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Fire causes extensive damage to Plymouth home



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These two bicyclists passing by Saturday were the first to report the fire. They also alerted a man inside, who moved two cars from the garage.

Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

No one was seriously injured Saturday afternoon in an accidental fire that caused extensive damage to a house on Farmer Street in Plymouth.

Twenty-two firefighters from two departments were sent to the house, across from the Plymouth Community Cultural Center, to battle the fire, which was reported shortly after 2 p.m., Northville City Fire Chief Steve Ott said. Firefighters were on the scene for more than four hours, Ott said.

The fire moved from an attached garage through the open space between the garage rafters and the attic of the house, where it caused extensive damage to the roof, Ott said. In addition, firefighters pulled down parts of the ceiling inside the house to get at the fire, he said, and the house sustained water damage.

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BRAD EMONS

Firefighters battle Saturday's house fire in Plymouth. The fire brought personnel from the Northville City Fire Department, which serves Plymouth, as well as the Plymouth Township Fire Department and Huron Valley Ambulance.

Newcomers, incumbents line up in GOP trustee race

Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Three incumbents and seven newcomers — all Republicans — are in the race for four spots on the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees.

Tuesday was the last day for people to file petitions with township Clerk Nancy Conzelman's office to get on the ballot for the Tuesday, Aug. 2 primary. Primary voters will whittle the field from 10 trustee hopefuls to four, who will face no opposition from Democrats in the November general election.

The incumbents in the race are Trustees Mike Kelly, Bob Doroshewitz and Chuck Curmi.

Kelly, a Ford Motor Co. engineer, is running for a third four-year term, while Doroshewitz, a systems engineering manager at Service Group of America, is seeking a fourth.

Curmi, a consultant in program management, is running for his sixth term; he served four terms between 1992 and 2008, then was elected to a fifth term in 2012. He filed petitions to run for supervisor on March 31, but withdrew from that race on April 14, running instead for trustee.

Trustee Steve Mann, appointed last fall to succeed longtime Trustee Kay Arnold, who had passed away, is not seeking another term. Mann is a former township supervisor and was a trustee from 2008 to 2012.

The challengers in the trustee race are Don Schnettler, a Washtenaw County building official who has run several times for township office; Jack Dempsey, an attorney who specializes in government work; Gary Heitman, a retired Ford project manager who does consulting work; Michael Oliansky, the research director for an advertising agency; Thomas Parrelly, who runs a logistics business; Teresa Somercik, who does bookkeeping for and helps run a small business and formerly worked for

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Relay For Life events take shape

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

They're separate communities sharing a common goal of fighting cancer.

As Relay For Life events draw closer in Canton and Plymouth, the American Cancer Society is recruiting teams from local families, businesses, schools and places of worship, among other groups.

"Relay For Life is a chance to make the greatest impact in the fight to end cancer," said Megan Schaper, an ACS community manager who is leading the Relay events in Canton and Plymouth. "Many participants are loved ones who have faced cancer themselves. Each new team brings us one step closer to saving more lives and we simply cannot finish the



ACS

Relay For Life of Plymouth participants walk in Kellogg Park.

fight without every dedicated cancer fighter."

Relay For Life of Canton is set for 10 a.m. to midnight Saturday, May 14, in Heritage Park. Teams and individual

participants may learn more or sign up by going to www.relayforlife.org/CantonMI.

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Township races take shape following filing deadline

Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

There were no last-minute surprises Tuesday as the races for Plymouth Township's three full-time elected offices took shape.

Tuesday was the last day for local candidates to file petitions with Clerk Nancy Conzelman's office to get on the ballot for the Tuesday, Aug. 2, primary election.

The race for supervisor, however, shifted last week when Chuck Curmi, a longtime township trustee, dropped out, leaving Republican Supervisor Shannon Price, appointed to the job a year ago, to face state Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Ply-

mouth Township, who is term-limited in the Michigan House of Representatives.

Curmi, a Republican trustee from 1992 to 2002 who returned to the Board of Trustees in 2012, instead filed petitions for re-election to the board.

"It didn't seem like it was the right time," Curmi said of his decision to leave the race for supervisor. "The stars didn't line up, I guess."

There are no Democrats running for supervisor, meaning the winner of the primary contest between Price and Heise will face little or no opposition in the November

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Vets, Lions Club plan Memorial Day parade

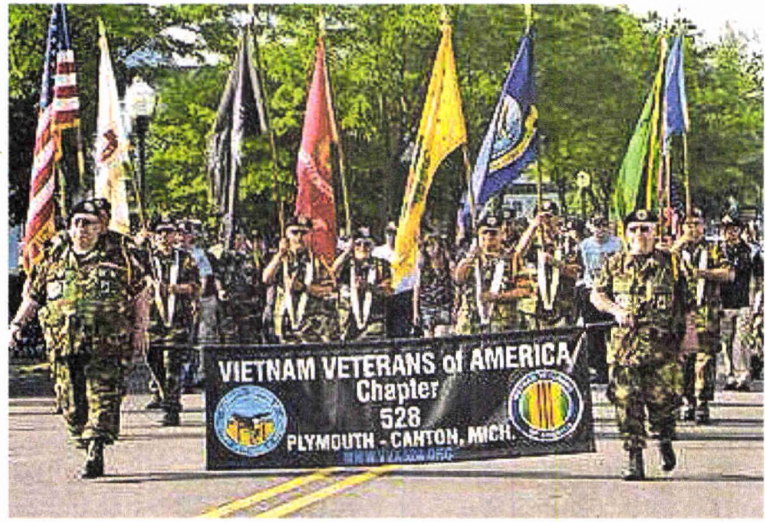
The Plymouth Lions Club, American Legion Post No. 391, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 6695 and the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter No. 528 have formulated plans for the 2016 Plymouth Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony.

Parade participants will assemble at 8 a.m. Monday, May 30, at Wing and Harvey street, downtown. The parade will start at 9 a.m. and will march up Main Street to the Plymouth Veterans' Memorial Park. After all have assembled, a memorial

ceremony will commence.

If your organization is interested in marching in the parade, contact Lee Ekholm at 734-812-8724.

You and your family are invited to view the parade and attend the ceremony.



FILE PHOTO
Plymouth's Memorial Day parade is sponsored by the Plymouth Lions Club and various veterans organizations.

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the township; and Alexander Roehl.

Roehl could not immediately be reached.

Candidates have until 4 p.m. Friday to with-

draw from the township race and not have their name appear on the primary ballot.

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general election.

In the race for clerk, Conzelman, a lawyer, is being challenged by Joe Bridgeman, who served four years as clerk, from late 2008 to late 2012, before Conzelman defeated him in the 2012 primary, and Jerry Vorva, a former state House member. All three candidates for clerk are Republicans; there are no Democrats in the race.

Bridgeman is the deputy clerk in Huron Township, while Vorva is a semi-retired real estate agent and former Plymouth police officer.

Bridgeman sought a recount after Conzelman defeated him by just eight votes in the 2012 Republican primary, but the recount confirmed her win and increased her margin to 15 votes.

In the race for trea-

surer, five-term incumbent Ron Edwards, the treasurer since November 1996, faces Mark Clinton, an executive at the computer networking company Cisco Systems, in the Republican primary.

Mary Siefert, who was the elected treasurer in Harrison Township for eight years, from 1984-92, and has spent more than 30 years in municipal finance, is the lone Democrat in the treasurer's race, meaning she will face either Edwards or Clinton in the Tuesday, Nov. 8, general election.

Candidates have until 4 p.m. Friday to leave the primary race and not have their names appear on the ballot.

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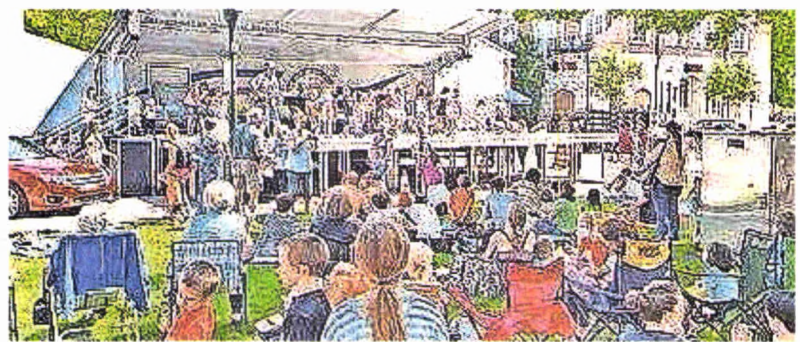
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PCAC gears up for annual Wednesday concerts in Kellogg

Music In The Park, a 32-year "Summer Wednesday at Noon" tradition will be hosted again this year by the Plymouth Community Arts Council. Concerts will begin June 22 and run through Aug. 24.

The 10-week concert series is free to the public and made possible through the generosity of community business and organization sponsors.

Although the list will grow in the next few months, the following businesses have already committed to the 2016 program: Hale Strength & Shape, DJL Builders, Kona Ice, Euro Stars Gymnastics, Monroe Bank & Trust, and Plymouth-Canton Montessori. The series is also funded in part by the Michigan Humanities Council and the Michi-



FILE PHOTO
Throughout the summers thousands gather for concerts hosted by the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

gan Council For Arts and Cultural Affairs and The Wilcox Foundation.

The Plymouth Fire Department, Northville Station and the city of Plymouth provide support services for the weekly event. The concert typically draws 1,500-3,000 audience members to downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park. Concerts go on rain or shine, with the adjacent covered "Gath-

ering" providing a covered venue in case of rain.

Businesses interested in becoming a sponsor should contact Lisa Howard, PCAC executive director at 734-416-4278 or lisa@plymouth-arts.com.

The concert schedule includes:

» June 22 - The Chautauqua Express
» June 29 - Mr. Seley & The Troublemakers

» July 6 - To Be Announced!

» July 13 - Beverly Meyer, The Music Lady

» July 20 - Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic

» July 27 - Fairground Band

» Aug. 3 - Matt Watroba

» Aug. 10 - Gemini

» Aug. 17 - Barbara Bailey Hutchinson

» Aug. 24 - Joel Tacey's Tip Top Entertainment

FIRE

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age.

The house, which Ott said was considered unlivable, was boarded up Tuesday afternoon and no one appeared to be at home.

An investigation, Ott said, determined that coals from a fire pit, which had been used the night before, had been dumped near a plastic shed outside the garage about 45 minutes before the fire was reported. The hot coals apparently ignited the shed, Ott said, and the fire spread to the garage and then to the house.

The Plymouth-Plymouth Township emergency dispatch center received a call about the fire at 2:17 p.m., Ott said, and the first firefighters arrived seven minutes later.

The fire was spotted by some passers-by and police from Plymouth were on the scene shortly before firefighters arrived. Ott said a man at the house, alerted by the passers-by, was able to move two vehicles from the burning garage.

Between the two fire



BRAD EMONS

The attached garage was fully engulfed by the time the first fire truck arrived Saturday on the scene on Farmer Street.

departments, Ott said, there were five fire trucks at the scene, plus a department utility truck and its new aerial rig. In addition, personnel from Huron Valley Ambulance were at the scene to monitor the

health of firefighters and the man at the house, but no one was transported by ambulance.

Eighteen of the firefighters on the scene Saturday were from Ott's department and four were from Plymouth

Township. Ten other NCFD firefighters were called in to provide backup at the Northville station.

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OLGC will host groundbreaking for expansion

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth, at the corner of Beck North Territorial roads, is breaking ground Sunday, April 24, on a new 30,000-square-foot expansion to address its need for more space and to further its vision of "offering every person in our community a life-

changing encounter with Jesus." The new two-level building, which will include a full gymnasium, concession stand, activities rooms, multiple meeting rooms, a walking track, child care facilities and special rooms for teens and other groups, is expected to be ready for use in

spring 2017. The new building is being built because the parish has outgrown its current facilities and because it wants to offer everyone in the community an opportunity to meet and know Jesus, according to church officials. The parish has grown by more than 800 fam-

ilies in the last eight years. With thousands of events annually, it needs more space to accommodate its growing needs. The project is being funded with parishioner contributions, of which approximately two-thirds has already been raised. The balance will be funded by a loan

from the Archdiocese of Detroit. OLG pastor the Rev. John Riccardo said the building is designed to give the church more space to share the Gospel. "Only Jesus can reveal to us who we are, what we're made for, and how to find true fulfillment," he said. "And so everything we

do here is done with this in mind." The groundbreaking ceremony will begin at 1:30 p.m., rain or shine. Archbishop Alan Vigneron, Riccardo, additional OLG parish leaders and representatives from various contractors will be in attendance. The public is welcome.

Barefoot offers opening deal for 'Laura'

Plymouth's hometown theater will offer an opening night special for "Laura" on Friday, April 22, when patrons may buy one ticket and get the second ticket half-off. Call 734-404-6889 for the opening night special. Seats may also be reserved online at www.justgobarefoot.com.

Barefoot Productions Theater presents Laura, a hard-boiled detective, a beautiful advertising exec and a string of lovers featured in the murder mystery "Laura," written by Vera Caspary and George Sklar. The play runs April 22 through May 1 at Barefoot Productions Theater, 240 N. Main St., Plymouth.

Mark McPherson is the gritty detective assigned to find out who



Adam Weakley as Mark McPherson and Mouse Courtois as The Girl.

killed the glamorous Laura. He secretly falls in love with her as he reads her letters, basks in the light of her portrait and interviews her friends. As McPherson unravels the whodunit, there are many plot

twists that keep the audience guessing. Made popular by the 1944 film adaption, "Laura" became widely known and voted by the AFI as one of the top 10 mystery films of all time. The Barefoot Production

of "Laura" is more true to the book than the film version. The director's unique vision and staging of the production will give the audience a fresh take on the classic. "We are not setting this production in any specific era. There will be styles reminiscent of the 1940s, as when the original film made its debut, but other characters will be more modern. There will be some surprises with characters, original to the novel but not in the film," said director Mat DeLisle, who is inspired by David Lynch. The show is at 8 p.m. April 22-23 and 29-30 and 2 p.m. April 24 and May 1.

Author, judge to visit Plymouth Library in May

The Friends of the Plymouth District Library have a busy spring planned for the public, with two important programs scheduled in May. The annual Book and Author luncheon Friday, May 6, will welcome mystery writer and Michigan native Bryan Gruley. The Friends will host U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Steven Rhodes on Thursday, May 12, when he presents "The Detroit Bankruptcy Case: An Insider's View from One Year Later."

Gruley is a Catholic Central graduate and Pulitzer Prize winner. His work includes "Starvation Lake: A Mystery," its sequel, "The Hanging Tree," and a third novel, "The Skeleton Box." He shared in the 2002 Pulitzer Prize for coverage of the 9/11 terrorist attacks as part of the Wall Street Journal staff.

The Mystery Writers of America nominated "Starvation Lake" for an Edgar Award for Best First Novel. The book went on to win the Anthony, Barry and Strand awards. "The Hanging Tree" has been recognized as a No. 1 Indie Next pick, one of Michigan's Notable Books in 2011 and a Kirkus Reviews Best Mystery of 2010.

The Book and Author Luncheon will be held at



Gruley



Rhodes

11:30 a.m. Friday, May 6, at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center, 8768 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township. Cost for the luncheon is \$30 per person. Reservations will be accepted until noon April 22. Go to plymouthlibrary.org to download a reservation form or pick up one at the Plymouth District Library. At 7 p.m. Thursday, May 12, the Friends will welcome Rhodes, the recently appointed transition manager for the Detroit Public Schools, to the library. As 2014 came to a close, Rhodes approved the bankruptcy plan for Detroit, allowing the city to begin the process of exiting bankruptcy. Rhodes will speak about the state of Detroit, one year following the bankruptcy process.

This program is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. The Plymouth District Library is at 223 S. Main St. in downtown Plymouth.

Plymouth District Library to host grant workshop

The Plymouth District Library invites all local cultural organizations, municipalities and other nonprofit organizations to an informative workshop about securing grants from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 21.

The mission of the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs is to encourage, initiate

and facilitate an enriched artistic, cultural and creative environment in Michigan. A division of the Michigan Economic Development Corp., MCACA offers a variety of grants each year to nonprofit organizations statewide that encourage, develop and facilitate an enriched environment of artistic, creative and cultural activity. These grants fall under

the categories of operational support, project support, capital improvements, educational residencies and retention and engagement programs. Also available are MCACA mini-grants, available for up to \$4,000. In 2015, 462 of these grants were awarded throughout the state, with total grant funding of \$9.65 million.

