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# P-CCS panel formed with goal to grow district student enrollment

Joanne Maliszewski Staff Writer

While state funding of public education is expected to be

a long-term issue for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district, members of a blue ribbon panel are working on ways to increase student enrollment and develop deep support and relationships within the community.

"The district needs to work on things we can do something about," panel chair Don Soenen said. "We have to make sure we are doing every-

thing we can in the district." The panel was relaunched not too long ago to tackle is-



Merritt Soenen

home, with an emphasis on student enrollment. "I'm really very optimistic," Soenen said.

sues close to

Interim Superintendent

Monica Merritt is involved, as well as Board of Education President Kim Crouch. "They

are very enthusiastic about this," Soenen added.

Increasing the number of students who attend Plymouth-Canton is key to the panel's work. The district receives state funding based on each student enrolled in the district. In the current school year, the district received \$7,391 per pupil. In 2011, for example, the per-pupil foundation grant was at \$7,604 and then dropped to

\$7,234 – representing a \$7 million loss, according to school

'The panel will help us increase our enrollment. We are going after our own market share," Merritt said.

She will present a balanced budget at the Tuesday, April 26, board meeting. The proposed state school aid bill,

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The project on Richard Nixon and Watergate was completed by Ben Chriss, Jackson Rogers and Emily McMillan.

### BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# **NEW SCHOOL HISTORY PROJECTS HEAD TO STATE COMPETITION**

**Matt Jachman** Staff Writer

History is more than a dry list of dates and events - wars fought, political movements started, countries born — for

students at New School High. Students at the new Plymouth Township charter high school researched specific

topics, from the Watergate scandal to the history of the World Wide Web, in depth this year as they planned and built projects for National History Day, a contest to promote history education that will culminate in June with finals at the University of Maryland at College Park.

The students divided into

teams to create projects in the medium of their choice: websites, documentary videos, traditional displays and even a live performance were used to present the teams' research.

At the Detroit Historical Museum in March, all eight New School teams entered qualified for the state finals and four of those teams are

making the trek to Bay City Central High School next Saturday for that competition, which is put on by the Historical Society of

Michigan. The National History Day experience meshes with a project-based ap-

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# Another GOP hopeful joins state House race

**Matt Jachman** Staff Writer

It'll be a four-way contest no, make that three — for the Republican nomination to succeed a three-term state legislator in representing the Plymouth-Canton-Northville area.

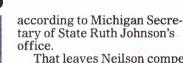
Attorney Jeffrey T. Neilson of Northville Township filed candidacy papers Tuesday, the last day to do so, for the GOP

primary in the Michigan House of Representatives' 20th District. Neilson's entry had made it a four-way

Neilson primary, but Joe

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Smith of Plymouth Township, office manager at a landscaping company, dropped out later in the week,



tary of State Ruth Johnson's That leaves Neilson compet-

ing with Jeff Noble of Plymouth Township, pastor at Praise Baptist Church, and Chris Roosen of Northville Township, global sales manager at an automobile parts supplier and a former trustee in his hometown, for the right to represent Republicans in the

November general election. On the Democratic side, John Sullivan of Northville, an attorney and former Wayne County commissioner, and Colleen Pobur, a Plymouth City Commission member and a former county employee and Michigan **Liquor Control Commission** member, are running.

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# Township field set; Bridgman leaves clerk race

**Matt Jachman** Staff Writer

The field of candidates for Plymouth Township offices got smaller by one before Friday's 4 p.m. deadline to withdraw from the primary race.

Joe Bridgman, who was township clerk from 2008-12 and deputy clerk before that, abandoned Friday morning his bid to return to the clerk's office. That leaves Clerk Nancy Conzelman, an attorney who narrowly defeated Bridgman in 2012, facing challenger Jerry Vorva, a semi-retired real estate agent and former state representative, in the Republican primary. There are no Democrats running for clerk.

Bridgman, who is deputy clerk in Huron Township, said he had been pressured by people in the anti-Conzelman camp to withdraw so as to not harm Vorva's chances.

He sounded relieved. "I'm out of it and then I don't have to deal with it, which is kind of a good thing," he said Friday. Bridgman said he would consider again run-

ning for township office. Bridgman was the only person to leave the township primary ballot following Tuesday's deadline for submitting candidacy petitions.

In addition to the Conzelman-Vorva contest, state Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, is challenging Republican Supervisor Shannon Price for the supervisor's job. Heise is term-limited in the Michigan House of Representatives. Price, appointed supervisor a year ago this month to fill a vacancy, had long expressed interest in winning a full elected term. There are no Democrats running for supervisor.

In race for township treasurer, Mark Clinton, an executive at Cisco Systems, is vying with Treasurer Ron Ed-

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# **Barefoot Theater** presents noir thriller

The noir thriller "Laura" will continue through May 1 at Barefoot Productions Theater in Plymouth. The April 29 and 30 shows will begin at 8 p.m. and the May 1 shows will be at 2 p.m.

Written by Vera Caspary and George Sklar, the murder mystery is about a gritty detective, Mark McPherson, who is assigned to find out who 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. He falls in love with her beauty and mystery. As

McPherson unravels the "whodunit," there are many plot twists and surprises that keep the audience on the edge of their seats.

Made popular by the 1944 film adaption, "Laura" became widelv known and voted by the American Film Institute 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.

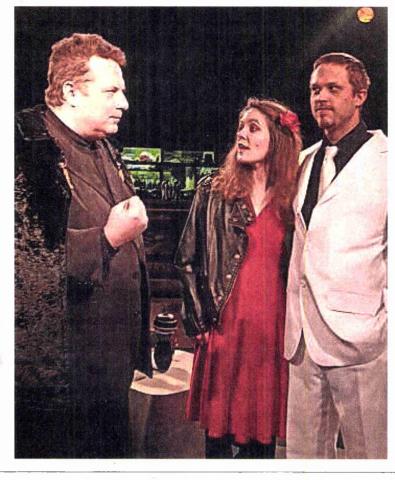
Director Mat De Lisle's unique vision and staging of the production will give the audience a fresh take on the classic.

"We are not setting

this production in any specific era," De Lisle said. "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.

**Barefoot Productions** Theater is located at 240 N. Main St. in Plymouth. Reserve seats via phone at 734-404-6889 or online at www.justgobarefoot.

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wards, who is seeking a sixth term, for the Republican nomination. The winner of that primary contest will face Mary Siefert, a former Harrison Township treasurer who has spent more than 30 years in municipal finance, in the general election. Siefert, a Democrat, is unopposed in the primary.

In the primary race for four township trustee spots are 10 Republicans. They are:

» Incumbent Chuck Curmi, who serving his fifth term and is a program management con-

» Jack Dempsey, an attorney who specializes in government work. » Incumbent Bob

Doroshewitz, a systems engineering manager in his third term.

» Gary Heitman, a retired Ford project manager who does con-



Bridgman



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sulting work. » Incumbent Mike

Kelly, a Ford Motor Co. engineer in his third term. » Michael Oliansky,

research director at an advertising agency.

» Thomas Parrelly, who runs a logistics busi-

» Alexander Roehl, a full-time father and homemaker who previously owned an Internet auto sales business.

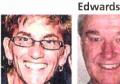
» Don Schnettler, a Washtenaw County build-



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ship office.



ing official who has run several times for town-

Vorva

» Teresa Somercik, a former township employee who helps run a small family business.

The Tuesday, Aug. 2, primary will cut the field of trustee candidates to four. There are no Democrats running for trustee.

### Judge unopposed

Tuesday's filing deadline passed with no one filing to challenge Judge Mike Gerou of 35th District Court.

Gerou, currently the court's chief judge, is seeking a third term. He was first elected in 2002 out of a field of 11 candidates and was unopposed in 2010 in his bid for a second term. (The term is normally six years, but Gerou's first was eight because it was a new position and a six-year term would have meant electing two of the court's three judges in

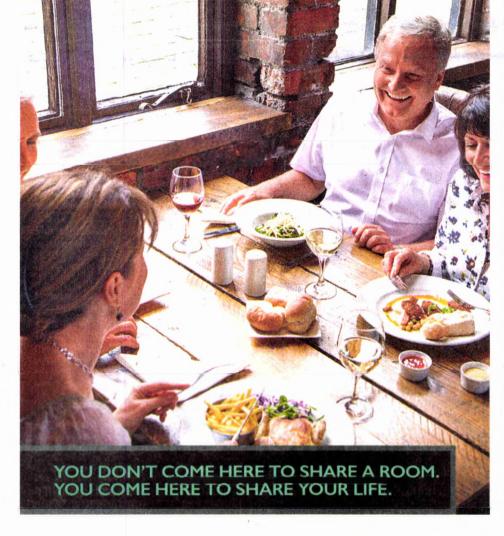
the same year.) Gerou, 61, said he's grateful to again have no re-election opposition.

"It's a colossal effort," he said of a political campaign. "I was prepared to work really hard again if I had to.

The judge said his work is "kind of a dream job."

"I work with some great people. It's a chance to positively affect people's lives," he

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# Buy and sell at Old Village Yard, Trunk Sales

It's back! The Old Village Yard and Trunk Sale is from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, April 30.

Hundreds of "saleers" will be sailing around Old Village looking for bargains at this annual early spring event. Some area shops participate, too, with special sales. In the past, more than 25 home and businesses have participated.

The Trunk Sale will be at the Plymouth Rock Masonic Lodge. It is a fundraiser for the Old Village Association. Last year, the sale moved to its new permanent home at the Masons Lodge, 495 Amelia, at Farmer.

The Trunk Sale is open to anyone who wants to benefit from the great crowds to sell stuff from their car trunk (although most sellers move their car



You can find some real deals at the Old Village sales.

out of the space to have more room). The first car park space is \$20, each extra is just \$10. The Masons will have coffee and doughnuts for sale and their bathrooms will be open. To get a space at the Trunk Sale, just show up and see Matt or Sandy. They have a limited number of tables for rent, too, if

anyone needs some for their space. Vendors set up starts at 7 a.m. Contact Mark Oppat with questions at 734-502-

The annual Old Village Yard and Trunk Sale is always a week before the city of Plymouth "Spring Clean Up" Day, which allows residents to put out larger items that



The Old Village Yard and Trunk Sales offer plenty of choices.

normally are not picked up without special tags. Any larger items not sold at the at the Old

Village sales can go out at the curb Friday, May 6. There will be a big crowd of "pickers" driv-

ing around the city Friday "junking" as it's called and it's a major event in all of Plymouth.

### Go fishing at annual Canton derby

Dust off those fishing poles, because Canton Leisure Services is hosting its annual Family Fishing Derby from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 7, at Heritage Park. The Heritage Park large ponds will be once again be stocked with rainbow trout for this event, plus bluegills will be available in the smaller pond for younger participants.

Fishing experience is not required, as Leisure Services staff will be available to offer tips for first-time guests. A limited quantity of bait may also be available for purchase. Participants are encouraged to bring their own bait. This event will take place rain or shine and a concessions truck will also be on-site with lunches available for purchase.

"Every year, this is one of the events that mark the beginning of spring," recreation spe-



Dust off your rods for the annual Canton Family Fishing

cialist Jennifer Girard said. "Children, teens and adults get an opportunity to bond with other families and fellow Canton residents. This is truly one of Canton's oldest traditions. This is a wonderful opportunity to relax and connect with family, friends and neighbors.'

No fishing license or advance registration is required. Participants can register on-site on the day of the event for \$6 per participant for

Canton residents, who provide proof of residency, and \$8 for nonresidents; cash only please. Participants of all ages must purchase a ribbon that will allow them to cast their line into the pond and take home up to three fish. All anglers must provide their own equipment.

For more information on the Family Fishing Derby or other spring events and programs, call 734-394-5460 or go to www.cantonfun.org.

### Cherry Hill Methodist celebrates 182 years

Cherry Hill United Methodist Church in Canton has reached a milestone of 182 years of service to the communi-

As acknowledgment of the anniversary, U.S. Rep. David Trott attended a recent church service and presented the congregation with an American flag that had flown Feb. 11 over the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, D.C.

Trott also provided the congregation a page from the Congressional Record Proceedings and Debates of the 114th Congress Second Session recognizing the 182nd anniversary of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church

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# Liberty Middle student wins essay contest

**Danielle Alexander** Staff Writer

Community Financial Credit Union recently hosted a Presidents' Day Essay Contest for students in grades 4-8. Students were asked, "Which U.S. president would you like to have lunch with and why?"

Mallory Luttrell, a seventhgrader at Liberty Middle School in Canton, was the firstplace winner in the middle school category.

"Writing comes very easy to me and I have fun doing it," Mallory said. "I also really liked researching the presidents.'

After finding articles on the top five most interesting presidents, Mallory decided to write about Teddy Roosevelt in her

"He gave some speeches and was really good with those," Mallory said. "He even got shot during one of them, but still continued his speech even though he was injured, which I thought was very brave and gave me the vibe that he put his country first."

CFCU manager of community relations Natalie McLaughlin said Mallory's

essay was chosen because she answered the question asked in an "interested and thorough way."
"She connected facts about

Teddy Roosevelt with her interests," McLaughlin said. "Mallory was able to vividly express why he would be an interesting person to have lunch with.

This did not surprise Liberty Middle School teacher Colleen Ramirez. "Her description of 'The Bull Moose' was exactly how I envision her writing about something she is passionate about," Ramirez said.
"I'm proud of her accomplishments and look forward to seeing more of her work in the

In addition to the \$50 prize that Mallory plans to use to purchase new books, the student winners received a pizza party for their classroom with Community Financial president and CEO Bill Lawton.

'Meeting the students and educators was a real joy for me," Lawton said. "I was able to share how my role at Community Financial is similar to the role of president of the United States in that I bring people together to work to-



Assistant Principal Tim Authier (from left), life management teacher Colleen Ramirez, seventh-grader Mallory Luttrell, Community Financial CEO Bill Lawton and education partnership coordinator Erin Ilg take a break from the pizza party to pose for a photo to honor Mallory's winning essay.

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ward a common goal. In addition to meeting some great students and educators, I learned something new about Teddy Roosevelt!"

The Presidents' Day Essay

contest is an annual contest hosted by Community Financial to support education and help teachers meet core competency goals. For more in-

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# Common Core testimony encouraged

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, is encouraging concerned teachers, parents and students to share their experiences with Michigan's Common Core standards April 26 at the Senate Education Committee's meeting.

"Our goal as a state should be to create the best educational environment for our students," Colbeck said. "Looking at the educational performance data from Michigan over the past six years since Common Core standards were adopted in 2010, it is evident that there is much room for improvement when only 50 percent of thirdgraders can read and only 28 percent of high school juniors

are proficient in math." Feedback provided by

teachers, students and parents April 19 at the Education Committee meeting indicated strong support for adopting new education standards, which would be achieved with the passage of Senate Bill 826.

The bill, introduced by Colbeck, would repeal the state's current Common Core standards and replace them with the proven pre-Common Core state of Massachusetts standards. The bill is based on HB 5444, which was drafted by state Rep. Gary Glenn, with input from concerned educa-

tors, parents and students. "The pre-Common Core Massachusetts standards were ranked number one in the nation based on student performance. Such a framework would better enable Michigan to become a top 10 education state in 10 years, a goal set by the Michigan Department of Education in December of 2015," Colbeck

Individuals concerned about the future of Michigan's education system and the opportunities it offers are encouraged to offer testimony at the SB 826 Common Core hearing at 8 a.m. Tuesday, April 26, in Room 110 of the Farnum Building, located at 125 W. Allegan St., Lansing.

### **ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS**

### **Initiated**

Marina DeBiasi of Plymouth was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. DeBiasi is pursuing a degree in chemical engineering at Florida Institute of Technology

DeBiasi is among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors,

having at least 72 semester hours, are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction

### **Graduates**

Marc Robinson of Canton recently graduate with a master's degree in physician assistant studies from Eastern Michigan University. This is the university's first PA graduating class and he is one of 18 students graduating. He is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and served on a medical evacuation team



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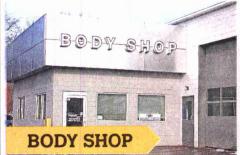
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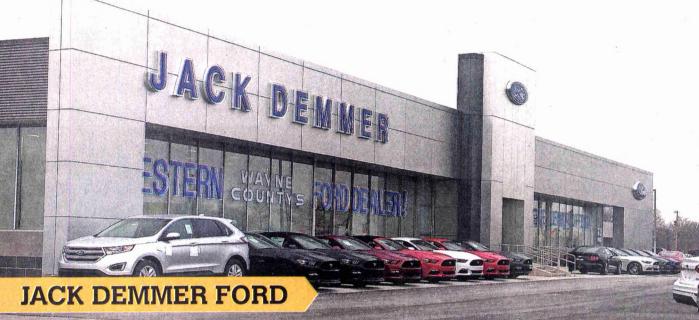
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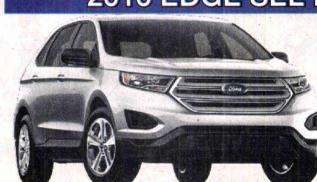
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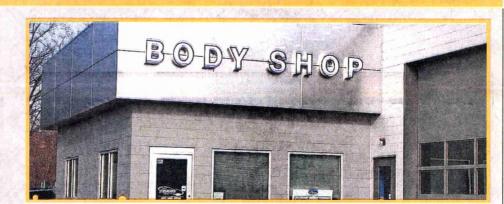
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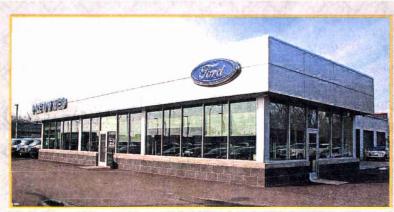
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# Food, cooking demos draw folks to Sunday Winter Market

Julie Brown Staff Write

Anna Woosencraft and fiance Michael Morgan were shopping Sunday, April 17, at Canton's Winter Market.

"We go to the summer one a lot," said Woosencraft, trying out a salsa. "The food. For me, that's what it is."

She also likes the cooking demonstrations, with her fiance Morgan adding, "The food, I think I would agree with that' of what he likes.

Nearby that Sunday at the Summit at the Park was Kristi Zebrowski of Westland, of Grace Savory & Sweet in Westland. She makes spice

"I'm also doing a cooking demonstration today," of sweet potato and apple soup, as well as caramelized onion and chard crustless quiche, she added.

Zebrowski usually does the cooking demonstrations once a month. "I take produce and different ingredients from the vendors," she said. Of growing up, she added, "I just always had an interest in cooking at

Work then took her to Chicago, where she studied culinary arts at Le Cordon Bleu. She's done the Canton market since 2012. "It's fantastic," Zebrowski said. "I love the environment. The patrons are great. It's a fun destination.'



JULIE BROWN

Kristi Zebrowski of Westland's Grace Savory & Sweet enjoys doing her cooking demonstration at Sunday's Winter Market

She also does the Pittsfield Township market each Thursday. Of Sunday's sunny skies and warm temperatures for the final "winter" market of the season, a smiling Zebrowski said, "With the winters here in Michigan, you just never

Rick Kelp of Plymouth was there with his U.P. Pasties, which has a store in downtown Plymouth and has been in business six years. He's done the Canton market going on three years and in summer does some 25, as far west as Muskegon and Saugatuck.

"My wife had a great idea," Kelp said. "She'd been making them ever since she was 13 years old." Wife Kim is his

partner in the business. "At our store, we talk about where they came

from and what they're all about," he said of pasties, started in Cornwall, England, and later eaten by men working in Michigan's Upper Peninsula copper mines.

