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Thrown off ballot by appeals court, Heise, Schnettler start write-in bids

Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Two Republican candidates for Plymouth Township offices will run as write-ins after being thrown off the primary ballot by a Michigan Court of Appeals decision.

Judges Kurtis T. Wilder, Kirsten F. Kelly and Karen Fort Hood ordered Friday that Kurt Heise, who is running for township supervisor, and Don

Schnettler, who is running for the Board of Trustees, be taken off the Tuesday, Aug. 2, primary ballot for failing to indicate their home precinct on their respective affidavits of identity filed for their candidacies.

Schnettler and Heise had won a Wayne County Circuit Court decision



Schnettler



Heise

June 1, but the higher court overturned that decision and issued a "writ of mandamus" ordering county Clerk Cathy Garrett and the county elections commission to remove them from the ballot.

"It is undisputed that Schnettler and Heise failed to comply with" the law requiring their precinct

number, the judges wrote. "Hence, the Wayne County defendants had a clear legal duty not to certify Schnettler and Heise's names."

Heise said Saturday he doesn't have the resources to appeal, but will run as a write-in Republican in the primary. "They won this round, so what we're going to do now is take it back to the people," Heise said.

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City, township agree on 'piece of the puzzle'

Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Plymouth will pay Plymouth Township more than \$330,000 within a month as a partial settlement of the legacy costs related to the fire department that served both communities for nearly 17 years.

The Plymouth City Commission agreed Monday to pay \$330,558 toward retiree health care costs the township incurred between the beginning of 2012, when the city left joint fire department arrangement, through 2015.

The sum is less than 10 percent of the nearly \$4 million that township officials say the city owes in legacy costs — for pensions and retiree

"We needed some positive momentum. It's a positive step in the right direction."

DAN DWYER
mayor, city of Plymouth

(Dan) Dwyer and I have been working hard at this and it's been a priority for both of us."

Dwyer was more muted in his reaction.

"We needed some positive momentum," he said. "It's a positive step in the right direction."

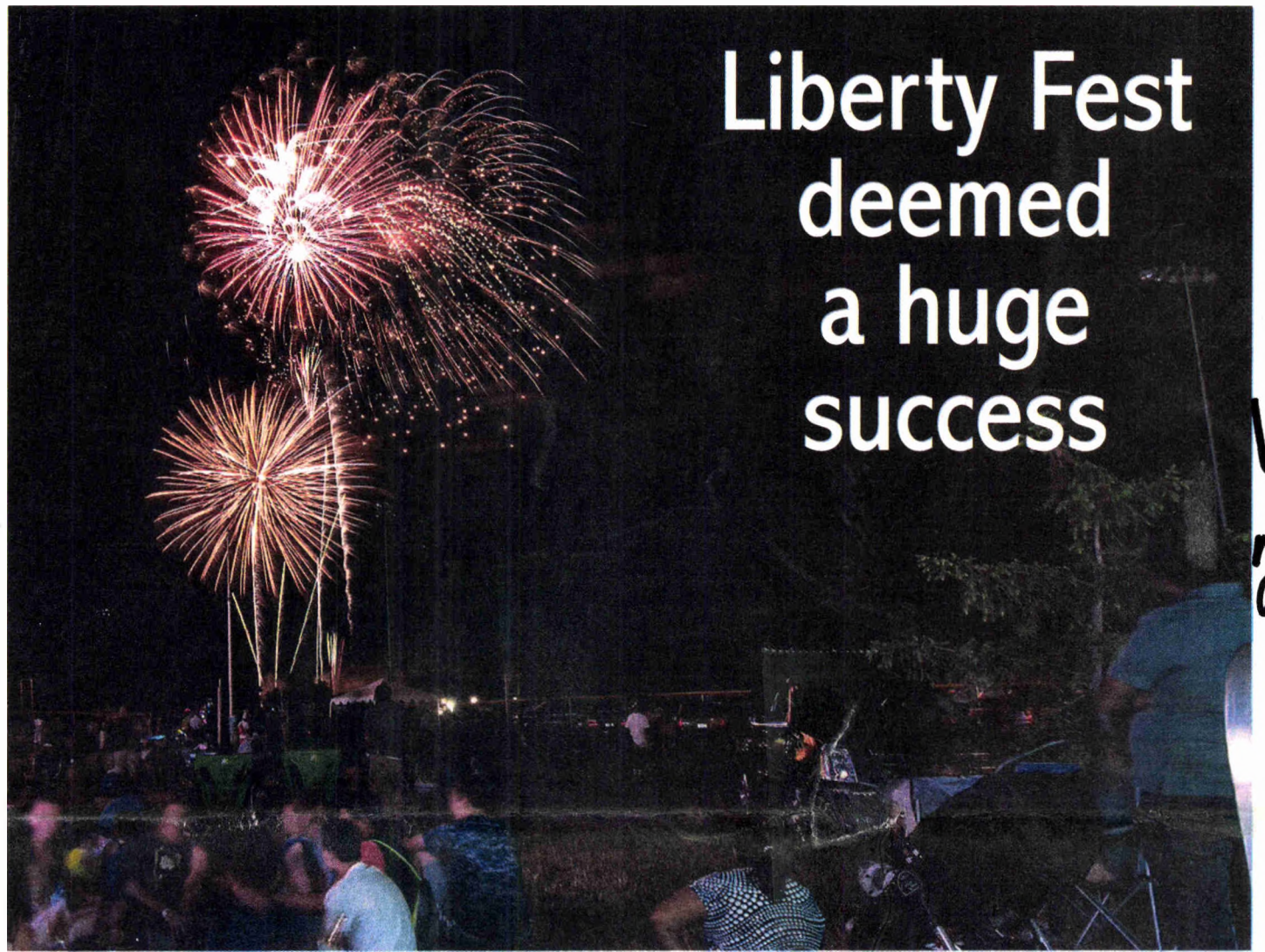
The city commission approved the payment with little discussion by a voice vote during its Monday meeting. Dwyer said the money is in the general fund budget but, "it's not like it doesn't hurt."

Price and Dwyer have been negotiating toward a settlement for months. Broadly speaking, the city is responsible for 25 percent of the pension and health care costs associated with retired PCFD firefighters.

Next up, both said, is agreeing on a method of paying retiree health care costs from 2016 and going forward. The township has proposed using Michigan's Municipal Employees Retirement System, or MERS, as a third party into which the city would pay its share of retiree health care expenses on a quarterly basis. Dwyer said city officials are study-

health care — related to the Plymouth Community Fire Department. But township Supervisor Shannon Price said it's "one big piece of the puzzle" — and the most difficult piece — as well as a show of good faith. "This is a big first step toward resolving a 4½-year dispute," Price said Monday. "Mayor

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A fireworks show culminated the three-day festival.

KELLY DOBSON

Liberty Fest deemed a huge success

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Fireworks had barely stopped exploding over Heritage Park — ending Canton's 25th annual Liberty Fest — before organizers began looking ahead to next year's event.

Canton Leisure Services Director Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz said festival planners next week will meet for a debriefing to discuss what worked and what needs tweaking after the three-day Liberty Fest wrapped up Saturday night.

"We've heard all very positive reports that all the guests had a great time," she said, calling it a "quality event that accomplished what we hoped for" by drawing large crowds for a family fun celebration of community.

Bilbrey-Honsowetz has said Liberty Fest draws an estimated 50,000 people, including repeat visitors, over a three-day period.

Despite large crowds, Canton police reported no serious incidents on the Heritage Park festival grounds.

"Overall, it went very well. We only had a couple of minor altercations and a couple of people were cited for being disorderly," police Sgt. Jim Harrison said. "We escorted them out."

"We had a great crowd, a very diverse and very friendly crowd," he said, adding that some patrons had their patience tested amid traffic bottlenecks after the fireworks show ended.

Harrison said it typically takes more than an hour to clear traffic after the fireworks show ends.

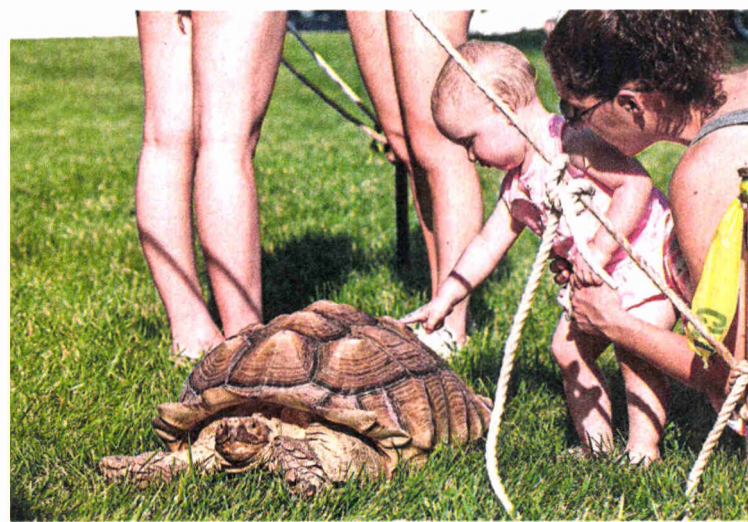
Despite hot temperatures, Deputy Fire Chief Christopher Stoecklein said firefighter paramedics encountered no heat-related illnesses or

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Heritage Park offered a picturesque setting for canoeing Saturday afternoon during Liberty Fest.

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The tortoise was a big hit with 15-month-old Aspyr Brunetti.

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Michigan Philharmonic heats up with summer concert schedule

The Michigan Philharmonic heats up with a full lineup of summer Concerts in the Parks. Beginning with a Patriotic Pops concert in beautiful downtown Plymouth, "An American Salute" will fill Kellogg Park with the sounds of Americana from the music of Broadway and Louis Armstrong to the rousing finale of the "1812 Overture." The concert starts at 7 p.m.

Saturday, June 25, and also features a tribute to our veterans with the "Armed Forces Salute" complete with the state of Michigan Honor Guard of the VFW. The Michigan Phil travels to the great outdoors performing Saturday, July 16, on Maple Beach at Kensington Metropark on and Saturday, July 30, at Stony Creek Metropark for an intergalactic concert

called SCI-PHONIC featuring the music of "Star Wars," "Star Trek" and other sci-fi movie favorites. Concertgoers can also join in the fun as the Phil performs SCI-PHONIC at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 27 in Campus Martius Park with an outdoor showing of "The Force Awakens" immediately following the concert. According to Michigan Philharmonic music director and conductor Nan Washburn, "We are excited to bring our 'Star Wars and Sci-Phonic Favorites' program to the metroparks and downtown Detroit this summer! With the new 'Star Wars' movie out this year, we thought it would be a great time to celebrate

lots great adventure movie and video game music in one concert. In addition to 'Star Wars,' the audience will also get to hear music from 'Jurassic Park,' 'World of Warcraft,' 'Lord of the Rings' and 'Star Trek.'" All of these concerts are free and are great family events to attend. The metroparks offer a wide variety of fun family activities, from boating and swimming to biking and hiking, so bring your blankets and picnic and come early to the parks and enjoy all they have to offer and finish your evening off with a great concert. For more information on the Metroparks, go to www.metroparks.com.



The Michigan Philharmonic performed last summer at Kensington.

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BALLOT

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Heise, a Michigan House of Representatives member in his third term, is challenging Supervisor Shannon Price, who was appointed to fill a vacancy in April 2015. Heise cannot run for re-election to the House because of term limits. Schnettler, who has run for township office several times, is among 10 Republican candidates for four spots on the board.