Eligible organizations are encouraged to drop in for this free program at the library. For more information on the workshop, go to plymouthlibrary.org. For more information on the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, go to www.michiganbusiness.org/arts.

RELAY

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Relay For Life of Plymouth is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, June 11, in Kellogg Park. For more information or to sign up, go to www.relayforlife.org/PlymouthMI.

Teams can register up to the day before the events.

Relay For Life is billed as a family-friendly event that is free and open to the public. It is a movement that unites communities around the globe to celebrate people who have battled cancer, remember those who have died and to continue to fight back.

Canton event

In Canton, participants take turns walking or running around the pond in Heritage Park after spending months raising money prior to the event.

Last year, more than 700 people participated in the Relay for Life of Canton and raised more than \$161,000 to support American Cancer Society patient programs and services such as Road To

Recovery, Hope Lodge, Look Good Feel Better and cancer research.

Cancer survivors and one guest are welcome to a luncheon and to kick off the event with an opening lap at 10 a.m. Survivor registration and check-in opens at 9:30 a.m. The event includes entertainment such as bands and dance groups and a luminaria ceremony, which involves lighting a small candle inside a bag.

Canton's event also will include healthy activities such as a cardio-fitness class, WERQ, from Z-spot Fitness, along with a children's workshop from Home Depot and a furniture build-off competition by IKEA. The event also includes a silent auction.

Canton's event also includes a partnership with St. Joseph Mercy Health System for health screenings, free bike helmets and a chance to consult with doctors about best practices for a healthy lifestyle. This part of the event happens 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Joseph's cancer center on Canton Center, near Palmer.

Plymouth event

In Plymouth, participants take turns walking or running around Kellogg Park after spending months raising money to fight cancer.


Last year, more than 250 people participated in Relay for Life of Plymouth and raised more than \$75,000 to support American Cancer Society patient programs and services, as well as cancer research.

Cancer survivors and a guest may join the survivor and caregiver luncheon and the kick-off lap at 11 a.m. Check-in begins at 10:30 a.m.

Much like the Canton event, participants will be able to enjoy local bands and dance groups, along with the luminaria ceremony. Plymouth's event also includes the cardio-fitness class, WERQ, by Z-spot Fitness, a silent auction, food, games and activities.

To learn more about the Canton and Plymouth events, go to the aforementioned websites or contact Schaper at 248-663-3417 or by email at Megan.Schaper@cancer.org.


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Domestic violence bills clear state Senate

A bipartisan domestic violence package that includes legislation authored by Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, was overwhelmingly approved April 14 by the state Senate.

"The main emphasis of this seven-bill package was to update existing domestic violence laws," Heise said. "This will allow better protections to specific victims of domestic violence, including immediate family and even pets. These type of situations deserve updated and improved scrutiny in the legal system."

As chair of the House Committee on Criminal Justice, Heise listened to hours of testimony in support of the legislation, spoke in support on the



Heise

Kosowski

House floor prior to an October 2015 vote on the package and also testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee in February.

Heise specifically authored House Bill 4480, which prevents a parent protecting themselves or a child from domestic violence or sexual assault by the other parent from being considered a negative factor in child custody

proceedings.

"This is a very specific situation that simply had to be addressed," Heise said. "The Child Custody Act contains many best-interest factors when it comes to children, but situations involving domestic violence or sexual assault had to be updated in relation to a future relationship with the parents."

HB 4480 was approved by a 37-0 vote. It returns to the House for possible concurrence vote.

The package of bills also includes legislation proposed by state Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, that would add companion animals to personal protection orders.

"Often, in domestic violence

situations, the perpetrator of the abuse will use a family pet as a way to control their human victims," Kosowski said. "In essence, my legislation would add a check box so that a domestic violence victim can include his or her pet while obtaining a personal protection order."

Currently, 28 other states have similar provisions in place. One of these states, Minnesota has been keeping track of how many personal protection orders have included companion animals since 2010. In 2010, the number of personal protection orders including pets was 167. In 2013, that number skyrocketed to 1,067.

"Statistics such as these show that once domestic vio-

lence victims became aware they could include companion animals in personal protection orders, they overwhelmingly chose to do so," Kosowski said.

Kosowski said his legislation does more than just including a check box on a form.

"Right now, domestic violence victims are not leaving their dangerous situations because their abuser is using the family pet as a pawn," he said. "Ensuring victims are aware they can include their companion animals in a personal protection order not only can save the animal from further abuse, it can save the human victims, both adults and children, from being controlled and forced back into violent situations."

Getting facts straight about Miranda rights

The following is a real conversation between a trooper and a witness:

Trooper: OK, sir, if I could just get your statement to what you saw, we should be all set.

Witness: OK, go ahead and "Mirandize" me and I'll talk.

Trooper: You don't need to be "Mirandized" — you're not under arrest.

Witness: Yeah, I know, but I don't want my statement to get thrown out because you didn't read me my rights.

Trooper: I don't need to read you your rights. Reading Miranda is reserved only for the criminal once he is in custody. You're not a criminal and you're not under arrest. We have the criminal in custody and we have already interviewed him.

Witness: Are you sure I don't need to be "Mirandized?"

Trooper: Positive. You don't watch a lot of police shows do you?

Witness: Nah, not really. I love reality television like "Keeping up with the Kardashians."

Trooper: I would never have guessed.

Witness: Can you still "Mirandize" me anyway, just so I can say I was? My friends will think it's

Sgt. Michael
Sura

ASK A TROOPER

cool.

Trooper: Sure, if it will help end this conversation and allow me to get a statement.

This week's question comes from a local high school student: When and why do police officers have to read someone their Miranda waiver?

Great question. The Miranda rights was a decision made in 1966, by the U.S. Supreme Court. Ernesto Arturo Miranda had committed several felony offenses and, during the course of the investigation, the Supreme Court felt that his Fifth Amendment and Sixth Amendment rights had been violated. Just so you know — Miranda was subsequently retried for the offenses and convicted.

The circumstances triggering the Miranda safeguards, or Miranda rights, are custody and interrogation. Custody means formal arrest or the deprivation of freedom. Interrogation is asking explicit questions, or actions, that

are reasonably likely to elicit an incriminating response.

The Supreme Court did not specify the exact wording to use when informing someone of their rights. However, the court did create a set of guidelines that must be followed. The ruling states that a person in custody must, prior to interrogation, be clearly informed of their right to remain silent and that anything they say can and will be used against them in the court. The person must be informed that they have a right to an attorney and can have the attorney present during questioning. It is also explained that if you cannot afford an attorney, one will be appointed for you if you wish.

Further, if you start answering questions without an attorney present and decide to stop, you can stop answering questions at any time and talk to an attorney. The last thing is that you know and understand your rights as they are explained.

If you have questions or comments, email them to askatrooper12@gmail.com. or mail them to Ask A Trooper, Michigan State Police Brighton Post, 4337 Buno Road, Brighton, MI 48116.

Report: Anniversary celebration ends with drunken-driving arrest

A 53-year-old Canton Township man was arrested on a drunken-driving charge after police reportedly spotted his car weaving on the freeway early Saturday. The man reportedly told the arresting officer that he and his wife had been celebrating their 18th wedding anniversary at a casino in Detroit and that he had had a few beers. The wife was a passenger in the car.

The officer had spotted the driver, in a Chrysler 300, on westbound M-14, approaching the ramp to southbound I-275, at about 1 a.m. Saturday, a Plymouth Township Police Department report said. The driver was swerving the car onto the shoulder and changed lanes without signaling, the report said.

Car break-in

An iPhone was reported stolen from a car parked outside LA Fitness, at Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty, while the phone's owner worked out there Friday evening, according to a police report.

The victim, a 27-year-old Redford Township man, told police he had secured the car keys in a locker at LA Fitness, but that when he finished his workout he found the padlock had been broken off and placed inside the locker, police said. He went to check the Lexus and found the phone had been stolen, a police report said.

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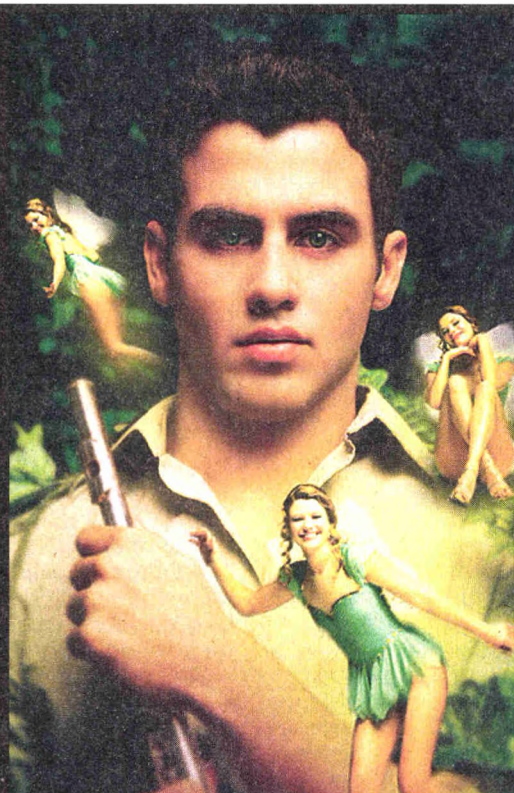
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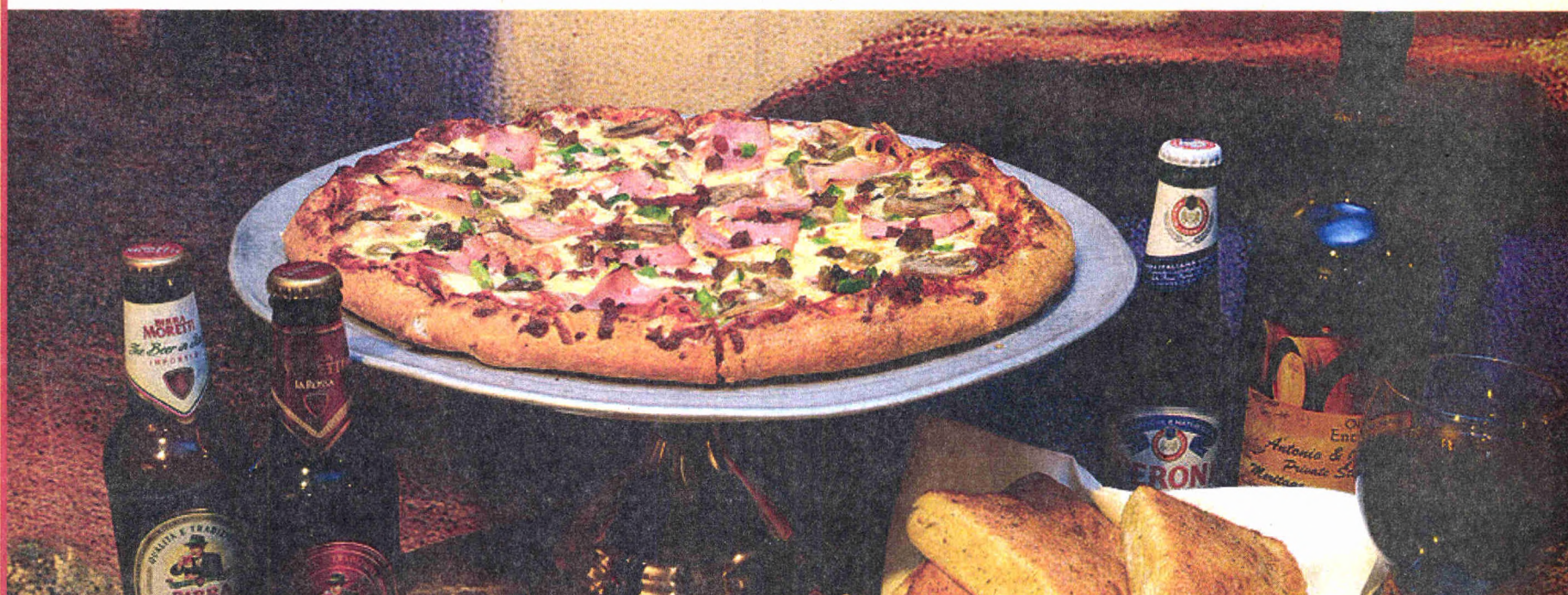
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Be smart and efficient about taxes – year-round

By now, most of us have filed our 2015 tax returns — so we can forget about taxes for another year, right? That would be nice if it were true, but it's not. Unfortunately, taxes are something we must be aware of 12 months a year, not just when we file our tax returns. That doesn't mean we want to let the tax tail wag the dog by making everything we do dependent on taxes; rather, we want to be smart and efficient when it comes to our taxes. In that regard, it is always important to remember that, from a financial standpoint, your goal is not to lower your taxes, but to have more money in your pocket. Lowering your taxes doesn't necessarily accomplish that.

One of the things everyone needs to have in place is some sort of tax record-keeping system. Unfortunately, too many people wait until they receive their 1099s and W-2s to set up a record-keeping system. When people don't have a system in regard to preparing their tax returns, they panic, potentially losing out on valuable deductions or credits. What type of record-keeping system? That all depends. Some are very good with technology and everything is saved electronically, while others are a little more old-fashioned and like saving the physical item. It really doesn't matter, as long as you have a record-keeping system in place that works for you.

Throughout the year, you can experience



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

One of the things everyone needs to have in place is some sort of tax record-keeping system.

life-changing events that can impact your taxes. If you get married or divorced during the year, it could have a major impact on your tax situation. For example, if someone got married during the year, their tax status would change from single to married and that can have all sorts of implications on withholdings and deductions. It is important to determine how these events will affect you and then make adjustments accordingly. Of course, that doesn't mean you let taxes make these decisions, but as your life changes, so do tax rules.

Even though we file our tax returns once a year, our taxes are actually due on a quarterly basis. It is always important to monitor your withholdings and estimated tax payments so you're not subject to penalties at the end of the year. It is also important that sometime throughout the year you consider whether you should do a Roth conversion. Whether you are working or retired, Roth conversions are something that everyone

should consider. After all, if you can turn tax-deferred money into tax-free money, why not?

Tax rules and implications also come into consideration when you make charitable contributions. For many, as opposed to just writing a check, it may be more efficient to donate appreciated securities. The benefit of donating appreciated securities is that you still receive a charitable contribution for the fair market value of your contribution and you avoid paying taxes on the unrecognized gain. By being aware of taxes, it allows you to keep more money in your pocket.

The bottom line is we must be aware of taxes 12 months a year. Our goal is not to let taxes dictate everything, but to take advantage of the tax law where it helps us. Unfortunately, if you only think about taxes when it comes to filing your return, you won't be able to take advantage of these opportunities. Even though we have filed a 2015 tax return, it doesn't mean we can forget about taxes for another year. If you believe as I do, that it is not more patriotic to pay more in taxes than you have to, you must at least consider taxes and its ramifications throughout the year.

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At the ribbon-cutting, Vesna Cadikovska and Mario Maniac are surrounded by their staff and Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce members.

French Toast Bistro opens in Plymouth

French Toast Bistro in Plymouth celebrated its grand opening in March. It is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner and serves French cuisine with a Cajun twist. All the dishes are made to order from its scratch kitchen using the freshest produce, meats and

seafood and as many Michigan-sourced products as possible. It also has a full bar, serving wine, craft beers and signature cocktails.

Owners Vesna Cadikovska and Mario Maniac fell in love with the Cajun-style cuisine while visiting New Orleans last

year. With Maniac having more than 15 years of experience as an executive chef in Plymouth, they decided to make their dreams a reality and opened French Toast.

The bistro is at 40370 Five Mile Road.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Watts honored

The Water Quality Association recently presented Darwin Watts, president of SEAS Capital Partners in Plymouth, with its highest honor, induction into the WQA Hall of Fame.

The Hall of Fame Award is given for lifetime dedication and service to the water quality improvement industry and extensive participation and unflinching support for the betterment of the association. Watts was presented with the award March 15, during the 2016 WQA Convention & Exposition in Nashville, Tenn.

Watts is a long-time leader in the water quality improvement industry. He served on WQA's board of governors from 2007-14 and was the association's president from 2012-13. Most recently, he played a prominent role in the Water Quality Research Foundation's 2015 Capital Campaign



Watts

with an initial gift and as a member of its National Steering Committee.

Watts has more than 35 years of industry experience. At SEAS Capital Partners, he focuses on strategic, investment and financial initiatives for industry corporations. As a volunteer through WQA, he aspires to help the industry attract more young professionals to become its next generation of leaders.