The Kelps sell some 5,000 to 8,000 pasties in the summer from the combined farmers markets, plus their store sales. They get staff help in running some markets, with Rick Kelp handling Farmington's.

Also represented at the winter market was Jar Head Salsa & Tortilla Chip Co. of Flint. The salsas were developed by David Smith, a retired gunnery sergeant and cook in the U.S. Marine

Anna Woosencraft (left) and fiance Michael Morgan of Canton visit with Cheryl Brittingham of Grand Blanc, from Jar Head Salsa & Tortilla Chip Co. of Flint, at the Canton market April 17.

Corps.
"He's the one that created the salsa when he was a cook" in the service, said Cheryl Brittingham of Grand Blanc.

Brittingham and husband Glen have a chip plant for the operation in Rockwood. "We call it our chip plant, but we make them," she said of the tortilla chips. "They're actually made from scratch. Made with

Marine Smith was 'born and raised" in Michigan and in 2009 came to Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 822 in Flint with his idea. A

portion of proceeds is donated back to the VFW, Cheryl Brittingham explained, totaling nearly \$50,000 to date.

David Smith makes two salsas, mild and spicy, while the Brittinghams do the chips, the queso and can the salsa and bloody Mary mix. "We actually do that from the salsa," she said of the bloody Mary mix.

Of the VFW Post 822, she said, "Very active. We do a lot of work with veterans." She and Glen are auxiliary members there and David Smith has been post commander several times.

The Canton Farmers Market will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Sunday, rain or shine, May 15 through Oct. 16 and will be closed July 3. It will be at Preservation Park, 500 N. Ridge Road, and will feature entertainment, activities for kids. cooking and gardening. The open air market will feature a variety of Michigan-grown and made food as well as handcrafted items. Go to www.cantonfun.org or on Facebook /CantonFarmersMarket.

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### Plymouth Garden Club to celebrate its 80th year

Eighty years and still going strong, the Plymouth Garden Club will celebrate its 1936 charter in May with the Women's National Farm & Garden Association. Since that early beginning, women have continued to share in the core values developed in those early days

friendship and gardening interests.

The club contributes proceeds from its greens sale during the holiday season, to local, state and national organizations that support environmental and horticultural causes. It also awards

Canton high school students. Members are also involved in numerous community projects, some of which are city plantings, Scarecrow in the Park, Christmas Tree in the Park, 4th of July Parade and the DTE Garden, to name a few.

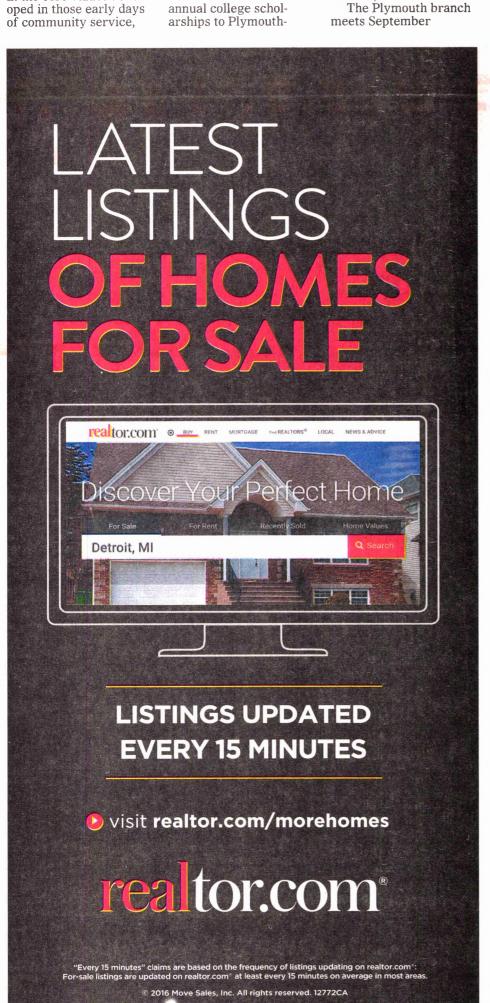
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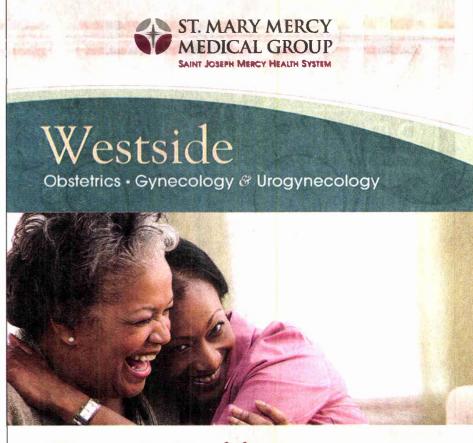
through June on the second Monday of each month. Meetings are at noon and are usually held at the Plymouth Library, although some meetings and special events are held at members' homes.

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# Check out 2016 Maxima at Nissan of Canton

The redesigned 2016 Nissan Maxima is a powerful, good-handling sedan that stays true to the nameplate's performance-oriented heritage and features an upscale interior that befits its price. You can view and test drive one at Nissan of Canton, 42175 Michigan Ave.

"Maxima" is Nissan's longest continually-inuse nameplate, and the eighth-generation car is a boldly styled sedan that draws heavily from the Nissan Sport Sedan Concept.

Ever since the Nissan Altima grew into a midsize family sedan in the early 2000s, the Maxima hasn't fit neatly into a segment. Nissan says the 2016 Maxima is designed to compete with larger, traditional full-size sedans like the Chevrolet Impala and Toyota Avalon, as well as appeal to buyers looking to move up to a luxury car, like the Acura TLX.

The 2016 Maxima is offered in five trim levels - S, SV, SL, SR and Platinum — that determine the level of equipment; accessories are available, but there are no option packages. We drove an SL, which is priced at \$37,715, and the 38,495 SR. That one is the most performancefocused model, with unique suspension bushings, springs, shocks, front stabilizer bar and chassis bracing, in addition to 19-inch alloy wheels with stickier Goodyear tires (prices include an \$825 destination charge).

### **Exterior and styling**

The Maxima brings Nissan's Energetic Flow design language to its sedan lineup. Signature cues include a plunging grille bordered by LED daytime running lights and gloss-black pillar finishes that give the roof a floating appearance - something Nis-



san says is inspired by a fighter jet's canopy. The front end is aggressive the car looks menacing when you see it coming up on you in your rear-view mirror --- and also memorable. It's a design that demands a reaction, good or bad.

### **How it drives**

Large cars may be known for a forgiving, comfortable ride quality, but that's not the Maxima formula. Compared with a Chevrolet Impala or Chrysler 300, which both do a good job smoothing out bumps and cracks in the road, the Maxima is a much more connected, tighterhandling car. There's remarkably little body roll when driving quickly through a corner. You feel bumps, but they're dealt with in a refined

The SR trim level's unique suspension is considerably firmer and busier; you feel more road imperfections, even smaller ones, and the impact is harsher when you hit a big pavement crack. It's a little too rough-riding for me, especially considering the good ride-and-handling balance the regular

suspension provides. You'll want the SR trim if you really care about steering feel, as it offers the best of the bunch. Press the Sport button in an SR, however, and the steering wheel gains a nice, firm heft to it and some feedback through the wheel. It feels right in this performance-focused trim.

All trim levels benefit from the performance of the standard 3.5-liter V-6 engine, which provides smooth, effortless acceleration. Rated at 300 horsepower, the V-6 still has power to spare for a quick pass at highway speeds. It pairs with a continuously variable automatic transmission that's programmed to act like a conventional automatic at low speeds for a more traditional driving experience, according to Nissan.

The Maxima shows how far CVT technology has come recently, at least when paired with a powerful engine. It's mostly unobtrusive, with only a hint of the droning that's associated with this type of transmission when you accelerate hard. If you've been driving a car with a conventional automatic, this CVT won't seem strange or different.

One of the benefits of a CVT is that it's able to quickly increase engine speed when you want more power because it doesn't need to shift to a lower gear. The Maxima's CVT is very responsive; nudge the gas pedal and engine rpm immediately increases, providing more power.

CVTs usually enhance gas mileage, and the Maxima's EPA-estimated 25 mpg combined rating tops most V-6 competitors by a few mpg or so.

### Interior

Overall quality and attention to detail is very good. The standard leather-wrapped steering wheel feels great; it's even better in the SR, which has Alcantara simulated-suede inserts. The upper sections of the doors are finished with soft-touch material that's a comfortable alternative to the door armrests. The center console has a padded section to rest your knee against, and there's real stitching on the doors, console and dashboard. One element that doesn't look premium, however, is the simulated metal finish on the dashboard, doors and center con-

sole. It doesn't look real. Fighter jets also informed the layout of the cabin controls, according to Nissan. The center dashboard control panel is angled 7 degrees toward the driver, and center console controls are close at hand.

The new Maxima's roofline is 1.3 inches lower, which contributes to the sedan's hunkereddown look.

The Maxima has the latest version of Nissan's NASA-inspired Zero Gravity front seats.

the 2016 Nissan Maxima. They're finished in cloth (S), leather (SV and SL), premium leather with quilted Alcantara inserts (SR) or premium leather

with quilted leather in-

### **Ergonomics and** electronics

serts (Platinum).

Digital screens are rapidly taking over the dashboards of modern cars, and there are two in the Maxima: a 7-inch screen between the gauges and an 8-inch touch-screen in the center of the dashboard. The gauge cluster screen lets you cycle through different modes to see information like speed and heading, trip data, tire pressure and active safety features. The dashboard screen is the primary display for the standard navigation system and multimedia functions. The Display Commander control knob on the center console can also operate the dashboard touch-screen.

### Cargo and storage

The Maxima's 14.3cubic-foot trunk is nicely shaped, and the trunk lid's support arms move within an enclosed area, so there's no risk of them crushing your cargo. The release straps for the 60/40-split folding backseat are in the trunk. The rear seatbacks fold flat with the trunk floor.

The Maxima has a media bin just ahead of the center console cupholders. The bin is large enough for an iPhone 6 Plus, according to Nissan, and it's also where the car's two standard USB ports are located.

### Safety

Most of the Maxima's active safety features come on SL and higher trims. These models have standard blind spot warning, rear crosstraffic alert, adaptive cruise control, forward collision warning with autonomous braking and predictive forward collision warning. Predictive forward collision warning uses low-mounted radar to "see" under the car directly ahead of you to the next one in line. The system can issue a warning if it senses that car slowing suddenly even if you can't see it yourself.

The top-of-the-line Platinum trim adds a surround camera system with moving-object detection and a drowsydriver warning system. Drowsy-driver warning compares steering inputs at the beginning of a drive with ones later in the trip to determine if the driver is getting tired and needs to take a break.

### Value in its class

Years ago, Nissan dubbed the Maxima the 4-Door Sports Car. It's an ambitious tagline, but it reflects the fact that the car caters to a specific type of buyer: the driving enthusiast who still needs sedan practicality. The 2016 Maxima is no different from its predecessors in this regard, but its new level of luxury — both in terms of cabin materials and features — now makes it a credible alternative to entry-luxury sedans. If you're shopping sport sedans, it's worth a test drive.

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### **PANEL**

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which she called "the best in years," could increase funding to Plymouth-Canton by \$120 per pupil.

The panel, which met again Thursday evening, is divided into three subgroups, each with a distinct focus to increase enrollment. Developing community ambassadors is the focus of one group. It is expected the district would have 40-60 community members to serve as ambassadors for the district.

Ambassadors could serve as the spokespeople for each school, introducing new parents and students and showing what the district has to offer, Merritt said

"They will help us build better community relations," Soenen added.

Meanwhile, the panel will have a breakfast May 5 to which area Realtors will be invited. The goal is to inform them about the district and what it has to offer students and families. The event will begin at 7 a.m. at the PARC in downtown Plymouth. "This is a big step forward for our district," Soenen said.

Armed with information and even brochures about the district, Realtors can talk up the schools to clients, Soenen added: "Right now, they have no information."

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allow district ambassadors to work with new families in school registration and tours of buildings and to answer questions

With the focus on increasing enrollment, a second sub-group will be charged with focusing on increasing enrollment in the district's early childhood program. "We have to get them in there and keep them in the district," Soenen said. "This is absolutely critical to our long-term success."

The district is faced with tough competition from charter schools, as well as declining demographics.

With the requirement for full-time kindergarten, the district is involved in "aggressive recruitment" for the early childhood program.

A third sub-group will focus on data gathering and analysis. Exit interviews for families living the district has been skimpy. But that is expected to change. "We need to know why they are leaving," Soenen said.

Merritt added: "We want to reach those who left us or who never came to us.'

In many cases, she said, families choose

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Soenen said that about 70 students have returned from charter schools to the Ply mouth-Canton district. "But we don't know why they came back," he said.

To find out more information, the panel will conduct a survey working with an outside company, Insight – in May to determine what community members, especially parents, are looking for in the schools, as well as programming and other information.

'We will have a marketing and communications campaign for it. It will be a digital survey," said Nick Brandon, district spokesman.

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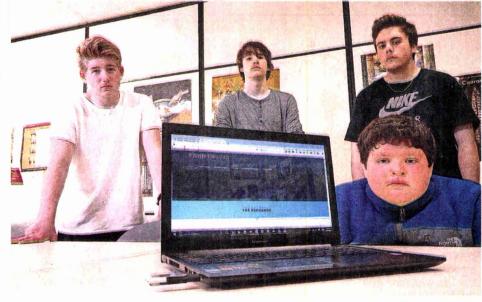
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The team of students for the project "Diseases: Friend or Foe?" included (from left) Jake Schnorberger, Gage Fisher, Alex Estes and Chris Flick (seated).

### **HISTORY**

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proach to education, a core principal at New School, which opened last summer.

The projects also require collaboration. "We really emphasize the review process and how you you need to get edits done and how you need to get people to review your work," said Gary Pettit, the National History Day director of communications.

Even students who put their projects together individually, instead of with a team, must have others weigh in on their work, Pettit said. (New School had only teambuilt projects.)

The projects also combine skills in several subject areas: history plus language arts and computer skills, for example. "They get graded on at least three classes,' said Hillary Hanel, a New School history teacher.

Hanel, who formerly worked at the Detroit Institute of Art, was a National History Day project judge last year and brought the idea to New School.

### **Broad theme**

This year's theme was "Exploration, Encounter & Exchange in History,' which gives judges a basis for evaluating projects, but is broad enough to include topics that will hold students' interest, Pettit said.

"We want them to pick mething they're going to enjoy researching, because they're putting a lot of work into this," he

No matter the medium, Pettit said, every



A study of the history of the World Wide Web was completed by (from left) Sophia Cabrera, Kaylee Johnson and Kali Greene.



Hilary Hanel teaches history at New School High in Plymouth Township.

project has a writing component, as each entry must include a process paper that details the steps taken to research and complete the work, and an annotated hibliography of sources.

"We had to try and find something with reliable background information on it all," Chris Flick, a sophomore from Canton Township, said Tuesday at New School. Not all sources that can

be found on the web, for example, are reliable, Chris said.

Chris and his team --freshmen Jake Schnorberger of Livonia and Gage Fischer of Redford Township and sophomore Alex Estes of Detroit put together a website on diseases that Europeans brought to the New World. Those diseases, such as smallpox, ended up wiping out millions of Native Americans.

"Many of the diseases that were back then are still around for the most part," but are not as lethal because of advances in medicine, Chris said.

Another team, freshmen Kali Greene of Livonia and Sophia Cabrera of Plymouth and sophomore Kaylee Johnson, did a project on the history of the web. Their medium, of course, was the web itself.

"If we used a website, it kind of fit into the theme more," Kali said.

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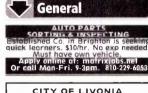
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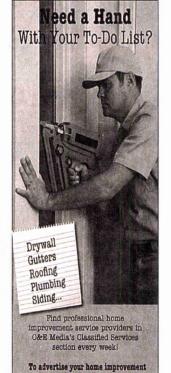
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# Lawmaker introduces bill modifying pension tax

**Kathleen Gray** Michigan.com

Plenty of lawmakers on both sides of the aisle have proposed repealing the income tax on pensions that was proposed by Gov. Rick Snyder and approved by the Legislature in 2011.

The proposals, however, have gone nowhere as the tax was part of a broader plan to lower business taxes that were the linchpin of Snyder's first year in office.

But one legislator's first bill, which was introduced last week, might have a better chance: state Rep. Gary Howell, R-North Branch, was elected March 8 to fill the seat vacated by state Rep. Todd Courser, R-Lapeer, who resigned amid a sex and cover-up scandal.

Howell would like to see the pension tax modified so that more people wouldn't have to pay it. Right now, people born before 1946 don't pay any income tax on pensions. Those born between 1946 and 1952 get to exempt a portion of their pension

proceeds from the income tax, while those born after 1952 can ultimately exempt a much smaller portion of their pension from the tax. Howell's bill would extend the middle group to people with pensions born between 1946 and 1961 — meaning most baby boomers would get a bigger break from the

The tax raises about \$300 million a year for the state.

The bill was among dozens introduced last week in the Legislature, including a requirement that lobbyists submit quarterly financial disclosure reports; allowing an electronic driver's license; and a pair of bills that would ban guns from being carried openly or concealed in any building owned or leased by the state, as well as a provision repealing the ban on bringing signs into the state Capitol.

### **House bills**

HB 5530-5531: Modify the definition of an independent transmission company as it relates to

electric utilities. Sponsor: Rep. Triston Cole, R-Mancelona

HB 5532: Eliminate the requirement that a morel mushroom buyer be certified. Sponsor: Rep. Triston Cole, R-Mancelo-

HB 5533: Provide for regulation and oversight of physician's assistants. Sponsor: Rep. Ed Canfield, R-Sebawaing.

HB 5534: Modify the income tax limitations and restrictions on pension benefits. Sponsor: Rep. Gary Howell, R-North Branch.

**HB 5535**: Require quarterly financial disclosure reports from lobbyists. Sponsor: Rep. Gary Glenn, R-Midland.

HB 5536 and SB 882: Allow another family member to use parenting time when a parent is on active military duty outside of Michigan. Sponsors: Rep. Hank Vaupel, R-Handy Township; Sen. Joe Hune, R-Whitmore

**HB 5537**: Allow for do-not-resuscitate designations on state identification cards. Sponsor: Rep. Hank Vaupel, R-

Handy Township. **HB 5538**: Require the

Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association to disclose actuarial data that is used to set rates. Sponsor: Rep. Peter Lucido, R-Shelby Township.

HB 5539: Provide for an electronic driver's license. Sponsor: Rep. Peter Lucido, R-Shelby Township. **HB 5540-5541**: Allow

for different addresses on a driver's license and actual residence address, and allow those addresses on the qualified voter file. Sponsor: Rep. Peter Lucido, R-Shelby Town-

**HB 5542-5544**: Allow for the expungement of convictions and setting aside of juvenile proceedings on prostitution charges for victims of human trafficking. And provide penalties for causing bodily injury or forcing commercial sexual activity on a minor. Sponsors: Reps. Laura Cox, R-Livonia; Gary Howell, R-North Branch: Nancy Jenkins, R-Clay-

**HB 5545**: Change the filing requirements for

claiming state essential services special assessments. Sponsor: Rep. Jeff Farrington, R-Utica.

HB 5546: Revise the adverse possession of property statute period for 30 years. Sponsor: Rep. Pat Somerville, R-New Boston.

HB 5547: Create penalties for providing raw human milk for human consumption. Sponsor: Rep. George Darany, D-Dearborn.

