thinly sliced
2 tablespoons fresh parsley, chopped
¼ teaspoon black pepper

In a medium saucepan, bring the water to a boil; add uncooked bulgur. Return to a boil, reduce heat, cover, and simmer about 15 minutes or until most of the liquid is absorbed. Remove from heat and transfer to a large bowl.

In a small bowl, whisk together lemon juice and pesto. Add to bulgur along with edamame, cherry tomatoes, feta cheese, green onions, parsley, and pepper. Toss to combine. Garnish with parsley springs.

Nutrition per serving: 279 calories, 13.5g protein, 32.5g carbohydrates, 8.5g fiber, 11.5g fat, 243mg sodium



SOY-SILKEN DARK CHOCOLATE PUDDING

Recipe from United Soybean Board
Makes 6, ½-cup servings

1 package (12.3 ounces) silken tofu, drained
2/3 cup dark unsweetened cocoa powder
1 cup powdered sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
Whipped topping (optional)

Place tofu, cocoa powder, powdered sugar, and vanilla in food processor. Puree for one minute, scraping down sides as needed, or until very smooth. Divide equally into six dishes and top with whipped topping before serving, if desired.

Tempting variations:

» Raspberry Chocolate Soy Pudding – Layer pudding with fresh raspberries and whipped topping.

» Mexican-Style Chocolate Soy Pudding – Stir in a pinch of ground cinnamon and cayenne pepper to taste, layer with whipped topping and top with chocolate shavings.

» Caramel Banana Chocolate Soy Pudding – Layer pudding with banana slices and whipped topping; drizzle with caramel sauce.

Nutrition per serving: 160 calories, 6g protein, 31g carbohydrate, 2g dietary fiber, 2.5g fat (0g sat fat), 0mg cholesterol, 20mg sodium