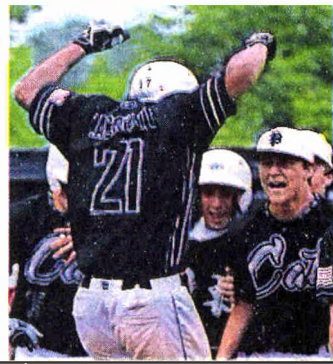


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City budget imposes tax-collection fee

Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Taxes in Plymouth will be going down — slightly — but the city's tax bills will be a bit higher, starting this summer, with the adoption of a new spending plan for the next fiscal year.

The plan, including a general fund budget of just over \$8

million, was approved by a city commission voice vote Monday. The 2016-17 fiscal year begins Friday, July 1.

While the new budget shaves slightly more than 0.1 of a mill off Plymouth's tax rate, which will now be a hair above 16 mills, it also imposes a 1-percent administrative fee on every property owners' tax bill. An administrative fee,

allowed by state law to cover a community's costs for collecting taxes for all taxing entities, has been the subject of discussion among commissioners at budget time in recent years, but hasn't been collected in Plymouth in more than 30 years.

The fee means homeowners paying \$5,000 a year in property taxes — including for

schools, parks, Wayne County, the Plymouth District Library — will also be charged a \$50 fee on top of that for the city's efforts in collecting those taxes.

Commissioner Dan Dalton said he understood objections to the fee, but that the city, affected by year after year of state revenue-sharing cuts, has trimmed its budget the best it

could.

"We've cut as far as we can, as far as I can see," Dalton said. "We really, truly needed an additional source of revenue."

"We have very few other places in which we can realize any revenue," Commissioner Colleen Pobur said. "You can

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Megan Hathaway is the first staffer to capture a duckling.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Eagle Scout project raises U.S. flag at park

Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Chase Every's Eagle Scout project is starting to take shape at Plymouth Township Park.

Workers from Rocket Enterprise of Warren installed a 35-foot flagpole Saturday at the park's ballfields, work that was paid for through a fundraiser coordinated by the Plymouth Township teenager, a Boy Scout with Troop 1537, based at Plymouth First United Methodist Church.

Chase was present for the installation and helped out where he could. Since the new flag has no light trained on it — a must for overnight display, according to flag etiquette — he's been raising it himself in the mornings and returning to the park every evening to lower it. Plans are to eventually have a light there focused on the flag, Chase said.

Chase is raising money for the project — the goal is \$5,000 — by selling engraved bricks for the small plaza he plans to build around the flagpole with the help of fellow Scouts.

"It's going smoother than I thought it would," Chase said Tuesday evening.

"At first it was kind of actually scary," he added, explaining that in the early days of the fundraiser, only a few bricks were sold. "As we got more public with it, it just exponentially grew."

Sales have been averaging a brick a day; the goal now, Chase said, is to sell 30 more bricks.

Bricks, available in two sizes, are being sold through Monday, June 20. They start at \$50 each; the larger-sized bricks can even be engraved with a company logo.

Go to sites.google.com/site/troop1537chasee/ for more information or to download an order form.

Following the purchase of the bricks, Chase plans to coordinate the construction of the plaza: excavation and the laying of the bricks, which will be done by fellow Scouts. Eagle Scout candidates are supposed to plan and supervise the hands-on work involved in their project as a way of showing leadership skills.

The plaza will be built some time after the Fourth of July, when the park will host the township's annual Good Old-Fashioned July 4 Picnic. Chase

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Ducklings leave their library home

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

The mother duck waddled back and forth along the roof's edge, helplessly watching as a group of people below chased and captured her nine ducklings.

The scene: An enclosed courtyard of the Canton Public Library, where the mother duck found a safe place to start a family.

The problem: The ducklings, after hatching in mid-May, needed a path to nature, but couldn't fly out of the courtyard on their own.

The solution: Catch them, put them in a plastic garbage bin, deliver them to a pond behind the library and watch them reunite with their mother.

"That's one small step for a duck," Jim Lafey, library facilities manager, said Tuesday morning.

It's the fifth year a mother duck or two has set up house in the library courtyard, where bushes and other greenery provide shade and where employees bring duck food, water and,

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Megan Hathaway and Shipra Sharma place the ducklings in the can held by Laurie Golden.

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Boot camp buddies reunite after 50 years apart

Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

They were just kids, lost in a sea of U.S. Army draftees being sent off to war, crowded into the train station in Detroit waiting to be sent off to who knows where.

It was May 1966 and the Vietnam War was raging.

Thousands of young kids waited to board the trains for the night-time ride to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., for eight weeks of boot camp.

Ralph Moore didn't know a soul. Joe Pilotto was a bit luckier; he recognized at least one friendly face, a Cody High School classmate named Dave Larabell.

But Moore knew no one before he met Pilotto. The whole experience was surreal. "You're thinking, 'This can't be real,'" Moore said. "It's like you're through the looking glass."

Moore and Pilotto introduced themselves to each other in that throng and became instant buddies. Larabell, who

graduated from Cody with Pilotto, made an easy addition to the group and off to Missouri they went.

Finding friends

The friendship started off small enough. Moore and Pilotto "talked for a few

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Work underway on Plymouth library steps

The stairs leading to the main entrance of the Plymouth District Library will be refinished over the next month. The main entrance will remain open and accessible to all library users — those using the stairs and those using the barrier-free ramp. Weather permitting, the project was scheduled to begin the week of June 6. For additional information, go to our Building Repair Project blog at <http://plymouthlibrary.org>.



Work is underway on the steps at the Plymouth District Library.

An industrial coating system, one used often in the coating of parking structures, will be applied to the stairs. It will offer a textured surface which will be slip resistant and offer greater resistance to salt and winter conditions. In addition this coating will improve the appearance

of the steps and result in a longer life expectancy.

Overseeing the project will be McCarthy & Smith Construction Management; architectural firm, Merritt Cieslak Design; and local engineering and consulting firm, SME. Royal Restoration & Waterproofing of Livonia is the installing contractor.

Northville fire promotes four to lieutenant rank

The Northville City Fire Department, which serves the cities of Northville and Plymouth, announced this week the promotion of four members to the rank of lieutenant. The promotions come as the result of a promotional process that included applications, interviews with the fire chief and an interview

with an oral board composed of lieutenants and captains from neighboring communities.

Sixteen department personnel applied for the four positions, two of which are replacements for retiring members and two of which are newly authorized positions.

Members who have

been promoted reflect the breadth of talent and experience of the department's personnel, Fire Chief Stephen Ott said. Those promoted include Brian Bohnet, John Lapenta, Matthew Samhat and Robert Weiland.

The Northville City Fire Department provides fire suppression, basic life support EMS,

fire prevention and inspection services and public education for the cities of Northville and Plymouth. The combined department operates out of three stations. The department is staffed by a full-time chief and 55 part-time and paid on-call firefighters and EMS responders.

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said he doesn't want park traffic to damage the newly laid bricks.

Chase is a sophomore at Plymouth High School and a left fielder for the PHS Wildcats. He said he's played ball at Township Park for years, starting when he was a 4-year-old T-ball player. He often wondered, he said, why the park didn't have a U.S. flag, as did some of the other parks at which he played ball.

Chase has been in scouting since he was in the first grade. The Eagle Scout rank is the highest in the Boy Scouts and planning, supervising and completing a community project is one of the key requirements of achieving that rank.



Chase Every, in his Plymouth Wildcats uniform, with the new U.S. flag at the Plymouth Township Park ball fields.



Mark Bailey of Rocket Enterprise guides the new flagpole into place Saturday at Plymouth Township Park.

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FEE

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only cut so far."

The commission supported imposing the fee with a 5-2 vote during a budget study session in April, with Mayor Dan Dwyer and Commissioner Oliver Wolcott voting against it.

Dwyer said Monday he could not support the budget because of the fee. Dwyer has long held

that the fee is really a tax, because it is based on each property owner's tax bill and not a flat rate, and that raising taxes should be subject to a vote of the people.

"I support every other facet of (the budget) and all the hard work that went into it," he said.

At 16.0048 mills, the owner of a home with a taxable value of \$150,000 will pay about \$2,400 a year in city taxes. The tax reduction, totaling 0.138 mills, will cut taxes

by \$20.70 for the owner of a home with a \$150,000 taxable value. One mill in taxes represents \$1 for every \$1,000 of a property's taxable value.

The tax reduction is the net of a 0.128-mill rollback required by the Headlee Amendment to the Michigan Constitution, a 0.1-mill reduction in the city's millage dedicated to solid waste collection, and a 0.09-mill increase to a debt-service millage.

Finance director Mark

Christiansen estimated the 1-percent tax administration fee will generate about \$232,000 a year. However, a fee that had been collected from the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district, for collecting its taxes, will be eliminated, meaning net revenue from the new fee of just under \$216,000, Christiansen said.

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minutes” at the train station. Then came the overnight trip to Missouri and, when Pilotto went to pick a bunk, there was Moore.

“I went in and picked a bunk and Ralph was right there,” Pilotto said. “We were pretty much best friends all the way through basic. We had as much fun as we could through training.”

The trio was separated at Fort Leonard Wood, Moore and Pilotto in one training platoon, Larabell in another. Boot camp was tough, more mentally than physically, the three men agreed. The soldiers are not in control, largely being told what to do and when to do it.

It seemed, at times, never-ending.

“It was a long time,” Larabell said. “I remember thinking two weeks into it, ‘This eight weeks is never going to end’ and that two years (the length of their enlistment) was an eternity.”

Some fun times

They managed to have fun along the way. Moore and Pilotto recalled the time they were sent out to ambush a training group out on night maneuvers. Problem was, they never found the group, couldn’t ambush them and, to make matters worse, fell asleep. Leaders had to send another band out to look for Moore and Pilotto.

Fifty years later, sitting in the Mercury Bar in Detroit, in the shadow of the train station where it all happened, the two men still laugh about the story. Did they get in trouble? What happened when their commanders found out they’d fallen asleep?

“I don’t think we offered that information” to them, Moore said, eyes bright and smile wide.

After leaving Missouri, the three were sent their separate ways. Larabell was sent to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where he was supposed to train as a dental assistant, but ended up a medic. Pilotto went to radio operator school at Fort Ord, Calif., and wound up a radio teletype operator.

And Moore went to Fort Dix, N.J., for radio school. When he found out a radio operator’s life expectancy “was about 11 seconds after contact with the enemy,” Moore set about transferring to truck driver school — “It took me three weeks to flunk out of radio school,” he said with a chuckle.

Brief reunions

Larabell and Pilotto, the high school friends, would later reunite briefly in Vietnam. Moore spent his tour in Germany — “It wasn’t so bad, but it was still the army,” he said, laughing once more.

The smiles come easily for the three of them now, five decades after what they call their “shared misery.” But the intervening years weren’t filled with smiles.

They were filled with — nothing.

All three did their two-year bits and then were discharged and returned home. They lived within miles of each other — Larabell in Plymouth, Pilotto in Canton and Moore in Livonia — but other than Pilotto and Larabell bumping into each other a couple of times in a hardware store, they hadn’t seen each other until January of this year.

It was a reunion that might not have happened at all without the wonders of modern technology. Facebook, which has done wonders reconnecting people with old friends, worked its magic in the lives of three army buddies.

Picture tells a story

It started with a letter buried in a stack of old letters Moore had written to his wife Carol during his tour of duty.



Ralph Moore, Joe Pilotto and Dave Larabell left Detroit from the Michigan Central Station 50 years ago, on their way to U.S. Army basic training.

In them, he regaled his wife with stories about his new-found best friend, Pilotto, including pictures.

When Carol saw one of those pictures drop out of a letter, she thought she recognized the face. She remembered the face, sort of. She’d seen one just like it — which turned out, ironically, to be that of Pilotto’s son — on the Facebook page of a family friend.

One thing led to another and the family friend gave Moore’s phone number to the Pilotto’s son, who gave it to his dad, who made the initial phone call and the two reconnected in January.

“(Pilotto) was one of Ralph’s very favorite people he met in basic,” Carol Moore said. “He was the one guy he talked about in his letters. When I saw that

picture, I thought, ‘We’ve got to try to find him.’”

And find him they did. That initial phone call was fraught with nerves — “I just said, ‘Wow,’” Moore recalled. “You don’t know what to say at first, so you stumble a bit” — but soon settled back into the friendship. Pilotto then tracked Larabell down.

A long 50 years

None of them figured the separation would last 50 years.

“I had been looking forward to it ... I thought it would happen sooner,” Pilotto said. “We were all working and having kids, next thing you know decades have gone by. All of a sudden, you’re an old man.”

It’s been more than lunches since then. Ralph and Carol had been looking for someplace to go dancing and Pilotto plays

in a doo-wop group, The OptoMystics, that plays at Joy Manor in Westland.

Larabell has recently begun joining them for their lunches at Mercury Bar. Life is good.

“It’s like having friends back,” Moore said. “You missed a whole life, but you catch up. We got both ends (of life) and I’m getting a kick out of it.”

His wife thinks they’re getting more than that.

“I think it’s been the greatest experience for them and Ralph feels exactly the same way,” she said. “They hit it off as if they’d known each other their whole lives. Sometimes it happens that way. It’s been nothing but wonderful for Ralph.”

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Ralph Moore, circa 1966.



Joe Pilotto, circa 1966.



Dave Larabell, circa 1966.

Brain Injury Association taps Constand as president

The Brain Injury Association of Michigan on May 31 announced the appointment of its current vice president of Development and Marketing, Tom Constand, as its incoming president.

Constand will succeed current President Michael F. Dabbs, who is retiring at the end of the year, and will officially assume the role Oct. 1. Constand has served in his current position for the past three years. The announcement was made by BIAMI Board Chair Kevin Arnold.

“We’re confident in Tom’s ability to continue along the same successful leadership path that Mike Dabbs has created for the Association,” Arnold said. “His proven leadership skills, in-depth industry knowledge and experience with nonprofit organizations as a whole make him a valuable asset in our ongoing effort to help bridge the accessibility gap between Michigan’s extensive brain injury rehabilitative network and all brain injury survivors who need it.”

In addition to his experience within the BIAMI, Constand has long been a community volunteer with extensive leadership experience on nonprofit boards. He serves as both an advisory board member and executive commit-



Constand

tee member of the Children’s Hospital of Michigan Foundation, and is chair of its Fundraising and

Development Committee.

From 2009 to 2012, Constand served as board chair of the Boll Family YMCA in downtown Detroit and was a recipient of the Boll YMCA’s 2009 Volunteer of the Year Award. He is also a past board member of the Brain Injury Association of America from 2005-2010. In 2008, he received the Brain Injury Association of Michigan’s 2008 Community Service Award and was inducted into the Association’s Legacy Society as an honorary member. He is also a charter member and served as first president of the AM Rotary Club of Detroit. He and his wife, Debbie, live in West Bloomfield.

“I’m honored to have the endorsement of Mike Dabbs and the Board of Directors for this important position,” said Constand. “I look forward to earning the individual support of our survivors, family members and professionals who make up the heart and soul of this association, and continuing the incredible legacy that Mike has established of providing help, hope and a powerful voice on behalf of the approximately 200,000 brain injury survivors in Michigan.”

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CANTON CRIME WATCH

Police find hungry child, malnourished dog at home

A hungry, 5-year-old girl was seen wandering the neighborhood alone outside her home in Canton, leading to an investigation by Child Protective Services, a police report said.

Canton police also found a malnourished dog with a protruding ribcage when officers arrived at the home in Sherwood Village, a mobile home park near Michigan Avenue and Haggerty Road, on Canton's southeast side.

Police went to the home Saturday afternoon when a neighbor reported seeing the 5-year-old girl roaming outside without a parent or guardian. Police found a home that was dirty and had the odor of what was described as dog urine and smoke.

The girl's 36-year-old uncle

was in charge of her care while his 30-year-old sister — the child's mother — was at work, the report said. The girl told police she was hungry and hadn't eaten all day.

The uncle told police the girl eats breakfast, but is a picky eater and, therefore, doesn't eat again until her mother comes home. He said she goes outside alone and plays with her friends.

The police report noted that the area is in close proximity to busy roads such as Michigan Avenue and I-275 and that motorists often speed through the Sherwood Village neighborhood.

The child's mother arrived home while police were there. She told officers the family is lacking money, prompting an officer to assist her with buying food and flea medicine.

Police contacted Child Protective Services for an investigation and also issued a

ticket to the uncle for contributing to the delinquency of a minor, the report said. The investigation was continuing.

Unruly party

A large house party that was disrupting a neighborhood led to police involvement and the arrest of a 19-year-old resident accused of obstructing an investigation, a report said.

The incident unfolded about 2 a.m. Saturday in the 1200 block of Kensington, near Canton Center and Palmer. Police went to the home amid reports of a large party involving minors who were drinking and vomiting outside.

Police shining a light into a basement window saw 20-30 people huddled in the dark and saw three others outside sitting near a bonfire. The 19-year-old resident denied he had been drinking, but a police report indicated otherwise.

The teen initially told police his 24-year-old sister was supervising the party and said she was asleep. He said his mother wasn't at home, but was aware of the party.