HB 5548-5551: Expand the definition of a veteran and period of war for purposes of compensating an estate for burial expenses, contributions to the Veterans' Trust Fund and on driver's licenses. Sponsors: Reps. Mary Whiteford, R-Casco Township; Gary Howell, R-North Branch; Holly Hughes, R-White River Township.

HB 5552: Increase the number of governing bodies authorized to establish promise zones for higher education financial aid. Sponsor: Rep. Phil Phelps, D-Flushing.

**HB 5553-5554**: Require testing for lead levels and other contaminants in water supplied to colleges, universities and hospitals. Sponsor: Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-

Westland. HB 5555: Require reporting of school lockdown drills. Sponsor: Rep. Robert Kosowski,

D-Westland. HB 5556: Allow fire departments to collect restitution for arson fires. Sponsor: Rep. Larry Inman, R-Williams-

HB 5557-5558: Allow companies to file their corporate income tax returns under the Michigan business tax. Sponsors: Rep. Jeff Farrington, R-Utica; Robert Ko-

sowski, D-Westland. **HB 5559**: Require certain positioning of child safety seats depending on the weight of the child. Sponsor, Rep. Laura Cox, R-Livonia.

HB 5560: Designate the monarch butterfly as the official state insect. Sponsor: Rep. Aric Nesbitt, R-Lawton.

HB 5561: Modify home inspection procedures and regulations. Sponsor: Rep. Joseph Graves, R-Linden.

### **NEILSON**

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The primary is Tues-

day, Aug. 2. Each of the five hopes to follow Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township. Heise, first elected in 2010, cannot seek re-election because of term limits and is running for supervisor in Plymouth Township.

### Veteran lawyer

Neilson, 61, is a founding partner of Lipson, Neilson, Cole, Seltzer, Garin, which has offices in Bloomfield Hills. Grand Rapids, Las Vegas and Phoenix. His wife, Lisa Neilson, is a Wayne Circuit Court judge in the family and domestic division.

He described himself as a longtime activist in Republican politics and a fiscal conservative who nevertheless believes that principal doesn't mean we can simply not deal with an issue."

Some mechanisms in state government, he said, "have completely broken down" — he pointed to the water crisis in Flint as an example of failed state oversight — and government should be acting with foresight to avoid such problems rather than dealing with them when they become emergencies.

Better planning and more efficiencies, Neilson said, can save the state money in the long

As an example he cited the state's corrections and courts systems. Technical and structural barriers in some court proceedings, he said, cause people undue hardship, while the corrections department, with many prisoners suffering from mental problems, needs a more robust mental health program, which could put ex-cons on a better path and keep them from returning to

crime. "Studies have shown that the application of a good mental health program reduces the recidivism rate by a tremendous amount and that saves tax dollars," he

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### **Touts mediating** skills

Neilson said his experience in running a small business — his law firm was founded in 1985 and in working in the courts, where he sees everyday people facing tough challenges, have given him a perspective that would be valuable in Lansing.

Neilson is also a trained mediator and

said he could use those skills to bridge the Legislature's partisan divide. "I don't believe in ever sacrificing principals," he added.

He listed other issues that would be at the top of his agenda if elected:

» Support for public education.

» Managing growth, especially as it may apply to the 20th District. Neilson said he is progrowth, but that growth

shouldn't outstrip infrastructure capacity or endanger the environment and outdoor recreation opportunities.

» Keeping young college graduates in Michigan, perhaps with some type of student debt relief.

Neilson said he is not looking to become a

career politician. "I just want to go there and see that the citizens of the 20th District are getting good value for the tax dollars that they're paying," he

The district is made up of Plymouth and Plymouth Township, Northville Township and the Wayne County portion of the city of Northville, plus a part of eastern Canton Township.

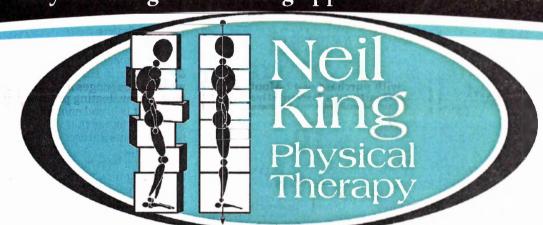
Neilson has a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Michigan, a law

degree from the University of Detroit (now the University of Detroit-Mercy) and a master's degree in tax law from New York University.

Steven Valentini, a real-estate agent from Northville Township, had also entered the Republican 20th District race, but dropped out a couple of weeks ago.

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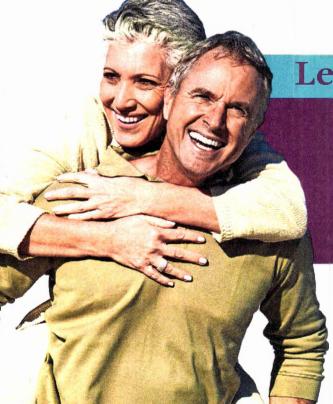
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### PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### **OLGC GROUND BREAKING**

Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 24

Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, northwest corner of Beck and North Territorial roads, Plymouth **Township** 

Details: Ground breaking for new 30,000-square-foot expanion. Archbishop Alan Vigneron, additional OLGC parish leaders and representatives from various contractors will be in attendance. The public is welcome

### **JAZZ @THE ELKS**

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

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

Details: The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks hosts Jazz @ The Elks this week featuring, Los Gatos Latin. Pete Siers, founder and percussionist, says that the band has a small group sound with a lot more jazz influence, low volume, high intensity, playing ageless material like Tjader and others. Joining Siers will be conquero and lead singer, Al DiBlassio; Brian DiBlassio on keys; Cary Kocher on vibes; Kurt

Krahnke on bass; and Siers on timbales. Go to www.losgatos music.com

Cost: \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres

### **RELAYS FOR LIFE** Time/Date: 10 a.m. Saturday,

May 14, for Canton; 11 a.m. Saturday, June 11, for Plymouth Location: For Canton: Heritage Park; For Plymouth: Kellogg Park

Details: Relay for Life events in Canton and Plymouth. The American Cancer Society is recruiting teams from local families, businesses, schools and places of worship, among other

Contact: Relay for Life of Canton www.relayforlife. org/CantonMI; Relay for Life of Plymouth www.relayforlife. org/PlymouthMI

### WHODUNIT AT **BAREFOOT**

Time/Date: 2 p.m. April 24 and May 1

**Location:** Barefoot Productions Theater, 240 N. Main, Plymouth Details: The production group will stage "Laura," written by Vera Caspary and George Sklar. It is a murder mystery about a gritty detective, Mark McPherson, who is assigned to find out

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**PARADE** Time/Date: 9 a.m. Monday, May

Location: Plymouth, Main

**Details:** 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 are planning the 2016 Plymouth Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony.

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

### **ACTS OF CULTURE**

Time/Date: Sunday, May 1, through Sunday, May 8 Location: Various locations in

Details: Canton will once again focus a spotlight on arts and

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culture during the sixth annual Canton Acts of Culture Week. The week-long event, presented by the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage, will begins Sunday, May 1, and continues through Sunday, May 8, at various community loca-

Contact: A complete calendar of Canton Acts of Culture Week events is available at www.cantonfun.org. For more information, call 734-394-5360.

### **DEMENTIA WORKSHOP**

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon each Wednesday through May

Location: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi

Details: The Area Agency on Aging 1-B and the Alzheimer's Association-Greater Michigan Chapter host free educational workshops for families caring for someone with a dementiarelated illness, such as Alzheimer's disease. The Creating Confident Caregivers program is a six-week workshop series.

Contact: Advance registration is required. To register, call the AAA 1-B at 800-852-7795. For more details or additional information, go to

### www.aaa1b.com **BOOK AND AUTHOR** LUNCH

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. Friday, May 6

Location: Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center, 8768 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township

Details: The Friends of the Plymouth District Library will host the annual Book and Author luncheon. Mystery writer and Michigan native Bryan Gruley will speak

Contact: plymouthlibrary.org **FRIENDS HOST BANKRUPTCY JUDGE** 

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday,

May 12

Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street Details: The Friends of the Plymouth District Library will host U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Steven Rhodes who will present, "The Detroit Bankruptcy Case: An Insider's View from One Year

### **COMEDY FOR A CAUSE**

Time/Date: 8 p.m. April 29 Location: Big Tommy's, 40380 Grand River Ave. in Novi

Details: Come show your support for deployed military troops. Big Tommy's will host a fundraiser for Troops Need Love Too, a Michigan nonprofit supporting deployed military. The evening features 10 comedians performing; two are veterans. 50/50 and silent auction planned, as well

Cost: Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door.

Contact: Call 248-762-1151 for tickets

### **CANCER SUPPORT** Time/Date: 6-7:30 p.m. third

Monday of each month **Details:** Connecting with others

who know what it is to have lung cancer can help during this difficult time. To start, join the Lung Cancer Support Group at the Beaumont Cancer Center-Farmington Hills, 27900 Grand River Ave., Suite 230. Thoracic surgeon Dr. David Sternberg leads the group. The group is open to anyone living with lung cancer and their loved ones. Meetings are free the third Monday each month. For more information, call 248-473-4828.

### **WIDOWED FRIENDS**

Time/Date: 9 a.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

Details: Join Widowed Friends, a peer support group, hosting a Men's Only Breakfast and Fel-

lowship at Steve's Family Restaurant, 15800 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. Contact Dick at 313-534-

Time/Date: 9 a.m. the first and third Monday of each month. Details: Join Widowed Friends, a peer support group, hosting a Ladies Only Breakfast and Fellowship at Connor's Restaurant, Haggerty/Five Mile Road, Northville. To save a seat, con-

tact Carol at 313-562-3080. Time/Date: 9 a.m. the first Thursday of each month.

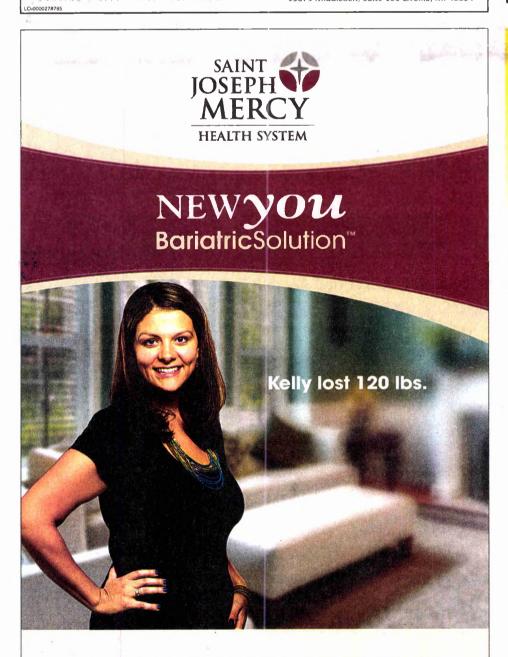
Details: Join Widowed Friends, a peer support group, hosting Co-Ed Breakfast at Richard's Restaurant, on Plymouth Road at Eckles Road. Contact Jerry at 734-455-2651.

### **SENIOR PROGRAMMING**

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday **Location:** Friendship Station Senior Center, 42375 Schoolcraft, Plymouth Township

Details: The Plymouth Community Council on Aging announces new programs for senior community from the city of Plymouth and Plymouth Township Upcoming programs and events will include Chair Exercise, Free Wii Bowling, Knitting & Crocheting Class, Craft Classes, Free Drop in Game Day, Senior Cardio Fitness and Senior Yoga. In addition to the new programs, the center will offer free monthly bingo beginning Feb. 16. Presently, the Community Senior Transportation is at the Friendship Station. The center will offer Focus Hope distribution and a newly created food pantry.

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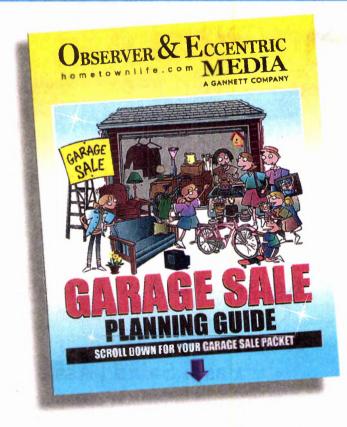
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# More nightly closures on I-275 planned as shutdown looms

David Veselenak Staff Writer

More lane closures are coming to Interstate 275 as construction crews prepare for work that will result in one direction of the freeway shutting down at a time this summer.

Starting this week, several closures will take place along the project overnight, going from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. nightly until May 2. According to the Michigan Department of Transportation, those closures are all in Oakland County and include:

» The north I-275 ramp to west I-96 will have one lane closed and one lane open.

» The north I-275 ramp to north M-5 will have one lane closed and one lane open.

» The west I-696 ramp to north M-5 will close and traffic will be detoured.

» The east I-96 ramp to south I-275 will have one lane closed and one lane open.

These are in addition to other lane closures for work continuing, including along Seven Mile in Livonia and Haggerty on the Farmington Hills/Novi border near I-96/1-696/I-275.

The \$75 million project is expected to see the southbound side of the freeway shut down between Five Mile and the I-96/I-696/M-5 inter-

change sometime in early May for extensive repairs. Once the southbound lanes are complete, that side of the freeway will reopen and the northbound lanes in that stretch will then shut down for work. The work is expected to take one construction season to complete.

### No confirmed shutdown date

Todd Zilincik, city engineer for Livonia, said Monday during the Livonia City Council regular meeting that May 2 was the date mentioned for closing the freeway.

"They're getting the word out. Work has started on the weekends," he said. "I also ask for patience for the first couple weeks the project is shut down, because we will have to work with Wayne County and MDOT to tweak some of the (traffic) signals if there is an issue."

MDOT spokeswoman Diane Cross said May 2, which is a Monday, is one of several dates being discussed as a possible day for shutdown, but said it could not be confirmed, as prep work is still needed before that can happen. It was announced last week the shutdown would take place sometime in early

Cross said that work on the Haggerty bridges needs to be completed before the southbound direction of the freeway can shut down.

"The bridge work is the unknown factor and, once we get underneath Haggerty's multiple bridges and determine exactly what work is needed, we will then have a better idea on the repair work and then can determine a southbound closure date," she wrote in an email.

Zilincik said several city officials from Livonia, Farmington Hills and Novi are expected to meet with MDOT sometime next week to go over more logistics with the closure, including emergency access and other information.

The freeway was discussed during the Monday meeting as the city approved \$709,000 in funds for the project as a part of Act 51 funding. That standard the city is required to cover was unanimously approved by the council.

More information on the construction project can be found at revive275.com.

Councilwoman Cathy
White reminded residents who regularly travel the freeway that now
may be a good time to try
and find a way to get
around without it.

"I think it would be good to point out to the public that it might not be too early to find that alternate route," she said.

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College savings experts from MET and MESP will provide the features and benefits of Michigan's 529 college savings plans to educate parents, grandparents and others about saving for college. Attendees will also have the opportunity to purchase a MET contract and open

an MESP account. MET will waive the \$25 enrollment fee.

"This is the perfect event for anyone who has questions about saving for college or need assistance with opening a MET or MESP account," said Robin Lott, executive director of



# P-CEP students to run 'super' fundraiser

Runners and walkers will lace up Sunday, May 1, for the sixth annual Super Jess 5K Charity Run at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

The event is a fundraiser for Plymouth-Canton families and individuals who are going through a medical crisis. Dubbed the SJ5K for short, the event includes a five-kilometer (3.2 miles) and a one-mile course. The pre-race ceremony begins at 7:45 a.m.

Since 2011, the SJ5K has raised more than \$230,000 and has provided support and financial help to 14 different fam-

The SJ5K is organized and run by P-CEP National Honor Society students. It is named for Jesse Lindlbauer, who was a P-CEP student when he suffered a traumatic brain injury due to illness; the Lindlbauer family benefited from the first SJ5K in

There are five recipients this year, including Ann Slomkowski, a teacher at West Middle School who is battling cancer for the second time; Torrance Johnson, an Eriksson Elementary student with muscular dystrophy; and Chris White, a 21-year-old alumni with a brain tumor.

To sign up for the 2016 SJ5K or form a team, donate, volunteer at the event or become a sponsor, go to www.sj5k.org. The site includes a history of the event, photographs from last year's race and stories about the people and families the fundraiser has helped.

Charlotte Clark, coordinator of the 2016 SJ5K, can be reached via email at sj5kcommunity@gmail.com.

# Canton Preparatory teens new to robotics, learning quickly

**Julie Brown** Staff Writer

Canton Preparatory High School is new to robotics competition this year — and coming on strong.

"We started the program in January, actually, a bit late," said Matthew Chesney, school principal. He's impressed the ninth- and 10th-graders were able to build a robot in such a short time

"They're pretty dedicated young students," Chesney said. "Ultimately, it just took a lot of hard work, planning and late nights.

He also tips his hat to mentors in engineering from the business community who helped a great deal. The Canton Preparatory team has 12 core members in ninth and 10th grades. Students compete in FIRST (For Inspiration and Recog-

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nition of Science and Technology) events.

The Canton Preparatory students call their team "Will-Er-Run," with their principal noting, "A lot of the work on the robot, we had a partnership with the Willow Run Airport and the Yankee Air Museum."

A plane there had a history of being iffy in terms of flight capability, hence the name. The students decided, "We're going to make the best effort we can," Chesney

Student Payal Saraiya, a 10th-grade participant, wrote in an email, "Robotics was a great experience for me because I got to learn new things that I would never learn in an ordinary classroom; I got to build and code the robot and make new friends that would last for a lifetime. I have also learned the importance of teamwork and unity

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Team "Will-Er-Run" from Canton Preparatory High School competed in March at the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) in Michigan district event at Livonia Churchill High School.

through this journey. When I grow up, I want to become an engineer and joining robotics has helped me take that first step towards my dream career and I can't thank my school enough for giving me this opportuni-

The teens competed earlier this year locally at Ann Arbor Skyline and Livonia Churchill High School competitions, taking sixth at Livonia and eighth at Ann Arbor. "In our first year, that's pretty incredible," Chesney said, adding they were named Rookie of the Year at the Livoniahosted competition.

"When we started the season, we had no inkling we were going to have a successful robot," Chesney said. For recent state competition in Grand Rapids, logistics made it difficult, such as short

notice and hotel arrangements, to compete.

At Grand Rapids, the Canton Preparatory students didn't compete, instead going Saturday to interview with the Rookie All-Star judges.

'They're learning teamwork. They're learning problem-solving,' Chesney said. He praised the teens' "intellectual stamina. There are a lot of failures along the way. Through those challenges and stumbling blocks, you develop that academic stamina.

Such effort helps students "to keep pushing forward to keep trying in the face of adversity," he added. "We're really looking forward to next year, next season. We've still got a lot of work to

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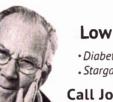
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# NPS adopts controversial novel recommendation

Danielle Alexander Staff Writer

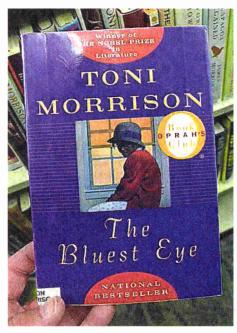
The Northville Public Schools Board of Education last week unanimously (minus Trustee James Mazurek, who was excused) approved the updated recommendation made by the level three committee reviewers concerning Toni Morrison's controversial novel "The Bluest Eye" taught in Northville High School's AP English literature and composition course.

The adjusted and now adopted recommendation includes three options for the final unit of study: "The Bluest Eye' by Morrison (224 pages), "The Sound and the Fury" by William Faulkner (368 pages) or selections from "50 Essays" by Samuel Cohen (100 pages).

Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services Deanna Barash said there was considerable thought put into all three texts. She also said AP English literature and composition teacher Chris Cronin had to make significant changes in his instructional plans, including reserving the media center for class periods, which will provide students with more space while participating in Socratic seminars with those who read the same text, as well as wholegroup conversations since all three text options share similar themes.

"The committee, but especially Chris Cronin, really did thoughtful work that maintains the rigor for academic excellence and also good preparation for the AP exam," Barash said.

The recommendation also calls for more explicit and transparent communication to parents and students concerning both this book's



controversial novel "The Bluest Eye' was the subject of some debate in the Northville **Public Schools** district.

community members

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» Eighteen-year-olds

» Eighteen-year-olds

should be exposed to the

» The book is relat-

» Not taking risks is

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» It encourages open

» Morrison's writing

» Until an alternative

» Literature is read to

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On April 9, a letter from Cronin was addressed to AP students and parents, which informed them of a Northville citizen's request to reconsider Morrison's text, the novel's background, the unit's overview and essential questions, book summaries and a list of supplemental materials that will be used during this unit as introductory texts. After students and parents reviewed and discussed the letter, they were asked to select the text they felt most comfortable with and returned the form to Cronin by April 15, the Friday before the final unit begins.

"We can always im-prove communication," Northville Public Schools Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher said at the meeting, "but we continue to honor the excellence that has always been Northville Schools and I commend the folks who put incredible energy, consideration and thought into this work."

Prior to the decision

trict and course curriculum » Not everyone's life is inspirational However, others felt

there were many explanations as to why it was

called into question in the first place:

well it applies to the dis-

» Less dark and sexualized materials exist » Materials that show

how people of color can be assets in a community » As there is an age limit for military participation, there should be

for this book » District's focus should be on promoting uplifting experiences

» District's focus should be on creating a professional and courteous atmosphere

» Tax dollars are being wasted

» The book has only appeared on the AP exam three times since the '70s

» Students will feel

uncomfortable reading and talking about the text

» If material were read at work, an accusation of sexual harassment would transpire

» High school students are not emotionally

» Psychologists and psychiatrists have not been consulted

» It is pornography » Students should be taught with ideals

More than 40 people spoke at the meeting and Gallagher said she certainly appreciates the thoughtful input provided by a variety of people, but was most impressed by the "respectful, reflective and insightful feedback" received from students, both past and present.

Although he voted to keep the novel as an option, school board Treasurer Matthew Wilk said parents were "rightfully concerned."

"We are a public school district and so the public has the right to have interaction about the curriculum," Wilk said. "I applaud all the parents who brought the book to our attention and came out here. It's a good lesson for students.

**Board Vice President** Cynthia Jankowski said if one student took one academic experience out into the world, then she feels she did her job as a board member.

"We have found an opportunity to give people different avenues to their children yet bring them back to the classroom to talk about difficult topics, something they might need when they leave our nest," Jankowski said.

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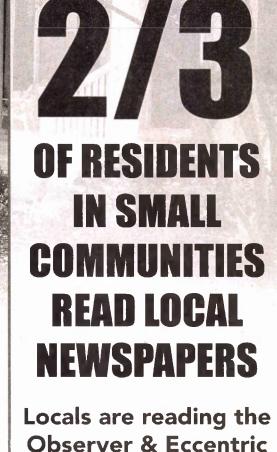
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# Plymouth-based group to host Human Trafficking 101 seminar

The Pearls of Great Price Coalition, a Plymouth-based organization dedicated to fighting human trafficking, is presenting an informational seminar, Human Trafficking 101, which will focus on the basics of the problem of human trafficking.

The free event will take place from 9 a.m. to noon April 28 at Kresge Hall on the grounds of Madonna University.

The university and the Michigan Intergenerational Network are sponsoring the event. The seminar will feature eight speakers who will provide a comprehensive overview of many aspects of human trafficking, as well as a number of common sense steps the public can employ to identify and help eradicate this heinous problem in society. Register for the event by emailing amer-

rill@madonna.edu.

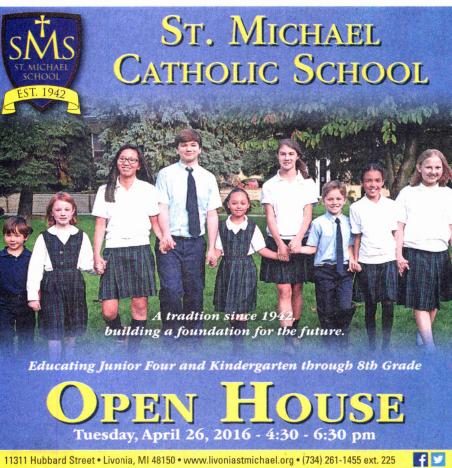
While the event is free to the public, donations of personal hygiene items will be accepted to help support Clair's Home, a safe and restorative place dedicated to protecting women who have been victimized by human trafficking. The 27-bed home is expected to open

Pearls of Great Price Coalition, a grassroots organization of individuals, churches and organizations, is dedicated to helping thwart human trafficking through awareness, education and action. The coalition is based at Plymouth First United Methodist

Organized by founder

Carrie Wood in 2014, it has hosted several successful events and activities - including sponsoring local prevention measures and assisting victims of human trafficking. "Human Trafficking is a social, moral and criminal issue, but most of all, it's an issue that devalues human beings by treating them as objects and commodities," Wood said.
"Unfortunately this

crime happens right here in our own communities. We created the Pearls of Great Price Coalition to do our part in helping to thwart this heinous crime, and encourage others - individuals, churches, organizations and businesses - to ioin our effort in helping end the scourge of human trafficking," she



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A: With regard to the tax consequences, your agent is correct. Unfortunately, annuities do not receive the favorable treatment upon death as other investments. When someone inherits an annuity and cashes it out, they pay tax on the accumulated income within that annuity. For example, in the case at hand, if the annuity was worth \$140,000 and your husband originally paid



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Why would someone buy an annuity with a penalty versus one without a penalty? The answer is quite simple: most people don't know that you can buy penalty-free annuities.

\$50,000 (\$140,000 minus \$50,000 equals \$90,000), that \$90,000 is the interest earned on the annuity and is the amount subject to income tax. If you cash the annuity out in one year, you would have to pay tax on the \$90,000. The amount taxed is taxed at your ordinary income tax bracket, not the favorable capital gain rate.

Your agent was also correct in that you can avoid the taxes by having the money transferred into a new annuity. That money can continue to grow on a tax-deferred basis; you would only pay taxes once the money is withdrawn. That being said, your agent was incorrect in telling you that the only option is to roll it into another annuity with an 11-year penalty provision. You can directly transfer that money into any annuity; it doesn't have to be an

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annuity from the same company or even through the same agent. You can choose to transfer the money into an annuity that has no penalty provisions. There are many companies that offer annuities without penalties, such as Fidelity, Charles Schwab and Vanguard.

Why would someone buy an annuity with a penalty versus one without a penalty? The answer is quite simple: most people don't know that you can buy penaltyfree annuities. The reason the salespeople don't mention them is because they cannot earn commissions. When you use a penalty-free annuity, there are no commissions; the salespeople, who are mostly interested in their commissions. won't tell you that there are other options. That is why it is always important to get independent advice, that's not tainted by commissions.

I recognize that the best commission salespeople never worry about commissions; they worry about taking care of their clients. That said. commissions create a great conflict of interest and it's always important to keep that in mind when dealing with commission salespeople. Don't ever be afraid to check your options independently.

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**PREP ATHLETICS** 

# Ten KLAA schools bolting to form new league

Realignment proposals can't keep all 24 together

> Brad Emons Staff Writer

A series of realignment proposals to keep the 24-member Kensington Lakes Activities Association schools intact based on a competitive equity, geographic and enrollmentbased formula has been



scrapped.

Via an email Thursday morning, Walled Lake Central Principal Chuck Morgan announced that 10 KLAA schools are expected to join forces to form a new league beginning in the 2017-18 school year.

The new league would encompass five different school districts, including Walled Lake, Huron Valley, Waterford, Pinckney and South

Among the 10 schools defecting include six teams from the KLAA's North Division – Walled Lake Central, Walled Lake Northern, Walled Lake Western, White Lake Lakeland, Waterford Mott and Waterford Kettering; two more from the

West Division – Milford and Pinckney; and two from the Central Division – South Lyon and South Lyon East.

"Earlier this year, I informed you that Walled Lake was taking part in a discussion about the formation of a new league," Morgan wrote in the email to its fellow KLAA schools. "Since we were unable to bring forth a proposal to our board of directors that would support realignment, the districts interested in the new league have met to discuss moving forward.

"Soon these districts will be bringing information to their school boards to discuss their intentions."

So who is left in the KLAA, which was formed in 2007-08?

The 14 remaining schools include six from the South Division – Canton, Plymouth, Livonia Franklin, Livonia Churchill, Westland John Glenn and Wayne Memorial; four out of the Central Division – Northville, Novi, Salem and Livonia Stevenson; and

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PREP SOFTBALL

# 'Cats pin first loss on Chiefs

Plymouth's Bressler blanks Canton in opener

Tim Smith Staff Writer

To the chagrin of head coach Al White, missed opportunities cost Canton's varsity softball team during Wednesday's doubleheader opener against visiting Plymouth.

And as a result, the Chiefs suffered their first loss of the season, 2-0 to their KLAA South Division and campus rivals.

"You got to score runs if you're going to win," White said. "Good game, that's a good team. I thought we really had the best chance in the (second) inning, we had a girl (Hannah Zajdel) on second and had that bleeder down the line (a single by Mackenna Payne) and we didn't capitalize on that.

"If we go up 1-0 it's a completely different game. She (Zajdel) held up thinking it was going to be a catch. You never know if you go up 1-0."

Then in the bottom of the seventh, Sydney Dawson doubled with one out to bring the tying run to the plate.

But Plymouth sophomore pitcher Jenny Bressler, who threw a complete-game shutout, was able to retire Nicole Dawson on a groundout and Victoria Porter on a fly ball to centerfielder Rachel Zerona for the final out.

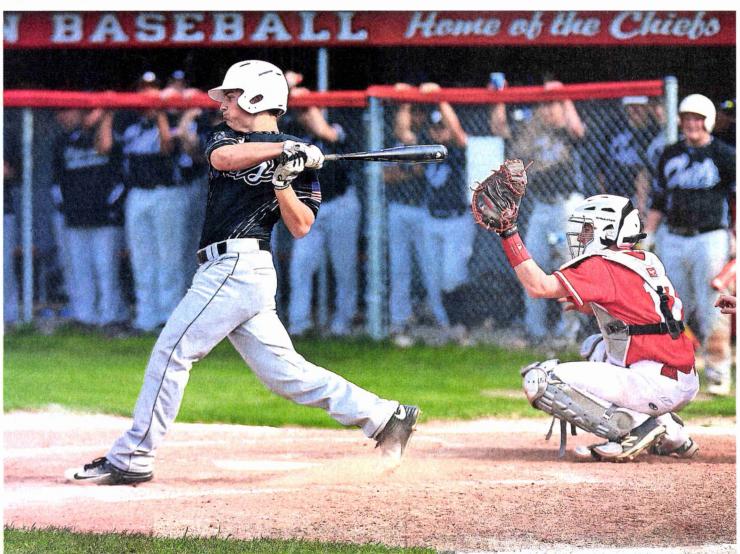
Standing in the on-deck circle for the Chiefs (5-1 overall and in the KLAA South) when the game ended was senior outfielder Elizabeth Yager, who

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JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO
Pitching Wednesday during Game 1
for Canton is Mackenna Payne (No.

PREP BASEBALL



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Plymouth's Evan Good takes a healthy cut during Wednesday's game against Canton. At right is Chiefs catcher Michael Flaishans.

# DIFFERENT WAYS TO WIN

After Canton rallies to nip Plymouth in opener, Chiefs blank 'Cats in Game 2

Tim Smith Staff Writer

Whether hitting homers off the scoreboard, making clutch defensive plays or even plating a run on a double steal, Canton's varsity baseball team is finding a way to post victories.

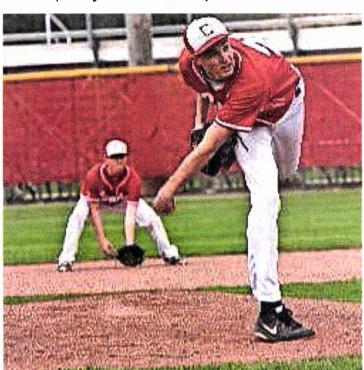
Such was the case again Wednesday against visiting Plymouth, in a KLAA South Division twinbill that the Chiefs swept 4-3 and 3-0. The victories upped Canton's record to 11-2, while the Wildcats — without centerfielder and sparkplug Pete Carravallah, who sprained an ankle in Monday's win over Novi — dropped to 6-6.

"We're not going to let down, we're not going to get a big head, we're going to keep chugging away," Canton head coach Mark Blomshield said. "There's a lot of good teams in this conference, (Livonia) Franklin's good, (Livonia) Stevenson's good, (Livonia)

Churchill's good.

"We have to play all those teams yet. We're just a scrappy bunch."

Game 2 was a pitching duel



JULIE BAECHLER

Canton senior lefty Tyler Byers sends a pitch on its way during his Wednesday win over Plymouth.

between Plymouth's Taylor Burke and Canton southpaw Tyler Byers and the Chiefs opened up with a run in the first.

rst. Jake Dattilio walked and Justin Mattson (2-for-3, run) singled to left to get it started for Canton. Both moved up on a sacrifice bunt by Noah Spencer (1-for-2, RBI) and Dattilio scored on an infield single by Nick Sprosek (2-for-3, run, RBI).

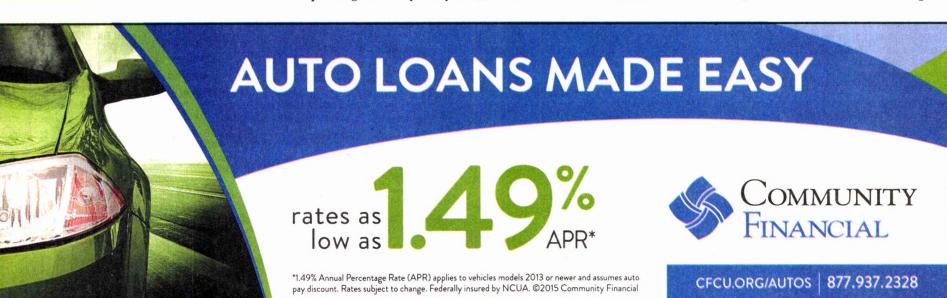
"We've been struggling to make the small plays this year, and it's going to come around," Plymouth head coach Jason Crain said.
"When it comes around we'll snap into shape. We're so injury depleted."

### Oh, so close

Byers also was a bit fortunate, because Plymouth's Brendan Lacorato came within several feet of smacking a game-tying homer in the second. The no-doubter hooked foul, and Lacorato then hit a pop-up behind the plate that Canton catcher Michael Flaishans snagged with an outstanding slide near the backstop.

The Wildcats also flashed some leather, courtesy of centerfielder Chase Timko — Carravallah's injury replace-

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PREP SOFTBALL



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Salem continues to pour on the offense, with plenty of homers and celebrations like this.

# HAMMERING ROCKS

### Salem homers spark doubleheader sweep

Tim Smith Staff Writer

The Lady Rocks are displaying plenty of brawn early this high school softball season.

Salem's varsity softball team set a new school record with four fence-clearing home runs in the seventh inning during Wednesday's 13-0 rout of host Livonia Stevenson in the first game of a KLAA Central Division doubleheader.

Slamming those homers with two outs in the frame — in succession — were Kristin Mihalic, Maddy Rosiewicz (her first career homer), Morgan Overaitis and Kara Hutchison.

Also going yard in the second inning was Caroline Miller, as Salem cranked out five homers among 17 hits.

"In my 32 years coaching I have never seen this done before," said Salem head coach Bonnie Southerland, who understandably is running out of superlatives to describe her squad.

Mihalic set the tone throughout the game as the

leadoff hitter. In addition to her homer, she singled and doubled and knocked in three runs.

Overaitis doubled, tripled

and homered and collected two RBIs while Rosiewicz (homer, triple, single, two RBIs), Miller (double, homer) and Jordan Hazel (two hits) all had multiple-hit outings.

Rounding out the attack in Game 1 were Amy Hines and Morgan Reno with base hits.

The beneficiary of all that offense was Rosiewicz, who gave up just two hits and struck out seven without walking a batter.

The Rocks scored in bunches, with five in the second, three in the sixth and five in the seventh.

Salem kept on slugging and scoring in the nightcap, with a 17-2 victory. Three more homers gave the Rocks eight for the doubleheader.

As she did in Game 1, Mihalic got it going with a leadoff homer in the first. She finished 3-for-4 in the nightcap with two RBIs.

Other homers were ripped by Hutchison (who also singled) and Miller. Contributing a single, double and three RBIs was Overaitis while Hines registered two singles.

Rounding out the hit parade were Rosiewicz, Hazel, Reno and Jenna Taylor.

Rosiewicz pitched Salem's second lopsided win of the day, giving up five hits and a walk.

### At the top

With the sweep of the previously undefeated Spartans, the Rocks took over the top spot in the KLAA Central. Salem improved to 6-1 overall and 6-1 in the division, while Stevenson fell to 5-2, 5-2.

"This is a powerhouse offense for sure," Southerland said. "It's still very early and we know it, we also know we need to continue to work on things and keep building from here."

Salem will hit the road this week and then host the annual Salem Invitational beginning 9 a.m. Saturday, April 30.

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Canton's Sydney Dawson (No. 7) steps on second base to get Plymouth baserunner Mikayla Rose out on a force play during Wednesday's opening game.

### **SOFTBALL**

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will play next season at University of Detroit Mercy.

"That's what we were hoping for, that we'd get her back to the plate," White said. "But hey, I think Jenny pitched an outstanding game. She was hitting her spots very well against us."

Concurring was Bressler, who bounced back from a tough loss April 15 against Salem with a strong outing.

"I just think I was hitting my spots a lot better" than in the Salem game, Bressler said.

said.
She added that defeating the Chiefs, on the heels of Plymouth (5-2, 4-1) splitting a weekend doubleheader against top-ranked Caledonia,

could provide a boost of confidence as the season progresses.

"I think it means a lot to our team, it picks up our confidence and it will help us in the long run," said Bressler, who gave up just five hits. "We're coming together, playing as a team. Doing everything we need to get done."

Plymouth got on the board against Canton senior pitcher Payne in the fifth, and that run proved to be enough (although the Wildcats added a run in the sixth).

Ripping a double was Haley Gagnon and Bressler (2-for-4) followed with a single to move Gagnon to third. Knocking the run home with a single was Whitney Holden (2-for-4).

Mikayla Rose (three walks) drew a bases on balls to open the sixth and after

moving to second on a sacrifice bunt, she scored on a base hit up the middle by Zerona (2-for-4).

In the second game, Canton bounced back to win 4-0, scoring two runs in each of the first two innings off Plymouth's Kiersten Metz.

Doing much of the damage for the Chiefs was Izzy Dawson, who doubled and tripled in three at-bats.

Plymouth registered six hits, with Zerona and Jessica Tucci each going 2-for-3. Chipping in with a double in the third inning was Gagnon.

Plymouth had 6 hits on the night, and put the ball in play hard but came up short to put runs on the board.