Skynar expands

Skynar Bookkeeping of Plymouth announced this week a second office to serve its existing and prospective Downriver clients. The new office is located in the Executive Office Suites of Trenton at 2836 W. Jefferson, Suite 112.

"It was time," founder and president Cheryl Skynar said. "With our growing business, we wanted to be closer to the large number of clients we help in the Downriver area. Trenton has some wonderful corporate facilities and we are thrilled with our new second location. The whole town has been very welcoming."

Skynar founded Sky-

nar Bookkeeping in 2002 after a long career in the corporate world. Her husband Tom joined her in the business in 2014 and now handles all daily operations and business development. Today, they employ three staff bookkeepers and service more than 100 clients with accounts receivables & payables; monthly, quarterly and yearly financial reports; payroll; and numerous other bookkeeping functions.

The company is also an authorized QuickBooks reseller. Cheryl Skynar has held the distinction of being an advanced certified QuickBooks desktop pro adviser since 2012 and is certified in all QuickBooks products. Earlier this year, she added the certification of advanced certified in QuickBooks Online. This sets her among the top 5 percent of pro advisers in the country.

On April 28, Skynar Bookkeeping will participate in the 2016 Money Smart Momprenueur Summit. This event focuses on helping moms start and grow their entrepreneurial enterprises.

Three Canton residents honored for their volunteer service

Three Canton residents have been honored for their volunteer service at Angela Hospice.

Honored this year were Fran Amico for 500 hours, Alberta Karll for 4,000 hours and Marion Rozum for 15 years.

"According to the U.S. Department of Labor and the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average volunteer in the U.S. contributes about 52 hours per year to their volunteer work," said Syndie Best, Angela Hospice's director of volunteer services. "The average Angela Hospice Volunteer contributes 86 hours per year. That's two-thirds more per person than the national average."

In 2015, Angela Hospice's 440 volunteers logged 37,730 hours and drove 161,848 miles to help patients and their families.

More than 80 volunteers were recognized for reaching milestones per five years or 500 lifetime hours of service.

At Angela Hospice, volunteers work in every



Canton resident Alberta Karll was among those recently honored for her dedication as a volunteer for Angela Hospice.

area imaginable, from selling raffle tickets for annual fundraisers to performing music to feeding patients to providing a break for caregivers to stocking supplies. They assist wherever and whenever needed.

More than half of Angela Hospice's volunteers have volunteered for more than five years,

with 20 receiving their five-year pin at this year's event. And three volunteers contributed at least 600 hours in 2015 alone, nearly 12 times the national average.

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Swimming together makes for fun times for these Detroit Zoo penguins.

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Penguins, people come together at Detroit Zoo

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Patricia Mills Janeway of the Detroit Zoo remembers 1968 like it was yesterday. That's when the zoo's original penguinarium opened, the first such facility in North America.

"I just remember how cool it was to watch penguins swim. I was mesmerized by it," said Janeway, who grew up in Royal Oak and now calls Bingham Farms home.

She and sister Mary Jo, three years younger, lived nearby at 12 Mile and Woodward. "We decided it would be a good idea to ride our bikes to the zoo," Janeway said. "We spent the entire day here. We just had the time of our lives. There was a squad car parked outside our house" when they returned.

"We didn't think anything of it," she said of the police car. "We were missing." That story had a happy ending, although she doesn't recall their being grounded by their parents.

"It was so long ago, I don't remember what the punishment was," Janeway said, smiling. "And here I am. I get to come to the zoo every day."

On Monday, the zoo's Polk Penguin Conservation Center opened to the public, with Janeway, who handles public relations, busy with the recent press preview. Nearby was zoo executive director and CEO Ron Kagan, standing in the 33,000-square-foot, \$30 million center.

"Well, I'm excited because I think the penguins are having a wonderful time," Kagan said. "From what I can tell, the people are having a wonderful experience."

Inspired by the past

The Polk Conservation Center has been in the works about four years, Kagan said. "I think we were inspired by what was done back then," he said of the former penguinarium. "We felt we needed to do something new and different that was completely authentic."

"I think this has skipped several generations," he added. "It's pretty advanced, definitely using some cool technology."

There are two tunnels that visitors walk through with penguins swimming above, as well

as a large viewing area. It's "an experience for people that's even better than in the wild," Kagan said. "It gives the penguins a phenomenal experience. It also gives the people a phenomenal experience."

There are ramps to walk down to the tunnel viewing area, with scenes of seafaring life, ship decks and masts on the walls. Those scenes go from day to night and back. That's based on polar explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton's Antarctic expedition and crossing of the Drake Passage on his ship, the *Endurance*.

There's also some artwork, as well as scientific exhibits such as one on "Carbon Dioxide, the Heartbeat of Earth's Climate," which notes fossil fuel impact.

Of the new center being unusual, Kagan said, "Worldwide, we're not aware of anything like this. We really have a lot of expertise in this. There's nothing of this magnitude" elsewhere.

He said climate change is most noticeable at the North Pole and South Pole, a key element of the new center's educational outreach. "There's quite a bit of science," said Kagan, a Huntington Woods resident. "We try to help people understand what can they do to make things better. It gives you a whole range of opportunities to have a smaller footprint on the planet."

Scott Carter, chief life sciences officer, noted of the four penguin species of gentoo, macaroni, rockhopper and king, only the king penguins haven't moved to their new home yet.

The king penguins are starting their annual molting, noted Carter, a Grosse Pointe Woods resident. "It's kind of a challenging time for them physiologically," he said.

'It really becomes real'

"We're still kind of amazed," Carter said of the opening. "We know the community's really looking forward to this. (Opening day is) when it really becomes real," he said.

"It's part of our mission to educate people," Carter said, including basic zoology as well as saving the planet. He recommends, for example, using reusable cloth grocery shopping



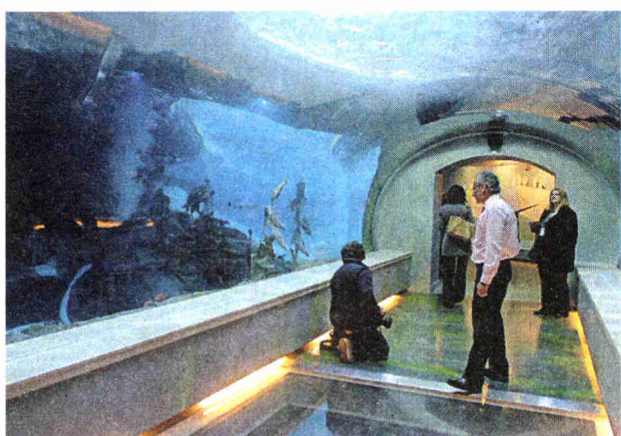
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A gentoo penguin swims in the Polk Penguin Conservation Center at the Detroit Zoo.

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The Detroit Zoo hosted the press preview for the new penguinarium last week.

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There will be four species of penguins housed at the Polk Penguin Conservation Center.

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The new penguinarium at the Detroit Zoo opened Monday.

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bags. "We're having a huge impact just because of some of the decisions we make," Carter said. "It is (challenging), but it's not impossible. I became a vegetarian at 40. I think a lot of us have the motivation."

Admission to the Polk Penguin Conservation Center is included with Detroit Zoo admission, although timed-entry

passes are required and are available on a first-come, first-served basis at admissions. While waiting, visitors can see historical photographs from Shackleton's expedition at the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery. See more online at <http://penguins.detroit-zoo.org>.

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OUR VIEW

Avoid cellphone use when you're driving

April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month, in which the National Safety Council invites you to Take Back Your Drive.

New technology in vehicles is causing drivers to become more distracted behind the wheel than ever before. Drivers — 53 percent of them — believe if manufacturers put “infotainment” dashboards and hands-free technology in vehicles, they must be safe. But, in fact, these technologies distract our brains even long after you've used them, according to the NSC.

Police officials often speak to the need to make it “none for the road” when it comes to drinking and driving. We believe the same holds true for use of cellphones while on the road. Driving is just too complex

of a task to be attempting to carry on a cellphone conversation on the road.

Thousands have died in crashes involving cellphone use. The NSC notes, make no mistake: this multi-tasking technology is about convenience, not safety.

Many distractions exist while driving, but cellphones are a top distraction because so many drivers use them for long periods of time each day. Almost everyone has seen a driver distracted by a cellphone, but when you are the one who is distracted, you often don't realize that driver is you.

With some state laws focusing on hand-held bans and auto makers putting hands-free technology in vehicles, it's no wonder people are confused. However,

while many drivers honestly believe they are making the safe choice by using a hands-free device, it's just not true. Your brain remains distracted by the conversation, the NSC says.

While no state has a law prohibiting all cellphone use while driving, employers are putting policies in place banning the use of hand-held and hands-free devices. The city of Tulsa implemented a total-ban cellphone policy for employees, for example.

Additional information is online at www.nsc.org. Why not take time to learn more about this important issue — and be safe on the road at all times, for yourself and for others?

LETTERS

No mention of dyslexia

To Sen. Patrick Colbeck:
I was delighted to see reading education and instruction highlighted in your guest column of the Observer & Eccentric.

There was a glaring piece of the puzzle missing in your comments. Not once did you mention the word “dyslexia.” Dyslexia education and training for teachers is critical to the success of children diagnosed with this alternative learning style. One in five students has this learning-based disability.

The recent bipartisan approval of the READ Act is an opportunity to bring funds to hire dyslexia specialists for our districts. Ask any teacher or reading specialist in

your district and they will tell you that they have not been trained to specifically address the dyslexic student. Your column continues to perpetuate the white elephant sitting in the literacy room.

I hope that you will expand your knowledge of the spectrum of dyslexia. I invite you to join an educational opportunity I am helping to bring to educators within the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district.

On April 21 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Dr. David Winters, vice president of the Michigan branch of the International Dyslexia Association and an associate professor at Eastern Michigan University in the Department of Special Education, will be presenting on dyslexia and assistive technology

for the dyslexia student. We will be meeting at Canton High School in Room 127.

Michelle Dillon
Plymouth Township

Rescinds pat on back

After seeing the headlines on the front page of this paper (April 14), regarding the 5-percent pay cut for Canton Township elected officials, I thought Supervisor Phil LaJoy and Clerk Terry Bennett deserved a pat on the back.

But, alas, the devil is in the details. The reductions will not take effect until 2017, after the upcoming election.

Two of the three mentioned in the article, LaJoy and Bennett, are not seeking re-election and will not lose one centavo. The third, John Anthony, will have to overcome the odds and be re-elected in November to achieve the \$12.50 weekly reduction in his part-time job salary of \$12,731 annually.

So I'll rescind that pat on the back and replace it with “typical political chicanery.”

James Huddleston
Canton

Trott sounds 'Obama is weak' alarm again

It is an election year and U.S. Rep. Dave Trott, R-11th District, has finally emerged from a year of silence — and, of course, voting repeatedly to repeal Obamacare — as a veritable emailing machine.

One of his latest is an attempt to callously exploit the ISIS attack in Brussels by fear-mongering in order to advance the non-sensical conservative meme that somehow Obama hasn't kept us safe.

As usual, the statistics don't substantiate this claim. Since 9/11, an average of 3.2 Americans in the U.S. have perished annually by terrorist attacks launched by Islamic extremist sympathizers of all types and that number includes Ft. Hood and San Bernardino. To put this threat into perspective, on average you are 55 times more likely to be killed by a falling TV set, twice as likely to be killed by fireworks, six times more likely to be killed by a cow, 11,562 times

more likely to die in an auto accident, eight times more likely to be killed by a dog and ... well, you get the idea.

Consequently, we will have to file this with all the rest of Trott's inaccurate or exaggerated claims, like Obamacare is a job-killer (although since inception, 200,000 jobs per month have been created) at our southern border in droves (although net immigration there is zero and has been for several years), that Obama has been a big spender (although he has cut the deficit by at least 50 percent and increased new spending at a slower rate than any president since World War II), that Obama has been bad for business (although the Dow Jones has nearly tripled from the low point of the Bush crash and profit to GDP ratios are at record levels) or a whole host of others.

C'mon Dave, we deserve better than exaggerated dangers and inaccurate memes.

Mitch Smith
Canton

Political silver lining

As the saying goes “every cloud has a silver lining.” Right now, Donald Trump is a cloud hanging over the GOP. One silver lining is the increase in voter turnout he has brought; it is always good for our country when more of us vote, but usually bad for Republicans.

If Trump becomes the nominee, expect a large voter turnout.

Regular Republicans who actually care about the country will either not vote or vote against Trump, no matter how much they dislike it.

Democrats should be out in large numbers and vote for candidates all down the ticket to keep the country moving forward for us all.

Trump is a huge cloud hanging over the Republicans, but they must own it because they led the dumbing down of America.

Party leaders might still make the cloud go away and with it will go “the silver linings.”

Chuck Tindall
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MDOT: I-275 will close in early May

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

There's still no hard date for when motorists can expect southbound Interstate 275 through Livonia, Farmington Hills and Novi to shut down, but the time frame has been narrowed.

The Michigan Department of Transportation sent out a message last week saying the road will be shut down sometime in early May. An exact date has not yet been selected, but it will be announced in the coming weeks.

The announcement came about an hour before a scheduled public meeting on the project last week at Davenport University in Livonia, which saw hundreds of interested motorists, residents and officials attend to get the latest information on the planned work on the freeway spanning from Five Mile to the I-96/I-696/M-5 interchange this summer.

Bill Erben, an engineer with MDOT, said the selected contractor will have to give five days notice to the state when it plans to shut down the freeway.

The total span of the project is 109 calendar days, meaning that's how long the contractor has to reopen the freeway once it is shut down.

"That's the bulk of this

project, but then there is some pavement rehab work that takes place up in the interchange," he said. "Some resurfacing, some patching, there's landscaping that goes with this project, there's ditch clean out to re-establish the ditch flow lines."

Some preliminary work has already begun, with bridge closures on Seven Mile in Livonia and other work planned for both Meadowbrook in Novi and Haggerty on the Farmington Hills/Novi border. Trees have also been taken out along the ditches and to lay wires for the electronic sign boards and freeway cameras, though MDOT says more than 700 trees will be planted to replace them.

Southbound I-275 will close first, leaving northbound traffic maintained. That will allow for the concrete rehabilitation and other work to happen along the southbound lanes, which will remain closed until the work is finished, most likely sometime in July. Then the northbound lanes will close, leaving only southbound I-275 open, for the remainder of the project. Both sides of the freeway are expected to reopen early in the fall.

'It's not going to be pretty'

The \$70 million project will detour traffic to



John Heider | Staff Photographer
The eastbound ramp over I-275 at Seven Mile is already closed as workers begin removing and replacing its road surface. The effort is part of the reconstruction efforts on the major highway that lies between Northville, Novi and Livonia and Farmington Hills.

as far away as the Southfield Freeway, the Lodge Freeway and I-696, though Erben said that's only the official detour route. Trucks and other heavy traffic will be expected to use those freeways, as MDOT can only detour to state trunk lines.

But he expects local drivers will eventually discover other routes they find to work easier for them once the freeway closes.

"We have to send you to the next available

freeway, which we don't have one until Southfield," Erben said. "You can find a way on any of the local roads north or south. But we can only send you to our roads."

Trying to find that detour is going to be a challenge for Livonia resident Diane Snyder. She works in Wixom and uses I-275 on a daily basis. She's hoping to find a steady route others haven't discovered to minimize the effect on her commute and living.

"It affects me 24/7,

basically," she said. "I've already been trying to map out directions."

It's going to affect Northville resident Joan Wilson as well. She's a frequent traveler of the freeway, taking it to places such as Canton, Ann Arbor and Detroit frequently. She came to the public meeting to learn more about the routes she could possibly take to still get around town, something she got from an MDOT employee.

While it will be tough,

she said, she joked with the people around her at the meeting, saying they'll see each other a whole lot this summer on surface roads.

"It's not going to be pretty, because it's going to be me and everyone else doing the same thing. It's just going to add more time," she said. "I'm very concerned. This is going to affect me greatly."

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S-u-c-c-e-s-s comes to top spellers through studying, hard work

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Joseph Nunez, 11, and Bassit Fijabi, 13, may use spell check, as many of us do — but they're also pretty good spellers on their own.

The two topped the field in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools 36th annual Earle Chorbagan Spelling Bee. Nunez, a sixth-grader at Marshall Upper Elementary School, is the upper elementary winner, while Fijabi, an eighth-grader at Stevenson Middle School, is the middle school winner.

"I had a list of spelling words and then I organized them into flash cards," Fijabi said of studying. His winning word was "einkorn" at the district level. "I spelled that correctly," he said.