The teen told police he had invited only a few people, but said a large crowd showed up. Police eventually learned that the teen's sister was not at home but, rather, was at a friend's house. She was contacted and said she would return home and clear the scene.

Police eventually got a phone number of the teen's mother and left several messages for her. The teen was arrested for obstructing justice.

Neighborhood trouble

A dispute between two Canton neighbors has escalated and prompted intervention by police.

A 34-year-old man who lives

in the 300 block of Charterhouse Court, near Lotz and Cherry Hill, notified police last Thursday that he has been verbally threatened on numerous occasions by a next-door neighbor and has grown concerned for his family's safety.

The man told police the neighbor, a 43-year-old man, has been hostile over a neighborhood parking disagreement that began about two months ago. He said the neighbor bought what he described as an aggressive pit bull and allegedly made threats such as "things are not going to go well for you," a police report said.

The neighbor wasn't at home when police arrived, but the report indicated an officer would be speaking with him.

— By Darrell Clem

Information on suspect sought



PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police are seeking the public's help in locating a man, pictured here, wanted in a larceny and credit card fraud case that originated in Plymouth Township. He is accused of taking a credit card from an unlocked vehicle parked at Carl's Goffland, at The Inn at St. John's at Five Mile and Sheldon, May 16 and then using the card at various spots in the metro area, including in Northville, Livonia and Detroit. Anyone who may know the whereabouts of the man can call police in Plymouth Township at 734-354-3250.

Rash of thefts prompts security advice

Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Police are reminding Plymouth Township residents to secure their vehicles and garages, in order to discourage crimes of opportunity, following a rash of larcenies within the last two weeks.

About a dozen thefts have been reported in various parts of the township in a two-week span, with the typical targets being valuables that had been left in unlocked vehicles, Plymouth Township Lt. Robert Antal said. Some thefts from garages that had been left open were also reported.

The incidents usually take place in residential areas during nighttime hours, Antal said. The items reported stolen include laptops, wallets and purses. In one case, he said, an all-terrain vehicle was stolen from an open garage, while a mountain bicycle was also taken in a garage burglary.

Antal said the larcenies appear to be crimes of opportunity committed by people who are out at night looking for those chances.

"A lot of times, the opportunity's right there to get something quick and they take it," he said.

In the majority of the vehicle burglaries, Antal said, the vehicle had been left unlocked. In only one vehicle burglary had entry been forced; a window was broken out, Antal said.

In a press release issued Tuesday, police listed steps residents can take to keep their homes, vehicles and valuables safer:

» Lock vehicles and do not leave valuables in them in plain sight.

» Set the alarm when parking a vehicle if it is equipped with one.

» Keep garage doors closed, even when at home. Houses with attached garages are especially vulnerable,

police said, as an open garage could give a thief access to the house itself.

» Stay vigilant for strangers who knock on the door or ring the doorbell and ask for someone who does not live at the home or about a lost pet. Police said those are ruses sometimes used by people who are "casing" possible burglary targets and want to see if anyone is at home.

» Report any unusual or suspicious activity to police. Officers would rather check on a report of suspicious activity that turns out to be of no concern than respond to a report of a crime after the fact, the press release said.

The police department offers more crime-prevention tips at www.plymouthtwp.org/Departments/PoliceDept/CrimePreventionTips.htm.

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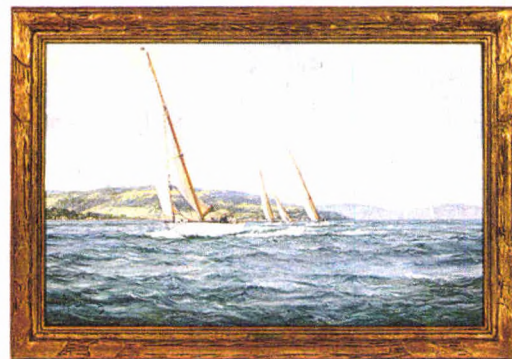
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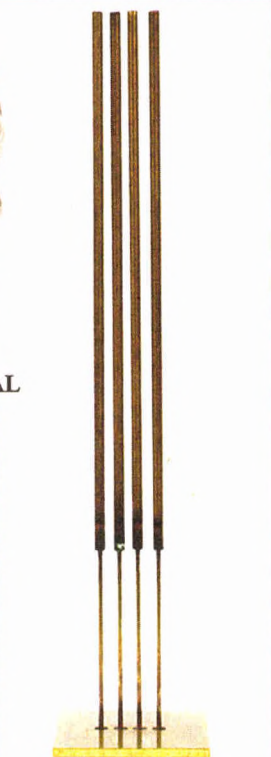
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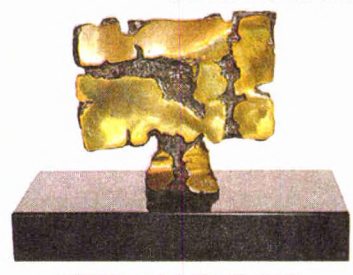
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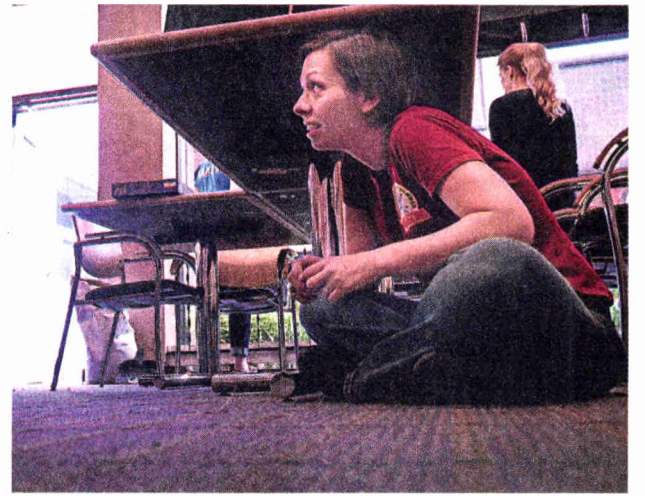
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Ducklings on their way to freedom.



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The last two ducklings head for the pond and their siblings, released by Marian Nicholson, Jaishree Vithal, Megan Hathaway and Amelia Yunker.



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Megan Hathaway takes cover to avoid scaring the brood.



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Together again, mom and the kids.

DUCKLINGS

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for entertainment, a small children's swimming pool.

"They have a kiddie pool that we keep clean for them to swim in," said Marian Nicholson, resident duck expert and business services department head.

The courtyard, partially glass-enclosed, allowed library patrons over the last few weeks to watch nature in action. Tuesday morning, employees scurried among the bushes and scooped up ducklings that tried to flee.

Carl Swanberg, library systems administrator, has caught the most ducklings over the last five years.

"I think I'm just shy of 20," he said.

"He thinks like a duck," said Laurie Golden, the library's community relations department head.

Rather than chasing down their feathered friends, library employees initially tried a new approach Tuesday morning. They tried to steer the mother up a wooden ramp into the library in hopes she would lead her babies out a back door to the pond.

Nicholson sought to gently prod the mother using a long stick with a tennis ball on the end, while Amelia Yunker, children's librarian, held a broom and attempted to softly sweep the duck family along a charted path.

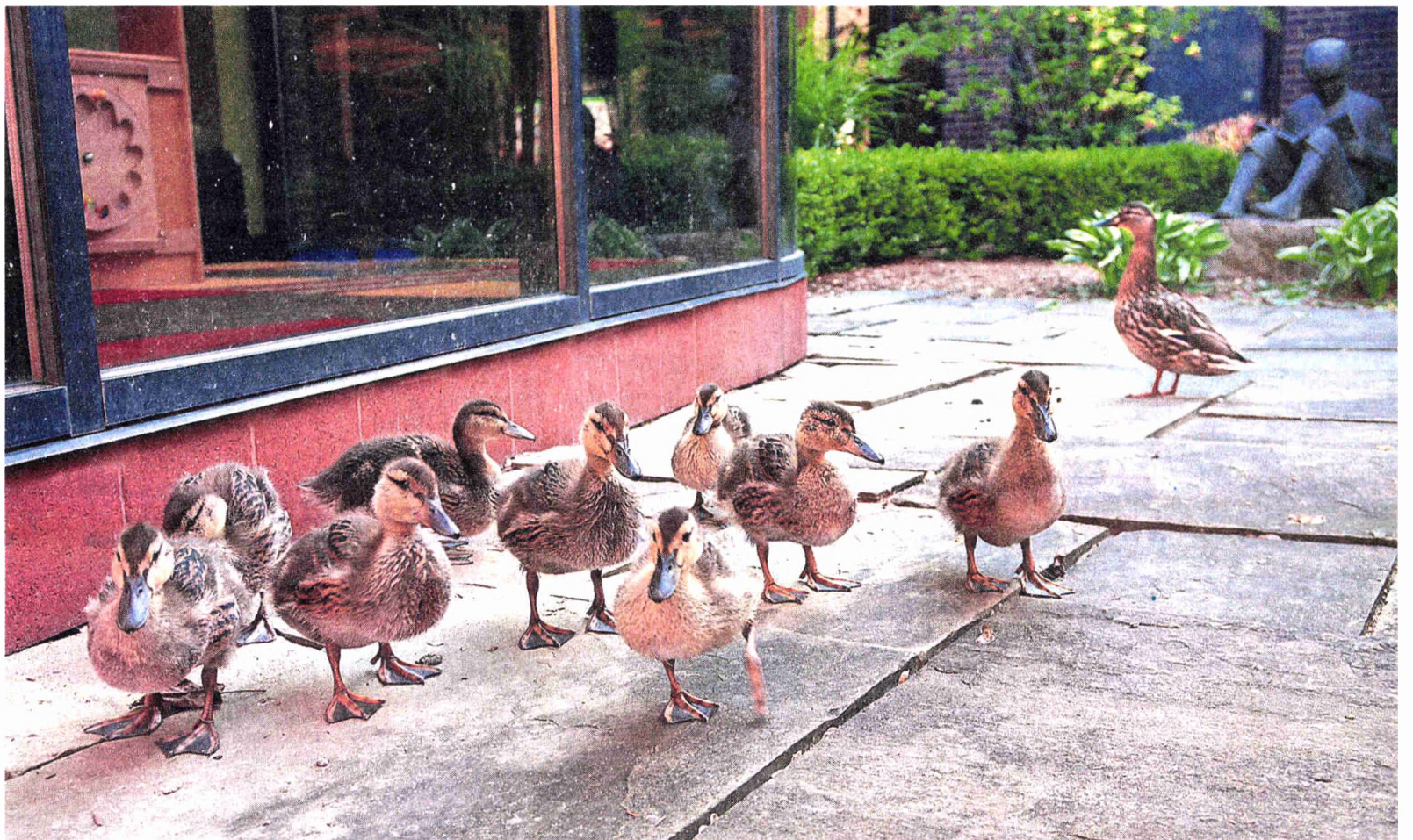
A rather perturbed mother duck simply flapped her wings, quacked and flew to the rooftop, forcing these duckling wranglers to revert to capturing them by hand. The consensus was the ducklings seemed a bit larger this year after dining on duck grower feed, rather than typical duck food.

The first mother duck to land in the courtyard in 2012 came back a second year, accompanied, employees believe, by one of her offspring. They knew she had returned because she had a distinct mark on her bill, or beak.

After capturing this year's ducklings, employees carried them through the library as a certain odor wafted from the garbage bin.

"They're crapping themselves," Nicholson said.

Moments later, the ducklings waddled into a pond that is part of a Rouge River tributary.



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The plan was to entice mom and the kids to parade through the library to the outside world. That didn't work, so the library staff resorted to scooping up the ducklings.



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Time for your close-up. Amelia Yunker holds one of the captured ducklings.

Their mother joined them as library employee Barb Gudenburr began to sing a line from an old Peaches and Herb classic, "Reunited and it feels so good."

And so it did, as the duck family played in the

pond and library employees returned to their jobs, done with their duck-raising duties for another year.

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Marian Nicholson carries a "bucket o' ducks" for release outside the courtyard. Laurie Golden watches for stragglers.



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The plan is to send the ducks through the library offices. Barriers are placed to direct the feathered fledglings. Barb Gudenburr waits in vain for the duck procession.

Grub Crawl lets food lovers make the rounds

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

It's a deal hundreds of food lovers are expected to chow down on — and Canton business leaders say it can have an economic boost for the local restaurant scene.

Grub Crawl returns in July for its 15th year, ushering in food samples, sweet treats and craft beer from 18 restaurants, dessert shops and the Canton Brew Works microbrewery.

The cost: \$35 per person.

"We always want to showcase just how great the Canton business community is and this features the great restaurants that are right here in our community," said Thomas Paden, president of the event-hosting Canton Chamber of Commerce.

Grub Crawl, 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 19, allows eateries to roll out menu items amid hopes new customers will like what they eat and come back. Paden said it draws patrons not just from Canton, but also from Westland, Plymouth and other



Patrons sample food during a previous Grub Crawl.

neighboring communities.

"Our hope — and we know this happens — is they will come back to Canton and shop and patronize these restaurants," he said.

Carrie Walker, the chamber's marketing and communications representative, said the list includes Bagger Dave's, Bailey's Sports Grille, Basement Burger Bar, Buffalo Wild Wings, Carvel Ice Cream, Chili's,

Crow's Nest, 4 Friends Bar & Grill, Hayden's, Qdoba, Somer Restaurant, TGI Fridays and Tony Sacco's Coal Oven Pizza.

Jana Porter, the chamber's administrative assistant, said Canton Brew Works will participate and also host four other businesses — Twisted Rooster restaurant, Edible Arrangements, Everyday Edibles and Katherine's Catering, which serves up meals at

Canton's Summit on the Park recreation center.

Porter said it's still possible more restaurants will join Grub Crawl, but they hadn't yet been confirmed.

Paden said Grub Crawl is expected to draw 500-600 people who wear special T-shirts as admission to special sections set aside in the restaurants. He said they can drive themselves or board 25-seat buses that make the rounds. They



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Grub Crawl patrons head to their next destination during a past event.

must be 21 or older.

In a new twist this year, Paden said one of those buses will be patterned after the television show "Cash Cab," allowing riders to win money if they correctly answer a series of trivia questions.

Grub Crawl patrons also will have a chance to win a special T-shirt quilt commemorating all 15 years of the event.

Tickets (T-shirts are \$35 each and include transportation. They are

on sale now and can be purchased at the chamber office, 45525 Hanford, online at www.cantonchamber.com or by calling 734-453-4040. T-shirt sizes are on a first-come, first-served basis, so participants are urged to reserve them early.

Major sponsors include Atchinson Ford Sales, Inc., Schoolcraft College and Mannik & Smith Group.

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Neil King therapy opens with Thursday celebration

Neil King Physical Therapy announces the grand opening of its newest location in Plymouth. The 5,000-square-foot facility is located at 215 Ann Arbor Road.

The official ribbon-cutting will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday, June 9, followed by a celebration with hors d'oeuvres, tours, massages and giveaways.

The Plymouth location is the second of six new locations opening in 2016.

"I have served many patients in the Plymouth community and, when I was looking to expand, this location was a no-brainer. I look forward to better serving our existing patients and treating new ones throughout the area," owner Neil King said.

Kearns Brothers' Home Improvement Showroom opens in Old Village

Kearns Brothers' Home Improvement Showroom, 900 N. Mill St., in the Old Village neighborhood, is now open. The Plymouth showroom is the Kearns Brothers' second location, in addition to the original store in Dearborn.

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Kearns Brothers' Home Improvement Showroom is now open at 900 N. Mill St., in the Old Village neighborhood.

Mike Wall, general manager of the Plymouth showroom, said that with almost two years invested in this extensive remodeling, "just about everything from the roof to the floor has been updated or replaced."

The new showroom features roofing, siding, windows and kitchen displays. This year marks 30 years in busi-

ness for Kearns Brothers, Inc. and, in that time, the business has become a nationally recognized and awarded home improvement company.

Celebrating this anniversary along with the opening of the Plymouth showroom is a milestone and a reminder of how far this family business has grown. "I am, and we

are, extremely proud of the growth and accomplishments achieved. We are proud of the transformation of this building. We believe our Plymouth showroom will make it easy for our clients to visit us. This Plymouth location is ideal. Plymouth is a location destination," said Mike Kearns, founder and CEO.

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Canton food program earns service award

The Emergency Food Assistance Program volunteers of Canton Township were the recent recipients of a community service award presented by mParks, formerly known as Michigan Recreation and Park Association, in recognition of their ongoing commitment and contributions within the community.

Canton Township first began participating in TEFAP in December 2009. This federally funded supplemental food program, which is currently administered by the Canton supervisor's office, dispenses food to low-income families, with a goal of providing better access to nutritional food.

Each month, Canton Leisure Services coordinates community volunteers, who distribute TEFAP food items to qualifying residents each third Wednesday at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway.

The TEFAP process starts with the U.S. Department of Agriculture purchasing food, which is made available to the Department of Social Services, which then provides it to Wayne County, which passes it along to local community organizations for dis-



mParks president Sean Fletcher presents Canton TEFAP volunteers Sue Goodchild and Mary Jo Raeck and Canton Leisure Services volunteer coordinator Paula Kosbe with a 2016 mParks Community Service Award.

tribution in their area.