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# Team USA gets jump on Czechs in quarterfinals

U.S. wins 8-0, to face Finland in semifinal

The red-white-and-blue onslaught continues at the IIHF Under-18 Men's Hockey Championships in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

On Thursday, the U.S.
Men's National Under-18 team
shut out the Czech Republic,
8-0, to remain perfect so far
during the tourney. Clayton
Keller recorded a goal and
two assists and goalie Jake
Oettinger stopped all 15 shots
he faced.

With the win, Team USA moves on to face Finland in the semifinal round Saturday, April 23. Puck drop is 4 p.m. and the game will be shown on the NHL Network.

"We stuck with what we wanted to do, which was to keep shooting, and we didn't lose any confidence because we played our game," U.S. head coach Danton Cole said. "The guys did a great job of sticking with it."

After a scoreless first period, in which the U.S. outshot the Czech Republic, 13-2, Team USA broke the deadlock at the 4:50 mark of the middle frame on a goal by Casey Mittelstadt.

Off a faceoff, the United States struck a second time. Trent Frederic received the puck from Will Lockwood (Bloomfield Hills) and maneuvered around a defender within the right circle toward the slot. Frederic then wristed a shot between the pads of Josef Korenar for the score.

A power-play marker pushed the U.S. advantage to three late in the period. Keller started the play and found Kieffer Bellows to the right of the net. Bellows tried to pull the puck around and got tied up, but the puck found the stick of Joey Anderson who knocked the puck home.

Team USA notched its fourth goal just 36 seconds into the third frame. A tic-tactoe passing play led to a Keller one-time shot that hit the back of the net.

Graham McPhee went top corner for the fifth U.S. goal at 3:40. Thirteen seconds later, Nick Pastujov found the mark to make it 6-0.

Anderson notched his second of the game off a set-up from Keller and Lindgren closed out the scoring late in the final frame.

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**PREP BOYS GOLF** 

### Chiefs, 'Cats, Rocks win openers

Tim Smith Staff Writer

All three Park varsity boys golf teams successfully launched the KLAA dual match season with victories.

On Thursday, Canton and Plymouth joined Salem in the winner's circle; the Rocks edged Livonia Stevenson 161-163 on Tuesday.

Canton's opener was a 167-171 win over Livonia Churchill at Whispering Willows Golf Course. Despite wet conditions, the Chiefs displayed consistency throughout the lineup.

Senior Phillip Conrad was the top Canton performer on the par-35 course with a 40. Other teammates included junior Dominic Dimaya (42), sophomore D.J. Jablonski (42), junior Suhas Potluri (43), senior Brendan Chan (47) and senior Brian Oldani (48). The match medalist, with a 39, was Griffin Ahmet.

Meanwhile, Plymouth got the KLAA season going with a 164-221 victory over Westland John Glenn at Fellows Creek.

The top finisher for the Wildcats was Tim Baldwin, with a 49. Freshmen Justin Lauer and Kyle Krause also performed well with scores of 41 each.

Other solid Plymouth performances were turned in by Vaishak Mendon (42) and Reilly Sullivan (45).

SALEM 161, STEVENSON 163: On Tuesday, the visiting Rocks were led by Hayden Winch (39), Shawn Weldon and Woody Mashui (40 each). Chipping in with a 42 score was Bryce Henderson.

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PREP GIRLS TENNIS

### Wildcats romp to 9-0 victory

Tim Smith Staff Writer

Plymouth's varsity girls tennis team continued its dominance of KLAA South Division rivals with Tuesday's 9-0 victory over Westland John Glenn at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

The Wildcats (3-0) were so much in control that all four singles flights were won by identical 6-0, 6-0 scores.

Victorious at 1 singles was freshman Jessica Braun, followed by senior Amber Tseng at 2 singles, sophomore Kara Hug at 3 singles and Swetha Duraiswamy at 4 singles.

It was almost the same story in doubles action.

Plymouth 1 doubles tandem Alyssa Lopez and Bei Li Martin, both seniors, won 6-1, 6-0.

At 2 doubles, seniors Justine Ko and Amy Luo won 6-0, 6-0.

Also shutting out their opponents were the 3 doubles team of sophomore Arwa Harawala and junior Kriya Shah and the 4 doubles team of freshman Allie Baker and sophomore Dani Escalera-Sanchez.

Posting a 6-1, 6-0 win at 5 doubles was the tandem of sophomore Lauren Merkel and freshman Meera Patel.

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### SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Hole-in-one club

» David Nest, 31, of Farmington Hills, shot a hole-inone April 18 on the Woods course at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center in Plymouth Township.

Nest aced the 125-yard No. 5 hole, using a pitching wedge.

» Bill Grassnig, 63, of Plymouth, registered a hole-inone on April 15 on the Golden Fox course at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center in Plymouth Township.

Grassnig aced the 125-yard No. 3 hole, using a 9 iron and Titleist Pro VI golf ball. He registered a round of 83

registered a round of 83.

» Chris Trombley, 37, of
Plymouth, tallied a hole-in-one

April 14 on the Hills course at

Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center in Plymouth Township.

Trombley aced the 126yard No. 6 hole, using a 9 iron and a Callaway golf ball.

### On Tuesday May 10 Ca

On Tuesday, May 10, Canton football staff members and the boosters club are holding a mandatory meeting for all 2016 players and their parents.

At 6 p.m. players and parents new to the program will convene in the Canton High School cafeteria. All returning players and parents will join them at 6:30 p.m.

Any questions can be directed to head coach Tim Baechler via email at tim.baechler@pccsk12.com.

**ALL-AREA WRESTLING TEAM** 

# All-Area mat stars made short work of opponents

**FIRST TEAM** Kyle Borthwell, 103, John Glenn: The freshman's high school wrestling debut was spectacular as he carved out a 47-10 record, which included

championships in the Wayne County and Yale Individual tournaments and a runnerup showing at the Catholic

Central Invite. He capped his season with a fourth-place showing at the MHSAA Division 1 individual state tourna-

"Kyle was without a doubt one of the toughest little men in the state," John Glenn coach Bill Polk said. "He competes with that wrestler's chip on his shoulder that wrestlers need. He is very talented and had a decorated youth career coming into high school. Kyle continued to grow technically and mentally throughout the season, banging heads with (Mike) Mars, (Isaac) Lefler and a few others to learn to 'embrace the grind,' so to speak.

Mike Mars, 112, John Glenn: Mars has reached high school wrestling's stratosphere

the past two seasons, winning back-toback individual state titles at 103 (as a freshman in 2015) and 112 this past spring



Among his 52 victories (against only two losses) were championship performances in the Wayne County, Yale Individual, KLAA, district and regional tournaments.

"Mikey is a hard-working young man that is very dedicated to the sport of wrestling," Polk said. "His demeanor, confidence and preparation are something special. We are proud of and happy for Mikey. He has become a twotime state champion, which, as a sophomore, is almost unheard of and he continues to set goals and work hard for the next challenge."

Isaac Lefler, 112, John Glenn: Sparring with Mars during most of the Rockets practices this past season, Lefler developed the skills that made him an all-state performer at the MHSAA state finals in March. He finished the season with a sparkling 47-14

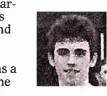
"Isaac was very determined to be an all-state wrestler this year," Polk said, "He

started preparing as soon as the season ended last year by lifting and wrestling to improve. Over the summer and this past season, Isaac fixed technical errors that turned him into a much better wres-

"Physically and mentally, he rose to another level with his confidence. We bounced Isaac around to several different weight classes and he wrestled with the same attitude: to win!"

Josh Mussen, 119, Churchill: Mussen, who also excels

for the Chargers' cross country and track and field programs, was a beast on the mat at 119.



advancing to the D1 state finals, where he went 1-2 to finish his junior season with a sterling 44-11 mark. Mussen placed fourth at the Salinehosted regional.

Jake Justice, 125, Farmington: The sophomore captain was a district champion and a Division 2 state qualifier, finishing with a 34-14 record.

Justice led the Falcons in most statistical categories, including team points, wins and pins.



He was named Farmington's most valuable wrestler. He also excels in the classroom, according to coach Al Beyar.

"Jake is an example of what a student-athlete should be, Beyar said. "He is well-respected by his teammates and classmates and he has the right character to lead a team.

'He is a dedicated, hard worker in the wrestling room and the classroom. Jake is committed to working hard in the off-season to improve his strength and skill, so he can stand on that podium next year at the state meet."

Cam Shaughnessy, 125, **Salem:** The gutsy senior went 33-10 and qualified for the D1 regional for the second time in his career.

Shaughnessy's bid for the state finals was stopped just short as he lost in over-



time to the eventual runner-up. "He was one match short of making the big show, but he is an elite wrestler in my book," coach Jeremy Henderson said. 'Cam was the most athletic kid in the room and had such speed that his opponents had to be on their toes.

"He is a very likable kid and many of the underclassmen look up to him. It was always fun watching Cam on the mat; he's a gamer and a crowd pleaser."

Warren Stanfield, 130, N. Farmington: Stanfield took the more difficult route, but he got the job done and finished

fourth in the Division 1 state tournament. The junior lost his opening bout, but he won his next four

in the consolation brackets to guarantee himself a place among the top four. He won the



first three by decision - the last two of those by 3-2 and 6-4 scores.

Stanfield, who finished with a 50-7 record and 25 pins, was a district finalist at Birmingham Groves and a third-place finisher in the regional at Hartland. He has 116 career victo-

**ALL-OBSERVER** WRESTLING TEAM

103 pounds: Kyle Borthwell, fr., John Glenn;
2. Isiah Berry, soph., Plymouth.

112: Michael Mars, soph., John Glenn; and

Isaac Lefler, John Glenn.
119: Josh Mussen, jr., Churchill; 2. Taylor

125: Jake Justice, soph., Farmington; and Cam Shaughnessy, sr., Salem; 2. Anthony Gibson, John Glenn; and Harrison Samoy, sr., Canton.
130: Warren Stanfield, jr., North Farmington; 2. Collin Reed, sr., Plymouth; and Justin Winnie, jr., Canton.

Tanton. 135: John Siemasz, jr., John Glenn; 2. Kenny

135; John Steindac, Jr., John Vadnais, jr., Redford Union. 140: Jeremy Nelson, sr., Franklin; 2. Bruce Haslitt, jr., Salem. 145: Nathan Atienza, jr., Franklin; 2. Dylan

Dwyer, sr., Plymouth. 152: Chase Gardner, sr., Churchill; 2. Seth 160: Zac Leck, Churchill; 2. Kavinda Herath, sr.,

Farmington.
171: Demetrius Fields, sr., Salem; 2. Logan 189: Roy Foster, sr., Salem; 2. Alec Dirette, John

Glenn. 215: Josh Retting, sr., Franklin; 2. Donovan 215: Josh Retting, sr., Franklin; 2. Donovan

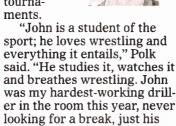
285: Jake Fortin, Franklin; 2. Chris Nader, sr., North Farmington; and Avery Casey, John Glenn.
HONORABLE MENTION

Clarenceville: Greg Lutz, Dyland Brigham, James Ascott, Joe Sanchez, Jacob Weiss; Farmington: Solomon Johnson, Gyasi Davis; Harrison: Divine Filemu, Hanting Wong, Austin Crutchfield; North Farmington: Kyle Hammond, Zach Doran; Salem: Tyler Moore, Nate Gaubatz; Canton: Walter Beavers, Abdelhadi Shuaib, Armando Chacon; Ply-mouth: Ethan Shulaw, Jake Griffith, Tyler Campbell, Zach Lohrmann; Churchill: Ethan Engelhart; Franklin: Johnny DiPonio; Steven-son: Tarik Alcodray; Lutheran Westland;

"Warren works very, very hard," coach Greg Castle said. "His passion is wrestling. He's always working to improve. He's never satisfied with just being where he's at. He's always working to find that edge he needs to be successful at the next match, next meet or next level. He's always focused that way when it comes to wrestling.'

John Siemasz, 135, John Glenn: Siemasz's 52-4 record was a reflection of a Grade A work ethic and hours of studying his sport. The Division 1 state runner-up at 135 won just about everything in sight, including the Wayne County, Yale Individ-

ual, Catholic Central Invite, district and regional tournaments.



next partner. "Like all our first team guys, they wrestle all year round, sacrificing many of the things other kids do for fun. I am very proud of John for reaching the state finals as a junior this year. He has his eye on the prize to be a state champion before he graduates and I

am confident he can do it."

Jeremy Nelson, 140, Franklin: Nelson concluded a fantastic high school wrestling career by going 45-8, upping his career mark

to 144-71. A scholar athlete. Nelson was the champion of the



Tournament, the Observerland Invitational and the Division 1 district tournament.

'Jeremy had a very solid career for us," Franklin head coach Dave Chiola said. "He was part of our varsity lineup from day one and won some big matches for us. In the wrestling room, he was great working with the younger wrestlers and was one of the hardest workers.

"Jeremy is a very good student and his work ethic will make him successful in whatever he does. His steady performances will be missed in the lineup."

Nathan Atienza, 145, Franklin: With a year still remaining in his high school career, Atienza has already reached unprecedented heights at Franklin, becoming the school's

first threetime all-state wrestler. A three-time scholar-athlete, Atienza's

career record is 158-16 after he steamrolled through this past season with a 58-0 mark. Atienza won every event he competed in, including the individual state tournament, which he won.

'Nathan had an epic year," Chiola said. "He became the first undefeated state champ in school history and the first three-time all-state wrestler in school history. He sought out tough competition all year and pinned many quality kids, including three at the state meet and a 42-second pin in the state finals.

"Nathan comes from a wrestling family and has improved each year. Whatever part of his game he feels needs work is what he works on. He is someone the rest of the team looks up to and he handles everything in a very mature fashion.'

Chase Gardner, 152, Churchill: Gardner capped his outstanding career by

qualifying for the individual state tournament, where he went 1-2, and winning his weight class at the Observerland Invitational.

Zac Leck, 160, Churchill: The senior regional qualifier racked up an impressive **39-10** record throughout his senior season.

Demetrius Fields, 171, Salem: Fields capped off a remarkable high school career considering he never wrestled until ninth grade.

Hard work and determination, along

with obvious talent, enabled him to finish 38-9 his senior year and place seventh in the D1 state tournament.

"Demetrius was always

dangerous, he caught many people overlooking him this season," Henderson said. "He was always working out and trying to better himself. He always knew what he needed to do and he did it this year.

'He beat a lot of solid kids on his way to seventh in the state. We will miss him.'

Roy Foster, 189, Salem: Also on The Palace podium from the Rocks was tough-asnails senior Foster, who placed sixth in the state in D1 and posted a 42-8 record this sea-

From the get-go in 2015-16, Foster was a wrestler to be reckoned with as he reached the finals in every tournament

Salem Elks championship. "He has worked every summer on getting better and had a great season," Henderson said. "He is the definition of Salem wrestling. ... He is a leader by example and was always the kid pushing the

(except states), including a

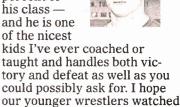
"Any college would be lucky to have a young man like Roy next year. He will be missed by his coaches, he has been the heart of the room the last couple years.

pace in his circle in the room.

Josh Retting, 215, Franklin: A tireless worker, Retting closed his high school career in style, finishing 44-7 (with a 112-36 career mark) despite wrestling nearly half of his matches as a light 285-pounder. Retting was fourth at the state tournament, the Livonia City champ and is a four-time scholar-athlete.

"Josh is what every coach dreams of," Chiola said. "He works extremely hard, is humble with his success, is always asking how to improve and will make any sacrifice for the team.

"Josh is a great student in the top percent of his class and he is one of the nicest



closely on how to handle themselves on a daily basis. He will truly be missed on our team.' Joe Fortin, 285, Franklin: Sharing time with Retting at 215 and 285, Fortin racked up an impressive 41-10 record, which included a Livonia City championship and regional-

community, Fortin is a fourtime scholar-athlete. "Joe came to us his ninth-

ed throughout the Franklin

qualifying effort. Well-respect-

grade year, having never wrestled before,' Chiola said. "He worked very hard to become one

of the better wrestlers in the area. He is a great student and a very hard worker.

"Each year, he came back better than the year before. He has been captain for the past two years and took his responsibility very seriously. He was a great role model for the younger wrestlers and handled every situation with class. Kids like Joe don't come around too often and he will be missed."

**PREP BOYS LACROSSE** 

# Chiefs wins seventh straight

Pakula's five-goal game keys Canton's 12-5 victory

Tim Smith

The goals and the victories keep coming for Canton's varsity boys lacrosse team, with the latest being Wednesday's 12-5 win over South

As he has done throughout the Chiefs' seven-game winning streak to open the season, senior attackman Carson Pakula propelled the offense with five goals.

Canton built leads of 4-2 after one quarter and 9-3 at halftime, but the KLAA Cen-

But the score could have been closer if not for stellar play before the intermission from senior goalkeeper Trevor Stahl, who stopped five South Lyon shots in the frame.

South Lyon actually struck first in the game, scoring early in the first quarter. But Pakula then dodged around a defender to tally the equaliz-

Sophomore midfielder Nick Polydoras then buried a shot to put the Chiefs up 2-1. After the game was tied

yet again, Canton tallied two quick goals before the end of the first. One was from senior midfielder Micah Rinke, followed by junior attackman Drew Montgomery's marker.

In the second, Pakula scored two quick goals to pad the lead to 6-2.

After a South Lyon tally briefly interrupted the momentum, Rinke set up Pakula for Canton's seventh goal and both Polydoras and Montgomery (from Lukas Pashigian) hit the target before halftime.

Defense came to the forefront in the third quarter with Pakula's fifth goal of the game the lone marker for Canton.

Capping the victory in the final frame was an unassisted goal by Rinke followed by a goal by senior midfielder Ben In addition to Stahl's net-

minding, the Chiefs helped

defense from senior Kumar

stymie South Lyon with strong

Johnson and juniors Steven Szymusiak (three takeaways) and Reid McDonnell.

Canton will host Salem 8 p.m. Monday in a showdown at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

### Salem splits pair

After Salem defeated Walled Lake Central 13-8 on Monday, the Rocks were defeated 15-2 Wednesday against Northville.

Junior attackman Martv Mills and senior midfielder Alex Tish keyed the win over the Vikings with three goals

Other Salem scorers included John Jaaska, Martino Zaia, Sean Lee, Walker Sievers, Ian Wunderlich, Devin Farmer and Tristan Rehling, with one each.

On Wednesday, Jaaska and Nathan Homrich scored for Salem (3-3) as the Mustangs were in control from the start, building a 7-0 lead in the first quarter.

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**GIRLS LACROSSE** 

# Northville defense stymies Salem, 16-5

Rocks manage just two first-half goals

> **Brad Emons** Staff Writer

Northville returned to KLAA Kensington Conference action Wednesday with a 16-5 girls lacrosse victory over Salem at Tom Holzer Field.

The Mustangs (5-2, 2-0) jumped out to a 6-0 advantage and held the Rocks (1-7, 1-1) scoreless for the first 15 minutes and took a 9-2 halftime advantage before coasting

The defense was bolstered by the return of senior Kelly Leary, who after missing the previous games anchored the back line along twin sister Shannon.

Junior goalie Maddie Caffee was rarely tested throughout the night making four saves.

Meanwhile, Emma Dietrich

paced the Mustangs' offensive attack with four goals and one assist. Other contributions came from Sarah Chase (three goals); Charlotte Beaudoin (two goals, two assists); Ally Blough (two goals, one assist); Kendall Wasik (two goals); Erin Scott (two goals); Jessica Tardich (one goal); and Sheldan Reese (one assist).