Einkorn is an old kind of Mediterranean wheat that's now rarely grown.

He and Nunez advanced to the Wayne County event in March. "It was pretty fun," Fijabi said of that. "I met a lot of other spellers." His mom, Morayo Awe, said, "Yes, I'm proud. When he was in elementary, yes, I did" help with spelling study.

Her work schedule then changed and Fijabi has studied on his own in middle school for the spelling bees. His mom is proud of his spelling trophies.

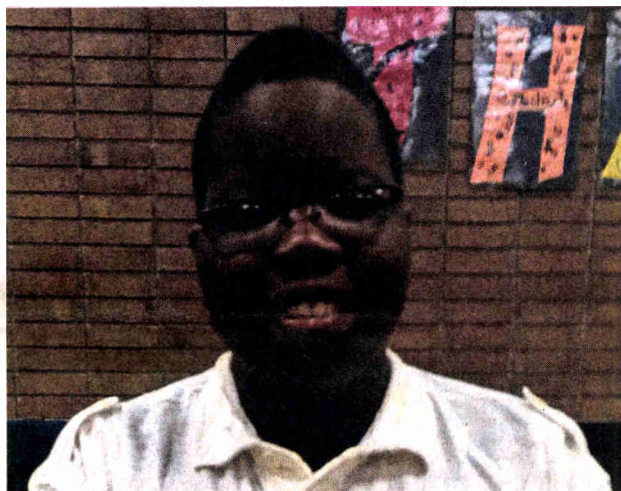
Nunez won at the district level with "inclement." "That was the word I got to advance to the regionals," Nunez said Monday at the Board of Education meeting, where both boys were honored.

"Just took the list and just studied every night," Nunez said of his preparation for the district event. "Pretty much just like any test."

Of the regional competition, Nunez said, "It was really challenging. I'm just glad I got to participate. I'm really proud of what I accomplished."

Carol Middel, vice president of the school board, said, "You both went above and beyond. You did us proud."

Mary Jane Mielke is Wayne-Westland's director of professional development. Mielke noted of regional competition, "Wayne-Westland's getting a reputation down



Julie Brown
Bassit Fijabi, 13, an eighth-grader at Stevenson Middle School, is the middle school winner of the Earle Chorbagan Spelling Bee.



Julie Brown
Joseph Nunez, 11, a sixth-grader at Marshall Upper Elementary, is the upper elementary winner of the Earle Chorbagan Spelling Bee this year.

there. They did a fantastic job," Mielke said of the boys.

Plaques with their names will go in school hallways "so everyone can see what they've accomplished. They did such a good job," Mielke said.

She added, "I think spelling's important, but I'm old. These young men did a fantastic job of putting letters together."

Mielke is a 30-year educator. "I know we don't teach spelling as spelling anymore. It's embedded in all the curriculum," she said, noting she's not a classroom teacher.

Earle Chorbagan is a retired educator and was principal at what was then Adams Middle School in Wayne-Westland. "He's there every year. He was there this year. He's always encouraging the kids and cheering them on," Mielke said.

Mielke acknowledged she spells well. "I'm a reader. I think if you're a reader, you're also a good speller. But I still use spell check," she added

with a smile.

She attended the regional competition in March at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History. "A lot of tension for the kids," she said, adding with WXYZ-TV (Channel 7) sponsoring, the students see faces they know from television. "A very big deal," Mielke added.

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Revisit distant memories from a bygone era

Tour historic 'polio treatment' facility in Farmington Hills

Aileen Wingblad
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For much of the world, polio and its devastating effects are from a bygone era. Thanks to vaccines that came into use in the mid-1950s and early 1960s, the virus that historically left millions dead or with some degree of paralysis has nearly been wiped from the face of the Earth.

An upcoming event in Farmington Hills will highlight a major role a facility in the local community once had in treatment of those infected — and spread word about efforts to eliminate polio altogether.

The Farmington Rotary Club, in cooperation with Botsford Commons Senior Community, is hosting a free public open house of the historic "Sister Kenny Hospital," 1-4 p.m. April 23.

Elizabeth Kenny was an Australian nun credited with developing and promoting hydrotherapy as a treatment for polio. In the 1920s, she spent a considerable amount of time working with young patients at the Michigan Hospital for Crippled Children — which eventually was renamed the Sister Kenny Hospital, explained Ginger Barrons, a Rotarian for the past 26 years and District 6380 polio co-chair. Designed by famed architect Albert Kahn, the building is



This Albert Kahn building in Farmington Hills, now part of Botsford Commons, is the former home of the Sister Kenny Hospital, where children with polio were treated in the 1900s.

now part of the Botsford Senior Living Center, which will open its doors to guided tours for the open house.

"It's a really cool piece of Farmington history," Barrons said. "The Farmington-Farmington Hills area served as a key place for the revolution of polio treatment worldwide. I don't think many people in the community know about that, but they should."

Impressive features of the former hospital include Kahn's "stunning architecture," she said, including red brick, arched doorways, slate roofs and limestone inlays of children playing. "And in the basement, you can still see the original outskirt of the pool (where hydrotherapy took place)," she said.

Also, photos from the Sister Kenny Hospital time period will be on display, on loan from the Walter Reuther Historical Library collection.

Along with allowing a look inside a historic building that's typically

not open to the public, the April 23 event will "help build awareness and advocacy, and raise funds" for polio eradication, the "number one health goal of Rotarians," Barrons added.

Thanks to efforts by Rotarians, as well as the World Health Organization and others, to vaccinate children across the globe, Pakistan and Afghanistan are the last two countries where new cases of the disease still emerge — but the numbers are dwindling, she said.

"We're very, very close to eradication. Last year, just 21 new cases were reported," she said.

Free-will donations will be accepted at the open house for the Rotarians' Polio Eradication Fund.

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Vying for a 50/50 ball Tuesday night are Canton's Mary Galm (left) and Plymouth's Alexis White.

GIRLS SOCCER

Chiefs, 'Cats battle to 1-1 standoff

Defense dominates season's first meeting between Park rivals

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The rosters look much different, but two longtime Park rivals became reacquainted on the soccer pitch Tuesday night.

After 80 minutes of action on the varsity grass field at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, Canton and Plymouth

played to a 1-1 tie.

"We did a lot better job defensively, especially in the midfield third of the field," veteran Plymouth varsity girls soccer coach Jeff Neschich said. "It's coming together. It's weaving in the newer, younger players into what we've got and tonight was probably our best effort so far of the season."

Canton coaching counterpart Jeannine Reddy lamented letting an early 1-0 lead get away when Plymouth freshman Morgan Gooden — one of 12 ninth- and 10th-graders on the Wildcats' roster — scored

the equalizer in the 39th minute of the opening half.

"They just got momentum and we kind of backed off the ball and stopped winning the 50/50 balls," Reddy said. "I think the last 20 minutes of the first half, we just weren't connecting anymore."

On the doorstep

On the tying goal, making a crisp crossing pass from the right side of the 18-yard box was Plymouth senior Olivia Janke.

Ready at the far post for

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Klemmer out as Salem coach

Tenure ends following difficult second season

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Lindsay Klemmer's tenure as head coach of Salem's varsity girls basketball coach began under trying circumstances — she assumed the helm following the December 2013 death of coaching legend Fred Thomann.

And it ended following a season of adversity, during which the Rocks' ultra-talented Petree sisters bolted for Class C Ypsilanti Arbor Preparatory. Salem wound up with an 11-10 record.

Klemmer, a standout player herself both at Salem and Madonna University, was relieved of her coaching duties following the annual evaluation process, athletic director Brian Samulski noted in a Tuesday email to the Observer.

"We have an evaluation process at the end of each season for all of our varsity coaches," Samulski wrote. "After the completion of this year's evaluation for our girls basketball program, it became necessary for the lead-

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After over two seasons at the helm, Lindsay Klemmer was let go as Salem's varsity girls basketball coach.

SPRING ARBOR SIGNS DAVIS



MICHAEL VASILNEK

This kind of dazzling play by Plymouth senior Brent Davis caught the attention of Spring Arbor coaches.

RAISING THE ROOF

Plymouth cage star Davis credits faith, parents and coaches for college chance

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

When he played basketball at Plymouth, Brent Davis lifted his game in every way possible.

The senior shooting guard now has the chance to literally and figuratively rise even higher — both as a player and a person at Spring Arbor University, a Christian college located near Jackson.

"I have to give thanks to God, because I know with-

out him I wouldn't be in this position right now," Davis, a Canton resident, said following Friday's signing ceremony in the Plymouth High School gymnasium. "Especially, this was perfect, this is a Christian school."

Davis said faith always has been a major influence in his life and he thanked his parents (Brent and DeRay Davis) for making sure Christianity always was front and center.

"They (his parents) taught me discipline and

taught me about prayer," the thoughtful, well-spoken future Cougar said. "Without that, I know I wouldn't be here. God gave me a miracle and I can say that."

"The way this was set up, I can't even explain it. So I'm extremely thankful. I'm thankful to my dad, for all those long car rides to different camps and tournaments, and to my mom. ... My parents have a really, really big influence in this."

Just perfect

His dad said the younger Davis worked tirelessly for the chance to continue playing basketball at the collegiate level.

He also echoed others who said Spring Arbor, a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division II program that plays in the Crossroads League, was the best place for his son.

"We thank God that he's

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SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Lady Ocelots snap out of offensive slump

Observerland players Lipinski, McIntosh, Powell catalysts for Schoolcraft

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Nothing suits Kassidy Lipinski better than going out and playing some college softball at Ford Field in Livonia.

And early returns were dazzling for the freshman and Livonia Stevenson graduate, who was a force Saturday as Schoolcraft College (9-14, 6-6 in the MCCA) swept a doubleheader from Alpena Community College, 3-1 and 12-5.

"I love playing here in my hometown," Lipinski said following the sweep. "When I was younger, I used to play here. I never thought I'd be playing college ball here."

After the Lady Ocelots lost a doubleheader Friday against Mott Community College in the team's first-ever games at Ford Field, Lipinski and her teammates tore it up the next day.

Lipinski went a combined 5-for-8 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association doubleheader, including a double in Game 1 and two triples in the nightcap, when she also displayed some defensive prowess at second base.

"She's a gamer," said Rey Linares, head coach of Schoolcraft's debut softball squad.

Consider what happened in the third inning in Game 2. With two on and one out and the Lady Ocelots clinging to a 2-1 lead, Alpena's Kendra Cole ripped a smash that looked on its way to center field.

But Lipinski dove, knocked down the ball and flipped to shortstop Katlyn McIntosh (Garden City) for the force.

Although a run did score on the play, Lipinski's gritty effort kept the rally from getting out of hand.

Schoolcraft went up 6-2 in



Schoolcraft's Kassidy Lipinski, a Livonia Stevenson graduate, flips to shortstop for a force during Saturday's second game against Alpena at Ford Field. Lipinski tripled twice in the Lady Ocelots' 12-5 win.

the fourth, with two runs scoring on a single by Caitlin Fitzpatrick and subsequent RBI hits by Shelby Shelton and McIntosh (2-for-4, run, RBI).

Alpena closed to within 6-4 with a pair of runs in the fifth against Lady Ocelots pitcher Sabrina Coleman — who went the distance for the victory, allowing just seven hits and three earned runs.

Lipinski's first triple was a shot to left-center in the fifth and she came home on a single to center by Garden City graduate Kelsie Powell (3-for-5, two runs, RBI).

Her second triple was part of Schoolcraft's five-run sixth, featuring five hits.

Jump-starting the rally was McIntosh, with a single.

Rosie Garvin (Livonia Churchill) doubled to left to make it 8-5. An error brought Garvin in to score, then Lipinski followed with a triple to increase Schoolcraft's lead to 10-5.

Wrapping up the inning were base hits by Powell and Fitzpatrick, to put the finishing touches on a 17-hit at-



Schoolcraft College sophomore pitcher Sabrina Coleman delivers the ball during Saturday's second game against Alpena at Ford Field.

tack. In addition to Lipinski, Powell and McIntosh, players

with multiple hits included Fitzpatrick (2-for-5, run, two RBIs), Shelton (3-for-5, two RBIs), Garvin (2-for-4, RBI).

Scoring two runs each were Mackenzie Quinn (1-for-4, two RBIs) and Rebekah Mathers (1-for-3).

"Our offense lately has been struggling a little bit," Linares said. "But it woke up finally in this last game and we hope to keep it moving forward."

"That's the way we played in Florida (lots of extra-base hits) and that's the way we played early in the season. We were just in a little slump, but now we're working our way out of it."

In the opener, Mariah Coleman pitched a complete game, with the Lumberjacks managing just six hits. Tallying two hits each for Alpena were Cole and Nikki Flannagan.

Lipinski (2-for-3, run), Powell (3-for-3, two runs, RBI) and Shelton (2-for-3, two RBIs) collected all of Schoolcraft's hits in the contest. Schoolcraft scored two

runs in the first, with Lipinski's double followed by singles by Powell and Shelton with an outfield error thrown in.

"Today was the first time both of these pitchers threw a full, complete game," Linares said about the Coleman sisters. "So it was a good opportunity for them."

Meanwhile, Lipinski was all smiles because the Lady Ocelots finally broke the habit of either losing or splitting doubleheaders.

"It feels really good. I'm really happy that we're all starting to come together and win these games," Lipinski said. "It was really nice winning two games today, instead of splitting like we've been doing."

Sunday sweep

On Sunday, Schoolcraft (11-14, 8-6) followed with another sweep against the winless Lumberjacks, winning 6-0 and 11-2.

In the opener, sophomore pitcher and Plymouth graduate Elaine Gerou threw a complete-game four-hitter for the win.

Carrying the offensive load were McIntosh (3-for-4, two runs, two RBIs), Powell (2-for-4, two RBIs) and Shelton (2-for-4, RBI).

Finishing the Lady Ocelots' fourth straight weekend win was pitcher Kerry Prowse (Redford), who pitched a complete game, allowing just two runs.

Quinn (3-for-4, two runs, two RBIs) and Gerou (2-for-4, run, three RBIs) sparked the Schoolcraft attack.

MOTT 7-2, SCHOOLCRAFT 0-0: On Friday, Mott Community College (20-4, 6-2) spoiled Schoolcraft's Ford Field debut.

The Lady Ocelots managed just two hits in the opening loss to Mott pitcher Hunter Conzelmann (singles by Lipinski and McIntosh).

In the nightcap, Liz Waterworth gave up just one hit, a single by Fitzpatrick. Prowse was the hard-luck loser in Game 2 for Schoolcraft, allowing just two hits.

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PREP BASEBALL

Chiefs clicking on all cylinders

Canton makes it six wins in a row with victory over Northville

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

So far, so good for Canton's varsity baseball team.

The Chiefs started last week losing to South Lyon, 3-2, but then reeled off five wins in a row, including an extra-inning victory over Novi and a doubleheader sweep Saturday against Lakeland. Canton then defeated Northville, 4-2, on Monday.

Coach Mark Blomshield's squad (9-2 overall, 4-1 in the KLAA South Division) had everything working in the non-conference twinbill against Lakeland, winning 8-3 and 9-1.

Senior Tyler Byers won the opener, with junior Justin Dolney and senior Mike Flaishans chipping in two hits each.

In the nightcap, Lou Baechler was the winning pitcher with five scoreless innings. Taking care of the offensive end were senior Nick Sprosek (two doubles, two RBIs) and junior Justin Mattson (hit, RBI).

Against Novi, senior starting pitcher Greg Goodbred was stellar with 10 strikeouts in six innings, while senior Noah Spencer struck out five in two innings of relief for the win.



CANTON BASEBALL
Mitch Zelenak delivers a pitch for the Canton Chiefs during a recent contest.

Canton scored the winning run when junior Jake Dattilio singled home junior Turner Donlin with two outs in the eighth.

Following the April 11 loss to South

Lyon, the Chiefs bounced back with 4-1 and 7-2 victories April 13 against Westland John Glenn.

Senior Mitchell Zelenak earned the opening win with five innings of one-hit ball, striking out eight. Taking care of the offense were Flaishans (double) and junior Jake O'Donnell (RBI single).

Junior Dean Dawson secured the Game 2 win with three innings of relief, while sophomore Lou Baechler's bases-loaded double drove home two important runs. Also doubling to knock in a run was Dolney.

CANTON 4, NORTHVILLE 2: On Monday, the host Chiefs overcame a 2-0 first-inning deficit with three runs in the third inning and went on to beat the Mustangs in a Kensington Conference crossover.