Voter backlash?
Heise said he has been getting many calls

of support since news of the ruling began to spread late Friday afternoon. He said he will launch a drive to educate voters on how to write in his name on the primary ballot. He said he expects to benefit from a voter backlash over being taken off the ballot because of a technicality. "People are fed up with this and there's going to be serious change," he said. "I think there was a fire, a good fire, but they just took five gallons of gas and poured it on it," Schnettler said Tuesday night of voter reaction. "People are pissed." Schnettler said his "commitment level is

way up" and that he is motivated because he wants voters to have choices after a court decision that takes some of those choices away. The case was begun in May by Carl Berry, a township resident, Price ally and former township police chief, who filed a lawsuit seeking the writ of mandamus. Berry said Tuesday that he doesn't define the appeals panel's decision as a "win," but simply as an adherence to the law. "I don't have anything against those two, I really don't," Berry said. "They just need to fill out the paperwork correctly, that's all." Berry said he's been the target of "vile, nasty

threats" because of the court action, but wouldn't elaborate. "Whether they like it or not, it's a part of the law and that's the way it is," he said. The attacks, Berry said, did not come from either Heise or Schnettler. **Price: Campaign is focus**
Price said Monday "nothing's changed" for his campaign. "I've said all along I'm just going to focus on my campaign and run my campaign," Price said. "(Heise) didn't fill out his form and he has to live with the consequences of what he did." Asked if the decision could lead to a backlash in the form of voter sympathy for Heise, Price said, "That's for people to decide." Conzelman said Tuesday that about 15,000 primary ballots had already been printed, with Heise's and Schnettler's names on them, and delivered to her office. They will have to be reprinted by the county. Her office, Conzelman added, was able to meet a Saturday deadline for sending, via email, 28 overseas and military absentee ballots without Heise and Schnettler on them because Secretary of State Ruth Johnson's office, which provides the electronic ballots, updated the template for them late Friday following the appeals court's decision. Schnettler and Heise, Conzelman said, have already filed the required paperwork declaring their intentions to run in the primary as write-ins. A spokeswoman for Garrett's office did not reply Tuesday to emailed questions about reprinting ballots.

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ing that option. "I expect that we'll have that resolved in pretty short order," he said. After that, Price and Dwyer said, the issue of pension costs will be negotiated. The joint Plymouth Community Fire Department provided both communities with firefighting and emergency medical service from early 1995 through 2011, with township officials managing the department with input from the city. Plymouth left the arrangement to partner with the Northville City Fire Department, which is staffed mostly with on-call firefighters. The PCFD was renamed the Plymouth Township Fire Department in early 2015.

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Pond, fire pit anchor garden filled with art, wildlife

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Anna Graham and Matt Noble-Richardson like to sit by the fire pit in their backyard and listen to the crackling flames. They enjoy hearing water splash into the pond, the croaking toads and tree frogs, the chirping birds that feast from their backyard feeders and horn blasts from nearby trains.

At night, they're likely to see a raccoon or a passing skunk drink from the pool filled with orange and calico goldfish. During the day, cats from a feral colony that Graham feeds hang out on the lawn or visit the two-level deck that's furnished with trash-picked and re-purposed treasures, antique store finds and handmade tables.

Every planting bed along the garden perimeter tells a story or evokes a memory through handmade art and vacation mementos set amid perennials.

"I would describe this region of Plymouth as funky," said Noble-Richardson, who moved into the Old Village house 18 years ago. "And our yard is ..."

"I always say eclectic," Graham said. "And meandering, because it moves around the yard. It's not just in one spot."

"We enjoy the space. If you saw it at night, it's actually quite charming," Noble-Richardson added.

"This yard has been us for five years, working on it together. He'll come up with something. I'll come up with something. And in the end, we're working on something that is ours," Graham said. "We change it on the fly all the time. It's always evolving. We call it our secret garden."

The secret will be out Tuesday, June 28, when Trailwood Garden Club brings its annual garden walk, Flowers are Forever, to the couple's backyard and to several other home gardens in Plymouth. The walk runs from noon to 8 p.m. and will include complimentary treats and beverages. Master gardeners also will be stationed at each garden to answer questions. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 the day of the walk. They're available at Specialty Pet Supplies, 1449 Ann Arbor Road; Sideways, 505 Forest; and Saxton's Power Equipment, 37980 Ann Arbor Road, Livonia.

DIY

Graham and Noble-Richardson have never attended a garden walk nor been involved as hosts, but that didn't faze them when the Trailwood Garden Club extended an invitation. They've worked on seven rooms in Noble-Richardson's house since they began dating five years ago. They finished basement bathroom construction while starting outdoor prep for the Trailwood walk last month.

"It's something we

OTHER AREA GARDEN WALKS

Livonia — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 25. See gardens at five homes and historic Greenmead's grounds. Tickets are \$9 in advance, available at Greenmead, located at Newburgh and Eight Mile; Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, east of Farmington Road and south of Five Mile; and all city libraries. Tickets are \$10 the day of the event at Greenmead. All proceeds benefit Greenmead. Call 248-477-7375 for more information.

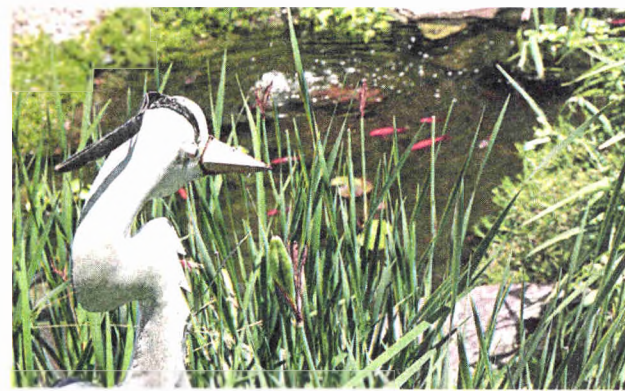
Northville — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 13. See six gardens. Complementary cookies, live music and garden and craft vendors at Mill Race Village, 2132 Griswold. Tickets are \$12 and are available at gardenviews, 117 E. Main, Northville. Some tickets may be available at gardenviews and Mill Race Village the day of the event. Free for children under 12. Call 734-788-9935 for more information.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Fresh herbs grow at a corner of the house.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
The "wall of license plates" reminds Matt Noble-Richardson and Anna Graham where they have traveled on vacation.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
A sculpture of a heron watches the fish in the pond, an easy lunch for a real heron.

enjoy doing together. We don't necessarily know how to do it every time," said Graham, who embraces do-it-yourself challenges. "Sometimes, we'll YouTube it. Sometimes, we'll talk to other people. We have friends who are very handy and we'll get information from them."

Graham is a hair stylist who works at Vanity Salon in downtown Plymouth. She and her two teenage daughters moved into Noble-Richardson's home last year. Paige, 19, often helps

garden and has painted designs on a portion of the deck, a fence and tables. She also traps the feral cats for spay and neutering at the Humane Society of Huron Valley.

Noble-Richardson grew up in Livonia and was a landscape architect before going into environmental education 18 years ago. He works for Wayne County Parks at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center. He and his late wife Janet also worked on the garden together and installed the pond. A few art pieces in

the yard pay homage to her.

Texture, light

Noble-Richardson said he and Graham have

been working on the house, inside and out, to transform it into a home.

In the garden, they focus on textures and varying heights.

"We always talk about having different textures. We can see when there needs to be a change somewhere. It's looking at a spot and sensing what is missing," he said.

"You've got to know your lighting," Graham added. "You've got to know if you have short things, high things and texture. Then you think about color, after you've got your texture, because texture can be just as interesting."

For more information about Flowers are Forever, call Karen Jachym at 734-459-5087 or Kate Kerr at 734-748-7991.

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CANTON CRIME WATCH

Man erred in reporting
5-year-old son missing

It started with a harrowing phone call to Canton police after a 24-year-old father claimed his son was missing.

Turns out he had forgotten he asked a friend to care for the boy while he was inside the Home Depot store on Michigan Avenue in Canton, a police report said.

That's how the story unfolded about 7 p.m. June 17, when police went to the store. A police report indicated the father was "acting odd" and that a knife fell out of his pocket when he went to look for his cellphone.

Police also learned the man had a prescription pill used to treat anxiety, bipolar disorder and panic disorder.

He initially told police he couldn't remember the last time he had seen his son. He said a friend had dropped them off at the store.

He called the friend, however, and learned the child was with him. The friend was at a nearby restaurant with the

boy. The report said the friend had taken the boy with him for misbehaving in the store.

The father told police he hadn't used drugs since he smoked marijuana earlier in the day.

Meanwhile, he had contacted other relatives who showed up at Home Depot store in a panic, fearing the little boy was missing. A short time later, the friend returned to the scene with the child in tow.

The father was ticketed for child neglect and possession of dangerous drugs. The report said the state's Child Protective Services already had begun an investigation.

Facebook flap

Ordered by a court not to have contact with his ex-girlfriend, a 67-year-old Canton man notified police to report that she has been trying to become friends with him on Facebook.

The woman, however, told police she hadn't made the request and that her Facebook account had been hacked.

The man told police he had

been arrested in the past for harassing communications involving the 54-year-old woman. He said one of the conditions of his bond is to avoid the ex-girlfriend.

Police contacted the woman on the man's behalf to ask her not to send friend requests through Facebook. That's when she denied any involvement.

Police advised the man to notify authorities if any further action occurs.

Knife pulled

A Canton teen was accused of getting a steak knife during an argument with her mother inside a residence on Marine, in the Academy/West Point mobile home park on Canton's southeast side.

However, the mother told police her daughter never threatened her with it.

The incident unfolded about 12:40 a.m. Monday, after the mother told her 19-year-old daughter that she wanted her out of the house. A police report indicated the two have had problems.

The daughter notified police

that her mother had slapped her and punched her. The mother denied the accusation and told police she pushed her daughter when she got too close to her during an argument.

That's when the mother said the daughter got the steak knife. The report indicated the teen later left the residence.

iPhone swiped

Never leave a purse unattended while climbing on a carnival ride.

A 20-year-old Canton woman learned the hard way Saturday night, when she set her purse down before getting on the Fireball ride at Liberty Fest.

She told police that, after she got off the ride, her iPhone was missing from her purse, though nothing else appeared to have been taken.

She later used a Find my iPhone app and learned that her phone was apparently in Bay City, about 110 miles away.

A Canton police report indicated Bay City authorities would be checking an address

where the iPhone was supposedly located.

Ailing father

A Livonia man told police he has become concerned whether his 75-year-old father is able to take care of himself at home.

The man notified police and asked for a well-being check until he can remedy the situation.

Police received a call about 1 p.m. Saturday reporting poor living conditions inside a home on Chadwick, near Hanford and Canton Center. The son said he found food and dishes strewn on counter tops and possible feces on the kitchen floor.

The son said his father suffers from health conditions, including hypertension and congestive heart failure. He said he also fears his father isn't taking his medication.

A police report indicated the son was figuring out a solution for his father.

— By Darrell Clem

PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Cash, phone stolen in locker
break-in

Cash and an iPhone were reported stolen Monday from a locker at L.A. Fitness, on Ann Arbor Road at Haggerty.

The victim, a Westland man, told police he was at the fitness center Monday evening and returned to his locker in the men's locker room to find the money and phone missing, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report.

The locker had been locked, the victim told police, and the lock was also missing.

Vehicle break-in

A purse was reported stolen from a Jeep Renegade one night last week after a window was broken out while the vehicle was parked outside the victim's home in the township.