Salem (1-7, 1-1) was led by Stephanie Miller, who scored two goals, while Leah Tardiff, Madison Mullins and Brianna Waggoner added one apiece.

**SOUTH LYON 18, CANTON 4:** South Lyon Unified (3-2, 1-0) jumped out to an 11-1 halftime lead and coasted to a KLAA Kensington Conference and coasted to a ALAA Rensington Conference victory against the host Chiefs (0-8, 0-2).
Eleven players scored, led by Caroline Perry (three goals, one assist); Maddie Allerton (three goals); Natalie Williams (two goals, two assists); Gabrielle Larkin (two goals, one assist); and Jordan Paugh (one goals one assist).

PLYMOUTH 16, NOVI 3: In a battle of the Wildcats on Wednesday, Plymouth prevailed behind a standout performance by goalie Elizabeth Elliot and her defense (Abigail Bolterman, Megan Eschel-bach, Emily LeBlanc and Shelby Strawn).

Offensively, Natalie Nowicki led Plymouth with five goals, while Michelle Cirino added four. Other players with multiple goals included Cierra Steiner (three), Marissa Cirino and Cathryn VandenBosch (two each)

### BASEBALL

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ment With two outs, Flaishans hit a liner that appeared to be splitting the outfielders. Then came Timko, however, making a diving grab and earning high fives from teammates as he trotted into the dugout.

'Chase Timko, he did an unbelievable job, in the first game and the second," Crain said. "He made a couple diving

Early on, the Wildcats were stymied by Byers, with 12 up and 12 down through four

In the meantime, Canton added a run in the third when Mattson singled and scored on Spencer's double to left.

Plymouth finally registered a hit when Austin Scheffer ripped a clean single to right in the fifth.

Two batters later, Mike Matovina also singled, but Justin Raylean made the third out on a nice putout from first baseman Zidzik to Byers covering the bag.

### **Glove work**

"Defense did a great job for me, no errors in the field so I can't complain about that,' said Byers, who showcased an effective mix of fastballs, curves and changeups. "I just feel like I can just pitch for contact at times and get the job done."

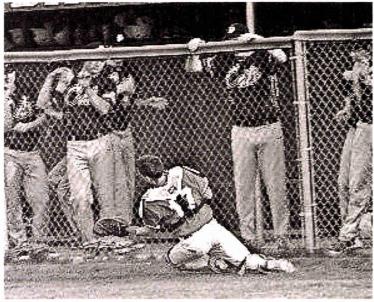
The Wildcats only tallied three hits in the game, with the third one coming in the sixth on a single by Evan Clag-

With two outs, Blomshield brought Spencer in to take over from the tiring Byers.

Plymouth's Evan Good then hit a groundball to third baseman Lou Baechler, who rifled the ball across the diamond to Zidzik for the putout.

Canton added an insurance run in the seventh. With two on and two outs, Sprosek broke for home on the front end of a double steal and made it before Plymouth tagged Jake O'Donnell between first and second.

"We just tried to create a little confusion on the infield," Blomshield said. "They got in a rundown, gave us enough



Sliding to catch a foul pop-up during Wednesday's second game against Plymouth is catcher Michael Flaishans (No. 17).

time to score the run from third."

Spencer then retired the Wildcats in the seventh to collect his third save of the season; he also won the opener in relief of Greg Goodbred to improve to 3-0.

'He (Byers) looked good, he just started to run out of gas at the end," Blomshield said. "He did a nice enough job to get us the win. Noah (Spencer) came in and shut it down, ... he's been tough out of the bullpen."

### Tough to replace

Crain praised Timko for his sterling defense, yet lamented not having Carravallah (.450 average, .600 on-base percentage, 10 stolen bases) for 2-3 weeks with his ankle sprain.

"Big blow, he's our leadoff hitter and our centerfielder,' Crain stressed. "Obviously, Chase Timko stepped up and did a phenomenal job in the

"But you can't replace his leadership, his bat and his baserunning.

Things looked precarious early on for the Chiefs, as Plymouth led the opener 3-0 going into the bottom of the sixth behind the strong pitching of Josh Janovsky.

But Canton chipped away with two runs, and then in the seventh, Zidzik roped a liner over the fence that hit the scoreboard in left to tie the game 3-3.

"In the seventh inning when Cody came up, we had a take on and he took a low strike and he kind of was shaking his head," Blomshield said. "(The pitcher) followed up with another fastball and hit the scoreboard."

After the long ball, Canton won the game with some small ball. Andrew Krafft was on second base when Flaishans hit an infield chopper.

"They were playing back so far they just couldn't get to it,' Blomshield said. "I was sending him the whole way.'

CANTON 4, NORTHVILLE 2: On Monday, in a Kensington Conference crossover, starting pitcher Mitchell Zelenak went six innings for his third win, giving up just three hits. Pitching the seventh for the save was Justin

The Chiefs overcame an early 2-0 deficit with three runs in the third on RBI singles from Cody Zidzik and Lou Baechler.

In the sixth, Justin Mattson (three hits, two runs) singled and scored an insurance run.

Chipping in with two hits each were Zidzik, aechler, Andrew Krafft and Justin Dolney.

SALEM 6, STEVENSON 4: Matt Brooks earned

SALEM 6, STEVENSON 4: Matt Brooks earner the win Wednesday over Livonia Stevenson with six solid innings on the mound.
Earning the save was Adam Pitcole.
PCA 12, ROEPER 3: Plymouth Christian
Academy opened the regular season Thursday with this victory over Bloomfield Hills Roeper.
Phil Morby led the attack with three hits and two RBIs, with AJ Greuber doubling in two. Also tallying hits were Aaron Geisler, Gavin Goerke, Josh Slater, Nick Andres, Elijah Grit, Nathan Bishop, Brian
Schlienz and Josh Mason.
Combining efforts on the mound to shut down the Roughriders were starter Adam Albert (one run and

Roughriders were starter Adam Albert (one run and seven strikeouts in four innings) and Morby, who gave up two runs but fanned five over the final three frames.

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**BOYS TRACK AND FIELD** 

# Canton outraces Franklin, 81-56

Canton's varsity boys track and field team had too much firepower for Livonia Franklin in the two teams' KLAA South Division clash Tuesday after-

noon at Canton. The Chiefs registered double-digit point totals in all but one discipline (the throws) to

sprint to an 81-56 victory. The speedsters led the way for the winners, piling up 19

Franklin built a 28-22 advantage after the field events and the meet-opening 3,200meter relay, which the Patriots won behind the hard-charging contingent of Tony Floyd, Matt Lepper, Grant Rudd and Greg Thaxton), but couldn't withstand the Chiefs' depth.

Among the Canton standouts was freshman sprinter

Steven Walker, who out-leaned Franklin's Brandon Smiley to win the 100-meter dash in 11.53 seconds. Walker also picked up five first-place points in the long jump with a leap of 20 feet, 5 inches, edging Patriot Denzel Adams by two inches.

Canton's Jemal Vaunado swept the hurdles races in convincing fashion.

- Ed Wright

**CANTON 81** 

FRANKLIN 56
Tuesday at P-CEP Stadium
Long jump: 1. Steve Walker (C), 20 feet, 5 inches;
2. Denzel Adams (F), 20-3; 3. Danual Johnson (C),

High jump: 1. Denzel Adams (F), 5-7; 2. Derek Triebwasser (C), 5-5; 3. Izaak Pope (F), 5-3.

Pole vault: 1. Andrew Koenigsknecht (C), 14-2; 2.

Derek Triebwasser (C), 11-6; 3. Drew Niemiec (F),

Shot put: 1. Bobby Madley (F), 42-4.5; 2. Lukas Pekorius (F), 40-11; 3. Xavier Sanchez (F), 36-7. Discus: 1. James Deese (C), 116-6; 2. Xavier Sanchez (F), 97-6; 3. Lukas Pekorius (F), 96-10.

3,200-meter relay: 1. Franklin (Tony Floyd, Matt Lepper, Grant Rudd, Greg Thaxton), 8:50.87; 2. Canton (Peter Bruchnak, Andrew Lake, Hunter Hall, Xaiver Reinders), 8:52.71

Nativer Reintlers), 6.32.71.

110 high hurdles: 1. Jemal Vaunado (C), 15.8; 2 Marcus Martin (F), 16.86; 3. Jan Hogg (F), 17.04.

100 dash: 1. Steve Walker (C), 11.53; 2. Brandon Smiley (F), 11.58; 3. Brennon Pelland (C), 11.71.

800 relay: 1. Canton (Alan Jones, Brennon Pellar Jemal Vaunado, Darren Davis), 1:32.69; 2. Franklin (Brandon Smiley, Jacob Clark, Marcus Martin, Christian Rangal)). 1:33, 13.

Christian Bagnall), 1:33.13. **1,600 run:** 1. Tony Floyd (F), 4:43.51; 2. Zachary Clark (C), 4:43.59; 3. Grant Rudd (F), 4:51.58. 400 relay: 1. Canton (Alan Jones, Brennon Pelland, Steve Walker, Darren Davis), 44.33; 2. Franklin, Denzel Adams, Jacob Clark, Marcus Martin, Christian Bagnall), 45.36. 400 dash: 1. Dirk Thornhill (C), 52.37; 2. Caleb

Moraw (C), 53.01; 3. Brandon Smiley (F), 53.33. **300 intermediate hurdles:** 1. Jemal Vaunado (C), 40.51; 2. Ian Hogg (F), 44.35; 3. Cary Linsner (F),

45.07.

800 run: 1. Peter Bruchnak (C), 2:06.86; 2. Xavier Reinders (C), 2:11.63; 3. Greg Thaxton (F), 2:14.35.

200 dash: 1. Darren Davis (C), 22.79; 2. Christian Bagnall (F), 23.37; 3. Jacob Clark (F), 23.42.

3.200 run: 1. Tony Floyd (F), 10:08.31; 2. Zachary Clark (C), 10:08.54; 3. Shane Andrews (C), 10:54.00. (C), 10.06.34, 3. Shalle Andrews (C), 10.34,00. 1,600 relay: 1. Canton (Dirk Thornhill, Caleb Moraw, Xavier Reinders, Jemal Vaunado), 3:41.23; 2. Franklin (lan Hogg, Greg Thaxton, Brendan Whitney, Hunter Klotz), 3:57.30. **YOUTH GIRLS SOCCER** 

# **Plymouth Warriors** win Linden tourney

U9 girls squad sweeps way to championship

After enjoying an undefeated fall season, the Plymouth Warriors Under-9 girls soccer team opened the spring session with a bang.

The Warriors, coached by Matt Sarkesian, went 3-0 at the MMSA 2016 Spring Classic Tournament in Linden, Mich. and came away with the championship.

Scoring over the weekend for the Warriors were Camryn Wingrove, Alyssa Jasman, Ashlyn Locke, Katie Sarkesian, Miranda Sanford,

Ellie Johnston, Sophia Schaeffer and Lauren Ham-

Helping the cause were Gabi Lopez, Breanna Bouyer and Sophia Schaeffer with great passing that led to as-

Also strong was the defense, composed of Nora Wagner, Lauren Hamlin and Ashlyn Locke and goalkeeper Bella Kanaan — who allowed just one goal over the three



The Plymouth Warriors U9 girls soccer team won the MMSA 2016 Spring Classic Tournament in Linden last weekend. The team is coached by Matt Sarkesian (top row). In the middle row (from left) are Ashlyn Locke, Lauren Hamlin, Bella Kanaan, Camryn Wingrove, Alyssa Jasman, Breanna Bouyer, and Miranda Sanford. In the front row (from left) are Gabi Lopez, Ellie Johnston, Katie Sarkesian, Nora Wagner, and Sophia Schaeffer.

**GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD** 

# Plymouth starts strong with victory over Glenn

Tim Smith Staff Writer

On the heels of a secondplace finish April 16 at the Livonia Franklin Patriot Relays, Plymouth's varsity girls track and field team opened division competition with Tuesday's 113-24 victory over Westland John Glenn.

First-place performances for the Wildcats were picked up in events across the board.

The 3,200-meter relay team of Annie Bonds, Jordyn Chouinard, Claire Curvin and Ana White prevailed, as did the other relay teams.

Victorious in the 800 relay were Erin Bradley, Faith Washington, Reghan Draper and Ryen Draper; the tandem of Nadine Salamey, Briya Bhakta, Paula Guzman and Aly Wickham took first in the 400 relay; winning the 1,600 relay were Washington, White, Reghan Draper and Ryen Draper.

In individual events, Plymouth was just as impressive. Triumphs were tallied by Bradley (100 hurdles), Ryen Draper (100 dash, 200 dash), Noelle Rogalski (1,600-3,200-meter runs), Bailey Brown (400 run), Ana White (800 run), Kat Harris (high jump), Elise Wehmer (discus and shot put) and Emily Caragay (pole vault). At the Patriot Relays, the

Wildcats had a number of stellar individual and relay periormances en route to a second place finish out of 12 teams with 67 points.

Setting a Plymouth record was the first-place shuttle hurdle team of Kayla Dudek, Olivia Dillaha, Salamey and

Bradley. Other firsts were recorded by the high jump relay of Jillian Betts, Harris and Em-

erson Recto and the throwers 400 relay of Jenna Ammar, Olivia Brasch, Danielle Heuttner and Wehmer.

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### **KLAA**

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four from the West Division -Brighton, Howell, Hartland and Grand Blanc.

Morgan, who could not be reached for comment, also announced he was stepping down as KLAA president. He will be replaced by Novi Principal Nicole Carter, who has

served as KLAA vice president. "At this time, I feel that it would be a conflict of interest for me to remain the president of the KLAA," Morgan wrote in the same email. "I appreciate your patience and support of the executive board, and me, throughout the year. I am hopeful that you understand my decision."

A competitive equity proposal plan that had been taken to the KLAA principals in early March was voted down, 17-6 (with one absent). Proposal B plan would have realigned the KLAA into six different divisions of four schools while maintaining 12 teams each from the existing Kensington and Lakes conferences.

### Plan goes down

Proposal B, however, provided a swap with KLAA West

### **KENSINGTON LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION**

**KENSINGTON CONFERENCE** 

South Division: Canton (2,076 enrollment), Plymouth (2,057), Westland John Glenn (1,817), Wayne Memorial (1,643), Livonia Churchill (1,620), Livonia Franklin (1,615). Central Division: Northville (2,281), Salem (2,068), Novi (2,017), Livonia

Stevenson (1,831), South Lyon (1,224), South Lyon East (923). **LAKES CONFERENCE** 

West Division: Grand Blanc (2,727), Howell (2,567), Brighton (2,221), Hartland (2,017), Milford (1,484), Pinckney (1,326).

North Division: White Lake Lakeland (1,770), Walled Lake Central (1,766), Waterford Mott (1,651), Walled Lake Northern (1,611), Waterford Kettering (1,512), Walled Lake Western (1,462).

members Pinckney and Milford moving to the Kensington Conference from the Lakes, while KLAA Central Division schools Novi and Northville would move to the Lakes from the Kensington.

A 75-percent majority, or 18 schools, was needed to approve the change, which tried to address the discrepancy in enrollments between the largest schools in the KLAA, such as Grand Blanc (2,727), and the smallest in South Lyon East (923).

"South Lyon Community Schools has been working with the KLAA this year to explore a variety of options for realignment," South Lyon Superintendent Melissa Baker wrote in a

email statement. "After the last proposal was voted down, SLCS continued to explore other options. We have been in conversation with four other districts about creating a new league. Our focus throughout this process has been on addressing issues of competitive equity.'

Besides East. which has an enrollment of 923, South Lyon High is the second smallest among the 24-member KLAA schools with 1,224 students.

"Student enrollment numbers are a significant factor in determining competitive equity and both South Lyon high schools are smaller than many schools with whom we currently compete in the KLAA," Baker said. "South Lyon athletic directors and administration will be presenting information to our community stakeholders and the Board of Education in the near future."

A sub-committee of athletic directors within the KLAA was scheduled to meet again Thursday to come up one last-ditch attempt to come up with competitive balance proposal which would address football realignments (separately), along with all other fall, winter and spring sports (with the exception of hockey, gymnastics and boys and girls lacrosse).

The plan reportedly used an analytic four-year performance standard for each individual school by varsity sport, along with an enrollment metric, while trying to keep the 12 schools within each conference intact while continuing to ad-

dress travel concerns The plan reportedly had Walled Lake Central and Brighton moving from the Lakes to the Kensington Conference, while South Lyon and South Lyon East would flip from the Kensington to the Lakes.

But that all went up in smoke following Morgan's announcement that 10 schools were breaking away and will more than likely form their own

The committee of athletic directors that was scheduled to meet regarding the latest realignment proposal included Hage, Brian Gordon (Novi), Brian Swinehart (Walled Lake), Greg Michaels (Huron Valley) and Dan Hutcheson (Howell), the latter of whom is leaving after the current school year to become an assistant director with the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

"It's in the superintendents' hands now instead of the A.D.s' and principals'," one KLAA administrator said. "There's been a 100 different versions of formulas and proposals. We just can't settle on one. This committee had the task of continuing to look for a proposal or hybrid schedule.'

And although there needs to be approval by all five superintendents from the 10 KLAA schools that are leaving, all signs point to a new league forming.

The move came as no surprise to many in the KLAA, who learned the 10 defecting schools had met the day after the Proposal B realignment went down March 7. Discussion centered around forming a new league or conference.

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# Chefs cook with Girl Scout cookies at annual fundraiser

eastern Michigan's (GSSEM) annual Cookie Gala drew more than 300 attendees and raised more than \$76,000 for Girl Scouting in southeastern Michigan.

The event was held last month at DTE Energy Headquarters, where local chefs competed for several awards by creating culinary dishes using Girl Scout cookies.



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Fifty-One O One, Henry Ford Community College (Detroit Layered Lunch Box using Tagalong Cookies)

» People's Choice — Crispelli's Bakery & Pizzeria (Tasty culinary delight using Trefoils)

» Judge's Choice Holiday Market (Samoa Caramel Delight)

» Cookie Diva's Choice (Glenda Lewis) Aramark Corporation (Braised Short Rib & Thin Mint Mojito Molo)

GSSEM also presented its annual "One Tough Cookie" recognitions. The ceremony was held

prior to the Cookie Gala and recognized women and men from the Detroit Area for exceptional leadership skills and community service. The "Nancy L. Philippart Recognition for Leadership" award went to Anne Doyle. The "Maggie Allesee Recognition for Community Service" award went to Francine E. Pegues. The first-ever "Man Enough to be a Girl Scout" Awards honoring men who have years of service encouraging and mentoring women's leadership went to John A. Evans, Peter M. Keating, Gerald McCarty II, Brad Simmons, Larry E. Steward, and Dan Varner.

The evening's successful auction featured these top three selling items: Tickets to the American Music Awards, a Samuel Adams Brewery Tour in Boston, and a "Star Wars: The Force

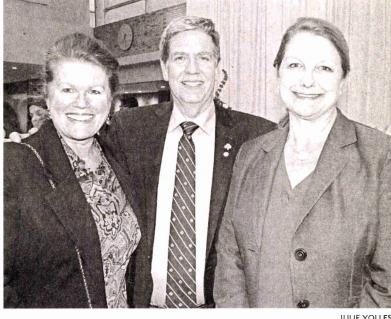
Awakens" poster.
Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan is the local council chartered by Girl Scouts of the USA to facilitate the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, designed to help girls develop leadership skills through three key elements — discover, connect and take action. Each element has a set of five outcomes including girls develop a strong sense of self (discover); girls develop healthy relationships (connect); and girls can identify community needs (take action).