Winning pitcher Mitchell Zelenak went six innings and allowed just three hits to pick up the victory, while Northville's Connor Ziparo took the loss.

Justin Mattson had three hits, while Justin Dolney added two hits and two RBIs for Canton.

NOVI 5, PLYMOUTH 3: Evan Good, Evan Claggett and Justin Rayjean each went 2-for-2 for Plymouth.

FRANKLIN 19, SALEM 12: The Rocks lost a wild game Monday to visiting Livonia Franklin.

Alex Nicholson led Salem with three hits, while Daniel Diaz homered and drove in six. Gage Moyers enjoyed a 2-for-5 day at the plate.

SALEM 10-12, BELLEVILLE 4-6: Matt Brooks collected three hits in four at-bats and Jeremy Armstead threw five innings for the Game 1 victory Saturday.

PLYMOUTH 16-4, MILAN 1-7: The host Wildcats stormed out to a big lead in Saturday's opener, augmented by Taylor Burke's strong pitching performance.

A six-run first by Milan set the tone in Game 2, however.

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SCHOOLCRAFT BASEBALL

Ocelots continue to get roughed up

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Schoolcraft College's men's baseball team found the going tough last weekend at Ford Field in Livonia.

After a lopsided doubleheader sweep Saturday at the hands of Lansing Community College, the Ocelots finished a suspended game Sunday against Muskegon Community College with no better results, losing 17-8.

The Ocelots (3-18, 0-8 in the MCCA) essentially had to play a full game against Muskegon — the game was halted in the top of the first inning April 2 due to snowy and cold weather.

Schoolcraft did collect 10 hits in the loss, with Matt Buhagiar (2-for-4, RBI), Jordan Pressley (2-for-5, run, two RBIs) and Waymond Lemon (2-for-4, RBI) enjoying multiple-hit games.

Plymouth graduate Jared Merandi singled to left to score a run in the fifth, when the Ocelots scored five times.

On Saturday, the Ocelots lost 15-4 and 14-4 to Lansing. In the opener, catcher Nick Romanowski (Canton) singled and walked twice. Singling and scoring a run was Merandi, who also doubled in two runs in Game 2.

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got an opportunity to go somewhere," the elder Davis said. "Because like I always told him, his last day of basketball playing for Plymouth, he needs to know where he's going."

"It's a perfect fit for him. Because it's a Christian college and that's something we've imbedded in him ever since he was born. He was born into Christianity and it's the perfect fit for him. It's a school that seems to have a lot of good qualities."

With his faith and upbringing keeping him centered, plus the discipline he gleaned under the watch of Wildcats head coach Mike Soukup over the past three seasons, the 6-3 Davis said he is ready to take on the next chapter in his life. "What's not to love about



Brent Davis (front row, center), flanked by parents DeRay and Brent Davis, with high school and college coaches behind him, signs to play basketball at Spring Arbor University.

college basketball?" Davis asked. "It's great. It's been my dream ever since I was a kid."

Transition is next

Soukup has no doubts his talented senior captain (who averaged 17.4 points per game in 2015-16 and earned all-con-

ference and team MVP honors) can make the transition from "being a big fish in a small pond" to merely being one piece of a college team's roster puzzle.

"If he plays as hard as he did for us, he'll do just fine," Soukup said.

On hand for the April 15 signing ceremony were Spring Arbor men's basketball head coach Ryan Cottingham, assistant coach Brandon Baum and other Plymouth coaches.

A number of family members (including his grandparents), friends and Plymouth teammates such as senior Frank Brown were there, too.

"We didn't recruit Brent until after the season," Cottingham said. "Coach Baum made contact with Brent and invited him to work out with our guys and visit the campus. Things progressed rapidly."

"When he came on campus, he just lit up; he had a glow to him. Just a quality young man, great family, just seemed to be the right fit we're looking for in terms of the character piece and, of course, when he played, he's got upside. He's an athletic young man, he's explosive and we still think he's pretty raw."

Paying his dues

Cottingham stressed that the 17-year-old Davis will have to earn his minutes, especially as a freshman. But the coach sees plenty of potential in his latest recruit.

"He's got his work cut out for him," Cottingham said. "There's no give mes, no hand-outs. He's going to have to earn everything he gets. He's going to have to pay his dues. He's going to be going against 22-, 23-, 24-year-old men."

"So there's a transition that will take place. With hard work, dedication, perseverance, he's got a shot."

And that's fine with Brent Davis and his parents, who are thrilled he is going to Spring Arbor in the next step of his life's journey.

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IIHF U18 MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

U.S. U18s rolling through prelims

Team USA wins big over Sweden, Latvia

Goalie Joseph Woll stopped 34 shots and six different players scored as the U.S. Men's National Under-18 Team defeated Sweden, 6-1, Saturday during preliminary play of the 2016 IIHF U18 Men's World Hockey Championship at Grand Forks, N.D.

Team USA opened the scoring late in the first period when Casey Mittelstadt fired a shot, short side, into the net from the slot. Logan Brown and Kailer Yamamoto assisted.

The U.S. doubled its lead, 2-0, early in the second period. Adam Fox chipped the puck to Kieffer Bellows, who sprinted into the zone and quickly released a shot that beat Sweden's Filip Larsson. Less than two minutes later, Graham McPhee and Ryan Lindgren converted

on a give-and-go for Team USA's third goal.

After receiving the puck from Lindgren, McPhee glided along the right side of the ice and found Lindgren charging to the front of the net. Lindgren tipped the centering pass past Larsson to light the lamp. The U.S. pushed its lead to four on a shorthanded goal. Clayton Keller spun, turned and found J.D. Greenway, who beat a Swedish defender one-on-one, pulling the puck from forehand to backhand to then knock it past Larsson. Fox also assisted on the play.

The U.S. added two goals in the final period. First, Brown pushed a Swedish player off the puck and chipped it along to Brighton native Keeghan Howdeshell, who deked and scored the fifth U.S. goal. Joey Anderson scored the sixth for the U.S. when he jammed a rebound into the net on the power play.

Chad Krysz and Keller earned the assists.

Sweden scored a goal midway through the period off a deflected shot to spoil the shut-out bid.

Team USA romps

On Sunday, 16 players earned at least one point with 10 skaters recording multi-point efforts as the Under-18 Team downed Latvia, 12-1, to improve to 3-0-0 entering Tuesday's preliminary game against Switzerland.

Leading the way with a hat trick was Trent Frederic, who scored goals at even strength, shorthanded and on the power play. Kailer Yamamoto contributed a pair of goals, with the other goals scored by James Sanchez, Anderson, Zach Walker, Fox, Nick Pastujov, Keller and Bellows.

Jake Oettinger got the start in net for the U.S., stopping 22 shots en route to victory.



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Team USA's Kieffer Bellows, shown during the NTDP season, is among numerous players to light the lamp at the IIHF U18 World Championships in North Dakota.

RIVALS

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the back-door tap-in past Canton goalkeeper Jordan Anheuser was Gooden.

"It was a team effort to get up the field," Janke said, recalling the sequence that ended with her team scoring. "It's just that final moment getting around the player. You have to know when to turn, when to keep the ball close.

"And Morgan made a great run. She was in the perfect position for the cross, she finished it and buried it in the goal. It was really awesome by her."

Canton (2-0-3, 0-0-2) got on the board midway through the first half, when senior Madison Archibald ripped a shot into the top-right corner past Plymouth freshman goalie Rebecca Przybylo.

Archibald scored after getting the rebound of her own corner kick, which was blocked in the box.

"I took the corner and then it came back out and then I shot it back in, from around 20 yards out," Archibald said.

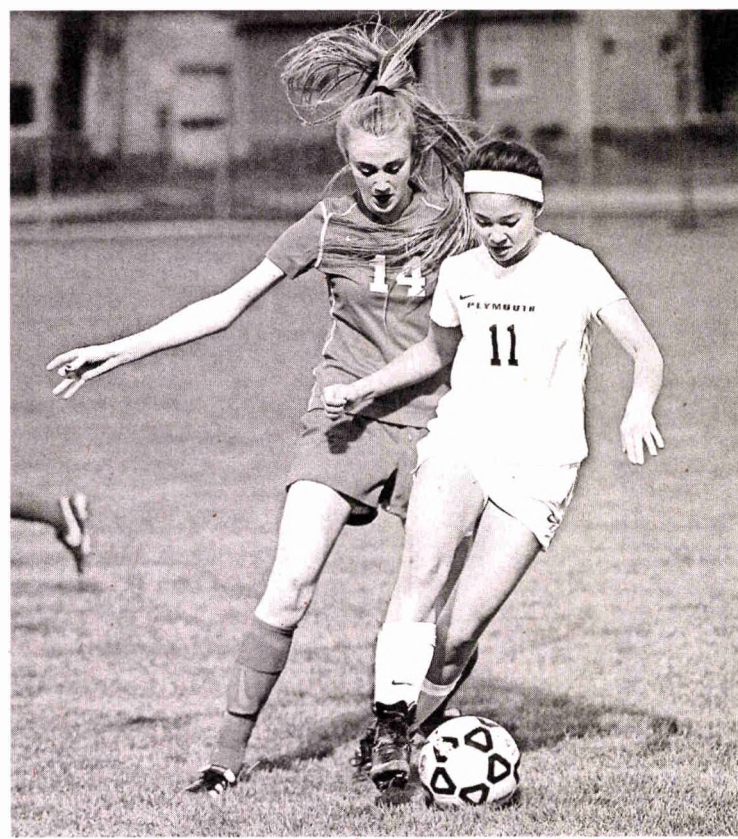
Shutting it down

The Wildcats missed a great opportunity to even the match with about 13 minutes to go in the opening 40 minutes. After junior Alexis White was tripped, a Plymouth direct kick from 20 yards out bounced off the center of the crossbar.

Both defenses tightened in the second half, but both teams had some chances.

About three minutes into the second half, a Plymouth forward raced down the right sideline and chipped a pass into the box. Sophomore Julie Noel then sailed a shot over the Canton crossbar.

Several minutes later, Canton junior Jen Richmond tried to cut around the defense and deliver a shot toward Przybylo, but there with a timely block



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Plymouth's Kathryn Gordon (right) tries to stay a step ahead of Canton's Mary Galm during Tuesday's KLAA South Division varsity girls soccer contest.

was sophomore Hailey Melnick.

Plymouth's defense did a good job of defending corner kicks and clearing the ball out of trouble the rest of the night.

Midway through the second half, Wildcats senior Megan McCurry booted the ball out of the box, foiling Canton senior Rachel McGue, who had taken a feed from junior forward Hannah Lapko.

Play for 80

Seconds later, Archibald's corner kick was cleared away by freshman Kennedy White.

"It was back and forth," Reddy said. "We still have to work on a lot of movement off the ball.

"Jordan played great. Overall we played great. We just

need to work on getting to the ball first."

Neschich noted his team (1-3-3, 1-0-1) is starting to jell and youngsters are playing well. "They've earned their minutes and it's paying off," he said. "We've played tough opponents; it's coming together."

According to Archibald, tying the Wildcats wasn't the worst thing in the world.

"Tie's always better than a loss against a Park rival," Archibald said. "But we just need to play the entire 80 minutes, because we gave up in the second half of the first half. That's what really hurt us."

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PREP ROUNDUP

Waggoner (one goal). Mullins and Tardiff also notched two assists each.

Boys track and field

BLUE DEVIL RELAYS: Salem competed Saturday at the Blue Devil Relays, hosted by Fenton High School. The Rocks finished first out of 14 teams with 89 points, a comfortable margin over second-place Hartland (69 points).

There were a number of medalists for Salem. First-place medals were won by the following relays: shot put (Schmitt, Howie), discus (Schmitt, Meredith), shuttle hurdle (Lacy, Delacruz, Dyer, Arhebamen), 800 relay (McGee, Young, Dyer, Crawford).

Seconds were notched by the following relays: long jump (Crawford, McGee), 3,200 relay (Lindsay, D. Skaff, Traylor, Siterlet), middle distance (Jeffress, Schubring, Zella, Persicone) and distance medley (Persicone, Schubring, G. Skaff, Jeffress).

Salem also collected third in the following: high jump (Schmitt, Crawford), pole vault (Bilko, Tapp) and sprint medley (Siterlet, Miller, Patrick, Zella).

BELLEVILLE TIGER RELAYS: Also Saturday, Canton placed fourth out of 14 teams at the Belleville Tiger Relays, with a total of 45.5 points. They trailed Saline (73), Livonia Churchill (48) and Ypsilanti

(47). Second-place relays for the Chiefs included the following: pole vault, Andrew Koenigsnecht, Derek Triebwasser (26-feet); 400 relay, Danual Johnson, Brennon Pelland, Steven Walker, Darren Davis (44.32 seconds); sprint medley, Dirk Thornhill, Pelland, Walker, Caleb Moraw (2:32.60); and 1,600 relay (Thornhill, Moraw, Xavier Reinders, Jemal Vaunado (3:30.50).

In third was the 800 relay team of Johnson, Pelland, Vaunado and Davis (1:32.62).

PLYMOUTH FALLS: The Wildcats lost Tuesday to Westland John Glenn, 81-60.

But Plymouth did have several strong performances.

Winning three events was Ethan Byrnes, who captured the 800, 1,600 and 3,200 runs.

Cameron Kight (high jump), Calvin Voss (pole vault) and Robert Florence (discus) also took first.

Girls track and field

NORTHVILLE 70, SALEM 67: On Tuesday at Northville, the Rocks dropped a close KLAA Central Division dual meet.

Aeron Kirk and Erin McCann went first and second in the long jump and the Rocks' hurdle crew of Brianna Essien, Talia Edgar and Erin McCann swept both events.

Other standouts for Salem were throwers Kyndra Parker, Natalia Lewandowski, Rachel Lepper and Morgan Cottrell.

PREP SOFTBALL ROUNDUP

Wildcats hold own against No. 1 team

Plymouth splits Saturday twinbill with Caledonia

Tim Smith

Staff Writer

After Friday's disappointing 10-4 loss to Salem, the best thing the Plymouth varsity softball team could do was get back onto the field.

And the host Wildcats made the most of Saturday's doubleheader against visiting Caledonia, at the time ranked No. 1 in the state.

Plymouth did just that with a 3-0 win in the opener behind a sparkling one-hitter by sophomore pitcher Jenny Bressler.

Caledonia did nip the Wildcats in the second game, 4-3.

"Both games were huge team games," Plymouth head coach Lauren Evans said. "Everyone got in and made a difference."

Bressler was the story of the opener, striking out 16 batters and giving up just two base-runners (one hit, one walk) over seven innings.

Plymouth broke a scoreless tie in the sixth, when Haley Gagnon doubled and came around on a passed ball.

The Wildcats added two more runs on a sacrifice fly by Kiersten Metz (scoring Jess Tucci, who singled) and an error.

In the nightcap, Whitney Holden's double in the first got the Wildcats off and running, but Caledonia bounced back for the one-run win.

Pitching well in the loss were Metz and Bressler.

Plymouth then squared off Monday against Novi and prevailed 12-2 in the battle of the Wildcats.

Bressler gave up two runs and struck out six, while several Plymouth batters had productive games.

Rachel Zerona (2-for-3, triple), Gagnon (3-for-4, double, four RBIs), Tucci

(2-for-4, two RBIs), Holden (3-for-3, two RBIs), Metz (two runs, double) and Cali Jones (double, two RBIs) keyed the attack for Plymouth (4-2 overall).

Chiefs win big

Canton pounced early on Northville and rolled to a 9-2 victory Monday.

The Chiefs (4-0) scored three runs in the first, one run scoring on Peyton Philbeck's hit and two more coming home on an error.

Senior outfielder Elizabeth Yager stole home in the fourth to help pad Canton's lead and the Chiefs tacked on three runs in the seventh on an RBI triple by Hannah Zajdel (who scored three runs) and a run-scoring double by Mackenna Payne.

Payne pitched a stellar ballgame for Canton, allowing one earned run, six hits and no walks while striking out four over seven innings.

Rocks romp

Salem improved to 8-2 overall with Monday's 20-0 victory over Livonia Franklin.

The Rocks scored 19 runs in the second inning as the team's power game showed itself with sophomore Caroline Miller's first varsity grand slam.

Also homering in the inning was sophomore Morgan Overaitis, who tallied two RBIs with her blast.

Contributing two hits each for Salem were Jordan Hazel, Morgan Reno, Hailey Dechalk and Amy Hines.