Canton volunteers unload the pallets of these items, sort the food and then package it for distribution according to the recipient's family size. In addition, these volunteers often assist with registration, distribution and loading of commodities into the program recipients' cars.

"This mParks Community Service Award is further proof that Canton's dedicated volunteers are truly making a difference within our community," Canton Leisure Services Director Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz said. "Because of their many hours of hard work, we are able to

serve the children, families and seniors who need help within the Canton community."

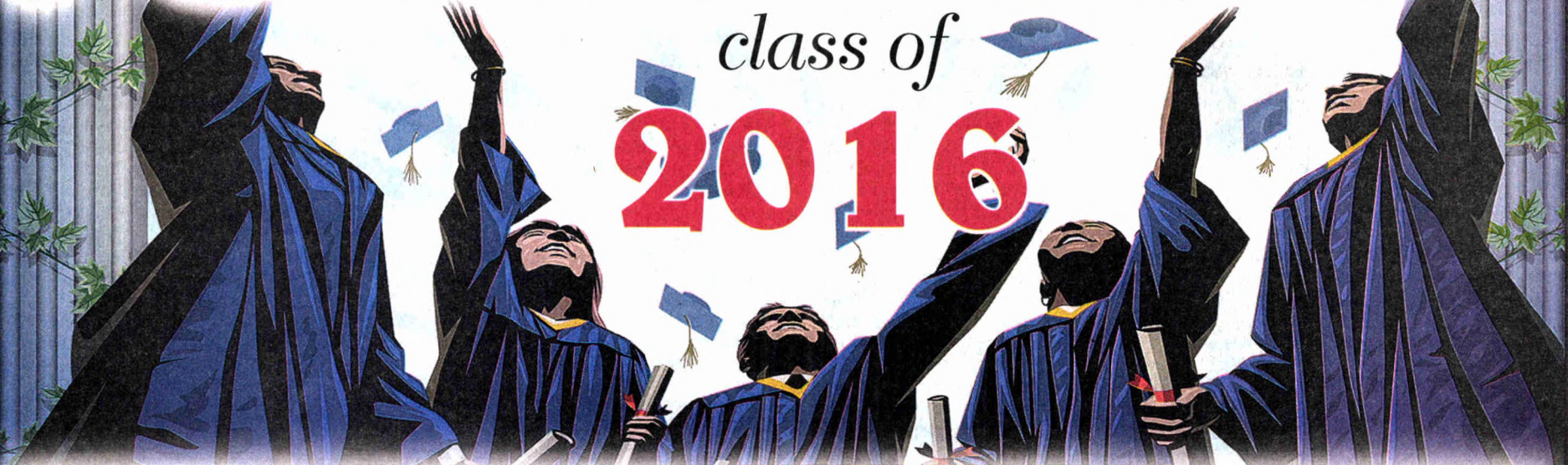
Members of Canton's TEFAP volunteer program include Marian Busa, Gloria Cifaldi, Becky Copenhaver, Wayne Fercho, Tina Gitary, Sue Goodchild, Dennis Hindman, Rita Morris, Cam Nellet, Nila Patel, Mary Jo Raeck, Richard Pientak and Marilyn Shedd.

For additional information about Canton Township's The Emergency Food Assistance Program, as well as other Canton Leisure Services classes, programs and events, go to www.cantonfun.org or call 734-394-5460.

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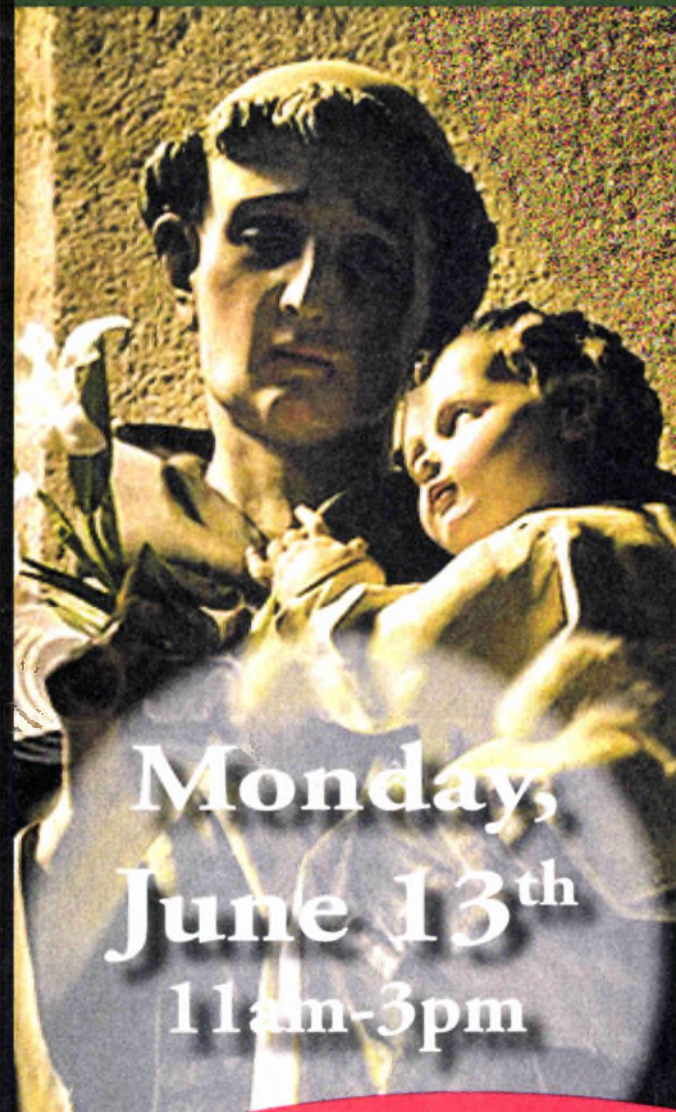
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Tale of two townships: solid streets, town hall turmoil

If you're looking for a solid suburban community in the Detroit area, Plymouth Township has to be among your top choices.

It's a low-tax suburb with a range of housing options and a large business base. Public safety and good services are priorities, there are excellent public and private schools, plenty of parks and green space and the proximity to Ann Arbor, downtown Detroit and downtown Plymouth offers social and economic advantages.

Of course, the dedication of township officials and employees in a barebones operation is a huge plus, as is the community mindedness of an engaged citizenry.

But if you're looking for a well-functioning local government free of intrigue and the rumor mill, in which differing points of view seem to be respected and citizens'



Matt Jachman
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questions are welcomed as part of the transparency that's so often talked about these days, don't look to Plymouth Township.

There's an angry crowd at every Board of Trustees meeting, some board members have a penchant for quarreling and drama and there's a perception — perhaps not among the majority, but widespread — that elected officials have lost the public's trust.

When public trust is lost, every issue becomes controversial, every problem is a crisis and conspiracy theories gain traction.

The board has done itself no favors when it comes to public relations. From its efforts to

frustrate a citizens group that wanted to ask voters to raise taxes to support a fire department that was facing deep cuts, to its unnecessarily angry and divisive rejection of even talking with Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex supporters about a partnership, to its insistence that an amphitheater would be built at Township Park despite growing opposition (the board later backed down), a board majority — and not always the same majority — has shown a tendency to put itself at odds with the public, or seeming to.

There more examples of behavior that irked the public: A proposal for a township recreation center (curiously, the proposal coincided with an increase in interest in PARC) that went nowhere, funding for a recreation needs survey that never materialized and even the removal of

the phrase "and Questions" from the regular board agenda item "Public Comment and Questions." (On that last point, the board heeded public outcry and restored "and Questions" with a 4-3 vote.)

This isn't to say the board majority wasn't on the right side of some of these issues. But its approach, when confronted with thoughtful differing opinions, ranged from we-know-what's-best imperiousness (the amphitheater) to in-your-face rejection (the PARC talks) and, as television pundits like to say, the optics didn't look good.

The blame, however, doesn't just go in one direction. Frustrated meeting-goers have adopted their own in-your-face tactics, preferring confrontation to reasoned discussion, spouting off angrily during citizen comments and interrupting meetings

with catcalls and personal insults. For some, every board action is viewed through a lens of suspicion. Board members, understandably, often appear on the defensive.

The fruits of these long-simmering tensions have been many, among them a protracted court battle with a citizens group, a failed recall drive aimed at four board members, profanity-laced arguments between officials and, arguably, the resignation of Richard Reaume as supervisor in April 2015. (For the record, Reaume insisted his departure had nothing to do with the recall drive, which failed at about the same time to gather enough signatures to force an election, but it's easy to see that turmoil at township hall may have played a part in his decision.)

Which brings us to

today. With eight weeks to go before the township Republican primary — which in all likelihood will decide who will govern the township for the next four years — tensions are increasing and candidates and their supporters are trying to either deflect them or work them to their advantage.

It's time all parties step back, reflect on their own approach and move through the campaign season focused on issues rather than on ramping up outrage and scoring rhetorical points. That way, no matter the election's outcome, perhaps township government will begin to more closely resemble the attractive, well-run community found under its chaotic watch.

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LETTERS

Fire protection

The Aug. 2, 2016, primary is looming in the near future and people are looking at the past four years in Plymouth Township and asking, "Has this board acted in the best interest of our community?" Having attended most board meetings and followed

them closely, I think I can answer that question with a resounding "NO!" And let me tell you why:

I first became concerned when the joint fire department agreement between the city of Plymouth and the township was dissolved. Firefighters were let go because the board claimed there was not enough

money to keep them. Then when the citizens petitioned for a 1-percent millage increase to help pay for adequate fire protection, the board increased that millage to an outrageous 10 percent on the ballot. They knew the community would never approve it. By that action, the board hijacked the constitutional right of the citizens of Plymouth Township to petition their government. The right to petition your government is one of the fundamental guarantees provided in the Constitution.

After decimating our fire department because of the lack of money, this

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board went out and issued a \$1.9 million revenue bond. They spent almost all of that money at the township park. We now have an \$800,000-plus pavilion. They tore down trees and spent \$720,000 on a paved parking lot. At this point, I believe there is a prob-

lem with the priorities of this board.

Meanwhile, claiming a lack of money, the board chose to close the fire station in the Lake Point area of the township. We will be renting it to Northville Township during road construction. So if you see a fire truck

there, it isn't ours and they won't be answering Plymouth Township calls. For the past two years, we have had a federal grant to pay for six firefighters because this board does not give public safety the level of priority that it should have. So when you see fliers and brochures telling you public safety is a top priority of this board, don't believe it. That federal grant has expired.

It is now time for a big change. Aug. 2 is our opportunity to make that change.

Jackie Peters
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Headlines can mislead; make sure to get all the facts

As investors, it's always important to look beyond the headlines to understand what is happening. A perfect example is the most recent unemployment numbers. The headlines on an article I just read pointed out that the unemployment rate had plummeted to 4.7 percent. That is a wonderful number, within the range many experts would say is full employment. If our economy is at a point of full employment, which means everyone who wants a job can get a job, it is obviously good news. However, if you went beyond the headlines, you would realize that the May unemployment report was not considered good news for the U.S. economy.



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

rate has dropped and we're at virtual full employment, why would that not be good news for the U.S. economy? The reason is that the unemployment rate drop was not because more people are working, but because more and more unemployed Americans were frustrated in their job search and just gave up. Because they gave up and are no longer looking for jobs, they're not considered unemployed. In addition, when you dig deeper into the numbers, you realize that the participation rate, which is the percentage of work-

ing-age Americans who are actually working, is at a four-decade low. Clearly, that is not good news.

It is important that as investors we don't just pay attention to the headlines, but dig deeper. This doesn't just apply to the unemployment numbers; it applies to all numbers when it comes to the economy. For example, when people see that the Dow Jones Industrial Average has risen, most people make the assumption that the entire stock market has moved forward. Unfortunately, that is not the case. After all, the Dow Jones Industrial Average only represents 30 stocks. The way it is calculated, the majority of stocks within the index may have lost money and only a handful of stocks

made money; but the entire index ended in positive territory. Therefore, it's possible that an index such as the Dow Jones or the S&P 500 moved forward, but your portfolio declined. That doesn't mean you have a bad portfolio or that your portfolio needs adjustment. After all, the reverse is possible, where the index has gone down, but your portfolio has risen. As an investor, your goal is not to necessarily match an index and duplicate its results. The purpose of your portfolio is to achieve your individual goals and objectives. That is the goal that you need to be focused on.

On a weekly basis, we are inundated with financial numbers. Like most numbers, they can

be interpreted in a variety of ways, depending upon the spin you want to put on something. That is why I always tell investors they have to read beyond the headlines. In addition, before you make an investment decision based upon economic numbers, it is important that you understand how the numbers are calculated and what they mean. In addition, it is always important to remember that with so much economic data being released, the numbers can seem contradictory. Some reports will suggest that the economy is strong and growing, while others suggest the economy is weak. The key to investors is to understand what you're looking at and, when you make a

decision, make sure that you're not making a rash decision based upon one set of numbers, rather you're looking at a variety of numbers over a period of time.

As someone who manages money, I never make a decision based upon one economic number. I try to look for trends and base decisions on a variety of numbers over a period of time. My recommendation is that you do the same. If you make a decision on your portfolio based upon one economic number, I think you'll be making a mistake that that will cost you over the long run.

Good luck!

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Celebrate 25 years of Canton Liberty Fest

Canton Liberty Fest celebrates its 25th anniversary with three action-packed fun-filled days Thursday through Saturday, June 16-18, in Heritage Park, adjacent to the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

This year's Liberty Fest will kick off at 1 p.m. Thursday, June 16, and close for the night at 11 p.m. Friday, June 17, hours are 1-11 p.m., while Saturday, June 18, runs from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Canton Township festival planners have increased the lineup of carnival rides, games and special attractions. Never worry - will be plenty of food and beverages, as well as entertainment for all tastes. You absolutely, of course, cannot miss the fireworks closing the festival Saturday night.

When residents and guests arrive at Heritage Park during festival week, the toughest part will be deciding where to go and what to do first.

The festival gets underway Thursday with the ever-popular carnival that runs 1-10 p.m., giving the kids plenty of time to try each ride. The day includes plenty of concessions and the Taste of Canton, sponsored by the Twisted Rooster. And the best part is that the culinary delights are just in time for dinner beginning at 5 p.m. and closing at 10 p.m.

When you're finished satisfying your taste buds, head over to the free Thursday Night Concert Series at the Canton LIVE! Stage starting at 8 p.m. as country singer Alan Tuner kicks things off with an entertaining concert that will get everyone's toes tapping.

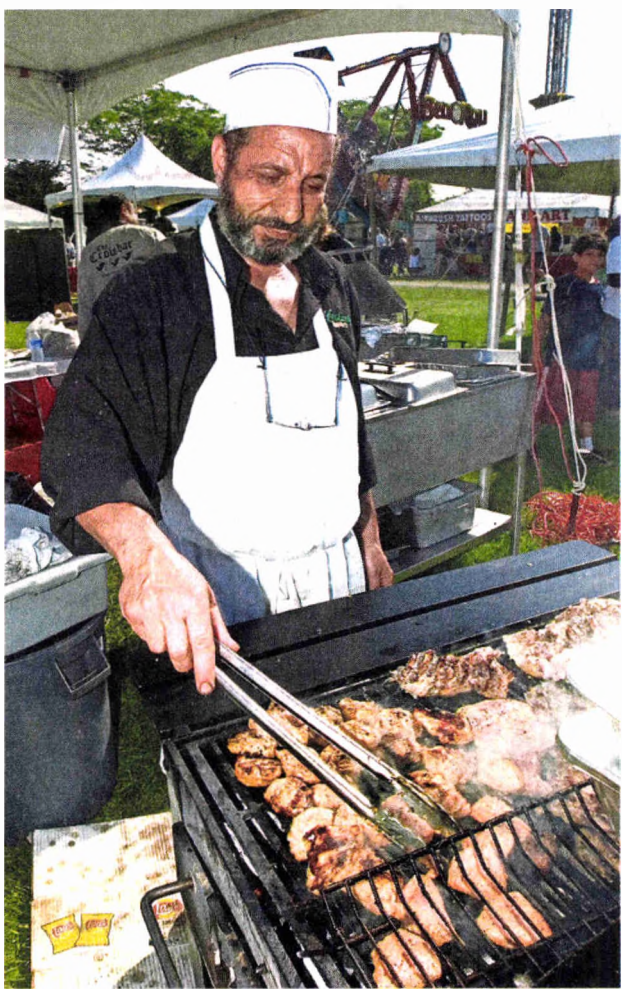
The Adult Beverage Tent, hosted by the Canton Rotary Club and provided by Liberty Street Brewing Co., will be open 4-10 p.m. Thursday. Guests 21 years or older must show identification to purchase beverages. The Rotary will offer a 50/50 raffle, with proceeds used for a project through Rotary International to benefit a school in Ghana, Africa. The tent also will be open Friday and Saturday, as well.

Also 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Canton's annual Zumba Party returns to the Heritage Park Amphitheater. The music and instructors are provided, so all you have to do is flex those muscles and do some moving. Participants are asked to bring a water bottle to keep hydrated during the event. The entry fee is \$5 in cash only collected at the event.