The location of the break-in was retracted on a police report. It happened between about 8 p.m. June 14 and just before 8:30 a.m. the next day, the victim told police.

There were personal items in the purse, the victim said.

License suspension arrests

» A 45-year-old Detroit man was arrested for driving with a suspended license and on several outstanding warrants, after an officer spotted him on M-14 near Beck Road just before 4 a.m. June 14, a police report said.

Police say the officer stopped the driver, in a Pontiac Bonneville, after a check of the car's license plate revealed the registered owner was wanted on warrants and had a suspended license.

» A 21-year-old Oak Park man was also arrested June 14 for driving with a suspended license after being stopped for having a burned-out headlight and no visible license plate on the car he was driving.

Police pulled over the man, who was in a Ford Taurus, after the car was spotted on Beck, near Port Street, just before midnight, a police report said.

The Taurus was not registered and a license plate from a different vehicle was lying below the back window, police said.

— By Matt Jachman

Canton cop finishes command school

Canton police Sgt. Eric Kolke has successfully completed the Police Staff & Command School at Michigan State University.

The school is a 400-hour program designed to provide extensive training focused on the management, planning, analysis and administration of police departments and their personnel. The programs are problem-based learning, fostering critical thinking and philosophies applicable in today's law enforcement community.

The experience takes officers beyond traditional operational methods and exposes them to conceptual thinking, paving the way for their future success as a command officer.

Police Staff & Command School is mandatory for all of Canton's command officers and is a component of the ongoing training Canton police officers participate in on a regular basis.

Kolke has been with the depart-



CANTON PUBLIC SAFETY

Sgt. Eric Kolke, flanked by Public Safety Director Joshua Meier and Deputy Police Chief Scott Hilden, has completed the Police Staff & Command School at Michigan State University.

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serious injuries at the festival. "It went very well. We didn't transport anyone (to hospitals) from Liberty Fest," he said. "I'd say it went off without a hitch. We're very fortunate to have had another successful Liberty Fest. We couldn't have asked for anything better."

Liberty Fest this year had a new fireworks company — Ace Pyro of Manchester — and Bilbrey-Honsowetz said the show was a hit with festival-goers.

"We're all heard very good things about that," she said.

She said groups raising money for charity also seemed to draw good crowds. Those included the Canton Firefighters Local 2289 Charity Foundation, the Canton Lions Club, the Rotary Club of Canton and, in its last festival appearance, America's Most Wanted Car Club, with its popular classic car show.

Although Canton Leisure Services employees are highly visible at Liberty Fest, Bilbrey-Honsowetz said all of Canton's municipal departments helped to make it a successful event. She said "a huge team" is behind the festival.

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Rides were popular at Liberty Fest.

KELLY DOBSON



Dancers from the Triple Threat Dance School in Plymouth transported viewers to the Hawaiian Islands.

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Couples enjoyed the music and the challenge to get up and dance.

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Several forms of dance were demonstrated during Liberty Fest.

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Laura Knoll of Canton takes time to enjoy the baby animals at Liberty Fest's petting zoo.

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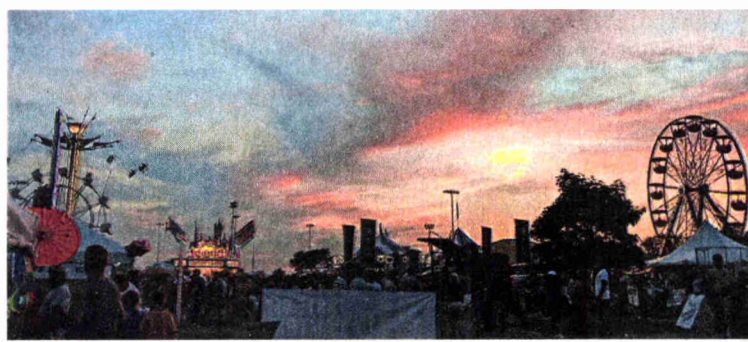
Saarang Gopinath of Canton just had to get a selfie with the tortoise.

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There were plenty of rides for all the little ones to enjoy. Jasper Ho, 3, is delighted with the carousel ride.

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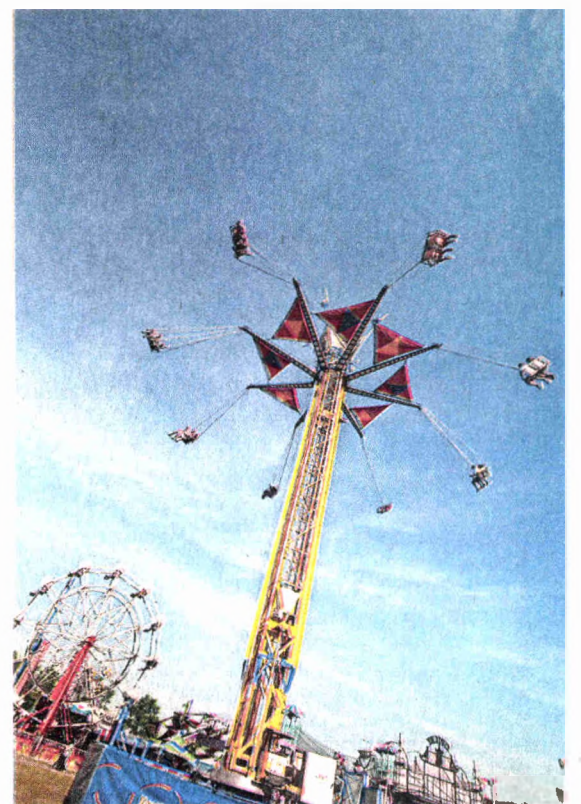
Topping the day off and marking the end of Canton's Liberty Fest was a display of fireworks that was enjoyed by all.

KELLY DOBSON



Sunny warm temperatures provided a great turnout for Saturday's festival.

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Carnival rides were plentiful.

KELLY DOBSON

BMW celebrates anniversary with donation

Thin Blue Line receives check for \$3,650

Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

John and Dawn Horner, owners of BMW Motorcycles in Plymouth Township – formerly in Canton Township – wanted to do something special to celebrate the dealership's 10th anniversary. An open house was sort of a given. But customers had long suggested that the dealership give away a bike.

That sealed it. A decision was made not only to give away a motorcycle, but to do it for a good cause: The Thin Blue Line of Michigan, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping and supporting families of injured or deceased law enforcement and public safety officers.

"This is a great charity," Dawn Horner said.

As hundreds walked into the dealership for the open house in late May, each adult was asked to purchase one of the 326 available raffle tickets. "They all responded pretty well," Dawn Horner said. "If they didn't buy a ticket, they had to learn about the Thin Blue Line."

By the end of the day, the dealership had a \$3,650 donation from the Horners for the nonprofit that was started in 1999 by the late Laurie Reinacher, wife of Scott, who is president of the Thin Blue Line.

And yes, a motorcycle – specifically, an R9T – was given away to the customer with the winning ticket. And the win-

ner was no stranger to the Horners or Scott Reinacher and Kelly Pigeon, also of the Thin Blue Line.

John Santomauro, former Canton Public Safety director, and his wife Laura held the winning ticket and were handed the keys.

And the best part is that those who bought raffle tickets helped support public safety and law enforcement officers' families.

"My wife formed it. Her first husband, Byron, was killed in the line of duty," said Reinacher, a former Michigan state trooper. "Laurie realized there was a need. There are more sick and injured officers than those killed in the line of duty."

The Thin Blue Line raises funds for affected families, helps obtain federal death benefits for officers killed in the line of duty, helps with workman's comp benefits and offers financial assistance – there's a 20-percent wage loss when officers are on injury leave.

"We are unique with what we do," Reinacher said. "We make sure there is a need. We don't just hand things out. We check every 30 days. We do a lot of following up. Our job is to keep them as whole as possible."

The Thin Blue Line has a number of fundraising events each year. Coming up Oct. 1 is the Fall Color Run at Maybury Park.

For the Horners, the raffle for the Thin Blue



John Hoirner, owner of BMW Southeast Michigan, 14855 N. Sheldon, in Plymouth Township, presents a check for a donation to Scott Reinacher and Kelly Pigeon of the Thin Blue Line of Michigan.

Line made sense. For some seven years, the couple had fundraisers for National Cerebral Palsy. And more than \$3,000 was raised to help the family of motorcycle state Trooper Chad Wolf, who died in 2015 after being struck by a trailer.

"I honestly believe the community doesn't do enough," John Horner said about support for injured officers and families of deceased officers.

While raising money for the Thin Blue Line, the Horners also put on a

great event to celebrate their 10th anniversary. A big draw was stunt rider Chris "Teach" McNeil, as well as demo rides for guests and plenty of door prizes.

"Sometimes, motorcyclists get a bad rap," Horner said. "People who were here donating were doctors, lawyers, skilled trades people – you name it. They are from all walks of life."

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Former Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro was the lucky winner of a BMW R9T with a custom paint job from BMW in Plymouth Township.

Experimac opens store on Ford Road in Canton

Everyone has their limits, including John Park. "I just couldn't get that excited and motivated about selling plastic resin anymore," the 50-year-old Novi resident said. "I've always had an itch to start my own business; I just needed the right vehicle."

For the 25-year veteran of the automotive industry and his wife Karen, that "vehicle" arrived earlier this month when they opened Experimac in Canton.

Experimac is retail storefront that specializes in sales of pre-owned Apple® computers and devices; repair of laptops, phones and tablets; trade-ins of existing devices; software and system updates; and sales of accessories. Experimac's store at 42114 Ford Road is the only one in the state.

Park had spent his career in sales and purchasing, while his wife has a background in



The new Experimac at 42114 Ford Road in Canton is the only one in the state.

human resources.

"When my two-year contract ended at my last company, I wanted to do something different," Park said. "I knew that just about anything dealing with Apple® products would be a success. The more I found out about the business model, the more excited I got and the more I knew this was the 'vehicle' I was looking for."

The Parks have invested a large part of

their savings into launching their Experimac franchise and are hoping to meet a strong need in the area for consumers. The technology sector is obviously booming. In 2014, about 302 million computers were sold worldwide, generating about \$304 billion in sales revenue. At the same time, almost seven billion cellphone subscriptions were purchased worldwide by May 2014, nearly one for every person on the

planet.

Because Experimac specializes in selling pre-owned Apple® products, products can be sold at a price point that is accessible to a much wider range of customers, according to the company.

"The strength and dominance of the Apple® brand is such a big plus," Park said. "And the life cycle of products continues to decrease as Apple® continues to innovate and introduce

new products at a rapid pace, which is great for our business."

And though the Parks just launched their entrepreneurial careers, they are already looking ahead to establishing something more.

"We both came from the corporate world. We have a 12-year-old daughter and twin boys who are turning 16, so we will have the boys work part time," Park said. "Maybe someday, this will truly be a family business."

Graduates need crash course in establishing a budget

As high school and college graduations are behind us, for many graduates the reality of the world is at their doorsteps. Many of them will be leaving the safety of their parents' nest and, for the first time, starting their own household. Although it is wonderful to start receiving a paycheck, most peoples' initial inclination is to reward themselves by buying some of the things they have putting off. Unfortunately, it shouldn't work that way.

School may have taught the graduate many things, but one area that school, whether high school or college, does not teach well is personal finance. I cannot stress enough how important this area is. After all, if you make mistakes regarding your personal finances, you may find that it takes years and years to dig



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

In our society, it is easy to spend money. The hard part is to be responsible ...

yourself out. It is important to get off to a good first step.