The recipient of all that offense were pitchers Maddy Rosiewicz and Jenna Taylor, who did not give up a hit to the Patriots.

MERCY INVITATIONAL: Mercy High School's hitting prowess was on display again Saturday as it won the championship of its four-team pool in the annual Mercy Invitational.

The Marlins (6-0) were led in hitting by junior outfielder Sophia VanAcker (.750) and senior first baseman Abby Krzywicki (.583) as the team knocked off Livonia Stevenson (7-1), Dearborn Divine Child (12-6) and Northville twice — 9-4 and 4-3 in the championship game.

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KLEMMER

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ership of the program to move in a different direction.

"We are thankful for the time Coach Klemmer gave to Salem athletics and we wish her the best of luck in future endeavors."

Efforts to reach Klemmer via telephone and email were not immediately successful.

Salem's first full season under Klemmer was a smash hit, as the Rocks started 0-4 but then reeled off 20 consecutive wins to claim the division, conference, association and district championships.

That team featured standout seniors Janyra Wilson, Shara Long, Hayley Rogers, Maranda Armstead and Katie Latack.

The 2015-16 season, however, unfolded in reverse fashion. Salem built a 5-1

record early in the year as Lasha Petree's triple-double keyed an early January win over Novi.

A month later, however, the Petrees exited and the depleted Rocks struggled to close out the season with just seven players.

On Feb. 2, following the Rocks' 41-32 victory over Northville, Klemmer confirmed rumors that sophomore forward Jala Petree, sophomore guard Lasha Petree and freshman guard Mahrianna Petree and Salem came to what was called a "mutual decision" to immediately and amicably part ways.

"Moving forward, this is a better fit for everybody involved," Klemmer said. "It was a mutually agreed decision, that this is what they need to do for their academic and athletic career."

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PCCS GOLF CLASSIC

Shamrocks top tourney field at Fox Hills GC

Plymouth places third out of 21 teams

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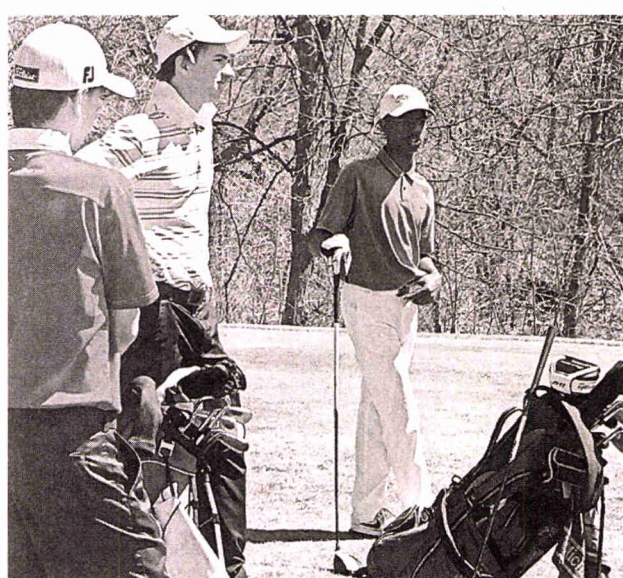
The weather finally heated up Sunday and so did the quality of golf played at the annual Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Classic at Fox Hills.

Leading the 21-team field with a score of 302 strokes was Novi Detroit Catholic Central. The Shamrocks also boasted the individual medalist in Sean Sooch, who registered 71.

Among the three Park teams, Plymouth had the best showing with a third-place score of 314. Finishing 10th and 16th, respectively, were Canton (346) and Salem (364).

Sparking the Wildcats were Jack Boczar (74), Kyle Kozler (75) and Justin Kapke (79).

For the Chiefs, top performers were Suhas Potluri and Brian Oldani, who had respective scores of 81 and 84. Other finishers for Canton included Phillip Conrad (89), Paul Maurer (92) and D.J. Jablonski (93).



BRENTON HENDERSON
Salem's Bryce Henderson gets ready for his next shot at Sunday's PCS tournament at Fox Hills.

Salem's top performer was Bryce Henderson, who scored an 87. He was followed by Adam Marcero (90), Hayden Winch (92), Woody Mashni (95) and Shawn Weldon (101).

Meanwhile, Plymouth's junior varsity also had a strong day, placing fourth with Joe Fontana the JV medalist with a 79. Freshman Justin Lauer shot an 82.

PCCS CLASSIC
April 17 at Fox Hills G.C.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi Detroit Catholic Central (1), 302; 2. East Lansing, 310; 3. Plymouth, 314; 10. Canton, 346; 16. Salem, 364 (21 schools).

Individual medalist: Sean Sooch (Detroit CC), 71.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Opening Day for PCLL

Plymouth-Canton Little League is kicking off the 2016 baseball season with Opening Day festivities beginning 11 a.m. Saturday at Plymouth Township Park No. 1.

The ceremonial first pitch will be from Miracle League of Plymouth players, plus the Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps will be there to add

to the fun.

Plymouth grid meeting

The Plymouth Wildcats football staff and boosters is holding a mandatory meeting for 2016 players and parents 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 3, at Plymouth High School.

The meeting, which will take place in the cafeteria, is for all levels.

Any questions or concerns, contact Coach

Mike Sawchuk at 734-765-1766 or email michael.sawchuk@pccsk12.com

Canton grid meeting

At 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, Canton football staff members and the boosters club are holding a mandatory meeting for players and parents.

Direct questions to head coach Tim Baechler at tim.baechler@pccsk12.com.

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Meet celebrity vegan chef at book release, wine social

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Celebrity chef Jason Wrobel says he wrote his new cookbook for all of you "toe dippers" into the world of healthy, meatless, dairy-free cooking and nutrition.

You may be more conscious of food choices, buy organic produce, understand the importance of buying locally, and you may occasionally try vegan and vegetarian recipes, but don't necessarily identify yourself with those labels.

"They may be trying to eat healthier. Those are the people I want to talk to," said Wrobel, a Detroit native whose new book, "Eaternity," includes more than 150 vegan recipes, nutrition advice, lists of favorite products, pantry contents and kitchen substitutions, and more.

"I wanted it to be a lifestyle guide in addition to a cookbook. I wasn't interested in doing the standard cookbook format, appetizers, entrees, desserts. What I

wanted to do was create a guide where people could learn basic nutrition. If I

want to improve an aspect of my health, here is how I can start doing it."

Wrobel said readers can "choose their own adventure for ultimate health" as they select chapters from the book that are relevant to their lives.

The book's 14 chapters are arranged according to eating strategies for specific health goals such as improved brainpower, strong bones, better sex, and healthy heart. Each chapter includes several recipes, a list of relevant nutrients and foods, nutritional explanations, and lifestyle advice.

Chapter 4, Eat for Happiness and Good Moods, for example, explains the importance of eating selenium-rich food, vitamin D, and omega-3 fatty acids — while avoiding dairy products — to help keep bad moods at bay. It also suggests lifestyle strategies that include meditation, exercise, and keeping a gratitude journal.

Book release, benefit

A signed copy of the book is included in the \$75 per person ticket price at the "Eaternity" book release and wine social, 4-6 p.m. Saturday, April 23, at Greenspace Cafe, 215 W. Nine Mile, Ferndale. The event also includes artisanal plant-based snacks, talks by Wrobel, NBA champ and wellness advocate John Salley, and Joel Kahn, M.D., cardiologist, and a sampling of Salley's vegan wine. A signed bottle of the vegan wine is included in \$100 tickets. Call 248-206-7510.

Proceeds from the book release and



"People need to get back into their kitchen and make food with their own two hands. That is non-negotiable."

JASON WROBEL



CAULIFLOWER LENTIL TACOS WITH FRESH GUACAMOLE

This was the most popular recipe from Jason Wrobel's television series on the Cooking Channel. In his new book, it's listed as a choice for helping to build muscles.

Guacamole:
6 ripe avocados, pitted and diced

1 1/2 cups diced red onion
1 to 3 medium-size jalapeno peppers, to taste, stemmed, seeded, and minced

1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons fresh cilantro, finely chopped

1/2 cup fresh lime juice
1 1/2 teaspoons sea salt
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin

Pinch ground black pepper, to taste

Pinch cayenne pepper, to taste (optional)

1 1/2 ripe medium tomatoes, seeds and pulp removed, diced

Cauliflower Lentil Taco

"Meat":

1 cup green or brown lentils

3 cups filtered water
1 head cauliflower, stems and leaves removed, broken into 1-inch pieces

2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

2 medium yellow onions, diced (about 1 1/2 cups)

1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and minced

4 cloves minced garlic

2 teaspoons chili powder, divided

2 teaspoons ground cumin, divided

1 teaspoon ground coriander, divided

1/2 cup canned or homemade tomato sauce

1 1/2 teaspoons salt, or to taste

1/2 teaspoon ground pepper, or to taste

1 5.5-ounce package organic taco shells

4 cups shredded romaine lettuce, reserved for topping

1. To make the guacamole, mash the avocados in a medium bowl until slightly chunky. Add the onion, jalapenos, cilantro, lime juice, salt, cumin, pepper, and cayenne, then mash the mixture some more.

2. Cover with plastic wrap directly on the surface of the guacamole to prevent oxidation. Refrigerate until chilled, about an hour. Just before serving, add the tomatoes to the guacamole and gently mix.

3. To make the Cauliflower Lentil Taco "meat," rinse and drain the lentils thoroughly. Add the lentils to a medium saucepan. Add the filtered water and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to low and simmer until tender, about 30 minutes. Drain.

4. Pulse the cauliflower into rice-size pieces in a high-speed food processor. Heat the olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Cook the onion and jalapeno until the onion is translucent, about 5 to 7 minutes. Add the cauliflower rice, garlic, 2 teaspoons of the chili powder, 1 teaspoon of the ground cumin, and 1/2 teaspoon of the ground coriander, and cook for 4 minutes. Stir in the tomato sauce and cook another 3 to 4 minutes or until the cauliflower is tender.

5. Add the cooked lentils, the remaining 2 teaspoons of chili powder, 1 teaspoon of ground cumin, 1/2 teaspoon of ground coriander, and the salt and pepper. Cook for an additional 3 minutes.

6. Scoop the Cauliflower Lentil Taco "Meat" into the taco shells and top with shredded romaine lettuce and a dollop of guacamole. Serve immediately.

wine social will benefit Sasha Farm, an animal sanctuary in Manchester, southwest of Ann Arbor.

"I volunteered there between 2003 and 2006. I'd go pretty often to bale hay, feed the animals and help out on the farm," said Wrobel, who shares his home with cats Lynx, Clawdia, and Figaro. "So, it's very near and dear to my heart."

By then, Wrobel had been a vegan — not eating animal products — since 1995. He made the gradual switch from a typical American diet to plant-based diet after his grandfather lost his battle with cancer. Wrobel began to question the prevailing notion that "you get old and get a disease and die."

He didn't consider pursuing a culinary career until after moving to Los Angeles 11 years ago. He had worked as an advertising copywriter in Detroit after graduating from college with a bachelors degree in marketing and theater. In California he pursued acting and music, but "the money was not coming in."

"I thought I really like making food. What if I got really good at it? For the past 11 years, that is what I have focused on."

YouTube, Cooking Channel

He studied at the Living Light Culinary Institute in northern California and earned certification as a professional raw foods chef and instructor. Positions at vegan restaurants in Los Angeles, New York, and Detroit followed. He combined his passion for food and theatrical presentation in 2009 on YouTube, where his "J-Wro Show" can be seen. A show on the Cooking Channel, "How to Live to 100," followed in 2013. His new YouTube series takes him into the kitchens of "average Americans" where he improvises a healthy, vegan meal with whatever ingredients they have on hand.

"Things take time in life. What I tell people coming up in this business is you must learn to cultivate patience. You've got to put the work in but amazing dreams can manifest."

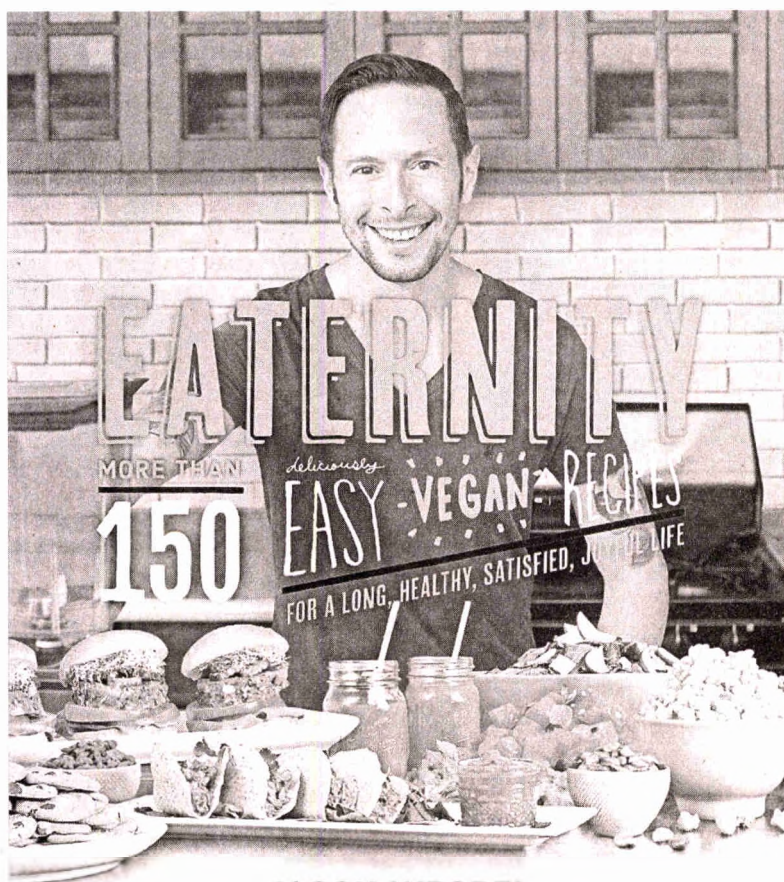
That's also part of his message to those who say they don't have enough time to cook healthy food at home.

"People need to get back into their kitchen and make food with their own two hands. That is non-negotiable. I don't feel we can achieve optimal health if we're constantly eating fast food and eating out all the time."

"The busyness factor is a lame excuse. I understand that family and career and making money is of course very important, but if we do it at the expense of our long-term health, it will catch up with us. And then it will be a lot harder when that day comes for people to maintain the basics of life."

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JASON WROBEL

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Realtor: Starter homes getting scarcer in Oakland County

Jay Grossman
Staff Writer

Bring some boxing gloves if you're looking to purchase a house for under \$250,000 in Oakland County.

The market is that hot right now.

"There was an open house here in Birmingham and we had a fight over the house," said Dan Elsea with Real Estate One. "We had one guy who barricaded himself in the home and he wouldn't open the door until he was told the seller actually looked at his offer. He spent the night in jail ... and he didn't get the house."

Elsea and Eric Larson of the Larson Realty Group were keynote speakers at the Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber's annual real estate forecast breakfast. Both men predict the real estate market in southeast Michigan will continue to appreciate at a steady clip over the next several years.

Elsea, whose company is the eighth largest broker in the nation, said a majority of homes in the price range of \$250,000 to \$500,000 are selling within 30 days or less in Oakland County. The market for million-dollar luxury homes has slowed down, with more listings than potential buyers.

Residential properties less than \$250,000 are moving faster than lightning because the inventory for starter homes has shrunk dramatically in the past two years.

Elsea expects housing values in southeast Michigan to increase around 15 percent over the next five years. Royal Oak, Berkley and Ferndale are three of the hotter markets right now, mainly because of their appeal to millennials in search of starter homes.

"Royal Oak is clearly outperforming the rest of the market in this area," Elsea said.

Larson, who also serves as CEO of the Downtown Detroit Partnership, believes more cooperation in the region is necessary to help Michigan attract new commercial and industrial opportunities.

"We need to start thinking less about Birmingham and Bloomfield competing against Troy and Southfield ... and more about how we are competing as a region and how are we competing as a state," Larson said.

Larson Realty Group has the redevelopment rights for the old Tiger Stadium property. Outside Detroit, the company has plans for a 24-unit condominium development in Bir-



Dan Elsea, president/CEO of Real Estate One, was a featured speaker at April 5's real estate forecast breakfast in Birmingham.



Eric B. Larson, president/CEO, Larson Realty Group, and CEO, Downtown Detroit Partnership, was a featured speaker at April 5's real estate forecast breakfast in Birmingham.