Friday, the festival has a plethora of choices for guests, ranging from the Taste of Canton, Adult Beverage Tent, the carnival and entertainment galore. Friday's Amphitheater Stage entertainment will feature Afro-Brazilian entertainment, Spotlight on Youth, Grace Rembinski, the 2015 Canton Idol



Sara Van Houcke and Chris McDonald feed the animals at the petting zoo.



Hamdy Mosa grills chicken at La Sharm's booth on Restaurant Row.

winner, a jump rope performance, magic show, theater and musical performances, including the Killer Flamingos and Movie Under the Stars, featuring "Star Wars: The Force Awakens."

And speaking of "Star Wars," join in the costume contest with prizes for best dressed.

You absolutely cannot miss Friday night's annu-

al Spaghetti Dinner, with proceeds from the dinner going to the Canton Firefighters Charity Foundation Local 2289. The dinner features a performance by area singer Carly Bins.

The America's Most Wanted Car Show is back for its last appearance with a Kick-Off Registration Party 5-8 p.m. Friday.

Other highlights of the weekend festival include Nelson the Animal Guy with his safari experience, and plenty of merchandise from local artisans at the Liberty Fest Marketplace from 1p.m. to dusk Friday and 11 a.m. to dusk Saturday.

Don't miss Shelley and Ron Kujat's Monster Truck Rides or a chance to show your creativity on the Monster Mural that will be in the 25th anniversary Liberty Fest tent. Also look for returning favorites, including the Scholastic Book Fair; Kohl's Cares for Kids Bike Helmet Station; D&M Face-Painting; Lego Station; Spin Art; and canoe and kayak rides.

Saturday morning will be an eating feast when the Canton Lions Club hosts its 21st annual Pancake Breakfast. The event is just in time to fortify participants in the Liberty Run, with the first race beginning at 8 a.m. There's still time to register for the run by going to the Canton Liberty Fest website at www.cantonlibertyfest.com

Saturday entertainment highlights the International Festival's cultural performances and displays at the Amphitheater Stage. It features cultures from around the world. Other entertainment includes The Earth Angels and Cosmic Groove.

Complete a fun weekend with the spectacular fireworks show that's sure to wow the crowds at dusk Saturday.

Get your tickets for first Opera Ball

Are you in the mood for a waltz? Main Street Opera Theatre will host the inaugural formal Opera Ball fundraiser Saturday, June 18, at the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex, 650 Church St., Plymouth.

The formal event will open with a red carpet photo opportunity. Guests will then be treated to a classical concert featuring some of opera's greatest hits. Even if you're not an avid opera-goer, you'll recognize these crowd-pleasers. A strolling meal is being prepared by French chef Claude. Guests will have to

chance to dance the night away. A live band will entertain the crowd with hits sure to get you on your feet.

Opera Ball will benefit Main Street Opera Theatre's upcoming season.

Tickets are \$40 each or a group of 10 for \$350. They can be purchased at www.MainStreetOperaTheatre.org and are on sale until Monday, June 13.

The evening's schedule is as follows: 7-7:30 p.m., red carpet; 7:30-8:30 p.m. classical concert; 8:30-9 p.m. strolling meal; 9-10:30 p.m. band, dancing, dessert.

Human trafficking to be focus for Day of Action

Each year in June, United Way groups around the world invite their communities to improve the conditions in which they live by volunteering with United Way.

On this year's United Way Day of Action, Plymouth Community United Way will be partnering with The Salvation Army Plymouth to spread awareness about human trafficking and the S.O.A.P. Project (Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution).

Volunteers will be treated to a short presentation by Rhonda Hines of S.O.A.P. and then engage in an hour of labeling bars of soap with the human trafficking emergency number. These bars of soap will be distributed to local hotels and area

hot spots for human trafficking. Discussion content is for mature audiences. Parental discretion should be used for this event.

The event will be held 8:30-11 a.m. Saturday, June 25, at Risen Christ Lutheran Church, 46250 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

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The Board may not adopt its proposed 2016-2017 budget until after a public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2016-2017 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing (MCL 141.412).

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

Katherine Borninski
Secretary, Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

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Local barber shop owner remembers long ago visit from boxing great Muhammad Ali

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

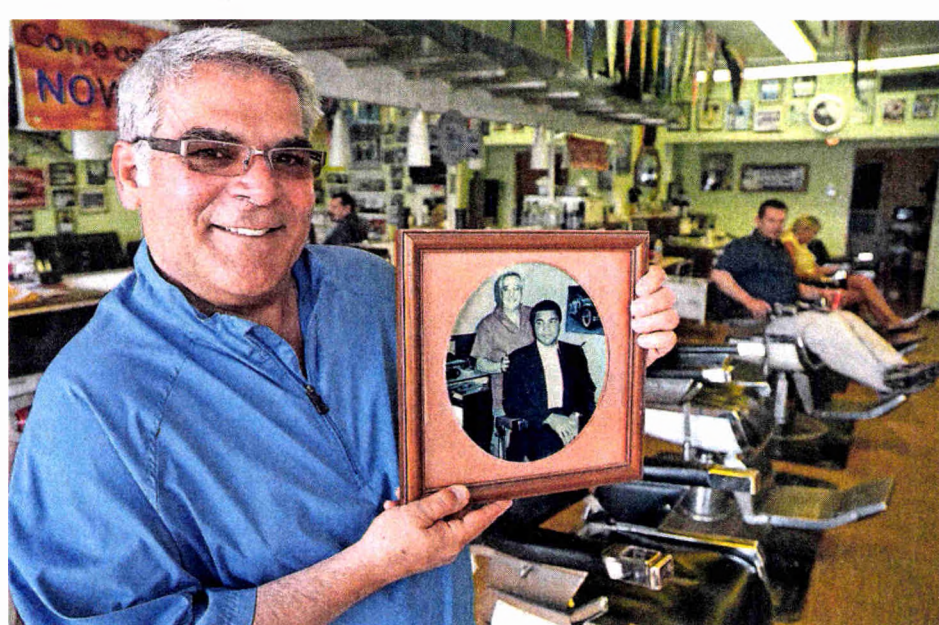
Muhammad Ali's death has resonated with fans all across the country. That also goes for Roger and Rod's Barbershop, a place Ali visited many years ago when in the area.

"He was sitting in that last chair, that waiting chair, reading a Sports Illustrated and he was on the cover," said Rod Hawraney, owner of Roger and Rod's Barbershop, 36232 Five Mile, pointing at the last chair along the wall. "I remember cutting hair and looking at him and he had the book open and he was on the cover."

"Man, I should have taken a picture."

Ali, who died Friday at the age of 74, made several visits to places across the state, including Livonia. Hawraney said he doesn't remember when the boxing champion was here, but estimates it to be between 25-30 years ago. Ali lived in Michigan for many years, calling Berrien Springs in southwest Michigan home.

Hawraney said his dad went to high school with



ROD HAWRANEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Rod Hawraney holds a photograph of his father, Roger Hawraney, with Muhammad Ali, taken when Ali stopped in at the barbershop.

some people who opened up a business in California and met Ali through business in Las Vegas and brought him to Michigan for a reunion event at Fordson High School in Dearborn. He then asked if he'd swing by the Livonia barber shop.

Several photos of Ali adorn the barbershop

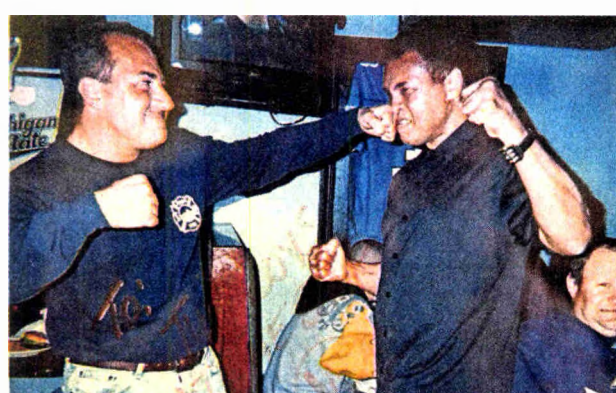
from his visit, including one with Hawraney's father, who opened the shop near Five Mile and Levan 52 years ago.

He had nothing but good things to say about Ali and his visit, even as people began hearing that the former heavyweight boxing champion of the world was in town. "He didn't say two

words," he said. "And he was shaking a little bit, but not bad."

Ali was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease more than 30 years ago, which caused shaking of his limbs. But despite that, Hawraney remembers Ali still had lots of strength in his hand-shake.

"I remember shaking



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Recalling another local Muhammad Ali sighting is Mike George, owner of Coaches Corner, when Ali stopped in.

his hand and saying, 'Champ, it's good to meet you,'" he said. "It was like a bear claw. He was amazing."

Mario D'Herin, who's worked at the shop for several decades, said he remembers people stopping by, but being too afraid to come in.

"Nobody would stop and come in," he said. "There was foot traffic for 15 minutes."

Ali's funeral will take place Friday in Louisville, Ky., where thousands are expected to attend.

Roger and Rod's wasn't the only Livonia

spot Ali had been seen at: He made an unannounced stop at Coaches Corner, 19170 Farmington, back in 2005 when in town for a baseball tournament his son was doing in Farmington Hills.

"It's the pope, the president and then Ali, that's my pecking order," Mike George of Coaches Corner told the Livonia Observer back in 2005. "I wasn't really starstruck until the next day, when I realized who it was."

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Irish Fest ready to start new chapter at Greenmead park

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

With a bigger space comes more opportunities for the Motor City Irish Fest.

The annual event will take place June 17-19 at Livonia's Greenmead Historical Park, 20501 Newburgh. It's the first time the festival will be held in Livonia. It has taken place in Detroit and Redford, most re-

cently at Western Graham Field near St. Valentine's Catholic Church, but it outgrew that space.

With the new location, the event is seeing interest it didn't have before, co-chairman Charlie French said.

"We're getting people who are calling to be vendors. We've never had that before," he said. "They know we're in a new area, they know we're in a growth posi-

tion now."

The festival decided to move last year and received approval from the Livonia City Council on hosting the event in Livonia last fall. It's a move the festival hopes attracts more people.

With more space comes more activities and events, including a culture tent, loads of vendors and other fun activities.

"We're having Irish

IF YOU GO

What: Motor City Irish Fest

When: June 17-19

Where: Greenmead Historical Park, 20501 Newburgh, Livonia

football matches this year that we never had the space for," said Kevin Murphy, a co-chairman of the event and a Livonia resident. "We're having a corn hole competition. It's anything to get people active."

Returning this year are several Irish dance groups and bands, including 24 Irish bands and some pipe and drum bands. Whiskey tasting will take place in the pub tent and foods being served include traditional fish 'n' chips and corned beef sandwiches.

Embraced in city

Being remembered at the festival this year is

the Tipperary Pub, a longtime Irish pub off the Southfield Freeway in Detroit that closed several years ago. The beer tent will be constructed to represent the old pub, which Murphy said was the first to bring Guinness to Michigan.

"We're going to build some walls and we're going to fill them up with knickknacks and goodies from the Tipperary Pub," Murphy said. "The interest in that has been mammoth. It was a premier Irish pub for 25 years."

Activities for children will be abundant as well during the festival. A kilted magician, storytelling, beginning Irish dance lessons and other activities will be available for youngsters.

A traditional Irish Mass will take place at noon Sunday before the festival opens.

The festival will be

open 5-11 p.m. June 17, noon to 11 p.m. June 18 and 1-8 p.m. June 19.

Despite major construction taking place just west of Greenmead on I-275, organizer Joan O'Halloran said she doesn't think it will be too much of a detriment to festival goers.

"I don't think that's going to be a concern," she said.

The organizers are anxiously excited to try a new space for the festival they hold so dearly. They plan on learning as they go to adjust to the new space at Greenmead, but said they've had great relations working with the city the last few months in preparation.

"The city of Livonia has embraced us, too," French said. "They've decided they really want to be on board with this."

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W-W board closes Tinkham, cuts adult ed, citing school funding

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Closing Tinkham Alternative High School and eliminating adult education for those over age 19 was a tough decision for the Wayne-Westland Board of Education.

Board Secretary Frederick Weaver, prior to Monday's regular board meeting and 6-0 vote to shutter Tinkham, said, "This is unfortunate what we may have to do tonight." Weaver noted members' oath "to protect K-12 education."

Weaver said Gov. Rick Snyder "is the one starving this district to death." Superintendent Michelle Harmala opened a special meeting Monday prior to the regular school board meeting, giving Tinkham and adult education supporters a chance to speak. "School finance certainly has created the difficult position we're facing," Harmala said.

She said district employees made major concessions and noted Snyder emphasizes his support for schools; Harmala said that funding is mainly going to the retirement system.

'Does reduce a service'

"We recognize that our proposal does reduce a service, particularly adult education," Harmala said, adding the dis-

trict must be competitive on wages and curb turnover.

John Albrecht, assistant superintendent of educational services, had outlined at the May school board meeting reasons for the closing recommendation. Those include the spring 2015 redesign of the alternative high school, building issues (including the roof, boiler and HVAC), as well as evaluation of programs across the district.

"The infrastructure at Tinkham has been a concern for quite some time," Albrecht said. The plan will have some students shifted to a Wayne Memorial High School Annex.

He and Harmala explained caps on adult education funds, which means recruiting students wouldn't help. Also, some students do not show up for classes in adult education, he said, and may not be prepared for the rigor of high school work.

Trustee Tom Buckalew asked, "There's no practical way this is going to pay for itself?" Albrecht answered no.

Stephanie Nadeau is adult education Student Council president. She noted her grades went from below a 2.0 to 4.0 and she's now in the National Honor Society.

"The teachers are wonderful," Nadeau said.

"It's a wonderful staff." She requested a "soft closing, just to allow us to graduate."

'Big picture consequences'

Aldo Abate, a two-year English teacher at Tinkham, cited the "long-term, big picture consequences. Look no further than the Flint water crisis" for comparison. "There has to be some other way," Abate told the board.

"I don't think we should give up on our students, even if it seems like a real struggle," Abate said.

Hollen told trustees, "We were a bargain. The teachers just did not cost that much to employ."

The vote to close Tinkham was 6-0, with trustees emphasizing their reluctance to shutter the school on Venoy and cut adult education. "I have all the empathy in the world for the students," said Treasurer Charles "Trav" Griffin, who cited the "primary responsibility" for K-12 education.

The district has lost some \$12 million, Griffin noted, and leaders must go through programs to look at their viability. "We have to make the tough decisions up here. It's the best option we have," Griffin said.

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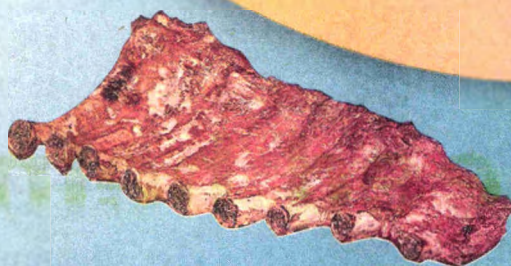
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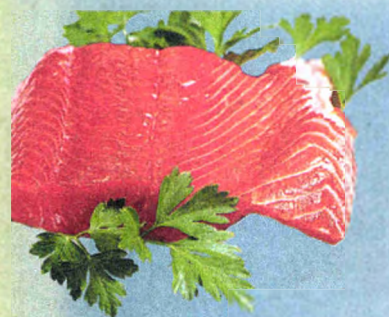


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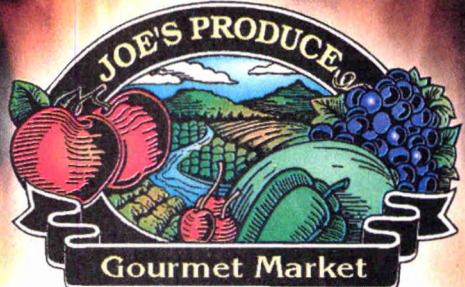
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D1 BASEBALL DISTRICT



Teammates form a welcoming committee for Plymouth's Brenden Lacorato (left) after he clubbed a two-run homer in the fifth inning of Saturday's district final.

MICHAEL VASILNEK

'CATS BUST LOOSE

Plymouth mercies two Park rivals en route to district crown

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Raindrops fell onto the baseball field Saturday at Plymouth High School, but so did hits.

At least they did for the host Wildcats, who found patches of green early and often against Canton en route to a 14-3 victory and second consecutive Division 1 district championship.

"Today, we hit the ball like we haven't in a long time," Plymouth head coach Jason Crain said. "I expected a low-scoring game. We played them two great ballgames earlier in the year, real low-scoring games.

"The ball didn't bounce our way that day and, fortunately, today we hit the ball well."

The Wildcats also flipped on the power switch, as Brenden Lacorato blasted a two-run home run in the fifth, opening up a commanding 6-1 edge. Lacorato spearheaded a 15-hit attack, going 3-for-4, scoring two runs and driving in four.

Beneficiary of the offensive attack,



Canton's Nick Sprosek (left) slaps a tag on Plymouth base runner Jake MacBrien during Saturday's Division 1 baseball district final.

MICHAEL VASILNEK

although he pitched a strong game, was Plymouth's Mike Matovina (complete game victory).