My recommendation for a new graduate is to first take stock of where you're starting from. What are your assets and your liabilities? If you have outstanding debt, you need to know what the interest rates are, what your payment is and whether you'll be able to deduct the interest or not. It is important to remember not all debt is the same. For

example, a charge card debt where you're paying 18.5 percent and is not tax-deductible is different than a 4.5-percent mortgage that is tax-deductible. As far as I'm concerned, the first step along the way is to take stock of where you're starting from.

The next step is to establish a budget. Most people believe a budget is meant to restrict your spending. On the other hand, I believe that a budget allows you to spend money knowing that you can afford what you are purchasing. Unfortunately, for people who are just starting off and don't do a budget, they won't have that comfort and will tend to overspend.

In establishing a budget, it is important to pay yourself first. What I mean is that you start saving for your retirement. For those who are just starting out in their

career, it is doubtful they will have pensions and whether they will have Social Security is up in the air. That is why I always tell people the day you start working is the day you start saving for your retirement. Every year you don't save for your retirement means you will delay your retirement for at least a year. I recognize saving for retirement, which for many people may be 40 years down the road, is difficult, but let's face reality — life is difficult and it will be even more difficult for someone who does not take care of their finances.

In our society, it is easy to spend money. The hard part is to be responsible with money. For many graduates, this is the first time in their life that they will have disposable income. The temptation is to take that disposable income and

spend it. What I encourage people to do is to be more responsible. Establishing a budget and living by it is responsible.

A budget is not a document you do once and forget about. It is something you constantly need to adjust to fit your evolving situation. A budget is a living document, which means it should change with you.

Once again, congratulations to those who are starting their career and entering the real world. I wish you the best of luck and I strongly encourage you to take your personal finances seriously.

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

Home Goods shoppers can support cancer care

Through June 29, Canton Home Goods shoppers will have the opportunity to support cancer care and research while shopping at the off-price home fashions retailer. More than 365 Home Goods stores nationwide will be participating in the 15th annual "Help Families Fight Cancer" campaign benefiting the Jimmy Fund, which supports pediatric and adult cancer care and research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston, Mass.

Home Goods customers can participate by making a contribution at the register to "Help Families Fight Cancer," with 100 percent of the proceeds benefiting the Jimmy Fund. Customers also have the opportunity to purchase a reusable shopping bag for 99 cents featuring artwork by Dana-Farber's Jimmy Fund Clinic pediatric patient Allisa Freiberger, 9, of Westwood, Mass. Home Goods will contribute 50 cents to the Jimmy Fund for each bag purchased.

"We are grateful for the continued generosity of Home Goods' loyal customers, who have raised millions of dollars for the Jimmy Fund and Dana-Farber over the last 15 years," said David Giagrando, assistant vice president of corporate partnerships at the Jimmy Fund. "We are so appreciative of their commitment to finding cures for cancer and we're thrilled to partner with Home Goods again this year to help more families facing this disease."

"We're proud of the long-term partnership we've had with Dana-Farber Cancer Institute supporting the Jimmy Fund," said Robyn Arvedon, Home Goods spokesperson.

Kids Without Cancer mother: 'We're going to make it happen'

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Sue Sargent of Livonia lost daughter Chrissy to cancer in 1993 at age 12. She got involved in efforts to fight childhood cancers, and was out Saturday at the Canton Liberty Fest's Kids Without Cancer booth.

"We're funding childhood cancer research," Sargent explained to a passer-by. She was with Chard'ey Woolfolk of Garden City, a Henry Ford Community College student who was also volunteering for the day.

"We envision a world of kids without cancer. Our organization is Kids Without Cancer," Sargent said. "We're going to make it happen."

The women were offering small rubber ducks for \$2 or larger ones for \$5 for "adoption." The ducks will be raced Sept. 10 at the water park at Red Oaks County Park in Madison Heights to support Kids Without Cancer.

Woolfolk, 25, has a good friend whose grandmother battles the disease. Woolfolk will transfer next year to the University of Michigan-Dearborn and is studying business administration and biology.

Sargent explained the organization began with



JULIE BROWN
Sue Sargent of Livonia (left) and Chard'ey Woolfolk of Garden City were happy to volunteer Saturday for Kids Without Cancer during Canton's Liberty Fest. Sargent lost a daughter, Chrissy, to cancer at age 12 in 1993.

parents of children who were patients at Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit. It was then known as Leukemia Research Life and later changed its name and focuses on all childhood cancers.

It's been around for 35 years with more information at www.kidswithoutcancer.org and [Facebook.com/kidswithoutcancer](https://www.facebook.com/kidswithoutcancer).

There are student chapters at Michigan State University, the University of Michigan (both Ann Arbor and Dearborn) and Wayne State University that provide volunteers, Sar-

gent said. She also has a daughter Jill, 29.

"It's a little slow, but it's OK," Sargent said of business at Liberty Fest in Heritage Park. "We pop up at different events throughout southeast Michigan" to raise money for the cause.

Their goal is about \$25,000 for the Saturday, Sept. 10, Motor City Quack Attack race, the second such annual event. It is hosted by Oakland County Parks and will run 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 10, with a grand prize of \$1,000.

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P-CCS district is getting it right for students

Limited Lansing financial support, charter schools and online and home schooling programs are all taking a heavy toll on our public school system. Many school districts in Michigan are struggling to keep their doors open as they deal with inadequate funding, coupled with declining enrollment.

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district is no exception. Enrollment has declined from 19,000-plus in 2009 to 17,152 in 2015-16. Every student comes with the equivalent of approximately \$100,000 in state funding over the 13 years they are in the district. A 2,000-student decline in enrollment represents \$200 million in lost future revenue. This is devastating to a school district like P-CCS.

The district, led by interim Superintendent Monica Merritt, has embarked on an aggressive program to address the declining enrollment issue. Public school dis-



Don Soenen
GUEST COLUMNIST

tricts have never before had to compete and P-CCS is no exception. Suddenly, the district was thrust into a competitive environment that was foreign to its basic operating principles. To address this issue, the district decided to establish a "Blue Ribbon Panel" of approximately 25 business and community leaders to assess the situation and offer suggestions.

It quickly became evident to the panel that P-CCS has terrific programs, staffed with very talented and experienced individuals who are dedicated to the education of our kids. The problem is that this information is too much of a well-kept secret.

All 999 P-CCS teachers are certified and have an average of 13 years of teaching experi-

ence in the district. Turnover averages less than 2 percent per year. Eighty-six percent of the teachers have advanced degrees. This is an extremely well-educated, experienced and stable teaching staff.

The district offers a broad range of programs to satisfy every student's interests and capabilities. The elementary and middle school talented and gifted, or TAG, programs are very much in demand and have 700 students enrolled. The middle schools offer a broad range of extracurricular and athletic opportunities for kids of all skill levels. STEM labs are at all middle schools.

The P-CEP high schools offer an unprecedented level of programs for students of all capabilities and interests. The arts academy incorporates an arts-integrated approach to academic instruction. It's designed for musicians, photographers, actors, painters, sculptors and those who see the world from an

artistic perspective.

The STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) academy offers two tracks: biomedical sciences and pathways to engineering. Students take focused steps to prepare them for a dynamic, technology-driven society. The International Baccalaureate Programme is a high-intensity, rigorous program that brings cultural appreciation and a global perspective to the studies. The career and technical education program teaches specific career skills to prepare students with the necessary academic, technical and work behavior skills to enter the workforce. Offerings even include a full-service auto and body shop program.

In 2015, more than 4,287 students in the district took Advanced Placement college credit classes, giving them a head start on college. The district offers more types of AP classes than any other school district in the region. This year's

graduates received more than \$20 million in college scholarships, a tribute to the success of these programs.

There are more than 100 extracurricular clubs and activities at P-CEP, including nationally recognized culinary, robotics, radio and marching band activities. Twenty-eight varsity sports are offered, with most offering freshman and JV teams as well. More than 50 alumni per year play a college sport.

The district offers extensive early childhood/preschool programs to back up the educational idea of "Pre-K to B.A." All teachers are certified and have a background and experience in early childhood programs. Extended day programs for elementary and middle school students are becoming increasingly popular with working parents.

With this extensive range of offerings and an experienced and dedicated staff, P-CCS has a lot to offer the Plymouth-

Canton community. The word is getting around. After several years of declining enrollment of 300-500 students each year, for the 2015-16 school year, enrollment stabilized to a very minimal loss. It's anticipated that this coming year, despite declining birth rates, enrollment could actually go up as students return from charters and the district more aggressively markets its programs.

We can't do much about funding from Lansing, but we can do something about enrollment for the district that we should all support. We need to offer the best educational experience and market it effectively. P-CCS has gotten the message and the current administration is doing the right things to turn it around.

We all benefit from a strong, vibrant, public school system.

Don Soenen is chairman of the P-CCS Blue Ribbon Panel.

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ship, the office staff and Supervisor Price willing to help and make it easy. Here's looking forward to the next 30 years.

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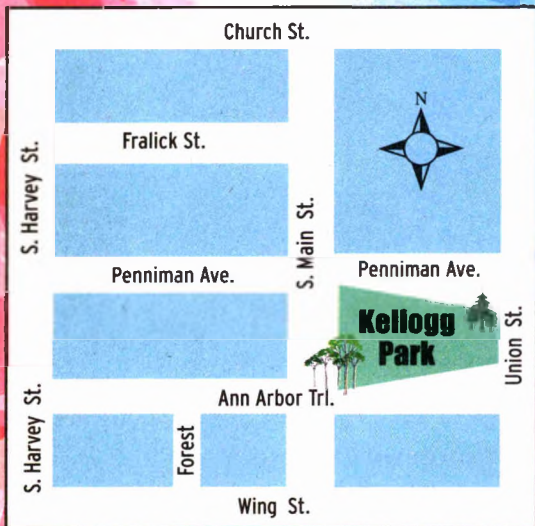
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Fourth of July parade: Give vets a hug, a wave

Darrin Silvester
Correspondent

It was a cool, crisp New Year's Eve. The clock had yet to strike midnight, but one of eight boys lit a cigar early. The boys, all attendees of Plymouth High School, were standing outside the Plymouth United Savings Bank off Kellogg Park and talking, contemplating this new world and their place in it.

It was Dec. 31, 1941. Only weeks removed from Japan's surprise attack on Pearl Harbor. A month before, these boys knew little about Pearl Harbor - little about its location and little about its importance. But this night, as they shared a



Donald Folsom, a Plymouth High School graduate, in uniform has he heads to fight in the Pacific Theater during World War II.

cigar welcoming a new year, they knew how that

event in that location would change the world immensely.

Before they left for home that evening, each swore to the other that they would enlist in the military and fight to defend their nation. All eight did just that.

By the time the war had concluded, almost four full years later, more than 400,000 American lives would be lost and hundreds of thousands of more lives would be impacted forever. Plymouth, only a microcosm of the rest of the nation, would lose its share of brave soldiers as well. More than 30 young men who were once Plymouth High School students would not return from their service. They

each have a story, they each sacrificed greatly and they each deserve to be remembered for their service and their efforts.

Of the eight young men who brought in Jan. 1, 1942, outside the bank, only four would return home. The others would leave behind family and friends, never to return again. Donald Folsom was one of the four who would make it home.

After boot camp, freshly trained, Folsom would board a ship to serve in the Pacific Theater. His first real combat experience would be Nov. 20, 1943, in the Battle of Tarawa. He was a part of the largest force assembled for a single invasion at that time. It consisted of more than 35,000 men. Battleships and planes blasted the atoll for hours as landing craft made their way

ashore. Red Beach One and Two were the initial landing sites. Folsom would land a little later on Green Beach.