Bruce Kridler of Greenleaf Trust and Betsy Reich of the Colburn Group at April 5's real estate forecast breakfast in Birmingham.

mingham's Triangle District.

While praising entrepreneurs Mike Ilitch and Dan Gilbert for investing heavily in downtown Detroit and the adjacent Foxtown and Midtown districts, Larson said the challenge in the years ahead will be to rehabilitate the rest of the city.

"You can fit San Francisco, Boston and Manhattan in Detroit," he said at the breakfast. "Those three cities combined have over 11 million people ... Detroit has around 700,000 people."

Right now, about 6,000 people live in the immediate downtown Detroit area. Larson said that equates to about three

people per square mile in terms of density. In comparison, the downtown population of other major cities averages about 11 people per square mile.

On the plus side, more than 300 new hotel rooms are being planned in the downtown, along with approximately 715 residential units. There's also the M1 Rail that's expected to come online in 2017, which should help attract new development.

"So the supply is starting to catch up with the demand," Larson said.

The forecast, held Tuesday at the Townsend, is the third and final of an annual series

presented by the Birmingham chamber. The other two focus on government and the economy.

"All three of this year's forecast programs featured outstanding speakers who truly are leaders in their industries," chamber president Joe Bauman said. "Each of the programs plays a key role in fulfilling the chamber's mission to serve our six communities as their leading resource for advancing business interests and building relationships."

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Assessment: Sometimes you need to stand, fight

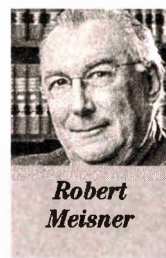
Q: I am upset about the tax assessment I received this year from my township and I don't know what the results are going to be, but I did appeal to my local assessor. What do you think I should do with the result?

A: I would have difficulty recommending what specifically you should do other than if you are locked in to an assessment given the facts and circumstances of your case that you think is unreasonable, you need to appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal at the least. You don't want to be stuck with an unreasonable assessment which is much greater than the fair market value of your property even the tax assessor argues that he is not looking at your individual property, but a composite of neighboring properties. Obviously, the assessors are out to get as much as they can and at some point you have to stand up and fight.

Q: My neighbor and I have jointly been utilizing a driveway for a number of years and we have always gotten along, but the driveway is on his property. Is it really necessary to have some sort of formal agreement?

A: It certainly is because your neighbor may sell his property or there may be some other untoward event which sours your respective relationship. You should prepare, with the assistance of an attorney, an easement agreement codifying your right to use that portion of the driveway with the requisite contribution by you and your successor which would be equitable. You are just looking for a problem down the road if you don't do something to establish the legal relationship and it probably should be your dime to do so.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling and Operating a Condominium." He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. Visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.



Robert Meisner

Industry report: Vacation home sales drop some, investment buys up

Vacation home sales cooled off in 2015 but remained at the second highest amount in nearly a decade, while investment purchases increased for the first time in five years, according to an annual survey of residential home buyers released today by the National Association of Realtors. Mirroring the strong price growth seen throughout the United States, the median sales price of both vacation and investment homes surged in 2015.

NAR's 2016 *Investment and Vacation Home Buyers Survey*, covering existing- and new-home transactions in 2015, found that vacation-home sales last year declined to an estimated 920,000, down 18.5 percent from their most recent peak level of 1.13 million in 2014.

Investment-home sales in 2015 jumped 7.0 percent to an estimated 1.09 million from 1.02 million in 2014. Owner-occupied purchases jumped 15.9 percent to 3.74 million last year from 3.23 million in 2014 — the highest level since 2007 (3.93 million). Sales estimates are based on a national online survey including responses from over 2,000 U.S. adults who purchased a residential property in 2015, and exclude institutional investment activity.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, says vacation sales took a sizable step back in 2015, but still came in at the second highest amount since 2006 (1.07 million). "Baby boomers at or near retirement continue to propel the demand for second homes, although headwinds softened the overall volume of vacation sales last year," he said. "The expanding pool of buyers amidst a dwindling number of bargain-priced properties led to tighter supply and fewer sales and caused the price of vacation homes to rise. Furthermore, the turbulence that hit the financial markets the second half of the year likely seized some would-be buyers' available cash."

The median sales price of both vacation and investment homes soared in 2015. The median vacation home price was \$192,000, up 28.0 percent from \$150,000 in 2014. The median investment-home sales price was \$143,500, up 15.3 percent from \$124,500 a year ago.

According to Yun, many of the metro areas with the strongest price appreciation in 2015 were in the South — the most popular destination for vacation buyers — and particularly in several Florida markets. While increased buyer

demand contributed to the run-up in prices, it also likely squeezed less affluent households looking to purchase vacation properties.

Vacation-home sales accounted for 16 percent of all transactions in 2015 — down from 2014 (21 percent), but still the second highest share since the survey was first conducted in 2003. The portion of investment sales remained unchanged from a year ago at 19 percent, and owner-occupied purchases increased to 65 percent (60 percent in 2014).

"Despite a smaller share of distressed properties coming onto the market, investment purchases reversed course in 2015 after declining for four straight years," Yun said. "Steadily increasing home prices and strong rental demand appear to be giving more individual investors assurance that purchasing real estate will diversify their portfolios and generate additional income if they decide to rent out the home."

This year's survey found that in addition to longer-term rentals, investors are most likely to attempt to rent their properties for less than 30 days. Among investors, 42 percent did or tried to rent their property in 2015 and plan to rent their property in 2016.

Twenty-four percent of vacation buyers did or tried to rent their property in 2015 and plan to rent their property this year. Vacation buyers are more likely to use a property manager or social media to rent their property, while investors are more likely to use a traditional real estate agency.

The share of vacation buyers who paid in cash jumped to 38 percent from 30 percent in 2014, while cash purchases by investors decreased to 39 percent from 41 percent a year ago. Of buyers who financed their purchase with a mortgage, over half (52 percent) of vacation buyers and 44 percent of investors financed less than 70 percent of the purchase price.

The overall trend of fewer distressed properties (short sale or foreclosure) on the market resulted in vacation buyers and investors purchasing less of them in 2015. Thirty-six percent of vacation buyers (45 percent in 2014) and 39 percent of investors (44 percent in 2014) purchased a distressed property a year ago.

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 6-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. The Red Lobster is next to 7-Eleven, near Trenton Road.

Any questions or concerns, call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayne Koehler at 313-819-0919.

Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures.

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. each Thursday at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

Call the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

Free foreclosure tours

Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96.

Email Georgia@adddvalurealty.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com.

RELIGION CALENDAR

APRIL CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. April 23
Location: Orchard Grove Community Church, 850 Ladd Road, Walled Lake
Details: Christian rock band, Sanctus Real, performs. Tickets are \$15, available at the door or in advance at orchardgrove.org
Contact: 248-926-6584

DIABETES SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. beginning Wednesday, April 27
Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills
Details: Six-week type 2 diabetes support group will include menu planning and information on developing healthy habits
Contact: 248-553-3380

FILM

Time/Date: Movie follows the 6:45 p.m. fish fry dinner
Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills
Details: The movie "Thomas" will be screened. Call the church to reserve a place at the fish fry
Contact: 248-553-3380

HUNGER AWARENESS, FUNDS

Time/Date: Beginning at noon, Saturday, April 23
Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Youth of Unity will fast for 24 hours to bring awareness of hunger and food and funds to support Redford Interfaith Relief. The public may donate non-perishable food items, cash or checks payable to Unity of Livonia, with "Fasting for Food" in the notation line, 9:30 a.m.-noon, Sunday, April 24 at the church
Contact: Shannon Restaino at 313-530-4712; shanrestaino@gmail.com

MOM-TO-MOM SALE

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 23
Location: Connection Church, 3855 S. Sheldon, Canton
Details: Shop 100 tables of mom- and child-related items. Strollers welcome after 10:30 a.m. Admission \$2
Contact: 734-397-1777

PRAYER, EDUCATION, ACTION

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 21
Location: St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton
Details: Janet Stankowski, O.P. will talk about the implications of Pope Francis' Encyclical, "Laudato Si," regarding environmental issues, with an overview of the poor. Stankowski is the co-founder of Voice for Earth Justice, a faith-based network with a mission to pray, educate, and act on behalf of the Earth. Free
Contact: Sharlene Borke at sharborke@gmail.com

RUMMAGE, BAKE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, April 29, 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, April 30
Location: Antioch Lutheran Church, 33360 W. 13 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: From 1-3 p.m. Friday all items will be half off; \$5 bag sale, along with 50 percent off in boutique on Saturday. Tax-deductible donations may be dropped off at the church's back door 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, April 25-27. No furniture, television sets, computers, electronics. The church also is collecting used ink cartridges, eye glasses and cell phones for recycling
Contact: 248-626-7906; antiochelca@sbcglobal.net

MAY CHARITY CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, May 14
Location: St. Mel's Catholic Church, 7506 Inkster Road, north of Warren Road in Dearborn Heights.
Details: Admission is \$1 with all proceeds to help veterans and their families. Bake sale, food available.
Contact: AmericanLegionAux396craftshow@yahoo.com

CONCERT

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. May 15
Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Details: The concert Choir of Michigan Lutheran Seminary of Saginaw performs. A free will offering will be accepted
Contact: 313-532-8657 or 734-968-3523

FOOD ASSISTANCE

Time/Date: Doors open at 9 a.m., Saturday, May 7
Location: Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Leverage, Redford

Details: S.H.A.R.E. program includes spending time "in God's word," followed by distribution of bagged groceries. Open to the first 40 families
Contact: Diane at 313-937-2424

MOM2MOM SALE

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, May 7
Location: St. Valentine School Gym, 25875 Hope, Redford
Details: Bake sale, refreshments. \$1 admission, \$2 early bird. For table rental and contract visit stvalentineschool.com
Contact: Renee Williams at 313-931-2549, Renee3471@att.net; Jessica Wimmer at 734-223-3390, Jessicawimmer@hotmail.com

PRAYER IN THE PARK

Time/Date: Prayer, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; worship and prayer service, 6:30 p.m., Thursday, May 5
Location: Kellogg Park, downtown Plymouth
Details: Pastors from various churches will lead prayers throughout the day, coming together for the worship service in the evening. Sponsored by Heartbeat of Plymouth in celebration of National Day of Prayer
Contact: heartbeatofplymouth.com

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Thursday, May 5; 9 a.m.-noon Friday, May 6; 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, May 7
Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Newburgh and Wayne Road, Livonia
Details: \$2 per adult Thursday only; free admission Friday-Saturday. Saturday half-price sale
Contact: 734-422-0149

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday, May 19, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday, May 20
Location: First Farmington United Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River Ave., at Warner Street, Farmington
Details: Bag sale will be Friday. Items that don't fit in the bag will be half off that day
Contact: 248-474-6573

RUMMAGE, BAKE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 13-14
Location: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia
Details: Furniture, crafts, electronics, books, clothing, toys, kitchen items, small appliances, holiday decorations, jewelry, collectibles, gadgets, antiques, office items and more. \$3 bag sale begins at 12:30 p.m. Saturday. Cash only
Contact: 734-427-1414

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township
Details: Scripture study
Contact: 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel Parish

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday, through May
Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Gary Michuta, author and Catholic apologist, leads a study of Isaiah. Bring your own Bible
Contact: 734-261-1455, ext 200 or on line at www.livoniast-michael.org

Faith Community Wesleyan

Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every Saturday
Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia
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

EXERCISE

Time/Date: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday
Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia
Details: Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba

through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com
Contact: 313-408-3364

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@tbsom.com

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BRINK

BETTY I. April 16, 2016, age 81. Beloved sister of the late Ronald, Robert and Irwin Brink. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Memorial gathering Saturday, April 23rd from 2 pm until the time of the memorial service at 4 pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main St., Plymouth. Share your memories at
 www.schrader-howell.com

DUNN

JOAN P. 78 Passed away April 18, peacefully surrounded by family. She is preceded in death by her parents Halley and Genevieve Hayes and brothers Bob and Don. Loving wife of 25 years to Ronald. Beloved mother of Daryl Reddick (Amy), Joey Reddick (Tina) and stepmother of Julie Dunn. Cherished grandmother of Summer and Skylar. Dear sister of Richard, Peter, Sandy and Jim. Family will receive friends Friday from 2-9 p.m. at Neely-Turowski Funeral Home 30200 Five Mile (Between Middlebelt and Merriman). To share a favorite memory and/or photo and to sign the online guestbook, please visit
 www.turowskifestory.com

EVANS



STEPHEN M. formerly of Canton, passed away April 15, 2016 at the age of 83. Beloved husband of the late Ann Dorothy Evans (nee Verbanac). Survived by daughters, Suzanne (Robert) Light, Cheryl (Daniel) Mathena, Laura (Thomas) Jones, and Michelle (Matt) Leighton; six grandchildren: Tara (Mark) Hindelang, Brenton Mathena, Stephen Light, Michael Jones, Sarah Jones, and Tanner Leighton; his sister, Judith (Anthony) Cruz; and nephews Aaron (Erin) Cruz and Adam Cruz. Funeral service Saturday, April 23rd, 1:30 p.m. at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Rd., Canton. Friends may visit the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main St., Plymouth, Friday, April 22nd 2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Interment Riverside Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Detroit Goodfellows and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

JONES



ALANE passed away peacefully on April 12, 2016 in Farmington Hills. A lifelong Pittsburgh-area resident, she was 97 and was preceded in death by her husband Leslie and brother Bill Phillips. Loving mother of son William (Michelle), and proud grandmother of Andrew, Jesse and Matthew. She is also survived by a sister, Jane Allshouse. A memorial service will be held at Ward Church in Northville May 24.

ROE-COTNER

SALLY age 49, passed away on April 12th at her home surrounded by loved ones. She is survived by her son, Andrew Roe, fiancé David Drefus, her mother Betty Roe, brother Dante' Roe, sister's Tracey Roe-Castle and Carol McKercher. She will be missed by her grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Sally was a sports fan and enjoyed attending and watching football and baseball. She is preceded in death by her husband, Ron Cotner, her father, James Roe and her grandparents. A memorial will be planned for August.

STETTLER



WILMA JEAN 91, passed away on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at home with family in Naples, Florida. She was born on November 8, 1924 in Indianapolis, Indiana to Frank George and Mary Harriet (Brandon) Ketchum. Wilma graduated from Emmerich Manual High School in Indianapolis and attended Shurtleff College in Alton, Illinois. While working at the Army Map Service, she met Richard James Stettler and they were married December 27, 1944. After World War II, Wilma continued her college education at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana and in the 1950's she and her husband, Richard, built their first home in Indianapolis and started a family. Wilma and her family moved to Birmingham, Michigan in 1972. After her husband retired in 1986, they split their time between their cottage at Rocky Fork Lake in Brazil, Indiana and their home in Naples, Florida. As well as being a world-wide traveler with her cherished Purdue Gang, Wilma was a member of the Garden Club and Newcomers in Birmingham, Michigan, Sands Club in Naples, Florida and was the first female docent at the Collier Car Museum in Naples. She filled her life with her family, dear friends and her adored grandchildren and great-grandchildren whom were her pride and joy. Wilma is survived by her son, Robert Richard Stettler of Naples, FL; daughter, Lisa Kay Christin and her husband, Gerald Rene Christin, Jr., of Petoskey, MI; grandchildren, Patricia Ann Fry (Ryan), Jeremy James Stettler (Katie), Justin Robert Stettler (Jennifer), Joel Thomas Stettler and Gerald Rene Christin III; great-grandchildren, Coralyn Elizabeth Fry and Adelle Grace Fry; along with nieces, nephews and many close friends. Wilma was preceded in death by her husband, Richard; sister, Genevieve Joyce Brown; brother, Frank George Ketchum, Jr.; and grandson, Junior James Christin. A memorial service will be held in Indianapolis for Wilma and her late husband, Richard, at a later date. The family suggests memorial donations be made to Humane Society of Naples, 370 Airport Pulling Rd., Naples, FL 34104; Humane Society of Brazil, 8280 N. County Road 125 W, Brazil, IN 47834; or Avow Hospice, 1095 Whippoorwill Lane, Naples, FL 34105. For online condolences, please visit
 tullernaples.com.