"I felt great. I was just trying to throw strikes and let my defense make plays and they did," Matovina said.

"And we were hitting really well. It was good."

Matovina made sure to credit the work of his catcher, Evan Claggett.

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D1 SOCCER DISTRICT

Chiefs blank Rocks, 2-0

Early disputed goal holds up for Canton in district final tilt

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Sometimes defining moments in games come sooner than expected — such was the case Saturday.

Only 13:30 had elapsed in the Division 1 girls soccer district final when Canton's Hannah Lapko scored a controversial goal to put the Chiefs up 1-0.

Salem head coach George Tomasso disputed the goal, which turned out to be the winning goal in a 2-0 Canton victory, because he thought his goalkeeper was impeding trying to play the ball.

The win gave the Chiefs their second consecutive district title; they went on to defeat Ann Arbor Pioneer, 1-0, in Tuesday's regional semifinal at Saline.

"Goalkeeper (Skyler Brant) came out, made contact with the ball," Tomasso said following the afternoon match-up at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's varsity soccer stadium. "It was a 50/50 ball; the challenge was fine. But after the challenge, I just felt our keeper's pathway was cut off to the ball, which allowed the opposing team to get to the next ball."

Tomasso then carefully measured his words: "Canton did a

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Battling for position Saturday are Salem's Hailey Katulski (left) and Canton's Monica Newton.



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Delivering a pitch during Saturday's district final is Plymouth's Jenny Bressler.

Resilient Wildcats bounce back for win in district final

Team effort delivers Plymouth to 6-3 victory over Chiefs in title game

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Nothing could get the Plymouth Wildcats down Saturday, not even a two-run hole in the first inning against Canton in the Division 1 softball district final.

Plymouth erased that deficit on one swing of the bat,

when freshman Kiersten Metz smacked a bases-loaded double down the left field line in the top of the third to put the host Wildcats up 4-2 and spark a 6-3 victory.

"I told them two runs wasn't anything," Wildcats head coach Lauren Evans said. "I reminded them that we scored 14 against Salem (a 14-4 win in a district semifinal earlier Saturday) and two runs are just a bump in the road and that we will score more than two."

"I told them our defense

will keep us in the game, if we can get our bats alive and that's what they did. They responded."

Veteran Canton head coach Al White, whose team posted a 30-7 record (including a 14-2 semifinal win over Westland John Glenn), blamed the loss on "one bad inning," when miscues loaded the bases in the first place — giving Metz the opportunity to clear them with her double off Chiefs starting pitcher Mackenna

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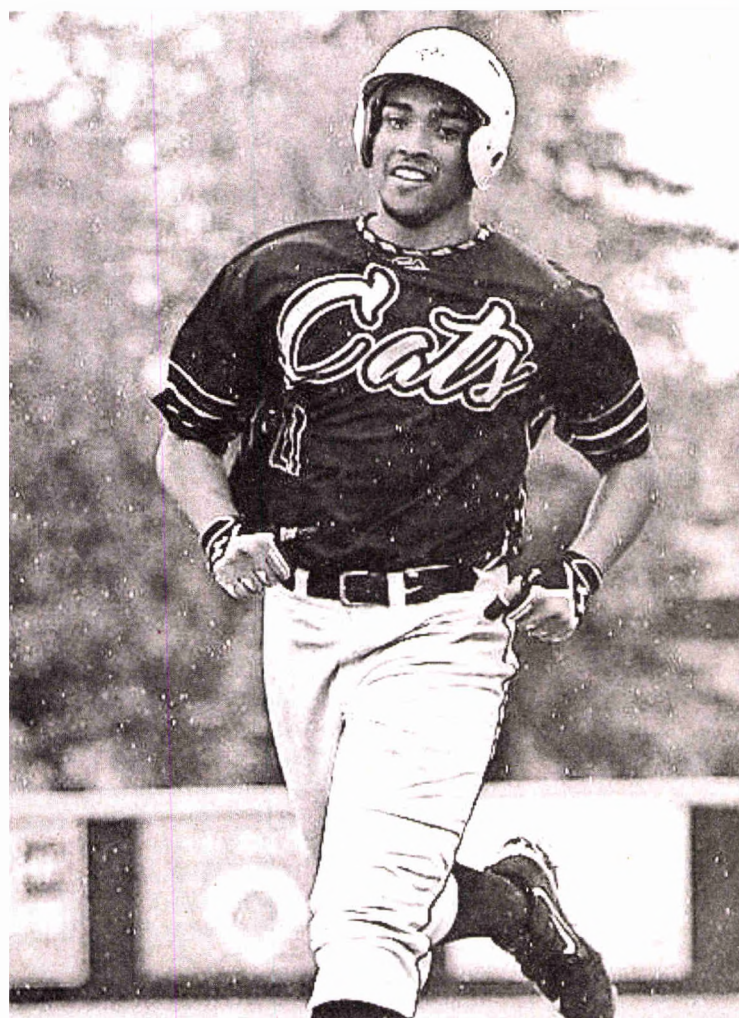
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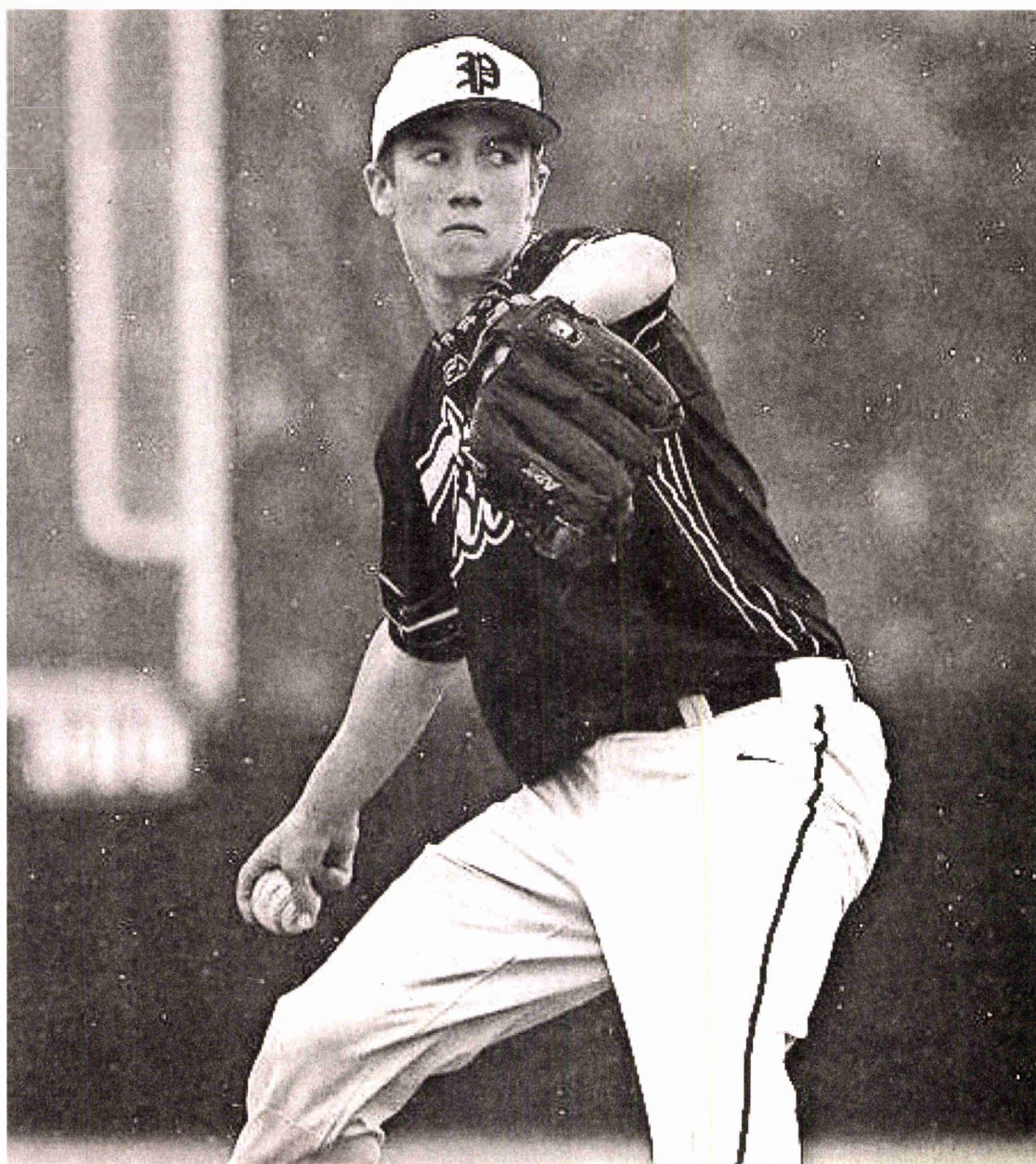
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All smiles after winning the Division 1 baseball district championship Saturday are the Plymouth Wildcats, who will compete June 11 in the regional at Saline.



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Rounding the bases after homering against Canton is Plymouth's Brendan Lacorato.



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Pitching a complete game for Plymouth in Saturday's district clincher was Mike Matovina.

BASEBALL

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"He helps a ton," Matovina said. "He blocks everything and he's a great catcher to have."

Bottom line

Canton head coach Mark Blomshield was hoping that his team would ride the momentum from a 4-1 win over Westland John Glenn in Saturday's first game. That didn't happen, as the Chiefs fell behind early 2-0 and never recovered.

"They hit the ball hard, we didn't," Blomshield said. "They're really hot right now. They mercied Salem, they mercied us. That doesn't happen often."

"Salem was a good ball club. What did they win, 28-29 ballgames? We won 28 ballgames. Tip your cap, you know? They did a nice job preparing and got the job done."

Plymouth took control with two runs in the second against Canton starting pitcher Mitchell Zelenak.

With one out, Claggett (2-for-4) and Austin Scheffer (1-for-2, three runs) both singled to center and a walk to Evan Good (2-for-3, two runs,

two RBIs) loaded the bases. Lacorato's infield chopper brought home courtesy runner Chase Timko for the first run of the inning.

Mike Wischer (1-for-1, two runs, RBI) then lofted a sacrifice fly to right to bring home Scheffer.

In the fourth, the Wildcats upped the lead to 3-0 on an RBI single to right by Pete Carravallah (2-for-4, three runs, three RBIs) to knock Zelenak out of the contest. Reliever Tyler Byers forced in a run when he walked Jake MacBrien with the bases jammed, making it 4-0.

The Chiefs, no-hit through the first three innings by Matovina, broke that bid in a big way when Noah Spencer crushed the first pitch of the fourth over the fence in left.

But instead of using that no-doubt blast as a springboard to more offense, the next three Canton batters were quickly retired.

Breaking it open

Plymouth kept the offensive heat turned up in the top of the fifth (the Wildcats were the visiting team for the district) with three more runs to take a 7-1 advantage.

Lacorato homered to left, scoring courtesy runner Kyle Aniol. The extra-base fun continued when Wischer

laced a triple to right and Carravallah doubled down the left field line.

Then came Plymouth's seven-run sixth, an inning in which five of the first six batters singled. Good stroked an opposite-field base hit to right for two runs, putting the Wildcats up 10-1.

Following with his own run-scoring hit was Lacorato, while two bases-loaded walks and a sacrifice fly closed out the inning.

Canton then scratched across a pair of runs, aided by an error and a wild pitch. The final out was a pop-up behind the plate that Claggett caught right at the screen, triggering a happy mob scene near home plate as the Wildcats celebrated.

The Wildcats (22-18), who mercied Salem earlier in the day, are peaking at the right time after a mid-season slump that was exacerbated by key injuries (such as a sprained ankle by center fielder Carravallah that sidelined him for several weeks).

And now, they will move on to the D1 regional to take place June 11 at Saline.

"We feel great," Matovina said. "We just got to keep the same intensity and keep it going and we'll be good" at the regional.

Lamenting the way an outstanding season reached its conclusion was Blomshield.

"It's unfortunate we went out like this, because this group of guys have a lot to be proud of, even though the score didn't reflect it today," Blomshield said. "They won 28 ballgames. Only two other teams in school history won 28 ballgames."

"We won a division, we won the first game today ... it stings. I feel bad for these seniors. We gave it our best shot."

PLYMOUTH 11, SALEM 1: In a district semifinal, the Rocks could not overcome five errors against the Wildcats.

Plymouth had the bases loaded with two outs in the third, leading 4-1, when a fly

ball was dropped to clear the bases and enable the batter (Pete Carravallah) to score to bust the game open.

The Wildcats tacked on three more in the fourth to open up a 10-run spread and trigger the mercy rule. An RBI double off the fence in right by Austin Scheffer keyed that inning.

Going the distance for Plymouth was left-handed pitcher Josh Janovsky.

"It is what it is. You make errors you lose, that's about it," said Salem head coach John Wright, whose team still had an excellent year with 29 victories.

CANTON 4, JOHN GLENN 1: Trailing 1-0 into the sixth and unable to solve Westland John Glenn sophomore pitcher Brian Martin, the Chiefs scored four unearned runs and posted the win.

Noah Spencer was the winning pitcher for Canton.

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PREP BASEBALL

Hartwig lifts Shamrocks to district championship

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Grant Hartwig proved to be the chief cook and bottle washer in Saturday's MHSAA Division 1 baseball district tournament at Northville.

The 6-foot-4 senior right-hander from Novi Detroit Catholic Central pitched a total of nine scoreless innings, getting a save in a 6-4 district semifinal victory over Livonia Churchill followed by a two-hit shutout and the win in a 1-0 triumph over the host Mustangs in the final.

The victory propels the Shamrocks (23-14), who repeated as district champs, into the regional semifinals at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, June 11, at Novi, where they will face Walled Lake Northern.

"Phenomenal," CC coach

Dan Michaels said of Hartwig. "He had to come in and close the first game out. He threw seven innings (second game) and he said, 'Coach, you're not taking me out, I've got this.' Unbelievable ... (we) jumped on his shoulders and he got the big hit."

Hartwig struck out nine and walked only one in going all seven innings to blank the Mustangs (28-7), the KLAA Central Division and Kensington Conference champs.

"My fastball was real strong today and my curve ball I got over the last few innings, a couple of change-ups that got the lefties to roll over real nice," said Hartwig, who is



Hartwig

headed next year to Miami (Ohio). "The pitches worked well in the situations they needed to."

Hartwig also doubled in the fifth inning and score the game-winning run on Anthony Esser's double to chase Northville junior left-hander Zach Prystash, who stood out as well on the mound, allowing just five hits and the lone run in 4 2/3 innings before coming out in favor of Chris Dunn, who blanked Novi in a 7-0 district semifinal win.

"(Prystash) left a change-up over heart of the plate and I was already out on my front foot, just kept my hands back and just ripped it," Hartwig said.

Sophomore Jack Sargent collected two hits, but base runners were few and far between for the Mustangs, who were unable to even manu-

facture a run.

"Honestly, we didn't put enough balls in play on the ground like we do," Northville coach John Kostrzewa said. "A lot of fly ball easy outs. I think that was the big problem. We didn't put a lot of pressure on them. That's usually what we do real well and we weren't able to do that in that game."

But he tipped his cap to Hartwig.

"I think once we got in the middle innings, he was able to throw his breaking ball for a strike early in the count and double it up in some cases with a strike," Kostrzewa said. "So being able to throw pretty as he does and being able to throw a breaking ball for a strike that was pretty good. I think that was the difference."

"It was kind of a one-man show, got the big hit, score the

run and what he did on the mound was great. That's what you've got to do as a No. 1 pitcher like that, give your team a chance to win and that's what our guy (Prystash) did, too."

Between the two district games, Hartwig threw a total of 134 pitches.

"It was a little bit of a warm-up," Hartwig said of Game 1. "We didn't plan on that happening, but you've got to survive and advance. We got the win and that's all that mattered."

DETROIT CC 6, CHURCHILL 4: Anthony Esser collected two hits and two RBIs Saturday as the Shamrocks (22-14) held off a late rally by Livonia Churchill (16-19) to earn a district semifinal win. Matt Stinebiser also had two hits. Grant Hartwig and Cody Kanclerz added an RBI as the Shamrocks led 6-0 after three innings before the Chargers scored three in the fourth and one in the seventh. Senior Dante Toppi, the winning pitcher, went the first five innings before being lifted in the sixth in favor of Hartwig, who struck out three, walked one and allowed one hit. James Rintala, the losing pitcher, had three hits. Jon Hovermale pitched four scoreless innings of relief.

GIRLS TENNIS

Northville close, but finishes second

Plymouth's Braun suffers first loss of season in No. 1 singles quarters

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Northville's bid for a second consecutive MHSAA Division 1 girls tennis state championship came up three points short Saturday at the Midland Tennis Center.

Last year's state runner-up, Midland Dow, captured four out of six head-to-head encounters in the finals to score a meet-best 33 points, while Northville wound up with 30.

Grosse Pointe South and Ann Arbor Pioneer were a distant third and fourth with 18 and 17, respectively, while Novi was 14th in the 20-school field with four.

It was first team title since 2009 for the Chemics, who fell five points shy when the Mustangs won their first state

championship in school history last year, 33-28.