By the time the battle ended, 76 hours later, almost 1,700 U.S. Marines had lost their lives, but Folsom survived. He had learned during the war that some of his friends had lost their lives. But it wasn't for a couple of years that he would learn that two of the boys from that New Year's Eve outside the bank, Donald Hunter and Keith Lawson, had lost their lives on the same day, at the same beach, where Folsom saw his first action. They had landed on Red Beach and did not survive the first day's battle.

Folsom is a tremendous man of 93 years. He served his nation and served it well. He has allowed me to visit and

has shared his stories both in his home and in front of my students in the classroom.

In only a couple of weeks, Folsom, along with many other veterans, will be traveling in the Fourth of July Parade down Main Street in Plymouth. I can promise you that I know they love to hear your cheers and always appreciate a welcomed thanks. They begin the day of the parade outside of Bode's Restaurant, where they wait their turn to travel down Main Street. Please stop by this Independence Day and give Don Folsom and his fellow veterans a fine wave or a hug. They sure have earned it. Don't you think?

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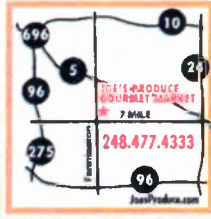
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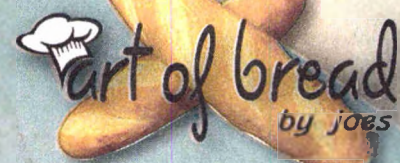
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PLYMOUTH ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Beyer, Brindza head 'amazing' first class

Wildcats' best athletes, teams of first 14 years enshrined

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

When posed a question following Monday's inaugural Hall of Fame induction at Plymouth High School, Brennen Beyer glanced around him and smiled.

Now with the Baltimore Ravens of the National Football League, Beyer was asked if he thought any other school

could surpass the level of talented individuals that made up Plymouth's debut class. "Oh, I don't know," said Beyer, a 2011 grad who was a standout defensive lineman and receiver with the Wildcats. "We got some absolute studs out here. It's been fun to see everyone again and, yeah, there's some amazing athletes out here."

Beyer, Kyle Brindza and

Nate Emminger all were enshrined as individuals and as part of Plymouth's 2010 football team that reached the Division 1 state finals at Ford Field.

Brindza set school and league records in field goals while with the Wildcats, subsequently enjoying success at Notre Dame before turning

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Kyle Brindza talks about what being inducted into the Plymouth High School Hall of Fame means to him.

MICHAEL VASILNEK

HONORING A JOB WELL DONE



KIM MONTAGUE

The man of the hour, Chuck Olson (left), listens to Livonia Stevenson head swim coach Greg Phill during Saturday's program. Phill said Olson always was a friend and coaching "confidant" over the decades their teams faced each other.

NHL DRAFT PREVIEW

NTDP alumni in high demand

Keller, Bellows expected to be picked in first round

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

When the National Hockey League Entry Draft unfolds beginning Friday night in Buffalo, count Scott Monaghan among those who will be glued to his television set or computer.

Monaghan, senior director of operations for USA Hockey's Plymouth-based National Team Development Program, expects a steady march of NTDP alums to the podium after being picked by NHL teams.

"Our two head coaches and director of personnel will be there to lend support, to thank them and congratulate them," Monaghan said. "I like to just sit back and follow it online, watch a little bit of it on TV."

"I'll watch that first pick this year because I think it will be our guy."

That would be NTDP alum Auston Matthews, a 6-2 center from Arizona who is projected to go first overall Friday. Matthews last played for the NTDP in 2014-15, the program's last season in Ann Arbor before relocating to the former Compuware Arena (now USA Hockey Arena).

But two players from 2015-16, forwards Clayton Keller and Kieffer Bellows, also are solid bets to hear their names called during the opening round (when the top 30 picks will be completed) at the First Niagara Center. Keller and Bellows are ranked ninth and 10th among North American prospects entering the draft.

There are several other NTDP alums also on the radar of NHL teams, who might be drafted early. Those include Matthew Tkachuk (rated No. 2), Charles McAvoy (No. 6), Luke

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Bellows



Keller

ROCK-SOLID LEGACY

Swimmers from six decades return to help honor retired Salem coach Olson

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Chuck Olson seemed visibly humbled by all the attention being directed his way during Saturday's ceremony in the Salem High School auditorium.

The 68-year-old Olson — who recently retired after a legendary career as swimming and diving coach for Rocks boys and girls teams dating back to 1969 — sat in a chair next to the podium,

often with his head down.

When the Michigan High School Coaches Association Hall of Famer looked up, he saw countless standing ovations from several hundred who wanted to share the day with their favorite and most-influential coach.

Through their words and actions during the ceremony announcing the new Charles E. Olson Natatorium, as well as its inaugural event (an alumni meet that followed the ceremony and reception), it



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This swim cap, on the head of a Salem alum, sums up what everyone was thinking Saturday.

was palpable the amount of love, respect and gratitude felt for Olson.

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KIM MONTAGUE

Chuck Olson shares a smile with one of his former swimmers, Kim (Nelson) Montague, outside the new Charles E. Olson Natatorium.

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PREP SOFTBALL

Marlins capture school's first state title

Mercy earns Division 1 championship with 4-0 victory over Dakota

Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Farmington Hills Mercy played the perfect game at the perfect time and place Saturday to win the Division 1 softball state championship. The Marlins used outstanding pitching and timely hitting to defeat top-ranked Macomb Dakota in the final game at Michigan State University, 4-0.

Senior Andrea Elmore's final game for Mercy was a five-hit shutout in which she kept a potent offensive lineup off balance with her sharp pitching. She struck out five and walked one. "The heat definitely helped me," Elmore said of the 90-degree temperature. "My pitches were working, and I felt really confident. Having my teammates around me and thinking, 'This is our last game,' it definitely pumped me up to do well." Mercy (43-2) wasted no time getting on the scoreboard and establishing an early lead with junior Sophie VanAcker's RBI triple in the

first inning. Following a lead-off walk to Anna Dixon, the left-handed-hitting VanAcker drove the ball to the opposite field, over the left fielder's head, for a 1-0 score. It stayed that way through the next five as Elmore dueling with Dakota ace Kendahl Dunford, who was injured in the seventh inning and didn't finish the game. The Marlins had eight hits off Dunford, who posted four strikeouts and walked one, but they didn't score again until the seventh. With the game still very much in doubt, Mercy clinched the victory and state

title with a three-run rally in the last inning. **Timely solo shot** Junior second baseman Nicole Belans began the Mercy seventh with a home run over the left-field fence for an insurance run. "It was super exciting," Belans said. "I think I ran those bases so fast, because I just wanted to get home and celebrate." But the Marlins didn't stop there as Elmore followed with a double, and junior shortstop Shannon Gibbons' bunt single put runners at the corners with no outs. Sophomore Megan Satawa

and junior Mary Reeber, the Nos. 8 and 9 batters who contributed greatly during the tournament, hit consecutive sacrifice flies to make it 4-0. With the additional run support, Elmore quickly retired the side in the bottom of the seventh. The first two batters swung at the first pitch for a popout to Elmore and a flyout to VanAcker in center field. Elmore struck out the last batter to finish the game and complete Mercy's championship season.

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OLSON

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"I'm blown away by everyone being here today," Olson said when it was his turn to take the microphone from program emcee and former Salem swimmer Chris Butzlaff. On a day when everybody wanted to thank him, Olson thanked others for all they meant to him over the years. He cited parents, administrators, athletes and all of his assistants, including the late Jim Shinn — who died earlier this year and who has the Salem diving well named in his honor.

"Just a great human being," Olson said about Shinn. Of course, at the top of that list were his mother (Geraldine) and wife (Linda). Both were in the front row with all the other dignitaries in what felt like a "This Is Your Life" television program.

Together again

Following the program, swimmers from six decades congregated outside the natatorium wall that faces Joy Road to have their photograph snapped with Olson. The pool's new name was displayed high above them.

"It was really something," Olson said, as many of the swimmers moved inside to begin prepping for the alumni meet. "It was, I guess, being at the right place at the right time with the right people around you (and) great kids."

"I am just very fortunate to have been married to the same lady (Linda Olson, who was introduced during the program) for the last 48 years. So she put up with a lot. But at the same time, she knew the kids, the swimmers, how much they appreciated it. She was willing to sacrifice some family time with the Salem pool."

Olson reiterated how overwhelmed he was to see such a turnout — including guest speakers Jeff Kleinsmith, Livonia Stevenson head coach Greg Phill, Greg Wolff and Cindy (Elliot) Zarrow — make the trek to Salem on a Saturday afternoon in June.

"Everybody's busy and to think this many people set aside this date to be here, it's just amazing to me that they're able to do that," Olson said. "They see each other and they still like each other. They're still best friends."

Perfect first event

Perhaps traveling the longest distance to be there was 1989 alum David Gackebach, who lives in Seattle, Wash.

"He loves the sport and he loves the swimmers. I think that's the key to it," Gackebach said. "He loved what he was doing."

"My time in the Salem pool was a big part of my life; it made a lasting impression on me. The Facebook group that was formed by alumni to name the pool after Mr. Olson was inspiring and, once the school board made the decision, it seemed obvious that the first



Decades of Salem swimmers and divers gathered with now-retired coach Chuck Olson for this group shot outside the newly renamed pool. Try to find Chuck in this mass of happy humanity.

TODD SEROKA

HONORING CHUCK OLSON

Who: Chuck Olson, 68, now-retired coach of Salem's varsity girls and boys swimming and diving teams. His career spanned six decades, from 1969 to 2015.

Career: Olson collected more than 900 victories as Rocks head coach, earning National Coach of the Year finalist honors three times. He was Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association's Regional Coach of the Year on three occasions. He is a Hall of Famer both for the Michigan High School Coaches Association and MISCA and was inducted earlier this year into the first class of Salem High School's Wall of Champions. In 1995, he received the Matt Mann Award from MISCA. Salem teams won 10 division and 13 conference titles during his tenure.

Personal: Chuck and Linda Olson have been married for 48 years and live in Plymouth.

New honor: In late April, the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education announced the Salem pool would officially be renamed the Charles E. Olson Natatorium. The attractive signage on the outside of the building, which cost about \$30,000, was donated by the Paul Cummings Memorial Fund.

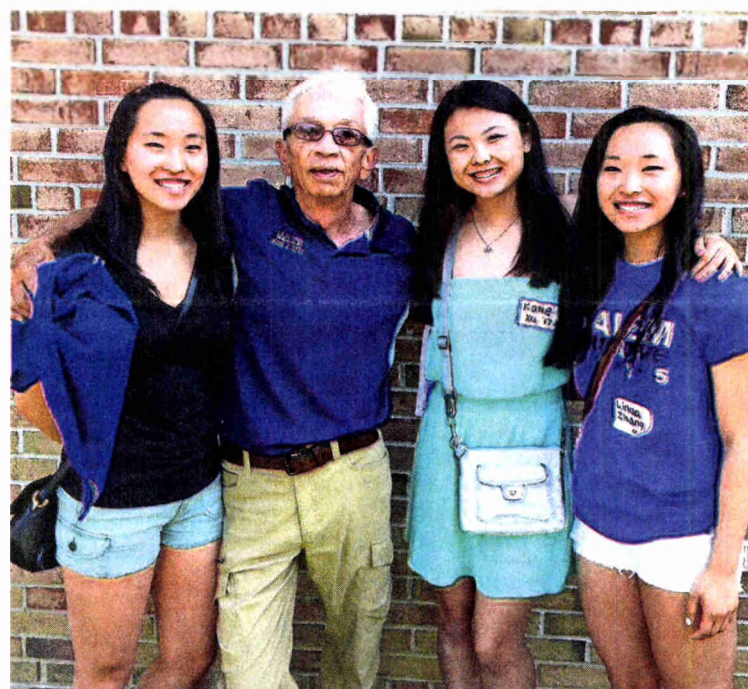
Next: About \$30,000 has been raised for future improvements to the Olson pool; the coach himself will be on the committee to discuss how to spend that money, Salem athletic director Brian Samulski said.