TATOMIR

MARGARET A. Age 92, of Hinsdale, Illinois, died April 9, 2016. Born in Istanbul, Turkey of Armenian descent, she arrived in Detroit to join her father with her mother, sister, and brother in 1932. She worked at Ford Motor Company during and after WWII later going into Fashion Retail. She moved with her family to So. California in 1977 where she continued to work at Sak's Fifth Avenue and later Robinsons May. In 2007, a few years after retiring she moved to Hinsdale, IL to live with her youngest daughter and her husband. She enjoyed travel, dining out, reading, and having family holiday dinners. She was preceded in death by her husband Barney S. She is survived by her children, Barney J. (the late Patricia) Tatomir, Mary Lynn Erpinar, David J. (Susan)Tatomir, and Lisa A. (Jay) Amond; her grandchildren, Jason, Sarah, Michael, Cassandra, and Christopher; her nieces and nephews, Bill, Cyndi, Debbie, Michael, Eva, Tina, Greg, Mardi, and John; her niece and lifelong friend, Mary Lazar; and many great-nieces and nephews. Committal Service will be held in the East Chapel of Holy Sepulchre Catholic Cemetery, 25800 W. 10 Mile Rd., Southfield, at 11:30a.m. on Saturday, April 23.

WALL



JOY age 85, of Plymouth and Empire, Michigan, died April 16, 2016. She was born on October 8, 1930, to Julius and Gaynell Tulley in Connersville, Indiana. Joy was preceded in death by her husband Dean Wall. She is survived by her three children: Tonya (Charles) Lowe, LeeAnn Burdette, Christopher (Eileen) Wall, her grandchildren: Andrew, Katherine, Daniel, Alexandra, Jackson, Amelia, Bowen, Brittany, Clayton, and Myles, her two great-grandsons: William and Jack, and her three sisters: Geraldine (Robert) Campbell, Patti (Warren) Terry, and Judy Lang. Joy Wall was born in Connersville, Indiana and raised in Liberty, IN. She got her diploma in Nursing from St. Vincent's School of Nursing in Indianapolis, IN. All three of her sisters ("Sisters") also became nurses. She married Dean Wall, the only love of her life, in 1954. They moved to Plymouth, MI in 1957, and built Cherywood Golf Course in Ottawa Lake, MI. But her pride and joy was the Dunes Golf Course in Empire, MI, that they built together and she managed for 30 years, well after Dean's death in 1984. She was an active member of OLCG, the Plymouth Registered Nurses Club, and the Glen Lakes Women's Club. She loved to play bridge with her friends, and Euchre with her family. There will be a Memorial Golf Tournament held at the Dunes Golf Course in her honor at a future date. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated Thursday, April 21, at 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, 48170. Family and friends may begin visiting at 10 a.m. at Church. Joy will be buried in her family plots in Connersville, Indiana, on Friday.

WASMER



NANCY M. Age 87, of Novi, passed through Heaven's Gate April 15, 2016. Nancy is the beloved wife of the late Edward (d.2004). Nancy is survived by her loving children, Ken (Sharon) Wasmer, Geoff (Barb) Wasmer, Karen (Roderick) MacLeod, and Judy (Bob) Kamp; cherished grandchildren, Nicholas Wasmer, Timothy Wasmer, Rebecca Wasmer, Abby Wasmer, Kathryn (Manuel) Valdivia, Matt (Alexi) Kamp, Joel Kamp, Emily Kamp, and Leah Kamp; great grandchild, Manuel Edward Valdivia. Visitation Saturday, April 23, 10-12 noon, at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248- 474-5200). Funeral service Saturday, April 23, 12 pm. Nancy will be interred next to her husband in Laurel Grove Memorial Park, in Totowa Boro, New Jersey. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Calvin College and Seminary, Edward and Nancy Wasmer Scholarship Fund (3201 Burton St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546-9905).
 heeney-sundquist.com

WATT



JEAN 94 years old passed away peacefully on Saturday April 16th. She was a housewife and mother to over 50 children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by her husband Robert. An avid gardener as many of her neighbors in Livonia would tell you. She will always be remembered for her \$2 bills. We thank her for bringing us all into this world. Rest in peace mommy we love you. Please share a memory at
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Women underrepresented in film behind the scenes

"Most women don't have that opportunity," she noted. At the Saturday, April 16, luncheon, she was joined by Courtney Brannon Donoghue, assistant professor of cinema studies at Oakland University. Donoghue, 34, of Royal Oak earned her Ph.D. in media studies from the University of Texas.

Pay disparity

Donoghue noted in 1970 22 percent of women had some college or a degree, a figure that jumped to nearly 67 percent by 2010. "There's still a massive wage gap," Donoghue said. "It's even lower for Latina and African American women."

She noted the early Hollywood studios starting in the 1920s had few women in powerful roles, with Ida Lupino, also an actress, and Dorothy Arzner the two who directed early in U.S. film history.

Less than 5 percent of films now have women directors. "Women were some of the first film editors. As it became more and more technical, women were pushed out of those roles," Texas native Donoghue said.

She and Green noted few women directors, producers or cinematographers. "They're not being hired to produce or direct films in the same way" as men, Donoghue said at the La Bistecca site lunch.

Of her producing work, Green, who grew up in Dearborn, said, "We're responsible for over-seeing the film from beginning to end. You're in charge of everything, essentially."

AAUW member Mickey Edell of Canton noted, "It sounds like in education (film schools) they're getting in the mix."

Green said the two male directors of her films got offered bigger roles later. "Those opportuni-

ties aren't being offered to women," she said.

When she started at the Lionsgate studio, Green read scripts and was in high-level meetings "because they didn't have a different voice in the mix" to reach girls and young women.

As a junior executive, she got the "green light" for a film project, and was later replaced and not allowed to participate. "You hire what you're comfortable with," said Green, noting larger corporations own the film studios and have male executives.

Said Edell, a retired Plymouth-Canton Schools staffer, "The whole issue here is leadership. Even as women, that's (bias against women leaders is) a possibility," she added.

Green responded, "I really felt I hit a glass ceiling" at the studio. "So I left."

'They'll back off'

Donoghue noted her OU program is half female, half male, and women students sometimes struggle in front of men.

"They'll back off, they'll make themselves smaller," she said. "You have to put yourself in a leadership position."

They noted women have historically done hair and makeup work on Hollywood productions. Green has spoken to students, including Donoghue's, and told a young man who was concerned after learning of inequity, "Just let people in those minority positions feel like they have a voice."

The women also touched briefly on Michigan's history of film incentives. Green produced "It Follows" with incentives, which she said helped to build infrastructure that's gone now.

"I think most filmmakers felt pretty helpless" with the shift away from incentives, she said. She added the Sundance Film Festival gets some 8,000 submissions a year.

"It's a very competitive market," she said of independent filmmaking.

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Rebecca
Green

When Rebecca Green of Plymouth pursued her bachelor of fine arts degree in filmmaking, she was one of six women out of 52 students.

Green, 37, returned as an alumna to the University of North Carolina School of the Arts to teach, and was glad to see more women enrolled in her field.

"As a female, you either have people who support you or you don't," Green said.

She's an independent film producer with credits of "It Follows," a horror film shot in metro Detroit, as well as "I'll See You in My Dreams," a story of a woman (Blythe Danner) pursuing relationships later in life. Sam Elliott and Martin Starr also are featured.

"I'll See You in My Dreams" premiered in 2015 at the Sundance Film Festival. She and an Oakland University faculty member discussed women in film at a Plymouth-Canton branch, American Association of University Women, luncheon.

Green is grateful to a former mentor/boss at Lionsgate who told her to speak up for herself.



Courtney
Brannon
Donoghue

GET OUT!: ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS

ANIMALS DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 9 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 FARMINGTON HILLS CITY HALL

Time/Date: Through April 22

Location: 31555 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Works by local artists Pamela Alexander and Susan Warner

Contact: 248-473-1859

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Exhibit hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and noon to 4 p.m. through April 30

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: The exhibit features the personal work of the late Richard Rochon, who was known in the field of architecture for his renderings of buildings. Includes a reception, 6-9 p.m. Friday, April 1

Contact: 248-344-0497 or www.NorthvilleArtHouse.org

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ART COUNCIL

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday and Thursday, noon-4 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, and during public events through April

Location: 774 N. Sheldon, at Junction, Plymouth

Details: 7th Annual Open Exhibit features works by 36 artists on the theme, "one word." Includes pen & ink, photography, collage, encaustic, colored pencil, pastel, charcoal, mixed media and paintings

Drawn to the Night: The open life drawing event runs 7-9 p.m. Friday, April 22 and enables artists of all ages to practice drawing the human form. Includes themed set, timed poses, live costumed model. Bring your own art supplies. Complimentary refreshments. \$10 at the door; \$5 for students. This month's theme is "A Little Piece of Matisse"

Contact: 734-416-4278; plymoutharts.com

U-M MUSEUM OF ART

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. through May 29

Location: 525 S. State Street, Ann Arbor

Details: First U.S. exhibition of Chinese artist Xu Weixin focuses on portraits of Chinese coal miners and of Chinese historical

figures during the Cultural Revolution

Contact: 734-764-0395; umma.umich.edu

VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during public performances, through April 28

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: "Silent Images: Featured Works of Chuck Schroeder" features intricate pen and ink drawings

Contact: cantonvillagetheater.org

VISUAL ARTS ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 21

Location: Livonia Civic Center Library auditorium, 33000 Civic Center

Details: Professor Emeritus Richard Rubinfeld of Eastern Michigan University will talk about historic and contemporary self-portraits in this program sponsored by VAAL. Free

Contact: vaalart.org

FILM

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, April 22 and Thursday, April 28; 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 23

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: "Race," \$3

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

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. April 23

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

Details: The General: Silent Film Special, \$10 for adults, \$5 for children, 12 and under

Contact: 313-898-1481; redfordtheatre.com

FUNDRAISERS

MICHIGAN JAZZ FESTIVAL

Time/Date: 3 p.m. Sunday, April 24

Location: VisTaTech Center, Schoolcraft College main campus, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia

Details: Sean Dobbins Organ Quartet performs. Tickets are \$15 by April 10 or \$20 at the door

Contact: Pat Minnick 734-462-4403; music@schoolcraft.edu

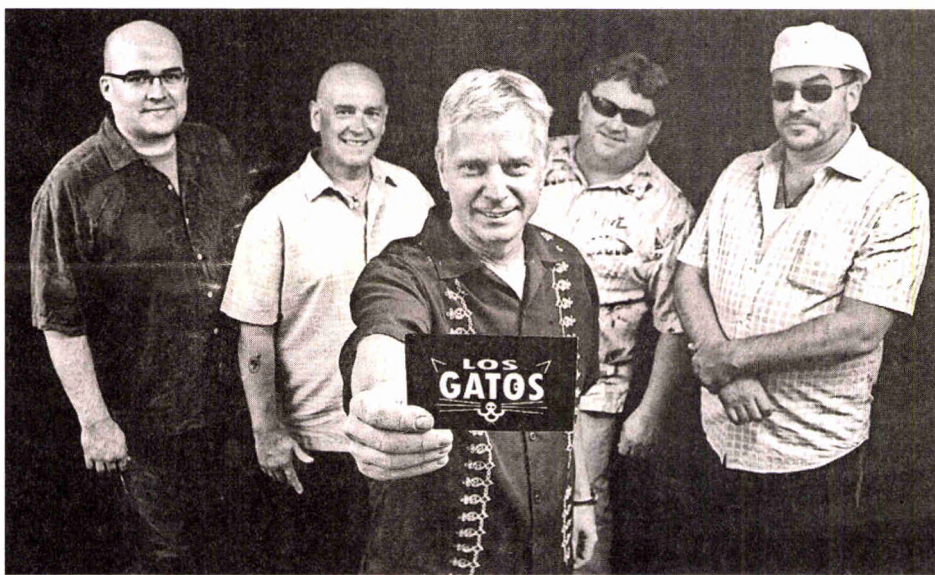
WALK FOR JUSTICE

Time/Date: 8 a.m. Saturday, April 23

Location: Detroit Zoo, I-696 at Woodward, Royal Oak

Details: Includes zoo entry, parking, entry for door prize, refreshments, family activities and silent auction. Admission is \$40 for adults; free for kids, \$20 for law school students. Benefits the William Booth Legal Aid Clinic

Contact: walkforjustice.org



Los Gatos performs Tuesday, April 26 at the Jazz@The Elks series, in Plymouth.



Matt Watroba is among the performers at the Trinity House Theatre Benefit Concert April 22, in Livonia.

HISTORY

KELSEY MUSEUM

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through May 15

Location: 434 State St., Ann Arbor

Details: "Leisure and Luxury in the Age of Nero: the Villas of Opontis near Pompeii," explores the lavish lifestyle and economic interests of some of ancient Rome's wealthiest and most powerful citizens, who vacationed along the Bay of Naples. Includes more than 200 items on loan from Italy. Admission is free

Contact: 734-764-9304

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-17

Special event: Ghosts of Plymouth walks begin at 5 p.m. and leave every 15 minutes, Saturday, April 23, circling Kellogg park in downtown Plymouth. Participants will hear tales of early Plymouth from the characters themselves. Tickets are \$10 per person. plymouthhistory.org

Contact: 734-455-8940

MUSIC

BLUES@THE ELKS

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

Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: Bring your dancing shoes. \$5 donation

Contact: 734-453-1780

JAZZ@THE ELKS

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

Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: Los Gatos Latin Band from Ann Arbor performs April 26. A \$10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres

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

PLYMOUTH ORATORIO SOCIETY

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, May 1

Location: First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth

Details: The Society celebrates 30 years and will sing Mozart's "Requiem," and Samuel Barber's "Agnus Dei," accompanied by the Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra. A free will offering will be taken

Contact: plymouthoratoriosociety.org; 734-455-8353

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

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

April 24

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

Details: The Schoolcraft College Chorale will join forces with the Quest Choir and the Ford Motor Company Chorus to present "Fuze the Muze II," a free concert

Contact: 734-462-4403; schoolcraft.edu/music

TRINITY AND FRIENDS CHOIR

Time/Date: 8 p.m. May 5-7

Location: Trinity in the Woods, 26880 La Muer, Farmington Hills

Details: The choir sings music by Bach in its original German. The concert features a small chamber orchestra, soloists, duets and the full chorus. Guest conductor is Adam Riccinto of the Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra. Tickets are \$10

Contact: trinityinthewoods.org; 248-474-2860

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

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

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Trinity House Theatre Benefit Concert featuring Red Tail Ring, Matt Watroba, and Olivia Millerschin, April 22; Tom Sharpe, April 23. Most tickets \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted

Contact: 734-464-6302 for additional information

SPECIAL EVENT

ICE SHOW

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, May 6, 4 p.m. Saturday, May 7

Location: Farmington Hills Ice Arena, 35500 Eight Mile, between Halsted and Farmington Road, Farmington Hills

Details: "Monopoly on Ice," showcases Farmington Hills Figure Skating Club members and Learn-to-Skate students performing to music. Tickets are \$8 for adults, 19 and up, \$6 for

seniors, 65 and up, and students, 6-18, and free for children 5 and under

Contact: 248-478-8800

SPOKEN WORD

MOTOWN MIC

Time/Date: Doors at 7:15 p.m., performances from 8-10 p.m. Friday, April 22, and 29

Location: Motown Museum is located at 2648 West Grand Blvd., Detroit

Details: "Motown Mic: The Spoken Word" invites poets, 18 and over, to perform original pieces no longer than three minutes. At each Friday night event, a panel of judges will select two winners to advance to the grand finale in June, where all finalists will perform a Motown-inspired piece. The grand winner will be named the 2016 Motown Mic: The Spoken Word Artist of the Year, receive a \$1,000 cash prize and have their work published on a literary broadside. General admission tickets are \$10; \$5 for performers

Contact: 313-875-2264; motownmuseum.org

THEATER

BAREFOOT PRODUCTIONS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. April 22-23 and 29-30, and 2 p.m. April 24 and May 1

Location: 240 N. Main, Plymouth

Details: Noir thriller, "Laura," a murder mystery made popular by the 1944 film adaption. Tickets are \$15-\$17

Contact: justgobarefoot.com; 734-404-6889

FARMINGTON PLAYERS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 29-30, May 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, and Thursday, May 19, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 1, 8, and 15

Location: 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: When six unemployed steel workers feel like they've been left on the scrap heap of life, they resort to some extraordinary measures to lift themselves up in this edgy musical comedy, "The Full Monty." They overcome their fear, self-consciousness and feelings of worthlessness by becoming exotic dancers. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for students and seniors, age 62 and over

Contact: farmingtonplayers.org; 248-553-2955

SPOTLIGHT PLAYERS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. April 22-24

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

Details: Tickets for the romantic comedy "Guys and Dolls" are \$18 for adults and \$16 for seniors and youth

Contact: cantonvillagetheater.org

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