"If you really look at it, Midland Dow came back with their same team from last year," Northville coach Linda Jones said. "We came back with all different players. We have freshmen out there playing that had never played before. For Northville to come out and be that competitive with all these new players, it was a remarkable season. There was nothing to be ashamed about taking second place at all."

Dow got singles titles from its top seeds at No. 2 (Caroline Szabo) and No. 3 (Sarah Ismail).

Szabo defeated Northville sophomore Shanoli Kumar in the finals, 6-2, 6-3, while Ismail avenged a loss in the Ann Arbor Huron Invitational to junior Joanne Gao, 6-1, 6-3, to clinch the team victory.

Kumar finished the year with a 26-3 record, while Gao was 27-3.

In doubles, Dow captured the first two flights, while North-

ville took the next two.

Afu Ofori-Darko and Karmryn Matthews, the top seeds at No. 1, upended second seeds Serena Wang and Maya Mulchandani, 6-0, 6-1, while Meghan Killmaster and Kelley Livingston pulled off a three-set 4-6, 6-1, 6-2 upset win in a battle of top seeds over seniors Molly Bis and Reeshma Kumar at No. 2.

Wang, a sophomore, and Mulchandani, a freshman, wound up 23-5 overall, while Kumar and Bis, both seniors, finished 23-1.

At No. 3, Northville's duo of Neha Chava, a sophomore, and Sophie Zhuang, a freshman, capped perfect 29-0 season with a 6-3, 7-6 (7-2) victory over Dow's Mina Fabiano and Tatum Matthews.

"They played such good tennis," Jones said. "They were playing college tennis. At the end of the match, my girls went to the net to shake their hands and my girls hugged them and congratulated them on a really

good match. It was so cool. I've never seen that on the tennis court before. It was like they were old friends. They enjoyed the competition and they walked off the court as friends."

At No. 4, Northville's Brittaney Maccadino, a senior, and Alexandra Petix, a junior, also held their top-seeded status by defeating Dow's Maggie Schaller and Marie Marche, 6-3, 6-2, in the finals to finish with a 28-2 record.

At No. 1 singles, Northville senior Emma Worley (13-13) captured her first-round match before falling to season-long nemesis Jessica Braun of Plymouth, 6-3, 6-3, while No. 4 Renee Torres (23-3), a freshman, reached the semifinals before losing to Ann Arbor Huron's Micki Ota, the eventual champion, 6-4, 6-3.

Braun's bid for a state title ended in the quarterfinal, however. She lost 6-3, 6-0 to Ava Thielman of Utica Eisenhower — her first and only defeat of her freshman season.

"What I told the girls is that I don't need extraordinary, I just need you to go out and play like you've always played," Jones said. "So if you're a No. 2 seed and you end up losing to the No. 1 seed, that's OK because we have Nos. 2, 3 and 4 doubles (that) are No. 1 seeds that should beat them. I needed to have somebody come along to trip up the No. 1 singles from Dow, but as it turned out at the end of the first day (Friday) we were behind by one point."

The two teams have developed a friendly rivalry over the past two years.

"It was really good tennis," Jones said. "As I'm walking out of the Midland facility, I looked back at Garrett Turner, the Dow coach, I held my trophy in the air and I said, 'Next year, Garrett. I'm taking your trophy back.' And he just smiled. 'I said, 'Next year, buddy' and he said, 'OK' It's just good competition."

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Plymouth's varsity softball team celebrates Saturday after winning the Division 1 district title. The Wildcats advance to the Saline regional.

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Payne. "We gave them eight outs when they scored the four runs; that's what happens," White said.

Then he added that he "enjoyed this year more than any other I've coached. ... These kids are just unreal."

An RBI double by Peyton Philbeck had given the Chiefs a first-inning lead and reason to feel good about their chances to hoist a trophy.

Young gun

But quickly spoiling Canton's hopes was Metz.

"Kiersten Metz has been a contributor this whole season," Evans said. "As a freshman from tryout on day one, she impressed us with her work ethic. She's always striving to get better."

"I told her before that at-bat that this was her time. We needed a big at-bat from her, a productive at-bat. She took the challenge and made it happen."

According to Metz, being able to come through in such a moment felt "amazing. I got back in the dugout and I automatically got high-fived. It's awesome being on a team of such loving people."

The 4-2 lead was plenty for Plymouth sophomore pitcher Jenny Bressler, although she allowed a Canton run in the seventh on a single to right by senior Elizabeth



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Plymouth freshman Kiersten Metz runs the bases during the district final. Her three-run double in the third was the key hit.

Yager (who went around to third on an error on the same play) and a wild throw on an infield grounder.

The Wildcats, however, added two more runs in the top of the seventh. Rachel Zerona doubled with one out. Jessica Tucci singled Zerona to third and both came home on Haley Gagnon's base hit.

Evans said Plymouth continues to do what it has done the past two seasons (in 2015, the Wildcats reached the state quarterfinal), namely do whatever it takes to get the job done.

"I've been telling my team all year that, when we play together as a team it's very

hard to beat us," she said.

The experience from last season already is helping the Wildcats to not get overwhelmed by any adversity.

"Rachel Zerona is a senior who lived that moment as a junior and she wants that again," Evans said. "My juniors in Gina (Barber) and Mikayla (Rose), who lived it last year, they want it again. "And my core three girls, my sophomore group right now, they're lights out."

She was referring to Bressler, Tucci and Whitney Holden. "Those three girls will run through a wall for this program and it's because of them that we're very successful," Evans said.

Plymouth now will begin to gear up for the June 11 regional at Saline.

"I think we're going to do a pretty good job at regionals," Metz said. "We're a good hitting team and hitting's contagious for us and so is our fielding."

Also contagious is the team's camaraderie and winning culture, which Rose said played a role in the win over Canton.

"It was really good coming back and showing everyone that we're a good team," Rose said. "Everyone stayed up, we have a really positive bench, everyone stayed loud. It was really good."

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D1 SOFTBALL DISTRICT

Slugger sparks Mercy to 7-0 rout in district final

Marlins' Krzywiecki sets state home run record

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Senior first baseman Abby Krzywiecki set a state record for single-season home runs and led Farmington Hills Mercy to another district softball championship Saturday.

Krzywiecki hit a two-run shot in the seventh inning of the final game, capping a 7-0 victory over North Farmington in the Division 1 tournament at Livonia Stevenson.

It was her 19th homer of the season and 47th of her four-year varsity career.

Sophie VanAcker singled and was on base with one out in the seventh when Krzywiecki cleared the left field fence with room to spare.

"It just shows that my hard work has paid off," Krzywiecki said. "I know I can produce good numbers if I put a good swing on it and that's what I've been working on."

"My mentality is my No. 1 thing. I've been working on mechanics since I was really young and I think I've mastered a lot of things. But I think my mentality is overtaking it."

The old record of 18 was shared by three players — Madison Jones of Romeo, 2015; Camri Grace of Williamston, 2014; and Melinda Van Gillis of Pentwater, 1979.

Krzywiecki almost got the record Saturday morning in a 19-0, three-inning win over Harrison, but the ball hit the top of the fence and bounced back into the field of play.

"It hit the top of the fence and rolled back in," Krzywiecki said. "I've never seen that. It was frustrating, so I thought, 'I'll hit it harder next time.'"

"I wasn't trying (to hit it out in the second game), but I was excited for that one. It was a good feeling. It was a great moment."

Krzywiecki also had an RBI double that scored Anna Dixon in the fifth inning to extend Mercy's lead to 5-0.

In a three-run third, Cari Padula's sacrifice fly scored the first run and Nicole Belans followed with a two-run double. Padula also had an RBI single in the first inning.

The Marlins outhit the Raiders, 11-4. Mercy pitcher Andrea Elmore struck out eight and North's Alexa Cherney five. Both walked one batter.

North loaded the bases with two outs in the second inning, but failed to score. Elmore ended the inning with a strike-out.

"Andrea dug in like she can and got us out of it," Mercy coach Alec Lesko said. "As the game went, Andrea settled in and started dealing like she can."

He added Elmore wasn't struggling early in the game, but adjusting to the umpire's



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Senior Abby Krzywiecki helped the Marlins win another trophy Saturday in the district tournament at Livonia Stevenson.

strike zone.

"The pitches we've been getting all year, we didn't get today on the outside," Lesko said. "Once she settled down and realized she was playing against North Farmington and not the guy in blue, she was fine."

The Marlins manufactured some runs and were fortunate to have a few balls (that were held up by the wind) drop in the outfield, Lesko added.

"I think our approach at the plate has to be a little better," he said. "I didn't think we swung at our pitch early in the count. It got us behind and then we had to start trying to hit her pitch."

"If we stick to what we can do, I think we'll be competitive the rest of the way."

Mercy (37-2) advances to the regional tournament at Novi High School and will play White Lake Lakeland at 12:30 p.m. Saturday.

"We played a great game, but I don't think that was our 'A' game," Krzywiecki said. "I'm eager to see how good we can get."

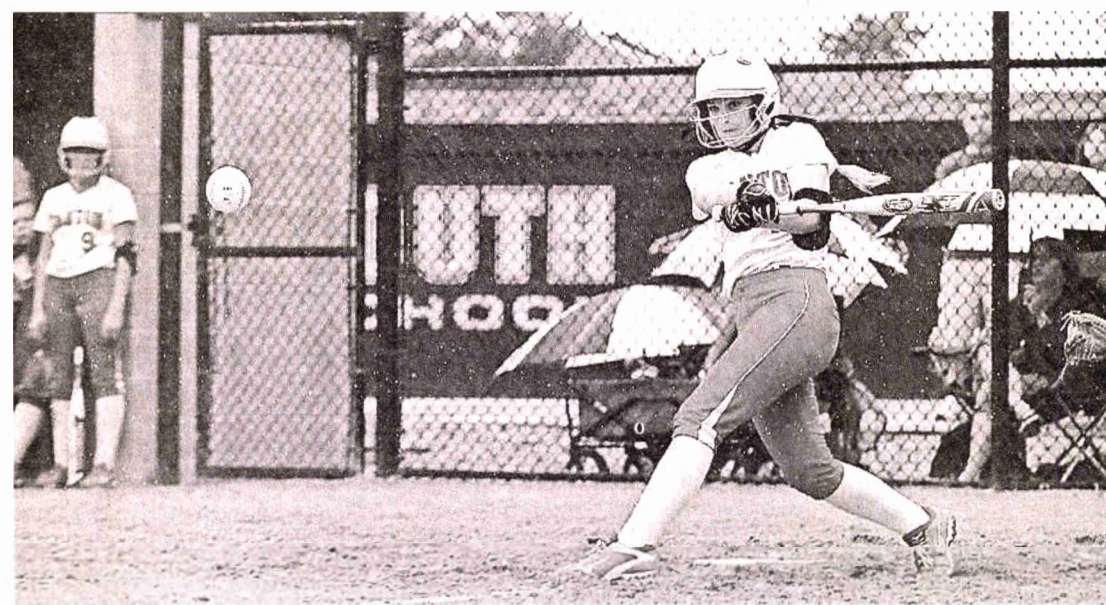
"We have a lot of talent, but I think our team work and our mentality is what will take us even farther."

Lesko said Krzywiecki's home runs are the result of her hard work and dedication to the art of hitting.

"Abby looks to drive the ball," he said. "She doesn't look to hit home runs. They happen because she works so hard to square it up and hit the ball hard every time up."

"It's a lot of pressure on a kid to be in that spot and seemingly always have to produce. But she loves it and works hard for it. We're happy she's on our side."

Sam Cherney hit a two-out double in the first inning for the Raiders. Ashley Ikner and Ryan Walker had back-to-back singles in the second, and Alexa Cherney singled in the sixth.



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Ripping a liner down the left field line Saturday is Canton's Izzy Dawson.



Salem's Hailey Katulski (left) tries to thread the ball past Canton's Jen Richmond during Saturday's district final. At right for the Rocks is Jayna Lenders.

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good job to get the ball in that situation."

Chiefs head coach Jean-nine Reddy said she "didn't think there was anything bad going on. We just followed the ball."

Lapko's big goal turned out to be enough — the Chiefs' Jen Richmond did add an insurance goal in the second half — due to outstanding defense and aggressive goal-tending by senior Jordan Anheuser.

Salem pushed the pace after falling behind 2-0, with sophomore defender Gabrella Mazzuca ripping a shot from the left side of the box (following her own corner kick) that Anheuser sprawled to get in front of.

"I just tried to play my balls into the box so someone could get their head on it, anyone," Mazzuca said. "They just defended us well. We held our own and I feel like it was a very evenly matched game. It was a fun game to play."

The Canton goalie wasn't through coming up clutch.

With about 15 minutes to go, Salem senior forward Marisa Martin sent a pass to junior forward Nikki Pilon, whose boot from the middle

of the 18-yard box was batted away by Anheuser.

Getting energized

And as the final minutes ticked off the scoreboard, Anheuser kept encouraging her teammates to go all-out and close out the victory.

"Ten minutes of everything white. Let's go," Anheuser screamed from the goal. "Ten minutes of everything we have."

When the horn finally sounded, Anheuser embraced senior defender Mary Galm, one of the other standouts for Canton.

Meanwhile, after the trophy presentation, Anheuser talked about her vocal encouragement.

"We were definitely tired," Anheuser said. "We had a long game against Plymouth on Thursday (and senior prom Friday) and so today, we just needed a little extra push to finish the job and do what we had to do in the final minutes of the game."

"A lot of us were tired, but we knew how important this was. We just had to push through it. We vibed off each other's energy, we listened to music before the game and we just did what we had to do."

Also doing what she could was Richmond, who put the Chiefs up 2-0 with 36:09 left in regulation.

Dribbling the ball up the right flank was junior Monica Newton, who chipped a pass toward the onrushing Richmond.

The junior made no mistake, one-timing a shot inside the left post past Brant.

"Actually, I had a bloody nose and I was going off the field," Richmond said, laughing. "And I had an opportunity to go score and so I took initiative and scored."

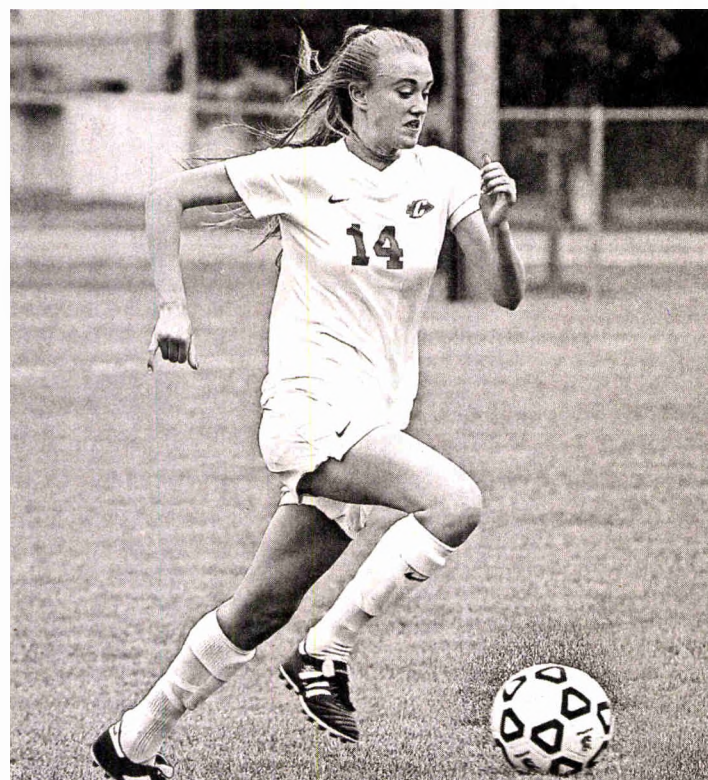
"(Newton) passed it to the top of the 18 and then I hit it, one-timed it into the left corner."

The Rocks did not step off the gas, despite the strong coverage by the Chiefs, playing a strong, cohesive game in their own right.

"I thought we possessed the ball well. We were dangerous," Tomasso said. "But our opportunities just didn't fall. If we can't score a goal, we obviously don't deserve to win."

"So I'm just proud of the way the girls fought throughout the whole year. We played one of the toughest schedules in the state and I'm happy they had such a nice outcome, a winning record. The program got a little bit better this year as they move forward on to next year."

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Mary Galm is one of six Canton seniors who will be going for a regional championship Friday at Saline High School.

DIVISION 1 GIRLS SOCCER REGIONAL

Chiefs pin defeat on Pioneers in shootout

Canton advances to Friday's D1 regional final

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The Lapko-Hammond Penalty Kick Law Firm is winning every case these days for the Canton Chiefs, the latest a 1-0 victory Tuesday in a Division 1 girls soccer regional semifinal against Ann Arbor Pioneer.

The duo also teamed up to defeat Plymouth last week, in a district semifinal.

Tuesday at Saline High School's Hornet Field, the Chiefs (15-2-4) relied on junior forward Hannah Lapko and sophomore goalkeeper Sarah Hammond to prevail in the penalty kick shootout to decide a previously scoreless contest.

"It feels really good. I'm happy for the team," Lapko said. "It's not just me, it's a team effort. I'm really proud of all of us."