Program: Instrumental to putting on Saturday's program and alumni meet honoring Olson was the P-CCS Alumni Association. There was a moment of silence for longtime Rocks dive coach Jim Shinn and longtime Cruisers coach Mark Finley, who both died over the last year.

event in the pool needed to be an alumni swim meet."

Gackebach, who swam the breaststroke, IM and freestyle in high school, said the suggestion to hold an alumni meet immediately went viral. "We've had a huge response from alumni to have the meet and put it together," he said.

Most fittingly, Olson himself officially started the meet. Several of the guest speakers talked about Olson as



Legendary Salem swim coach Chuck Olson is greeted by former swimmers following Saturday's program honoring Olson's 46-year career and celebrating renaming the school's pool in his honor. From left are Lisa Zhang, Olson, Katie Xu and Linda Zhang.

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though he were an actual family member, seeing potential in young people that they didn't see themselves — and then helping that potential come to fruition.

"He just looked in every one of us and just saw who we were, young high schoolers with a lot of potential," said Colin Urbaczewski, a 2016 grad who swam his first three seasons for Olson. "And we all had a passion of being in the pool. He wanted to make sure we could be the best we could be."

What was Olson's secret to such a long and storied career?

"Just finding that the swimmers were passionate in him," Urbaczewski said. "That they had faith in coach Olson and the fact he taught everyone else how to work."

"It was just the communication between the swimmers, divers and coach Olson. It was a real bond. That's what kept him here all this time."

Time was right

The transition to retirement began following the end of the

2015 girls swim season; he opted to hand the reins to assistant coach Eric Lynn for the subsequent boys swim season.

With a smile, Olson said it was the right time to hand over the baton and end his 46-year career.

"I talked it over with my wife," Olson said. "Quite frankly, when you get older, those winter morning practices, I'm not that good on ice. I'm not that good on cement, for that matter. It was one of those survival things, I think, and it made sense and it made her feel better."

"I started out as the girls head coach first and the next year I became the boys head coach. I just felt it was the way to kind of end it."

The Plymouth resident added that he has more time to go to the family cottage, take a vacation or even work around the house.

But he intends to regularly visit the Olson Natatorium, especially when the girls he coached the past three seasons finish their prep careers in the

OLSON ROCK-TROSPECTIVE

There were many former swimmers of Chuck Olson's who weighed in during and after Saturday's naming ceremony of the Charles E. Olson Natatorium. Olson coached at Salem from 1969 until fall 2015, his last season with the Rocks varsity girls swimming and diving team. Here is what some of them had to say:

Chris Butzlaff, emcee of the naming ceremony: "He taught us tasteful humility — act like we've been there before."

Cindy (Elliot) Zarrow, guest speaker: "We knew we had to put his name on the pool. After all, it's his house."

David Gackebach, 1989 grad: "He loves the sport and he loves the swimmers. I think that's the key to it. He loved what he was doing. My time in the Salem pool was a big part of my life; it made a lasting impression on me."

Joe Rudelic, 1982 grad: "It was actually a good thing to see a guy who deserves to have this honor be around to enjoy it and accept it. Like everyone else was saying on the inside (during the ceremony), he sort of invites you in to be part of the team if he sees something that he thinks you could help out with."

Kim (Nelson) Montague, 1983 grad: "Coach really had an incredible impact on me and just the way I live my life. He influenced me to keep trying, keep trying, never give up. And even though you might not be No. 1, if you keep going, you're certainly going to make an impact in whatever it is you do. I had the opportunity to swim for him for four years. I feel blessed and honored and privileged to be part of the team. He's made an incredible impact on me. I've met phenomenal people that I've kept in contact with since I graduated. It was a bigger impact than I thought when I was in the middle of it."

Linda Zhang, 2016 grad: "It's really cool, because I've been swimming here since I was 6 and Olson has just made a really big impact on every single person here. I think it's his presence. You want to swim fast, because Olson's standing right above you and stuff."

Colin Urbaczewski, 2016 grad: "I feel so touched by this. Coach Olson was the one person who I felt truly taught me how to work hard and, whenever I thought I reached my limit, he always taught me how to push past that. And just kept re-teaching my limits, just kept pushing me and motivating me in the pool and in real life. And just taught me how to work. I'm just really proud to be one of coach Olson's swimmers because of that."

fall.

"The girls that are going to be seniors this next year, I appreciate them being here for me," Olson said. "I hope I don't think I'm not there for them. It's always tough to decide when you got to step down and move aside."

Then he added repeated what he softly uttered on stage a while earlier: "It's been a nice run."

It most certainly has.

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Kunin (No. 11), Max Jones (No. 14) and Tage Thompson (No. 20).

"We could have as many as eight or nine in the first round and I wouldn't expect fewer than three or four," Monaghan said. "But the number will

probably fall somewhere in the middle."

When the second round gets going Saturday, NTDP alums who could be chosen include center Trent Frederic (No. 47), defenseman Ryan Lindgren (No. 49), defenseman Adam Fox (No. 50), defenseman Chad Kryz (No. 53) and forward Joseph Anderson (No. 56).

"The number of Americans being drafted continues to

grow and that's a great thing for USA Hockey," Monaghan said. "And there's an old saying, it's not whether you get drafted, it's whether you play, too."

"We're getting record numbers of players in the NHL as well. For us, those are core goals, to help drive those numbers forward."

The NHL Draft will be broadcast on the NHL Net-

work and will be streamed on the NHL website (www.nhl.com). It begins at 7 p.m. Friday.

Monaghan said the fact a number of NTDP players could don NHL jerseys and caps over the weekend is evidence of how much hockey is growing in the United States.

He added with a chuckle that the NTDP could grow even more in metro Detroit if

the hometown Red Wings follow a recent trend. They drafted NTDP forward Dylan Larkin in 2014.

"We'd love it if the Red Wings jumped on another one of our guys," Monaghan said. "They did pretty well with the last one they drafted."

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ALL-OBSERVER BOYS SWIMMING AND DIVING TEAM

FIRST TEAM

Daniel Mullen, 200 free, Canton: The sophomore was a versatile performer for the KLAAs South Division champion Chiefs.

Mullen was conference champ in the 200 freestyle and finished seventh at the Division 1 state meet, earning all-state honors and setting a new school record in the process with his time of 1:42.51 — tops among Observerland performers.

In addition, Mullen, was one-fourth of Canton's stellar freestyle relays. "He set his goals early in the season and achieved them," coach Dave Le said. "He will be exciting to watch over the next two years."

Garrett Beauprez, 200 IM, Plymouth: When Beauprez started his Wildcats career as a freshman, he earned top rookie honors. That merely started a four-year run of accolades and accomplishments.

As a senior, the team captain qualified for the state meet for his fourth consecutive year, setting Plymouth records in the 200 IM, 200 free, 500 free, 100 back, 200 medley relay and 400 free relay.

He placed 16th at state finals in the 200 IM with a time of 1:57.79.

"Garrett has had a stellar career with me at Plymouth," coach Kenn Forbes said. "He earned Rookie of the Year his freshman year and was an alternate on the state team."

"As a sophomore he earned the team MVP award and went to states again. Junior year he helped set two South Division records, and several varsity records and was a division champion. This past season he outdid himself several times over."

Beauprez plans to swim in college for Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, Ind., where he will study engineering.

Jackson O'Dowd, 50 free, Stevenson: O'Dowd, a multiple-time all-state swimmer, out-performed the fastest swimmers in the state in March by stroking to a time of 20.70 seconds in the Division 1 state meet to nip runner-up Henry Schutte of Forest Hills Central by a quarter of a second in the 50-yard freestyle.

The speedy Spartan also earned all-state accolades in the 100 freestyle with a fourth-place time of 46.12 seconds.

O'Dowd wrapped up his high school career as one of the most-decorated swimmers in Stevenson history. An outstanding student as well as swimmer, O'Dowd will compete for the University of Pennsylvania beginning later this summer.

Ethan Burke, diving, Churchill: Burke closed out a spectacular diving career at Churchill by placing an all-state-worthy sixth place at the Division 2 state meet in March. It was the second consecutive year the senior Charger earned all-state status. He is also a high-performing pole vaulter for the Churchill track-and-field team.

Burke's season was jam-packed with accolades prior to the state meet, as he placed first in every Charger dual meet; won the Wayne Invitational with a school, meet and pool record point total; and placed second in the Wayne County meet. He also won the KLAAs South Division title and the KLAAs Kensington Conference championship. On a national scale, he is a two-time all-American.

"Ethan is successful because he works extremely hard and makes it fun," Churchill head coach Jim Sells said. "He

finished his high school career undefeated in dual meets in the one-meter diving event."

Nathan Budnick, 100 fly, Salem: The freshman made a quick impression, showing talent and versatility in individual events and relays.

In the 100 butterfly, Budnick had the second fastest time among Observerland swimmers with a time of 53.87.

"Nate came into the team with plenty of swimming experience and leadership skills," coach Eric Lynn said. "As a freshman, he has a great future in front of him."

Gerard Niemann, 100 free, Canton: Niemann's senior season was outstanding, demonstrating his ability to swim fast under pressure.

"He was Canton's top sprinter this year," Le said. "He has improved over the last four years and set the tone for all future Canton sprinters. With his work ethic, he will continue to do well at the next level."

Not only was he stellar in the 100 free, posting a season's best of 47.41, he was strong in the 200 IM (1:58.92) and in sprint relays. At the state meet, he registered a time of 48.50 in the finals, good for 20th overall.

Niemann will swim for the University of Findlay and pursue a degree in graphic design.

Ben Rojewski, 500 free, Stevenson: Rojewski made a name for himself at the state meet, placing seventh in the 500 freestyle with a time of 4:40.60. Zeeland's Micah DeJonge won the race at 4:29.73.

Parker Wasielewski, 100 back, Stevenson: Wasielewski placed 14th in the state in the 100 backstroke. He also just missed finishing in the top-16 in the 50 freestyle. Wasielewski tied for 16th in the preliminaries before getting nipped in a swim-off by a third of a second.

Eugene Li, 100 breast, Salem: Yet another ninth-grader who burst onto the scene with the Rocks, the versatile Li established a varsity school record in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 59.93 (No. 1 in the Observerland area).

At the state meet, he tallied a time of 1:00.77 to finish 22nd overall. Li also was among area leaders in the 100 free (second, 47.37), 200 free (second, 1:45.51), 200 IM (third, 1:58.81) and 100 back (fifth, 55.17).

Another plus was displaying immediate leadership skills.

"He is very well rounded in all of his events and has tons of potential to continue to improve," Lynn said. "He took on the task of leading workouts from Day 1."

SECOND TEAM

Derek Goderis, 200 free, Canton: Goderis was a key member off Canton freestyle relay teams, but also was a strong performer in individual events.