Contact Julie Yolles, Social Scene columnist, by emailing socialscenejulie@gmail.com or leave a message at 248-642-9465.



enjoy the annual Cookie Gala.

Daisy Troop members Helen Wahl of Ann Arbor, 4, Maggie Kennison of Ann Arbor, 6, and Rachael Ramjattan of Farmington Hills, 5



Marianne Farley of West Bloomfield, Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan (GSSEM) board member, Rick Sundquist of Farmington Hills, property chair, and Diane Miller of Brooklyn, GSSEM Audit Committee member, attend the annual Cookie Gala at DTE Energy Headquarters.



Chef Kristin Jablonski of Redford has won numerous awards and medals through the American Culinary Federation and is a four-time champion from the Michigan State University Museum Chocolatier Competition. Last year, he and Fifty-One O One Restaurant won the Girls' Choice Award at the annual Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan's Cookie Gala.



JULIE YOLLES

Denise Dalrymple, Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan CEO, presents the People's Choice Award to Henry Ford College's Fifty-One O One Restaurant, headed by Redford resident chef de Patisserie Kristin Jablonski. Jablonski and his student team created the Detroit Lavered Lunchbox using Tagalong cookies. Dalrymple also awarded the CEO's Choice Award to Fifty-One O One in

### **RELIGION CALENDAR**

### **APRIL 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

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

Contact: 248-553-3380 **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; anti-

**CHARITY CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW** 

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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@ya hoo.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: 313-532-8655 or 734-968-3523

**FOOD ASSISTANCE** Time/Date: Doors open at 9 a.m., Saturday, May 7 Location: Hosanna-Tabor

Lutheran Church, 9600 Le-

verne, 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 fam-

Contact: Diane at 313-937-

**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. \$1admission, \$2 early bird. For table rental and contract visit stvalentineschool-

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 praver service, 6:30 p.m., Thursday,

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 Ply mouth 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

Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Newburgh and Wayne Road, Livo-

Details: \$2 per adult Thursday only; free admission Friday-Saturday. Saturday half-price

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 Curch, 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** 

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

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 Time/Date: 7-8:30 n m, second

and fourth Thursday, through Mav Location: 11441 Hubbard, just

south of Plymouth Road, Details: Gary Michuta, author and Catholic apologist, leads a

study of Isaiah. Bring your own

Contact: 734-261-1455, ext 200 or on line at www.livoniastmichael.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 Hazel-

wood 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

Details: Free meal

Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12 **HEALING SERVICE** Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4

p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia

Details: The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.

Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@tbosm.com

# Passages Oblituaries, Memorles & Rememberances

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GWEN Of Ann Arbor, MI; passed away peacefully at Arbor Hospice center with family at her side after living with Pancreatic Cancer for the past four years. Gwen had recently moved to Ann Arbor from Connecticut where she had lived since 1976. Born in Detroit 1935 to Harvey and Lois Luce and raised in a home filled with art and music, Gwer was a graduate of Kingswood School and attended William & Mary College before her marriage to Walter O. Briggs III, her husband of 58 yea Together, they raised eight children and in 1973 moved to Petoskey, Michigan where Gwen, in addition to encouraging academic and artistic excellence, taught her children tennis, golf, sailing, and skiing. In 1976, Walter was offered the opportunity to move to the east coast and the family relocated to New Canaan, Connecticut. With all her children in school full-time, Gwen enrolled at Pace University where she received a bachelors degree in accounting and upon graduation was immediately hired by J.P. Morgan. She eventually switched careers and became a licensed real estate agent in Fairfield County, CT. It was then that Gwen rekindled her passion for painting, taking studio space at the Old Lock Factory in Norwalk, CT where she worked mainly in acrylics. A strong supporter of the arts throughout her life, Gwen got involved in preservation efforts for the building, which led her to become involved in local politics, ultimately being

elected to the Norwalk city

social justice initiatives. In her retirement, Gwen

focused on her family and her Church, St. Paul's on

the Green. Gwen is survived

O. Briggs IV, Lois Swartzell, Laura Briggs-Knowles, Harvey Briggs, Grace Carwile, Charles

by her sister, Jeannie Davis;

Briggs, Christopher Briggs, and Philip Briggs, and her

22 grandchildren. Memorial services will be held on May

21 at St. Andrew's Episcopal

Church in Ann Arbor, MI and

October 8 at St. Paul's on the

Green in Norwalk, CT. In lieu

of flowers, the family requests

donations be made in Gwen's

Action Network or Arbor

name to the Pancreatic Cancer

her eight children, Walter

council focusing on education, historic preservation and

### BURGY

BETTY J. April 19, 2016. Age 94. Wife of the late Robert L. Dear Mother of Karen (Thomas) Delany, Elizabeth (James) Muller, Brian (Marie), Scott (Lee Ann), and the late Mark. Dear great-grandchildren. Loving sister of June MacPherson and the late Shirley Grunow; and many nieces and nephews Private services will be held later. Memorial contributions can be made to Angela Hospice of Livonia.

### CONATSER



WILLIAM WALLACE JR., Age 53 of Largo Florida formerly of Livonia Michigan passed away after an extended illness February 19th 2016. He was born June 13th 1962 to William and Nora Conatser. He leaves behind his wife Robin Conatser and ten brothers and sisters, Diane (Jim) Sumner, Donna (Keith) Trupiano, James (Joyce) Conatser, Kathy (Dan) Hollinshead, David (Stephanie) Conatser, Audrey Lefever, Michael (Galena) Conatser, Mary Jo (John) McDonald, Karen (Mark) Payne and Dennis Conatser along with twenty six nieces and nephews and many grand nieces and nephews. Billy was preceded in death by his father William Wallace Conatser Sr. his paternal grandparents William and Mary Conatser and his maternal grandparents Oren and Beatrice Bearden Interment for William will be April 29. 2016 at Cadillac Memorial Gardens, 34224 Ford Rd., Westland, MI preceded by a service in the chapel at 11:00 a.m. immediately followed with a luncheon at St. Stevens Church, 2803 1st street Wyandotte, Michigan.

### MAGI

VINCE April 21, 2016, age 86. Beloved husband of the late Karen. Dear father of Lisa (Jason) Davis. Beloved grandfather of Sydney and Hunter. Brother of Mario Magi and Mary Burdick. Visitation Tuesday 2-8 p.m. at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Visitation will continue on Wednesday from 10 a.m. until time of the Funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. at Resurrection Catholic Church, 48755 Warren Road, Canton. Share your memories at

www.schrader-howell.com

NANCY JANE 84, passed

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away peacefully on Tuesday, April 5, with friends at her side. She was born August 18, 1931 in Detroit and lived in her beloved Birmingham since 1951 when her father was transferred back to the Detroit area. She was the daughter of Charles F. and Elizabeth Platz. Nancy was a 1949 graduate of Rogers City High School in Rogers City, MI. She attended Northwestern University and graduated from Michigan State University in 1953. Nancy was employed at General Motors Tech Center for 35 years and retired in 1993. She was a member of St. James Episcopal Church in Birmingham and the Women's Club at the Birmingham Community House. Nancy was an active volunteer at St James Episcopal Church and Cranbrook Gardens. An avid genealogist, she belonged to many genealogy societies. In addition to her volunteer work, Nancy enjoyed gardening, reading, and sports. She is survived by her cousins and longtime friends, especially her St. James colleagues and her Birmingham neighbors who were always there for her Funeral Services are private. Memorial contributions can be made to the Baldwin Public Library and St. James Episcopal Church in Birmingham.



# COMMUNITY LIFE

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Diana Capany (left), executive assistant at First Step, listens as Ayesha Joz of Canton and Ailsa Blunk of Plymouth talk over project plans.

SHARON DARGAY

# Muslim, Christian women explore common ground

Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

Muslim and Christian women will work together sprucing up the dining room at First Step's domestic abuse shelter this month.

this month.

They'll clean, polish, buff and redecorate the space from ceiling to floor Friday-Saturday, April 29-30, in Wayne, while also strengthening friendships and furthering the mission of their group, Common Ground Gathering.

"At this point, it's to make a difference in the community," Hasina Abdu explained their goal as a combined Muslim-Christian gathering. "We are building bridges while making a difference. The Canton-Plymouth community can only get stronger if we work together, if we work in collaboration."

Nancy Sullivan of Plymouth, another member, looks forward to rolling up her sleeves and working with her Christian and Muslim friends.

"I'm really excited about it. When you're scrubbing cabinets side by side, what better way to get to know someone," she said.

Abdu, a Canton resident, is the outreach director for the Muslim Community of Western Suburbs in Canton and Sullivan is a longtime member of First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. Common Ground Gathering is a loosely organized group of approximately 50 women from all backgrounds and of all ages who attend the mosque and the church

church.

"Initially the mosque held an open invitation for people to attend a forum after the shootings a year ago in North Carolina of three Muslim students," said Sullivan, who attended the event with her husband. "Hasina happened to be this lovely woman seated behind me. She and I exchanged contact information. We made a commit-

"We are building bridges while making a difference. The Canton-Plymouth community can only get stronger if we work together, if we work in collaboration."

ment that we would develop a relationship. That led to

The pair, joined by two other friends, talked about family, careers, personal history and their futures.

"I became aware she really is just like me, but we have different faith practices and beliefs," Sullivan said. "That was the beginning."

### **Building friendships**

Their budding friendship took a leap forward when Abdu and other women from the mosque invited Sullivan and her friends from First Presbyterian to a get-together in spring 2015. They played "ice breaker" games, ate lunch and spent the afternoon chatting and getting to know each other. The women from First Presbyterian reciprocated last fall with a social that included desserts, a tour of the church, ice breaker games, and conversation.

"We had a big map on the wall that indicated where we were originally from and where we live today," said



SHARON DARGAY

Ayesha Joz of the Muslim Community of Western Suburbs and Ailsa Blunk of First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth are planning a joint project at First Step's domestic violence shelter in Wayne.

Ailsa Blunk, a Northville resident who attends First Presbyterian. "So, there we all are in Northville, Plymouth and Canton. It doesn't matter where we came from. We're all together now."

They called the group Common Ground Gathering because it focused on what they share in common rather than on differences.

"We all care about what is happening in our community. We're concerned about our children's education, jobs, safe neighborhoods," Blunk said. "We share the same concerns and a lot of the same choices. It was loud, interesting and talkative conversation."

Added Ayesha Joz, a Canton resident and mosque member: "It was women being women."

### Their agenda

The group brainstormed ideas for future gatherings and developed a list that included everything from craft activ-

ities to the First Step project, watching movies together to offering cooking lessons.

Joz, Blunk and a handful of other women met this year to sift through the ideas and picked the First Step dining room as their first project. A planning session for the project drew 50 women, approximately half from the mosque and half from the church. They'll work in shifts at the First Step shelter, cleaning, organizing, making new table centerpieces, and art for the walls.

Both women say they've heard nothing but positive comments from their worship communities about Common Ground Gathering.

"We had hoped we could reach out and build a relationship with our (church) neighbors," Joz said. "Everyone is really enthusiastic. They've been very supportive. Even people that are not necessarily involved have said good words

about it."

Abdu hopes the group eventually reaches out to other faith communities in the Plymouth-Canton area. The women plan to include Christian and Muslim youth in a future activity. Members also are considering a book discussion group and a movie night for their next gathering.

"I think we just want to emphasize we are both taught in our religion to show love to one another and that is what our motivation is," Blunk said.

"In Islam, you are not a true believer until you want for your brother what you want for yourself," Joz added. "And we're all sisters in humanity. That's the motto."

For more about First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, visit FPCP.net. For more about the Muslim Community of Western Suburbs, visit mcws.org.

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# Store owner blogs on pet products, dogs to strut runway

Sharon Dargay

Plastic, stainless steel or ceramic water bowls? Wet or dry food food? Small

or large kibble?
Addy Shattuck hopes to
answer those and other questions you may have about the
growing variety of pet products, in the new "Neighbor
Shopping Tips" segment of her
blog.

Shattuck is the owner of two Pet Supplies Plus stores in Highland and one in Bloomfield Township. She started blogging about store events, occasionally inviting a local veterinarian to weigh in on pet health, about a year and a half ago.

"We've put on workshops on dental health for pets, pet obesity, vaccines. We put on a lot of fun events. We have Santa with live reindeer. Every year we do a block party at our Cooley Lake Road store. That's why the blog was originally created.

"Then recently I thought

why not give tips because there is such a wide variety of pet foods and pet products. How do you choose?"

She'll help consumers sort it all out before they hit the store shelves, drawing on her experience in the pet supply business for more than 25 years and as a pet owner. She currently has seven cats and one dog at her Milford home. She'll also get input from her store team and welcomes feedback on products from consumers. Each Neighbor Shopping Tip post will include

**PET PROJECTS** 

a coupon for a pet product.

"A lot of questions have to
do with food products and
there are so many choices —
raw, grain free, what to pick
for a senior pet. It all depends
on breed, age, health and
whether there are allergies."

Shattuck said a veterinary appointment is a good time to ask about a pet's food needs, but noted that some owners



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Addy Shattuck, owner of three Pet Supplies Plus stores, is adding pet products to her blogging topics.

don't take their animals to the vet every year, opting instead for a low-cost vaccination

She recommends an annual or twice-a-year visit to the vet for a wellness exam.

"They may seem fine but

you never know what is going on inside. A blood panel in my opinion should be run at least yearly."

Shattuck said she plans to blog about products for birds, guinea pigs and rabbits, too, along with food, dental products, chews, collars and toys for dogs and cats.

Her favorite new cat toy, FroliCat, projects random laser points for 15 minutes and then shuts off.

"Cats chase it. Cats pounce on it. Cats go nuts over this. I have a real old cat who is 18 and she plays with it."

And what about the wide variety of water and food bowls? Shattuck said she recommends stainless steel or ceramic.

"With plastic it can be porous and harbor bacteria and you can't get it totally out."
Follow her blog at Ad-

### dysPSP.wordpress.com. Canine couture

Dogs that found homes through Livonia-based Guardian Angel Animal Rescue (GAAR) will take to the fashion runway Saturday-Sunday, April 30-May 1 at the International Women's Show in Novi.

They'll wear clothing, fancy collars and will help encourage pet adoption as they strut the catwalk with their humans. The audience will hear their rescue stories and "Pawiect Runway" starts at

"Pawject Runway" starts at 10:30 a.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday. GAAR also will have a vendor booth at the show with information on adopting.

The International Women's Show runs 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 28 and Saturday, April 30, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, April 29, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 1, at the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Admission is \$10 for adults, and \$5 for ages 6-12. Parking is \$5. Advance tickets are \$8 for adults. Visit southernshows.com/wde/.

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# Appliance Doc's advice: Share your talents, help others

few days ago, I spoke to a class of high school students at Stuckey School in Redford thanks to John Konen, a teacher who lives up the street from our house.

These kids wanted to know what I did for a living and my reply was simple. "I do things that help others." You could say that this has been true for most of my life. An example was emailed to me the other day by a nice lady who wrote about my old days.

Michel wrote: "You're right about old products lasting long. I had a Philco freezer for 47 years and put it on Freecycle because I didn't want to defrost it any longer. It ran great, even though it went through two base-



ment floods with my Whirlpool dryer, where the water was three feet deep. Now, what I'm writing you about is my dryer, which I bought in 1962. It runs great, but the timer is broken and I have to keep an eye on it and be sure I turn it off when the clothes are dry. I love my dryer; we've been through a lot together. It's old, a bit rusty on the bottom and not as attractive as it used to be, but neither am I. I'd like to get a timer for it. Is there a place that I can get that particular part without being a technician?

Do it yourself

"As an aside, years ago, about 40 of them, the belt broke on my dryer and I called your store to send a repairman out. He came, had me watch him put the belt on, took it off and put it on again. Then he took it off, handed it to me and said, "You put it on." I said, 'WHAT?' He said, 'I see you have no ring on your finger, a couple of kids, and I'm betting you're divorced and can't afford to have someone come in and do this again. I want you to know how to do it so all you have to do is buy the part.' I could have, OK I did, cried. What a decent guy and a wonderful

employee and repre-

sentative of the company.

"Another time I had a huge bulky old Tappan microwave that I bought in the mid-'80s. It wouldn't work, so I called your store again to see if could bring it in. I told the guy on the phone that it weighed about 50 pounds. He told me to unplug it, take the housing off and see if it had a round glass fuse. I did and it did. He said to change the fuse and things would be OK. I did, and they were. I have nothing but good no, great—things to say about the store you once owned. It's wonderful to find a company that is helpful and not after the almighty dollar. I finally passed the microwave on to a family whose house burned down and needed everything, and bought a

new one with a turntable! Anyway, I digress, back to the timer for my dryer. Can I get one somewhere? Love your column, Michel.'

### Be kind to others

This email brought back a lot of memories. I can be just about anywhere when a past customer walks up and relates a story how I saved them money or showed them how to fix it themselves.

Somewhere in the Bible it states that if you have a talent and don't share it with others, it is classified as a sin. I explained this to the high school students the other day and suggested that they walk down a street, select a senior citizen with no family and offer

to paint the fence. It's not hard to learn how to clean and prepare it and use a brush to make it look good.

My last tip for the kids came from English literature. Life is filled with ups and downs, mood swings and all sorts of depression. A fellow named Shakespeare once wrote, "Life is but a stage, and you are the actor." Reach into your hearts and do something good for others. You might be surprised at how good it makes you feel. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can email your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twmi.rr.com.

# 'Graphic activist' tackles social justice in comics

**Sharon Dargay** Staff Writer

Comic books and graphic novels are shedding light on social justice issues, not just the adventures of caped crusaders and super

Nicole Burton, the co-founder of Ad Astra Comix, will talk about "graphic activism" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 27, at Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. She'll also show the graphic novel, "Drawing the Line, Indian Women Fight Back!," which includes stories in comic form by 14 women in India who were raped or sexually harassed. Burton's company, which is based in Toronto, Ontario, published the North American version of the book, which originally was published overseas.

"It's about changing the culture of rape in India," said Khaya Davidson, a Farmington Hills resident and church member who organized the event. called "Women Making Justice Through Comics." "She'll have copies

of the book there. The discussion also will include Ayesha Ghazi, executive director of American Citizens for Justice, who will talk about "Women Building Power for Social Justice."

Women Making Justice through Comics is a collaboration with Ad Astra Comix, American Citizens for Justice, Green Brain Comics, Book Beat Bookstore, and the church.

Davidson said the idea for the event grew out of Comique Con, held last November at the Arab American National Museum in Dearborn. Davidson's niece, Chelsea

completed and submitted on-line.

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### **KHAYA DAVIDSON**

Liddy of Plymouth organized Comique Con to female comic book creators. She was dissatisfied with the exposure they received at other comic conventions she had attended. Ad Astra Comix co-founders Burton and her partner, Hugh Goldring, had a vendor booth at Liddy's

event. 'My husband and I met Nicole and Hugh. We were just so impressed with them. He is an artist and she is writer. They distribute and publish books on social justice and they do some themselves," Davidson said. "It just happened that Nicole was leading a panel discussion (at Comique Con) about graphic activism. She

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was interviewing two Palestinian-American comic book writers about why they chose to express themselves through comics. It was so moving.'

Davidson said comics can be an effective way to address human rights

"This idea of graphic activism is using comic book style for positive change for the better for people. Remember the editorial cartoons in the paper? I think this is an extension of that. And it also appeals to a younger generation," she said. "We're really excited about this."

For more information on the event call 248-354-4488.

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# **Perkins**

### Baby Boomer Summit set for April 30

The Baby Boomer generation, which has helped transform society more than the past 50 years, is now facing its biggest challenge - retirement.