The Chiefs will play at 5 p.m. Friday at Saline against Dearborn, which defeated Woodhaven in the other semifinal, 1-0.

"Just crazy both ways; they played a very defensive game," Canton head coach Jeannine Reddy said. "I knew that going in. We tried to figure out how to break through. I didn't think we connected very well the whole first half. The second half, we played a little better. It was just a battle both ways."

"Kind of when we got to the first overtime, I had a feeling it would go to a shootout."

Tried and true

Both squads played a defensive chess match through 80 minutes of regulation and two 10-minute extra sessions, leaving the scoreless match to be decided in PKs.

"We fought hard all season and I think we deserve this," junior Baylee Kramer said. "It was sure frustrating. (The Pioneers) played amazing defense and I know that's not what we wanted going into this. But it feels good to come

out on top."

Lapko drilled a shot into the top-right corner past Pioneers sophomore goalkeeper Moira Dayton to snap a 2-2 tie in the shootout and clinch the victory; also scoring were freshman Marlee Taylor and junior Monica Newton.

"It worked in the other game, so I'm going to go to the same spot," Lapko said. "Yep, that's my spot. I was nervous, but I knew I had it. All good stuff."

According to Reddy, when Taylor put Canton on the board at the end of the third PK round with a shot into the lower-left corner, the veteran coach breathed a sigh of relief.

"Marlee made our first shot. I think that helped set us up to give us a little bit of confidence," Reddy said. "Obviously, Sarah gives us confidence, too."

Hammond — who like against Plymouth came in after senior starter Jordan Anheuser held the fort — made one sprawling save against Mackenzie Weddell in the opening shot of the PK round to set the tone.

Two Pioneers attempts hit the post, but the shootout still was 2-2 entering the tie-breaking attempt by Lapko, who did not miss the target.

Anheuser, who was not asked to do much during the first 100 minutes, said the team called upon experience gained during the 2015 post-season run — which ended in a loss to Saline in the regional final.

This time, the hope is for a different result.

"Hopefully, we're going to win this time," Anheuser said. "It mentally helped us because all the seniors here, we were here last year, we know how important it is, we know how much we want to win this year. We don't want the same results."

Other seniors include Casey Muglia, Madison Archibald, Mary Galm, Rachel McGue and Stephanie Morgan.

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Celebrating another district girls soccer championship are the Canton Chiefs, who Saturday afternoon blanked Salem, 2-0.

USPBL BASEBALL

Big inning powers Unicorns in opener

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Staff Writer

Greg Grall, manager of the Utica Unicorns, couldn't have been more pleased with the way the inaugural United Shore Professional Baseball League game turned out May 30 at Jimmy John's Field in Utica.

Playing before a sold-out crowd of 4,200, the Unicorns rallied from an early 1-0 deficit to register a 5-1 victory over the Birmingham-Bloomfield Beavers. The Unicorns broke open a 1-1 game with four fourth-inning runs and won behind superior pitching, which held the Beavers to just a pair of hits.

"It couldn't be any better when you win with this excitement and this festive atmosphere," said Grall, who brings more than 20 years of baseball experience from both the minor and major leagues. "Everybody is very happy and that's what

we're here for. We're trying to make a success out of everybody."

Beavers manager Chris Newell echoed Grall's sentiments regarding the day's excitement, while lamenting the fact one big inning was the difference in the outcome.

"The festivities were outstanding. I think (USPBL commissioner) Andy (Appleby) hit a home run without a doubt," said Newell, a Waterford native. "I know all of us as players and coaches, we thought the whole day was tremendous."

"They had one big inning and that's baseball," he said. "The ball took a bad bounce on the lead-off hitter of the inning. Unfortunately, a little handle shots gets through a five hole, then a line drive and, the next thing you know is, we are down by three runs. That happens."

Birmingham-Bloomfield opened the scoring when first

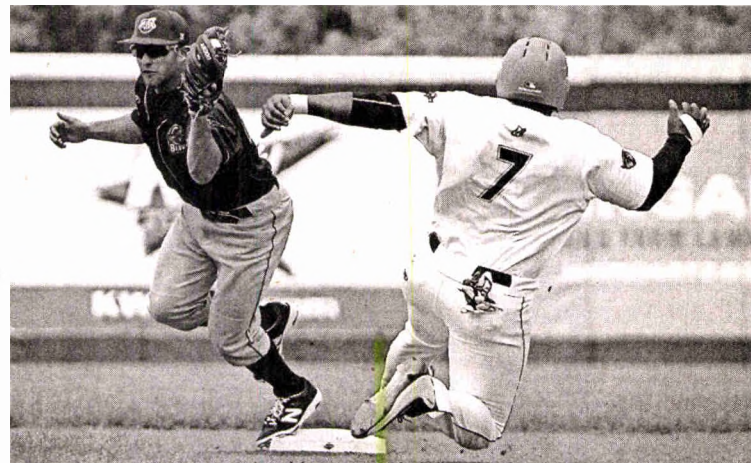
baseman Nic Wilson smacked a second-inning home run over the left field fence to make history as the USPBL's first round-tripper.

However, it was the only offense Birmingham-Bloomfield would mount.

The Beavers had only three runners over the final seven innings, including a single by lead-off batter Dave Pepe, a walk to designated hitter Eric Phillis and an infield error that allowed right fielder Miles Williams to reach first base. Williams eventually went to second on a wild pitch and was the only runner besides Wilson to make it that far.

The Unicorns were led by first baseman Zack Blonder, who batted last in the order, but came up with the biggest hits.

Blonder was the first Unicorn to register a hit after his blooper fell safely in front of left fielder Pepe. He scored



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Beavers second baseman Daniel Kennon gets a force out on Unicorns runner Christopher Ervin.

Utica's first run on second baseman Eric Young's double, which caromed off the left field wall.

Utica exploded in the fourth inning with four runs on four hits. Austin Crutcher produced a run-scoring double, Blonder smacked a two-run single and center fielder Blake Harrell hit a run-scoring single.

"Zack may not profile as a

big, tall hitter, but you can see that he drives in runs and produces with the bat," Grall said. "We had that one big inning, but that's something we're going to focus on. Not just play for one inning, but to look at continuing on. That's something we can work on. We got the win, but there are things we can work on."



Painting playground equipment was a key part of the volunteer effort May 21. SUBMITTED

Saturday in the park: Realtors take the lead in park cleanup project

Over 40 Realtors, affiliate and staff members, along with family members, of the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors joined together to begin the restoration process of Realtors Park in Royal Oak. GMAR is the Southfield-based association for the industry in Southeast

Michigan. The park is located at Main and Sunnybrook. The group gathered Saturday, May 21. Starting at 8 a.m., the group removed trash, debris, dead and overgrown vegetation, made minor repairs to equipment, and put a fresh coat of paint on the equipment.

James Cristbrook, member of the GMAR Member Engagement Committee who planned the event, said that "this is just the first phase of the restoration process. Next we'll upgrade the playground equipment, and then begin soliciting organizations to 'adopt' the park — meaning

they'll take over maintenance of the park."

The event was made possible by grants from the National Association of Realtors, Michigan Realtors, and GMAR. First American Title provided breakfast, and Shain Park Realtors provided lunch for the volunteers.



The project at the park in Royal Oak was headed up by the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors, and also drew family members as volunteers. SUBMITTED

Detroit, Ann Arbor Township garner grants funded through Historic Preservation Fund

The Michigan State Housing Development Authority's State Historic Preservation Office announced the awarding of Certified Local Government (CLG) Grants that will benefit the cities of Detroit, Allegan, Grand Rapids and Ann Arbor Township.

The grants add up to \$122,022 and are funded through the federal Historic Preservation Fund.

The City of Detroit has been awarded two grants totaling nearly \$50,000: \$15,560 to conduct an above-ground historic resources survey and an archaeological survey in order to update the existing National Register of Historic Places nomination, and \$33,000 to rehabilitate a section of the Ford Piquette Avenue Plant roof. The Piquette plant is one of 40 National Historic Landmarks in Michigan.

"Historic preservation has its greatest impact when it begins at the local level. Historic resources and neighborhoods are assets that contribute to community character and stability and places where people want to be," State Historic Preservation Officer Brian Conway said.

"In Michigan, 30 Certified Local Governments have demonstrated commitment on an ongoing basis to preserve their historic resources. We are pleased to assist them with grant funding."

This year's additional CLG grant awards are as follows:
» City of Allegan: \$45,644 to hire a single or multiple contractor(s) to rehabilitate the exterior masonry of the Griswold Memorial Auditorium by repairing/replacing deteriorated and damaged bricks and repointing mortar joints.

» City of Grand Rapids: \$21,000 to update the National Register of Historic Places nomination form for the Heritage Hill Historic District, which was listed in the register in 1971, and to complete a previously begun project to expand the existing National Register of Historic Places historic district boundaries for Heartside Historic District. The boundary expansion will include the entire area encompassed by the city's current Heartside district, so that the boundaries of the National Register and local district will be the same.

» Washtenaw County: \$6,818 to conduct an intensive

historic resource survey, prepare a survey report and undertake the activities required to establish a local historic district for the Thornoaks Neighborhood in Ann Arbor Township, Washtenaw County.

Certified Local Governments are counties, townships or cities that partner with the State Historic Preservation Office and the National Park Service to preserve their historic and cultural resources. CLGs demonstrate ongoing commitment to historic preservation through the enactment of a historic preservation ordinance, the formation of a historic district commission, the ongoing survey and designation of properties, and public education.

CLG grants are awarded annually on a competitive basis. All grants must be matched with local funds or donations and are available on a reimbursement basis only. Project activities must have measurable results. The State Historic Preservation Office welcomes innovative proposals that promote historic preservation. The intent of the CLG grant program is to augment rather than replace existing local financial commit-

ment to historic preservation activities. Grants are announced each May.

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is financed in part by a grant from the National Park Service, Department of Interior.

The State Historic Preservation Office is part of the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA), which provides financial and technical assistance through public and private partnerships to create and preserve decent, affordable housing for low- and moderate-income residents and to engage in community economic development activities to revitalize urban and rural communities.

MSHDA's loans and operating expenses are financed through the sale of tax-exempt and taxable bonds as well as notes to private investors, not from state tax revenues. Proceeds are loaned at below-market interest rates to developers of rental housing, and help fund mortgages and home improvement loans. MSHDA also administers several federal housing programs. For more information, visit michigan.gov/mshda.

Collecting assessments requires know-how, assertiveness

Q: Our condo Board asked the successor developer to pay assessments to the condominium association. He is claiming there is a provision in the documents that exempts the developer from paying assessments. Can we make him pay the assessments?

A: It is my opinion, based on cases in which I have been involved, that the successor developer, just like the original developer, has an obligation to pay the full assessment to the Association, notwithstanding provisions in the Master Deed created by the developer to the contrary. Many associations are confused about this and allow the developer and/or successor developer to get away with not paying their assessments at all, which is, in my opinion, inappropriate. The Association should engage counsel who is knowledgeable about the Condominium Act and is reasonably aggressive to assist the Board in collecting those assessments from the successor developer.

Q: Our condominium has a number of uncompleted condominium units, and the developer says that he does not have to pay on those units because they have not been constructed. What do you think?

A: Defining a unit in the Master Deed in such a fashion as to avoid paying assessments, as many developers do, is, in this writer's opinion, contrary to the plain language of the Michigan Condominium Act. In short, there is nothing in the Michigan Condominium Act that indicates that payment of assessments is contingent on whether a unit is required to be built or that payment of assessments on a unit commences when the unit is actually built. As such, you have a good argument that attempting to redefine a unit in the Master Deed in a manner that is contrary to the Michigan Condominium Act is not a justification for either a developer or, for that matter, a successor developer, not to pay assessments.

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

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Investors

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

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

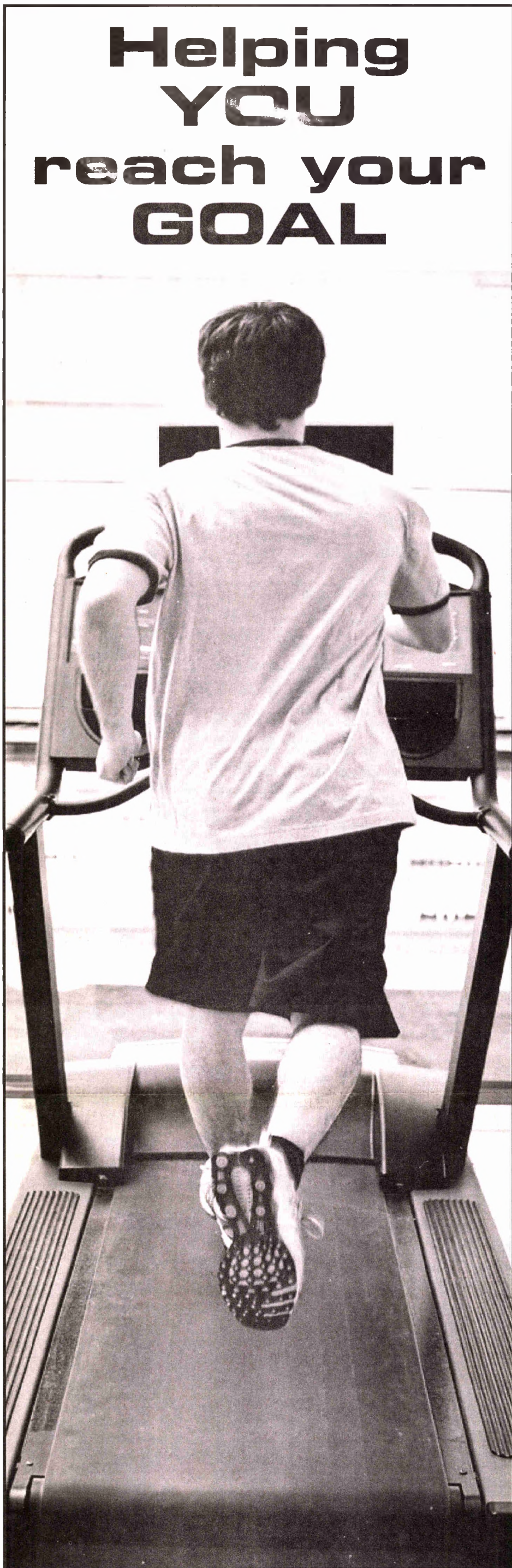
For more information, call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayne Koehler at 313-819-0919.

Short sales

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

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

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



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THURSDAY PUZZLE CORNER

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- ACROSS**
- 1 Good enough
 - 9 Biblical talking beast
 - 12 Chimed
 - 16 Game show VIPs
 - 19 — acid (vitamin C)
 - 20 At any place
 - 22 Grain morsel
 - 23 Start of a riddle
 - 25 Joanne of "Abie's Irish Rose"
 - 26 Hide-hair connection
 - 27 Tooth in a machine
 - 28 Professional wrestler Flair
 - 29 Oater
 - 31 Furtive action
 - 35 Movie-archiving gp.
 - 37 River in a Best Picture title
 - 39 Shah's land
 - 40 Riddle, part 2
 - 44 Tropical rodent
 - 47 Former Russ. state
 - 48 Folk rocker DiFranco
 - 49 Exterior
 - 50 Bremen loc.
 - 51 Intuit
 - 53 Camera for a pro
 - 55 Tongue, e.g.
 - 58 Riddle, part 3
 - 62 Reference book's "Look here, too"
 - 63 — profit (lucratively)
 - 64 "Can — true?"
 - 65 Leaning Tower's city
 - 69 Play for time
 - 70 Gym tops
 - 72 Vents vocally
 - 73 Atoll part
 - 74 Sit next to
 - 76 Stage design
 - 77 Grows molar, e.g.
 - 79 Riddle, part 4
 - 82 Hold down
 - 86 Rural rest stop
 - 87 Exotic berry in fruit juices
 - 88 Writer Deighton
 - 89 Giant in foil
 - 90 See 3-Down
 - 92 Nov. lead-in
 - 94 Very focused
 - 96 End of the riddle
 - 101 Tennis legend Björn
 - 102 Election analyst Silver
 - 103 Gods, to Livy
 - 104 Use one's lungs
 - 108 Under control
 - 110 Soft & —
 - 112 Classical introduction?
 - 114 Au — (roast beef option)
 - 115 San Francisco's — Valley
 - 116 Riddle's answer
 - 122 Taxing gp.
 - 123 Playwright McNally
 - 124 Submarine
 - 125 Cougar, e.g.
 - 126 Mgr.'s helper
 - 127 Salon colorer
 - 128 Admiration taken too far
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Expendable chessmen
 - 2 Take — at (attempt)
 - 3 With 90-Across, frighten away
 - 4 Drunk
 - 5 Jackie's hubby #2
 - 6 Small ammo
 - 7 Brittle-shelled
 - 8 Back talk?
 - 9 Grain bristle
 - 10 Actor Omar
 - 11 Shipping rig
 - 12 Match official
 - 13 Declaration
 - 14 Water nymph
 - 15 Mardi —
 - 16 Not extreme
 - 17 Indy 500 entrant, e.g.
 - 18 Eye-catchers
 - 21 S'pose
 - 24 "Bejabbers!"
 - 30 Keep busy
 - 32 Clerk on "The Simpsons"
 - 33 Drop director DuVernay
 - 34 Judges, e.g.
 - 36 "The Day of the Jackal" novelist
 - 38 Orville and Wilbur of aviation
 - 41 Main port of Norway
 - 42 Give an alert
 - 43 Luxurious
 - 44 Tennis legend
 - 45 Civets' cousins
 - 46 Long trial
 - 52 Broody
 - 53 music genre
 - 54 Intermediary
 - 56 BBQ piece
 - 57 Flexible card
 - 59 Fit as a fiddle
 - 60 Vicious
 - 61 Clever
 - 65 Bikeway, say
 - 66 Fill one's lungs
 - 67 Tyler of rock
 - 68 Green light
 - 70 End up
 - 71 Rudolph's facial feature
 - 72 Joins again
 - 74 "Selma" director
 - 75 "— Mir Bist Du Schön"
 - 77 Quirk
 - 78 "Evita" star
 - 79 Part of QED
 - 80 "Back to the Future" bully
 - 81 Bit of power
 - 82 Of Jewish scholars
 - 83 Stage actress Duse
 - 84 Least abundant
 - 85 Difficult
 - 91 Bring up until able to fly, as a bird
 - 93 Tianjin locale
 - 95 Baking meas.
 - 97 12 in a foot
 - 98 Impostors
 - 99 Sheer folly
 - 100 In the area of
 - 105 "— Called to Say I Love You"
 - 106 Writer Godden or actress Willis
 - 107 Analytic work
 - 109 Comics' Kelt
 - 111 Flip apart
 - 113 Prefix meaning "the same"
 - 117 Tate displays
 - 118 Agent's take
 - 119 Flurry
 - 120 Minister's field: Abbr.
 - 121 Levin or Gershwin