At the Kensington Conference meet, the sophomore finished 10th overall with a time of 1:48.70. That was his best time of the season and fourth best among Observerland performers.

"Derek went from being interested in swimming to committed to swimming this year," Le said. "He is a competitor and loves to race. ... He is willing to do whatever necessary to help the team succeed."

For his efforts and positive attitude, Goderis was named Canton's Team-mate of the Year.

David Schmall, 200 IM, N. Farmington: The sophomore won the OAA Blue Division championship in the IM while swimming his best time of

2:02.50. He was tied for third in the breaststroke with teammate Max Greenbaum.

Schmall was a Division 2 state qualifier and is among the area's top 10 in both events. He ranks fourth in the breaststroke at 1:01.15.

"David put in a lot of work in his breaststroke, and his IM really took off in the process," coach Mike Harfoot said. "He had a lifetime best by quite a margin in the IM, and he had a really good swim at the league meet to get his time."

"I think David is just starting to realize his potential. He has the drive to go from good to great, which is hard to coach. He's going to be one to watch as a junior and senior for sure."

Mike Wischer, 50 free, Plymouth: Wischer had an excellent senior season for the Wildcats, capped off by qualifying for the Division 1 meet.

At the state meet, he finished 28th overall in prelims with a time of 22.19 seconds, his season's best.

He placed fourth at the Kensington Conference meet, registering a mark of 22.43.

Jordan Groves, diving, Plymouth: The junior continued to impress, qualifying for the D1 state meet, where he finished 25th in prelims with 145.25 points.

At the conference meet, Groves registered 341.90 points, earning him fourth place overall.

Groves' best showing of the season was 375.70 points, second among Observerland performers.

Seth Fleming, 100 fly, Harrison-Farmington: A repeat member of the all-area second team, Fleming excels in the butterfly and the backstroke.

He is the OAA White Division champion in the backstroke (54.37) and was third in the butterfly (55.01).

Fleming helped the Phoenix win the division championship as a member of the first-place 200 medley and second-place 400 freestyle relays.

In the backstroke, he was 16th in the Division 1 state meet, swimming his best time (53.82) in the prelims and was 12th (55.80) at the Oakland County meet. His best butterfly time is 55.01.

"Seth is a great worker and represents Phoenix pride," coach Drew Hansz said, adding Fleming was elected captain for next season.

Kyle Amick, 100 free, Canton: It was a stellar season for the versatile Amick, who qualified for the state meet as part of two freestyle relays and came close in the 100 freestyle.

At the Kensington Conference meet, the junior registered a time of 49.56, good for fifth place. His season's best time of 49.48 was fifth overall in the Observerland coverage area.

"Kyle is a competitor and loves to race," Le said. "He focused more on the sprint free this season and it paid off in the form of being apart of the state relays and almost making a individual state cut."

"He was elected as a captain for next season and his leadership will help the team's success."

Phillip Collingwood, 500 free, Salem: It was another solid season for the hard-working junior.

He made his presence felt by qualifying for the D1 state meet, where he placed 19th overall with a time of 4:49.75 in the preliminaries.

Collingwood's time of 4:47.55 earned him second place at the Kensington Conference meet. That was his best

time of the season, second among Observerland performers to Livonia Stevenson's Ben Rojewski (4:40.60).

Tristen Shao, 100 back, Canton: Shao was strong throughout the season for the Chiefs.

The sophomore qualified and finished 21st at the state meet with a season's best time of 54.51.

"Tristen is very dedicated to swimming," Le said. "This season he was very focused on achieving (and qualifying for the state meet). I look forward to seeing what he will be able to accomplish next season."

Kevin Taylor, 100 breast, Churchill: Taylor finished 14th in the 100-yard breaststroke at the Division 2 state meet in March with a finals time of 1:00.95. He earned a berth in the "B" finals race after covering the distance in 1:01.08 in the preliminary round.

FIRST RELAYS

200 medley, Salem: The quartet of Eugene Li, Nick Landon, Nathan Budnick and Phillip Collingwood topped the Observerland competition, with a season's best mark of 1:39.67.

At the state meet, the relay team finished 23rd overall with a time of 1:39.84. They registered a time of 1:39.67 at the Kensington Conference (fourth place), an indication of season-long consistency.

"These guys came together and tried a bunch of different combinations looking for which one would be the fastest," Lynn said. "I think they surprised themselves with how much they were able to accomplish."

200 free, Canton: Dan Mullen, Derek Goderis, Kyle Amick and Gerard Niemann were a strong 1-2-3-4 combo for the Chiefs.

They finished in the top four at the Kensington Conference meet and followed that up by placing 13th at the state meet. With a season's best time off 1:28.26, the quartet had the fastest time among area schools.

"It took time to figure out the right combination for this relay but once we did this group just kept getting faster every time they swam," Le said. "Three out of four will be returning next year and a return to state meet is most likely for them."

400 free, Canton: Another relay juggernaut for the Chiefs was this one, comprised of Dan Mullen, Derek Goderis, Kyle Amick and Gerard Niemann.

The unit placed second at conference meet and 13th at the state meet (3:13.80). It posted the area's best time with a mark of 3:12.56.

"As with the 200 free relay it took time to find the right combination," Le said. "This group narrowly missed the Canton school record. This group was fun to watch all season long."

"As they started to see some success, their competitiveness really started to take over and they wanted to go fast. Not only for each other but the team as well."

SECOND RELAYS

200 medley, Plymouth: Seniors Garrett Beauprez, Bronson Knowles, Aniketh Visai and Mike Wischer finished 22nd at the state meet with a time of 1:39.75.

The quartet qualified at the KLAAs Kensington Conference meet, tallying a time of 1:40.49, good for fifth place overall.

200 freestyle, Stevenson: Stevenson's 200 freestyle relay team of Wasielewski, Connor Beck, Luke Santi and O'Dowd touched 14th with a 1:28.48 clocking in the Division 1 state meet.

ALL-OBSERVER BOYS SWIM AND DIVE TEAM

200 freestyle: 1. Daniel Mullen, soph., Canton; 2. Derek Goderis, soph., Canton.

200 individual medley: 1. Garrett Beauprez, sr., Plymouth; 2. David Schmall, soph., N. Farmington.

50 freestyle: 1. Jackson O'Dowd, sr., Stevenson; 2. Mike Wischer, sr., Plymouth.

One-meter diving: 1. Ethan Burke, sr., Churchill; 2. Jordan Groves, jr., Plymouth.

100 butterfly: 1. Nathan Budnick, fr., Salem; 2. Seth Fleming, jr., Harrison-Farmington.

100 freestyle: 1. Gerard Niemann, sr., Canton; 2. Kyle Amick, jr., Canton.

500 freestyle: 1. Ben Rojewski, fr., Stevenson; 2. Phillip Collingwood, jr., Salem.

100 backstroke: 1. Parker Wasielewski, soph., Stevenson; 2. Tristen Shao, soph., Canton.

100 breaststroke: 1. Eugene Li, fr., Salem; 2. Kevin Taylor, jr., Churchill.

RELAY TEAMS

200 medley: 1. Salem (fr. Eugene Li, sr. Nick Landon, fr. Nathan Budnick, jr. Phillip Collingwood), 2. Plymouth (sr. Garrett Beauprez, sr. Bronson Knowles, sr. Aniketh Visai, sr. Mike Wischer).

200 freestyle: 1. Canton (jr. Dan Mullen, soph. Derek Goderis, jr. Kyle Amick, sr. Gerard Niemann), 2. Stevenson (soph. Parker Wasielewski, soph. Connor Beck, fr. Luke Santi, sr. Jackson O'Dowd).

400 freestyle: 1. Canton (jr. Kyle Amick, soph., Derek Goderis, jr. Dan Mullen, sr. Gerard Niemann), 2. Stevenson (soph. Parker Wasielewski, soph. Connor Beck, fr. Ben Rojewski, sr. Jackson O'Dowd).

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY

Salem 1:39.67
Plymouth 1:39.73
Canton 1:40.56

North Farmington 1:41.00
Harrison-Farmington 1:41.46

200 FREESTYLE

Daniel Mullen (Canton) 1:42.51
Eugene Li (Salem) 1:45.51
Ben Rojewski (Stevenson) 1:46.88
Derek Goderis (Canton) 1:48.70
Colin Fohey (Farm. Unified) 1:49.38
Drew Hoelscher (Farm. Unified) 1:50.83
Dillon Hess (Farm. Unified) 1:51.01
Luke Santi (Stevenson) 1:51.41
Kevin Taylor (Churchill) 1:51.88
Gerard Niemann (Canton) 1:52.94

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

Garrett Beauprez (Plymouth) 1:57.05
Jackson O'Dowd (Stevenson) 1:58.80
Eugene Li (Salem) 1:58.81
Gerard Niemann (Canton) 1:58.92
Kevin Taylor (Churchill) 2:01.76
Nathan Budnick (Salem) 2:02.01
David Schmall (Canton) 2:02.50
Tristen Shao (Canton) 2:05.89
Daniel Mullen (Canton) 2:05.99
Bronson Knowles (Plymouth) 2:06.82

50 FREESTYLE

Jackson O'Dowd (Stevenson) 20.70
Parker Wasielewski (Stevenson) 21.68
Mike Wischer (Plymouth) 22.19
Trevor Franklin (Farm. Unified) 22.43
Daniel Mullen (Canton) 22.55
Phillip Collingwood (Salem) 22.56
Austin Abro (N. Farmington) 22.60
Drew Hinkley (Farm. Unified) 22.67
Aniketh Visai (Plymouth) 22.71
Kyle Amick (Canton) 22.73

ONE-METER DIVING

Ethan Burke (Churchill) 462.25
Jordan Groves (Plymouth) 375.70
Ben Kirchoff (Plymouth) 309.55
Patrick Holton (Churchill) 279.75
John Vary (Salem) 279.70
Matt Nattole (Farm. Unified) 277.85
Eli Weil (N. Farmington) 271.25
Kevin Tarta (Churchill) 269.75
Nate Lawler (N. Farmington) 248.85
Charles Carr (Canton) 248.15

100 BUTTERFLY

Jackson O'Dowd (Stevenson) 52.97
Nathan Budnick (Salem) 53.87
Gerard Niemann (Canton) 53.88
Parker Wasielewski (Stevenson) 54.36
Seth Fleming (Farm. Unified) 55.01
Austin Abro (N. Farmington) 55.23
Tristen Shao (Canton) 55.30
Drew Hoelscher (Farm. Unified) 55.67
Richard Ling (Canton) 55.75
Ryan Morgott (N. Farmington) 55.82

100 FREESTYLE

Jackson O'Dowd (Stevenson) 45.73
Eugene Li (Salem) 47.37
Daniel Mullen (Canton) 47.41
Gerard Niemann (Canton) 48.05
Kyle Amick (Canton) 49.48
Dillon Hess (Farm. Unified) 49.79
Derek Goderis (Canton) 50.04
Trevor Franklin (Farm. Unified) 50.46
Mike Wischer (Plymouth) 50.68

500 FREESTYLE

Ben Rojewski (Stevenson) 4:40.60
Phillip Collingwood (Salem) 4:47.55
Garrett Beauprez (Plymouth) 4:51.57
Daniel Mullen (Canton) 4:52.49
Kevin Taylor (Churchill) 4:57.08
Benjamin LaPorte (Stevenson) 5:01.55
Tristen Shao (Canton) 5:01.78
Nathan Sutton (Churchill) 5:02.01
Collin Fohey (Farm. Unified) 5:03.58
Charlie Jones (Farm. Unified) 5:07.58