Most Baby Boomers prefer to retire and stay in their hometown communities, so what does this area have to offer Boomers? Plenty.

On April 30, the city of Birmingham, Birmingham Shopping District, Next and the Baldwin Public Library will present Boomer Summit. This is a one-stop, inclusive morning to learn what opportunities, resources and experiences are available to make the most of the next and best years ahead, right here in the area.

The summit will be

held in the auditorium of Birmingham Groves High School, 20500 W. 13 Mile Road, in Beverly Hills. The high-energy event will feature speakers, music and giveaways and will offer Boomers ideas and inspiration. Tickets are \$10. Preregistration is preferred at the Next website, www.Birmingham

Next.org, or tickets can be purchased at the door. The morning will egin at 7:30 a.m. with showcase of local businesses offering products

and services for the Boomer generation. Represented will be fitness, wellness, lifestyle, and technology opportuni-

WJBK-TV (Channel 2) news anchor Huel Perkins takes the stage at 8:45 a.m. to kick off the program of expert speakers that will help

Boomers plan ahead. The morning will feature five 20-minute presentations, brief videos and raffle items like a \$200 gift card to American Cycle & Fitness or round-trip Delta airline tickets from Departure Travel. With experts like Gail

Elliott Patricolo from Beaumont, travel journalist Amy S. Eckert and author/therapist Terri Orbuch, there is a guarantee every attendee will learn something that will assist Boomers in making the years ahead happy and purposeful.

For more information on all the speakers and showcase participants, call 248-203-5270 or go to the Next website. Sponsors for the event are Beaumont, Mills Pharmacy, Schoolcraft College, Bloom Asset Management, Traders Joe's, Fox 2 News and Birmingham Public Schools.



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Non-Use Variance Requested Front Yard Setback Zoned: R-1, Single-Family Residential Applicant: John Garrison

2. Z 16-05

605 Jener Non-Use Variance Requested Rear Yard Setback Zoned: R-1, Single-Family Residential Applicant: Ronald Adelman

3. Z 16-06

1071 Beech Non-Use Variance Requested Garage to exceed 50% of the front façade of home Zoned: R-1, Single-Family Residential Applicant: Dylan and Kathryn Propst

4. Z 16-07

305 Pacific Non-Use Variance Requested Rear Yard Setback and 10 ft. required between house & garage Zoned: R-1, Single-Family Residential Applicant: William Cowdin

5. Z 16-08

623 Herald Non-Use Variance Requested Front Yard Setback Zoned: R-1, Single-Family Residential Applicant: Matt Thurber

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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Maureen Brodie, ADA Coordinator 201 S. Main Street Plymouth, MI 48170, (734) 453-1234, Ext. 206

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# A living will takes the guesswork out of end-of-life plans

very day you make choices. You make decisions on what you are going to wear, what you are going to eat and what you are going to do. Shouldn't you also preserve your autonomy to choose or refuse types of health care treatments when you no longer can speak for yourself?

Your personal wishes are the most important part of the decision-making process. Fact: 82 percent of people say it is important to put their health care wishes in writing, however, 23 percent have actually done it. Also, two National Institute of Nursing research studies reported high stress and psychological distress when families had to decide withdrawal treatments or make a right-to-life choice for a family member without an advance directive.

Advance directives include decisions made ahead of time



Michelle Moccia **GUEST COLUMNIST** 

about the kind of medical care you want in the event you are unable to communicate your decisions. This has created a call to action.

Take, for instance, you suffer a tragedy causing irreversible brain damage. Who will speak for you if you cannot speak for yourself? Will your loved ones know what you

Maybe some of you can recall the highly publicized and contentious cases of Karen Ann Quinlan, Nancy Cruzan and Terry Shiavo? These young women survived tragedies but lived in vegetative states while court battles occurred between the families and the legal system. Not only

did these families suffer from the loss of a vibrant member, but also now had to experience anxiety and stress of pleading with the court to allow their loved ones to die with dignity.

In 1990, Congress enacted the Patient Self Determination Act (PSDA), 42 C.F.R. and 489.102 as an amendment to Title XVIII of the Social Security Act (Medicare). The intent of the bill is to protect patients and their families from unnecessary care and suffering and inappropriate use of financial resources.

However, the fact is 60 percent of people say making sure their family is not burdened by tough decisions is "extremely important" but 56 percent of them have not communicated their end-of-life wishes.

How do you communicate your wishes? A living will can spell out the medical care you want or don't want in the event you're incapable of communi-

cating your wishes. An advance directive is a legal document designating another porson, or "proxy" you have cho-sen to communicates your health care decisions in case you can't. This person is also known as a durable power of attorney for health care (DPOAHC).

How do you begin the conversation? Your local hospital has advance directive documents available and there are also multiple online resources available to begin end-of-life

» www.Agingwithdignity.org/fivewishes

» www.Respectingchoices.org/

» Consumers Health Care Tool Kit for Advance Care Planning - www.american-

bar.org/groups/law\_aging.html » AARP: Advance Directives: Your Critical Action

» www.nhdd.org – the

"Speak Up" video is excellent, www/iom.edu/endoflife

Don't let time run out. The time is now. Please join us for a four-week series on advance care planning called As You Wish on Wednesdays starting May 4 in the S. Mary Mercy Livonia North Auditorium. The series, taught by experts from Angela Hospice and St. Mary Mercy, will teach you what to consider, how to plan ahead and make your wishes known, and come away with a legal document you can share with your family and health care providers. To register, visit stmarymercy.org/personalizing-advance-care-planning or stmarymercy.org and click on "Classes and Events." Or call 734-665-8950.

J. Michelle Moccia, DNP, ANP-BC, CCRN, is the program director for the Senior Emergency Center at St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

# Fundraiser set for elementary student with rare disease

Jay Grossman

Staff Writer

When Maya Kridli was in kindergarten, she could run to

Today, she uses a wheelchair to get around.

The 10-year-old student at Eastover Elementary School in Bloomfield Hills suffers from Ataxia telangiectasia (A-T), also known as "Louis-Bar syndrome." The rare genetic disease strikes 1 in 40,000 at birth and weakens the immune system, increasing the risk for cancer.

It also impairs certain areas of the brain, causing difficulty with movement and muscle coordination. Consequently, most children diagnosed with A-T are confined to a wheelchair at an early age.

'She's very bright, very smart and she's very funny she's big on practical jokes, said her mother, Suha Al-Oballi Kridli. "She just has many physical limitations right now ... and that's the hard part, because she's aware of those limitations.'

The disease is incurable, but

"She's very bright, very smart and she's very funny — she's big on practical jokes. She just has many physical limitations right now," SUHA AL-OBALLI KRIDLI,

Maya's family refuses to dwell on the negative. Instead, they're committed to holding a fundraiser every year to fund research and hopefully one day find a cure.

This year, members of the Bloomfield Hills High School National Honor Society have organized a Fun Walk/Run from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 30, at the former Lahser High School, 3465 Lahser Road. Participants are encouraged to wear white outfits as they're speckled with colors as they go around the track through the various color sta-

Maya's older sister, Nadine, 17, is vice president of the school's national honor society. Her older brother, Adam, 14, also attends Bloomfield Hills High School. They helped organize a nature walk last year, and a 'jumpathon' the year before

Kridli said the family has raised over \$15,000 for the A-T Children Project (atcp.org) which supports research for finding a treatment and ultimately a cure. While A-T is a rare disease, research on understanding it also helps the medical community with a better understanding of with finding treatments for common diseases such as cancers and Alzheimer's disease.

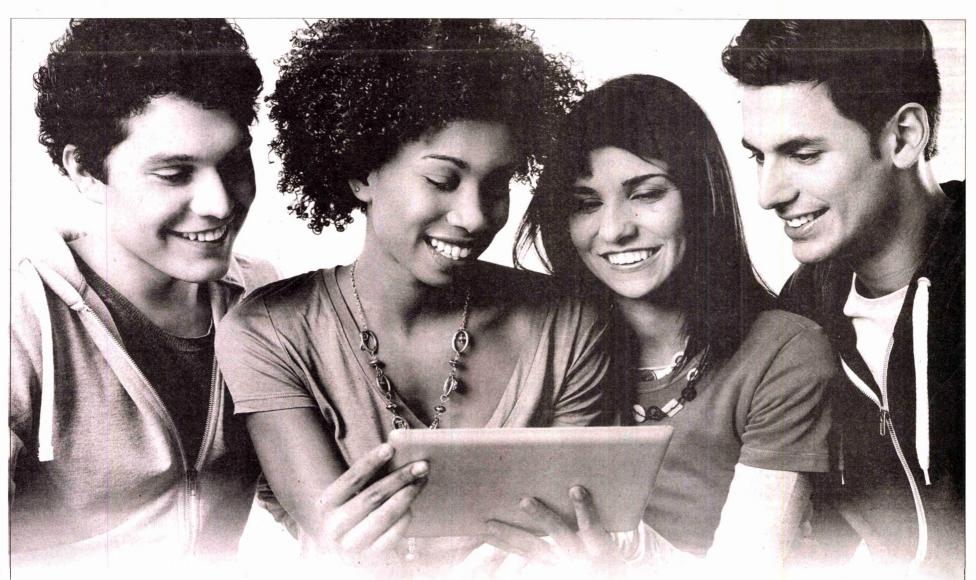
The walk/run takes place rain or shine. There will also be a silent auction and other activities. To register in advance, visit atcp.org/HopeStep Bloomfield.

"We just want the community to join us on this day," Kridli said. "We're hoping for a large turnout so we can raise more money to give us one more step forward.'

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Ten-year-old Maya Kridli, a student at Eastover Elementary School in Bloomfield Hills suffers from ataxia telangiectasia (A-T), also known as Louis-Bar syndrome.



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# Working at a startup always has ups and downs

BY MARY LORENZ CAREERBUILDER

hanks to the massive success of once-small enterprises such as Facebook, Twitter and Groupon, startup companies are popping up faster than you can say "Silicon Valley," with every entrepreneur hoping to be the next Mark Zuckerberg. With their famously laid-back work cultures and creative employee perks, startups carry a lot of allure for job seekers ready to make their mark.

But working for a startup isn't all on-site massages and Free Beer Fridays. It takes hard work, an all-hands-on-deck attitude and lots of late nights. If you're considering working for a startup, think through the pros and cons first.

PRO: You get to take chances. "Working at a startup can be very exciting," says Michele Mavi, director of recruiting and content development at Atrium Staffing. Not only are you surrounded by bright, passionate people, but you get to try things you may not be able to do in a more established organization. "The feeling of working with a group of people where you're building something out of nothing and creating something of value is really rewarding," Mavi says.

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for SmartSites, an online marketing company. At a larger company, your influence is dependent on your title or role, but at a startup, "every person has a high degree of importance and is trusted to make the right decisions for the company," Korneitchouk says.

**CON: The hours are** long. "If you want to work eight hours and go home and not think about your job, then don't work for a startup," advises Margo Schlossberg, vice president of sales and marketing at JumpIt Pass, a membership-based service for local kids' classes. Answering emails until the wee hours of the night is just part of the job,

she says. "I consider that part of what I signed up for working for a startup, because it is an 'all hands on deck' operation. and sometimes, that's what needs to happen."

PRO: There's never a dull moment. "Startups move very fast," says Katherine Chalmers, strategic director for Velocity Marketing. "In the early years, your projects are different every day, and your challenges evolve every quarter. It's exhilarating."

**CON: There is no** stability. "A career in startups is by nature volatile," Chalmers adds. Failure is a big possibility, and even

companies that do succeed may see a lot of fluctuation. "If you can't handle uncertainty and volatility, working with startups can be very stressful," she says.

PRO: You are your own boss. For Sarah Dabby, head of talent at San Franciscobased startup ClickTime, one of the perks is the autonomy provided by a flat organizational structure. "The amount of control you have over your career is immense," Dabby says. "You rarely have anyone telling you what to do, and it's up to you to figure out what needs to be done — and how (to do it). That's thrilling if you're proactive, take initiative and love to be hands-on in delivering results."

CON: Chaos is king. On the other hand, Dabby says, "The pace can be frenetic, and with everyone trying to deliver on many projects all at once, it can be difficult to see the forest for the trees." While some people thrive on chaos, those who do not may quickly burn out in a startup environment.

Mary Lorenz is a writer for the Advice & Resources section on CareerBuilder.com. She researches and writes about job-search strategy, career management, hiring trends and workplace issues.

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**CON: The salary isn't** 

nesses that are just starting

out don't have the budget to

ing for Money Crashers, an

offer a competitive salary and

benefits package, according to Carly Fauth, head of market-

online financial guide. To make

up for this, however, startups

may offer other nonmonetary

perks, such as a casual work

environment, unlimited vaca-

tion, a flexible schedule or the

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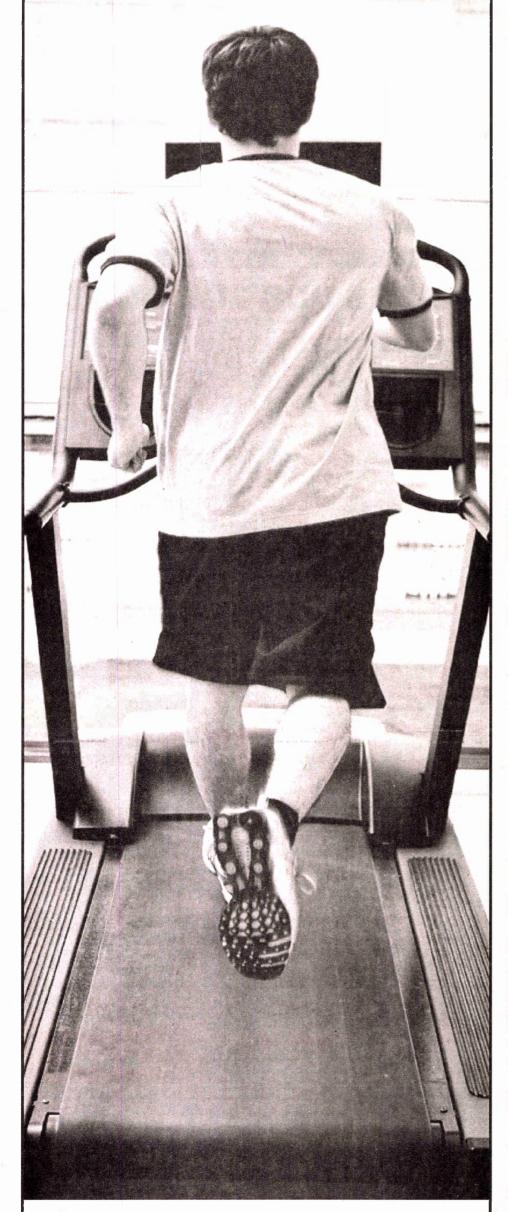
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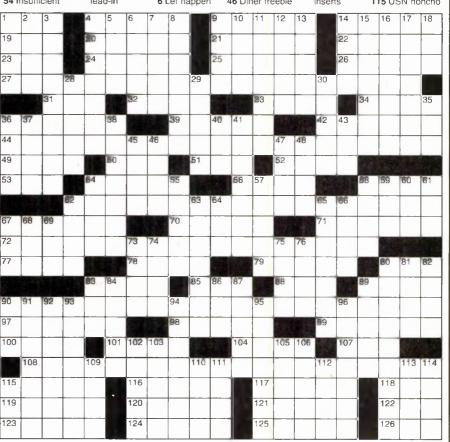
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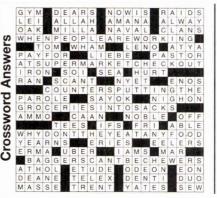
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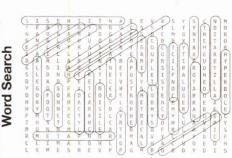
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# **Enlisting Ciara, Other Owners, Jeep Launches 'My Jeep** Story' Campaign As Sales Keep Soaring



Jeep has been doing yeoman's work lately for Fiat Chrysler Automobiles, with sales up 17 percent through March this year. Jeep, the

powerhouse Ram truck brand, and the performance-minded Dodge marque continue to give the automaker overall momentum even as Fiat and Chrysler falter.

But Jeep remains at an important intersection, as company and brand leadership attempt to extend its all-American positioning to be seen as a global brand and expand its demographics to include more female buyers.

In that effort, a new digital and social campaign called "My Jeep Story" is augmenting the other broad strokes being made by Jeep as the brand celebrates its 75th anniversary, including a Super Bowl ad that underscored its longer-term positioning, "We Don't Make Jeep, You Do"; the latter theme, by the way, also is seen swathing the tower of FCA headquarters in Auburn Hills in the form of pictures of Jeep owners displayed in huge form on the side of the building facing I-75.

By engaging Jeep brand fans across all the key social media and digital platforms with "My Jeep Story," and by enlisting music superstar Ciara, who calls herself "a Jeep girl," executives are trying to expand the brand in fresh ways. And crowdsourcing individuals' experiences with Jeep vehicles and the brand seemed like a good way to go.

"When we were thinking about how we would do it, we thought we might engage someone to write a book about the brand, or bring it to life in a new and different way," Kim Adams House, head of Jeep brand advertising, told me. "Then we realized there was no better way to bring the enabling spirit of the brand to life than to let fans and followers tell their own stories."



The pop star Ciara has a central role in Jeep's new marketing campaign



House talked with me about the new and different world of Jeep advertising these days:

Q: After several years of prioritizing the building up of the Jeep brand and growing its sales, where does Fiat Chrysler stand in that regard?

Kim Adams House: 1 think one of the things that can be attributed to the success of the brand is our core values. One of them is passion. That opens us up to deeper levels of engagement with fans, followers and owners. It's not something you see regularly in the automotive space—being part of a global family -- they really and truly are.

Q: Does it place more pressure on Jeep as other brands under the FCA umbrella, such as Chrysler and Fiat, struggle?

House: We've always had this focus on working very hard to remain relevant to this broader marketplace. In that way we know we have to dimensionalize who

we are not just appeal to the enthusiast core but also in some ways redefine or evolve who we are so the relevance becomes more broad and other consumers who may not have considered the brand five years ago might do so now. There are true and authentic ways to connect with consumers through music, sports and other lifestyle pillars.

Q: Strategically, what does the Jeep brand most need to accomplish now-expanding more with women or going international?

House: The piece of being global is an important objective. Our Super Bowl campaign. "We Don't Make Jeep, You Do," is a global sentiment. When you talk about a brand that has a nonverbal form of communication of people driving by and waving at each other as Jeep does—not just here but around the worldit's a very organic method of communication that is very much

a part of the Jeep brand DNA. We actually featured it in one of our Super Bowl ads.

Q: What's the thinking behind engaging Ciara for your campaign?

House: She has an incredible following. The unique and special thing about her is that her story is really all hers. She had her own unique Jeep story that harkened back to her father's experience in Desert Storm. Then fast forward: As a young, up-and-coming artist she was driven around by someone who had a Jeep Wrangler and she fell in love with it. It was a pure story.

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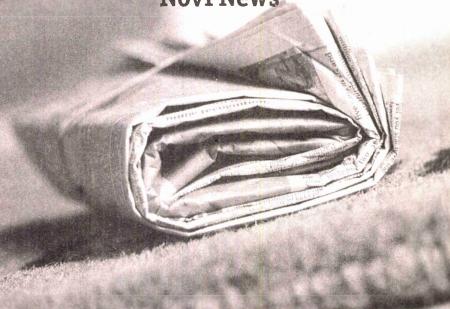
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