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For assistance or suggestions on the Puzzle Corner, contact Steve McClellan at (517) 702/4247 or smcclellan@michigan.com. Want more puzzles? Check out the "Just Right Crossword Puzzles" books at QuillDriverBooks.com

SUDOKU

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Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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DAIRY WORD SEARCH

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

<p>Crossword Answers</p> <p>PASSABLE ASSRANG MGS ASCORBIC WHEREVER OAT WHATISTHENAMEFORA DRU NOR COGNAC WESTERN STEALTH AFI KWAIT IRAN PERIODOFWORLDPEACE AGOUTI SSRANI OUTER GERFEELSLR GRASPERS ANDHARMONYINWHITCH SEEALSOATA ITBE PISA STALL TSHIRTS PRANTS ISLE ABOUT SET TEEHES EVERYBODYWILLHAVEN RESTRAIN INNACALIENT ALCOA OFF OCTAIENT BEAUTIFULFISHTANKS BORG NATE DEIR ESPIRE INCHECK DRI NEO JUS NOE THEAGEOPAUARTIUMS IRS TERRENCE UNDERSEA CAT ASST DYE IDOLATRY</p>	<p>Word Search Answers</p> <p>ACID (11,12) ALLEY (1,10) ANTIBIOTIC (1,10) BARN (1,10) BOVINE (1,10) BULL (1,10) BUTTER (1,10) CALF (1,10) CHEESE (1,10) CHURNING (1,10) COMPOST (1,10) COW (1,10) CULL (1,10) CULTURE (1,10) CURD (1,10) CURDLE (1,10) DAIRY (1,10) ENVIRONMENT (1,10) FORAGE (1,10) HERD (1,10) LACTATE (1,10) LACTOSE (1,10) MILK (1,10) PASTEURIZED (1,10) PASTURE (1,10) RUMINANT (1,10) SILO (1,10) STANCHION (1,10) STEER (1,10) STERILE (1,10) TROUGH (1,10) UDDER (1,10) VEAL (1,10) WHEY (1,10) YEAST (1,10) YOGURT (1,10)</p>
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RELIGION CALENDAR

Email event information for this calendar to Sharon Dargay, sdargay@hometownlife.com

JUNE CONCERT

Time/Date: 6-8:30 p.m. June 22
Location: Solanus Casey Center, 1780 Mt. Elliott, Detroit
Details: Riccardo Selva, director of the jazz studies program at Schoolcraft College, will perform with the Dr. Riccardo Selva & Friends Jazz Combo in the Center's Creation Garden. Wine, soft drinks and appetizers will be available. The concert is free
Contact: solanuscenter.org

Concert

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 22
Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton
Details: The Canton Concert Band will perform on the church lawn. Bring a chair or blanket
Contact: 734-459-3333; connectingwithGod.org

FILM

Time/Date: 7:30-9:02 p.m. Tuesday, June 28
Location: AMC Livonia 20, 19500 Haggerty, Livonia
Details: One-night screening of "Alison's Choice," a story about a young pregnant woman who meets Jesus Christ in the guise of

a friendly janitor while waiting for her name to be called at an abortion clinic. She must decide if she will go through with the abortion. Tickets are \$13 and must be reserved by June 21. Order tickets at https://www.tugg.com/events/106414
Contact: Donna Gonzalez at 313-247-3108

GOOD NEWS DAY CAMP

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. June 20-24
Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia
Details: Activities include worship, praise singing, games, arts and crafts, Bible study, nature study and more. Includes snacks. Early-bird registration is \$65 for the first child in the family, \$60 for the second child, and \$55 for each additional child. After May 29, registration is \$65 per child. Deadline to register is June 13
Contact: Judy Cook at 248-442-8822

HAWAIIAN LUAU

Time/Date: 5:30 p.m.-dusk, Saturday, June 11
Location: St. Mel's Church, 7506 Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights
Details: Pig roast and catered dinner, Hawaiian dancers with fire wands, and cash bar. Held rain or shine. Tickets are \$15 for

adults, \$10 for kids, 6-10 and free for ages 5 and under. One free drink is included with admission. Tickets are available at the parish office, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or call 313-274-0684
Contact: Grace Topolewski at 734-525-3607

PARKING LOT SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, June 18
Location: St. John Bosco Church, 12100 Beech Daly, Redford
Details: Participants will sell items to the public. Rent one space for \$15; two for \$25
Contact: Sally at 734-748-8110; church office at 313-937-9690

SHABBAT SERVICE

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 10
Location: Congregation Bet Chaverim, 321 Ridge Road, Catton
Details: Pizza and salad followed by discussion
Contact: Barbara Buchalter at 734-417-9771

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m. June 20-24
Location: St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, 16700 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: "The Armor of God" is

the theme. The program is for children in preschool-fifth grade
Contact: 734-464-8844

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township
Details: Scripture study
Contact: 313-534-9000
St. Michael the Archangel Parish
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday, through May
Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Gary Michuta, author and Catholic apologist, leads a study of Isaiah. Bring your own Bible
Contact: 734-261-1455, ext 200 or on line at www.livoniast-michael.org.

Faith Community Wesleyan

Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every Saturday
Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Details: This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one
Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

EXERCISE

Time/Date: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday
Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia
Details: Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com
Contact: 313-408-3364

FAMILY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday
Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills
Details: Free meal
Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

HEALING SERVICE

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

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners
Contact: Ethanief Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

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

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

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

PRAYER

St. Edith Church
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday
Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows
Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday
Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton
Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.
Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

RECYCLING

Risen Christ Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. third Saturday of the month
Location: 46250 Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and Beck roads, Plymouth
Details: Recycle your cell phones, laser cartridges, inkjet cartridges, laptops, iPods, iPads, tablets, eReaders on the third Saturday of each month. Use the doors on east side of church.
Contact: Lynn Hapman at 734-466-9023

SINGLES

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

Steve's Family Restaurant

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

SONG CIRCLE

Congregation Beth Ahm
Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat
Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in translation as well as the original Hebrew.
Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net.

SUPPORT

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

Connection Church

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

Detroit World Outreach

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

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

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

Merriman Road Baptist Church

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

Fireside Church of God

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

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Saturday
Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: A twice-monthly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available
Contact: 734-421-8451

St. Thomas a' Becket Church

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

Unity of Livonia

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia
Details: Overeaters Anonymous helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free.
Contact: 248-559-7722; www.oa.org for additional information

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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

THRIFT STORE

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

Way of Life Christian Church

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

TOUR

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

Worship

Adat Shalom Synagogue
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Sunday; and 6 p.m. weekdays
Location: 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills
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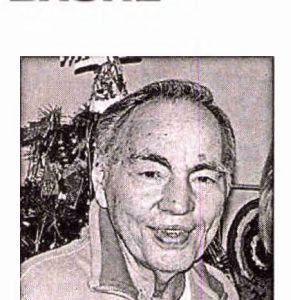
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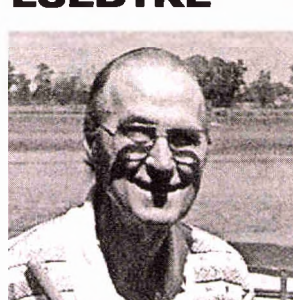
DALE RONALD 84, of Brighton, MI passed away on June 5th due to complications from heart and kidney failure. Dale was born March 15th, 1932 in Detroit, MI and graduated from Redford High School. He enlisted in the army with his best friend in 1952 and served as a helicopter mechanic during the Korean War. After being honorably discharged, Dale married Alice Sweetman on September 11, 1954 and then began a lengthy career in the automotive industry, while simultaneously pursuing his engineering degree from Lawrence Institute of Technology. Dale and Alice celebrated their 61st anniversary last fall, a marriage that resulted in four children: Dale (Kathy), Brad, Linda (Yvette) and Lance (Kendra), and five grandchildren: Kelly, Bradley, Matt, Michelle and Madison. Dale always said his greatest pleasure in life was playing with the children and attending their sporting events. Dale retired from Ford in 1996 and he and Alice enjoyed an active second life of travel, senior volleyball, euchre leagues and family parties, in addition to their lifelong involvement in bowling leagues. Dale also continued his childhood love of fishing (usually with the kids or his brother Bob) and in mid-life also developed an affection for golf. Dale was preceded in death by his parents Hilda (Greulich) and Albert Bache, and siblings Albert, Bob, Norma, and grandson Bradley. A memorial service will be held at the Upper Peninsula Club on Sunday June 12th from 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Address is 10770 Calumet Road in Whitmore Lake. In lieu of flowers those wishing to make a donation can send to Special Olympics Michigan, Central Michigan University, Mt Pleasant, MI 48859 and please note on check 'in memoriam of Dale Bache'.



BONZACK

EUGENE PAUL 81 Lakeland, Florida. Mr. Eugene Paul Bonzack passed away on June 6, 2016. He was born on June 4, 1935 in Detroit, Michigan. Eugene is survived by his wife of 59 years, Carolyn Nee Scheier; daughter, Roberta Sue Ducharme (Ray); son, Ronald Alan Bonzack; two granddaughters, Megan and Kelly Ducharme and grandson, Joseph Bonzack. He is preceded in death by his parents, Vester and Rose Bonczak; sister, Nancy and daughter, Rachelle Casari. Gentry-Morrison Funeral Home, Lakeland, Florida.

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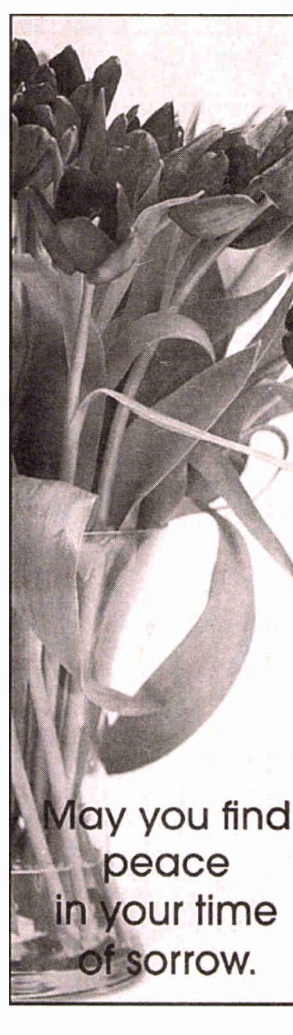


ROBERT "BOB" WILLIAM 87, died peacefully in Lakewood, Colorado on April 11, 2016. Bob is survived by wife, Edith Luedtke of Lakewood, Colorado; daughters, Karen Fay Luedtke of Richfield, Wisconsin and Robin Luedtke of Arvada, Colorado; granddaughter, April Stites of Westminster, Colorado. Preceded in death by his parents, Victor and Caroline Luedtke of Detroit, Michigan. Born June 6th, 1928 in Detroit, Michigan. Bob was married to Edith for 64 loving years. He graduated with a Master's Degree in Engineering from Wayne State University. He worked in Dearborn, Michigan for Ford Motor Company for 36 years. His family remembers him as a kind and gentle man. He always encouraged them to follow their heart and pursue their goals. Bob enjoyed golf, hunting and boating. He was an active and dedicated member of the Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church. The family will hold a private memorial to celebrate Bob's life. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church at 9600 Leverage, Redford, Michigan 48239. Condolences can be sent to aufundab@yahoo.com. The family would like to thank Atria Park at Applewood for their care and treating Bob as part of their family. Online memorial may be found at: http://obits.dignitymemorial.com/dignity-memorial/obituary.aspx?n=Robert-LUEDTKE&id=6886161

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RUDOLPH E. June 5, 2016, age 96 of Canton. Beloved husband of the late Bonnie. Loving father of Susan (Paul) Warmbier. Dear grandfather of Michael (Melissa), Karen (Jeff) Eekhoff, Katherine Eekhoff, and Mark (Andrea). Proud great-grandfather of Megan, Kaitlyn, Justin, Lauren, Tyler, Eva, Faith, Davis, and Weston. Visitation Saturday 2 p.m. until the Saturday 4 p.m. Funeral Service at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road (between Sheldon and Beck), Plymouth. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. To share memories, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com.



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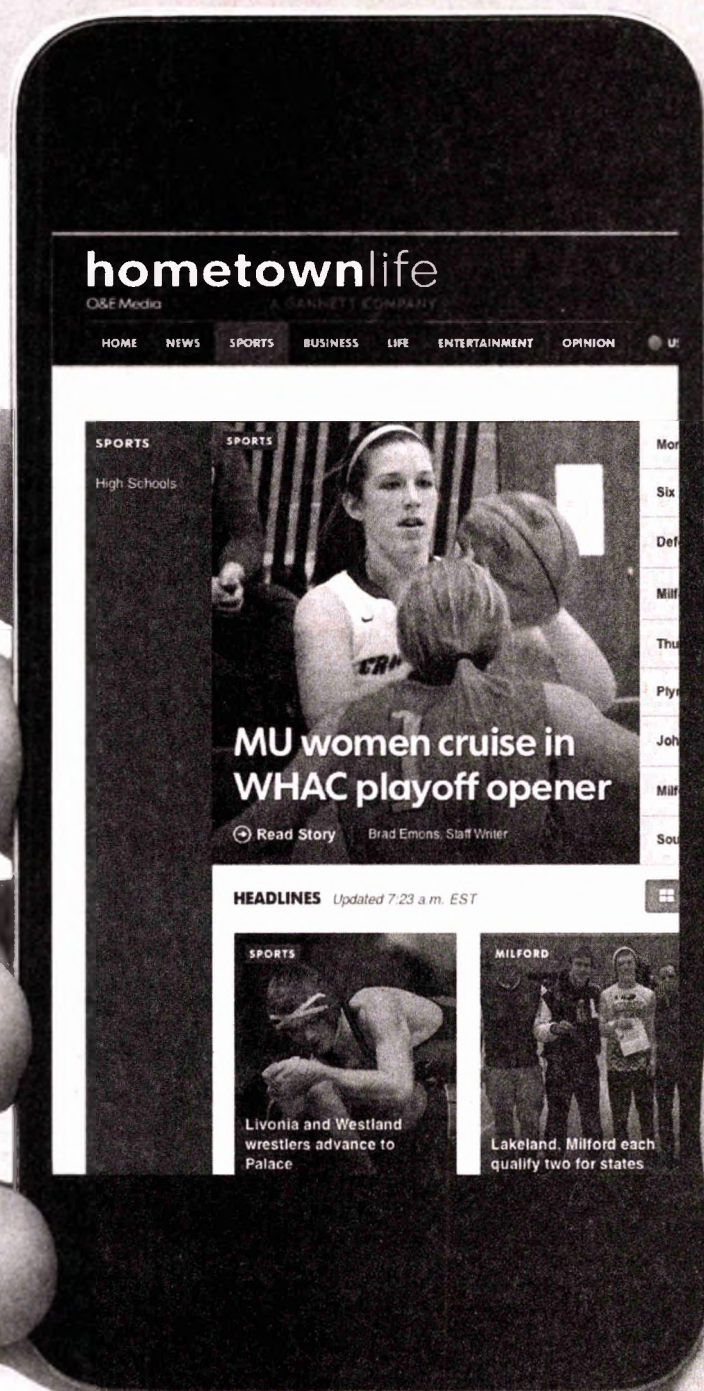
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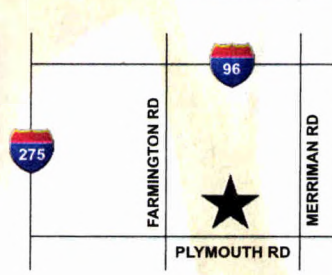
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