200 FREESTYLE RELAY

Canton 1:28.26
Livonia Stevenson 1:28.38
Harrison-Farmington 1:29.95
Salem 1:30.07
Plymouth 1:33.11

100 BACKSTROKE

Parker Wasielewski (Stevenson) 53.56
Seth Fleming (Farm. Unified) 53.82
Tristen Shao (Canton) 54.51
Garrett Beauprez (Plymouth) 54.69
Eugene Li (Salem) 55.17
Kyle Amick (Canton) 57.26
Logan Kendall (Plymouth) 57.57
Bryan Reppenhausen (Stevenson) 58.20
Justin Woodcock (Farm. Unified) 59.04
Keegan Kendall (Plymouth) 59.13

100 BREASTSTROKE

Eugene Li (Salem) 59.93
Gerard Niemann (Canton) 1:00.90
Kevin Taylor (Churchill) 1:00.95
David Schmall (N. Farmington) 1:01.15
Max Greenbaum (N. Farmington) 1:01.32
Aniketh Visai (Plymouth) 1:01.69
Garrett Beauprez (Plymouth) 1:03.34
Bronson Knowles (Plymouth) 1:04.29
Nick Landon (Salem) 1:04.80
Richard Ling (Canton) 1:05.07

400 FREESTYLE RELAY

Canton 3:12.56
Livonia Stevenson 3:15.43
Plymouth 3:18.59
Harrison-Farmington 3:20.14
Salem 3:21.14



Daniel Mullen



Ethan Burke



Derek Goderis



Aniketh Visai



Jordan Groves



Nick Landon



Parker Wasielewski



Mike Wischer



Garrett Beauprez



Tristen Shao



David Schmall



Eugene Li



Bronson Knowles



Jackson O'Dowd



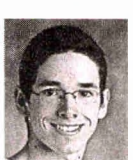
Kevin Taylor



Gerard Niemann



Phillip Collingwood



Seth Fleming



Nathan Budnick



Kyle Amick

PREP TRACK AND FIELD

Area runners shine at New Balance Outdoor meet

Northville's Chloe Abbott, Wayne's Hood both third; Milford medley team fifth

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Northville's Chloe Abbott and Wayne Memorial's Montel Hood once again made their presence known as more than 5,000 athletes from nearly all 50 states, along with three Canadian provinces, converged last weekend at North Carolina A&T University to compete in the New Balance Stochastic Outdoor Track Meet.

Abbott, who was MHSAA Division 1 state champion in the 200- and 400-meter dashes, along with the 1,600 relay, finished third in the championship girls division in the 400 with a time of 53.38 in the meet held in Greensboro, N.C.

Hood slammed his state finals time of 47.3 with a third-place clocking of 46.66 in the championship boys. He also teamed up with Danny Delleh, Tyrese Billingslea and Andrew Chant of the Intensity Track Club for a third in the boys 800 sprint medley (1:31.5).

Meanwhile, the Red Tide Track Club's Milford distance medley contingent of Mallory Barrett, Abby Knapp, Sarah Ausum and Victoria Heiligenenthal running in placed fifth overall to gain All-American honors in 11:51.71.

It was Red Tide's 10th All-American relay team since 2004 and their time was the fifth fastest by a Michigan High School team all-time. Barrett's split of 3:30.66 was also the fastest time in the nation by a high school girl for 2016.

Farmington High's Maddy Trevisan, the Division 1 champi-

PLYMOUTH ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

WILDCAT VISIONARIES

Hall of Fame inductees Bee, Terry Sawchuk instrumental in Plymouth athletics' continuous success

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The 14-year parade that led to Monday's Plymouth High School Athletic Hall of Fame induction began with a single step by Dr. Michael Bee in 2002.

Bee, the school's first principal, quickly joined forces with then-athletic director Terry Sawchuk and had a vision for not being an expansion team among Plymouth-Canton Educational Park and KLAAs schools, but a contender. Both were among the school's first group of Hall of Fame inductees.

"It all started with Doc Bee and my brother's vision, of coming in to a brand new school and not getting your tail kicked," said Mike Sawchuk, head coach of the 2010 football team that also was inducted. "But getting in here and working hard, getting it done early."

Nearly 15 years later, the march continues with confidence — not to mention a constant stream of individuals and teams that are among the very best in the area.

"That was our vision from the beginning," Terry Sawchuk said. "We wanted to be competitive, but we wanted to do it

the right way. We wanted to have good student-athletes, good citizens and work really hard.

"We felt we were getting the same kids the other schools in our district, our league, were getting. We felt we could be competitive as soon as we had four classes."

Terry Sawchuk then recalled the way Bee set a tone of administrative support that invigorated coaches and athletes from the get-go.

"I just think it was a great honor for everybody here tonight that was inducted and all those people that were there, all the kids and coaches. There's always good people, a good support system behind it," he said. "Doc Bee was a great support system for me and our coaches."

"The original coaches we had here at Plymouth, they were a tight-knit group and they pushed each other. They worked hard and they were competitive."

He credited Plymouth High School camaraderie, too.

"We are more of a family; all the athletes work together," Terry Sawchuk said. "As you can see right here, we have



When Plymouth opened in the early 2000s, the vision of Principal Dr. Michael Bee (left) and athletic director Terry Sawchuk (right) set the winning tone for the many years of outstanding athletics that have followed.

MICHAEL VASILNEK

the strength and conditioning program (going on in a hallway near where the ceremony was).

"The girls and boys are both working out. When we first set out, that was our

vision."

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pro in 2015.

Learned so much

Although his NFL career is on hold (after being cut by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers last year, he suffered an Achilles injury), the 2011 Plymouth alum didn't mind looking back to his career with the Wildcats.

"I learned so much. I learned what brotherhood truly was," Brindza said. "I didn't have brothers growing up and those guys were my brothers."

"That was at the point I was being recruited by Notre Dame. They always kept calling me, calling me every week, saying, 'Good luck this week' — although they never thought we were going to win, because we were going up against a new No. 1 team every week. But we just fought through everything. You put a Goliath in front of us and David was able to conquer."

And now, several members of that brotherhood will forever be together down one of the hallways in the athletic wing at Plymouth.

"Those kids listened to everything we told them to do and they went above and beyond and represented our school," veteran Plymouth head football coach Mike Sawchuk said. "What great ambassadors they are, not only for football, but for athletics at Plymouth."

"Look what they've done in college. And then you look at (Emminger), who is the smallest in stature, but probably the best, purest football player we've ever had at the school."

Wonderful people

Also inducted Monday was Plymouth's 2010 girls soccer team (Division 1 state runner-up) and the 2012 girls golf team.

The latter won the school's first state championship. Also honored Monday was the 2012 individual champion, Kelsey Murphy.

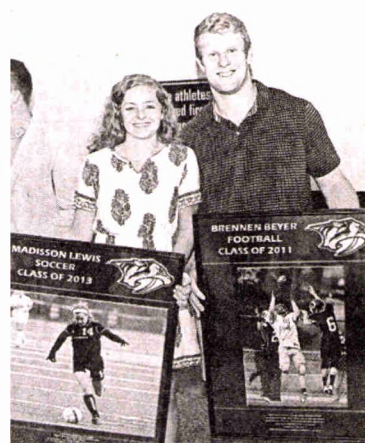
"To win a state title, you've got to be good; things gotta go your way," said the coach of that team, Dan Young. "I just feel fortunate to have been with this group of girls. They were incredible."

"We had a great team and we're still close, we still talk. They're still a big part of our program today. Katie (Chipman) would be the last one graduating off this group. They're wonderful people, come from great families and deserve all the recognition."

"First state title in school history," he added. "You can never take that away."

Said Murphy, whose younger sister Sydney was also on the 2012 and 2013 state champion Wildcats (the 2013 team cannot be enshrined until 2017), "I couldn't ask for a better group of nominees to be here with. I'm very lucky to be here."

Murphy said being honored as an individual was a byproduct of the team success that the Wildcats pursued and ultimately enjoyed.



JOHN KEMSKI EXPRESS PHOTO

Monday night was a celebration of the many great athletes and teams over the first 14 years of Plymouth High School. Among them are Madi Lewis and Brennen Beyer, posing with their Hall of Fame induction plaques.

"Senior year, we were so focused on getting that state championship and being the first," she said. "That was always a goal of ours, to work towards."

"And being the individual state champ after that was just kind of like a cherry on top."

Stellar cast

Other student-athletes joining Beyer, Brindza, Emminger and Murphy among the inaugural Hall of Fame class (all unanimously inducted by a committee of coaches, Principal Cheri Steckle and athletic director Kyle Meteyer) were Kyle Rodes (golf), Jane McCurry (track, gymnastics), Colin Rolfe (soccer, hockey), Tyler Goble (football, baseball), Sarah Dombkowski (swimming), Madi Lewis (soccer, track) and Alyssa Dillon (soccer, basketball).

Plymouth's first leadership team when it opened in 2002, Principal Dr. Michael Bee and athletic director Terry Sawchuk, also were among the first group of inductees. All of the inductees will be recognized Aug. 26 before Plymouth's football game against Utica Eisenhower.

"Really it was a big project, a lot of work to get the pictures, get the information and figure out who was most deserving of these honors," said Meteyer, closing out his third year as athletic director. "But the impetus of it was, we have these other awards, the all-state wall and athlete of the year board."

"But we said there's some athletes like the 15 here tonight who are just above and beyond anything else we've got awards for. So we said we need a way to recognize, and then encourage, the next generation (to be) the best of the best."

In order to be automatically nominated for induction into the Hall of Fame, an individual or team must be a state champion or runner-up, be the top athlete in a sport (such as Mr. Golf or Miss Soccer, for example) or make a dream team.

For Lewis, a scoring machine for Plymouth's girls soccer team and a record-setter in track and field, it hasn't yet sunk in that her prep accomplishments always will be on display.

"It's just such an honor and



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Plymouth athletic director Kyle Meteyer introduces the high school's first-ever state championship team, the 2012 girls golf team. From left are Sydney Murphy, Kelsey Murphy, Katie Chipman, Sarah Thompson and Kayla Whatley. Head coach was Dan Young.

'HALL' OF A CLASS

On Monday at Plymouth High School, the first class of inductees into the athletic hall of fame was honored. Those individuals and teams are as follows.

DR. MICHAEL BEE: He was Plymouth High School's first principal when it opened in 2002 and continued until the late 2000s.

TERRY SAWCHUK: A fixture from the beginning at Plymouth, Sawchuk was the first athletic director and teamed with Bee to form a cohesive leadership group.

KYLE RODES: Named Mr. Golf in 2013, his senior season, Rodes also was on the all-state Super Team that year. He was on the 2013 boys team that was a D1 finalist.

KELSEY MURPHY: Part of Plymouth's first state championship team (girls golf in 2012), the 2013 grad also was MHSAA individual champion in 2012. She was on the All-State Super Team in 2010, 2011 and 2012.

BRENNEN BEYER: A 2011 grad, Beyer was honored for his football and basketball careers. He made his biggest mark on the gridiron, as a defensive lineman and wide receiver, earning a spot on the 2010 Dream Team. He played football at the University of Michigan, where he was a Big Ten all-academic recipient. Beyer was signed in 2015 by the NFL's Baltimore Ravens and soon will be going to training camp with the team.

JANE MCCURRY: A 2013 graduate, McCurry is one of only two student-athletes to have two photos up on Plymouth's all-state wall (gymnastics, track and field). In gymnastics, she was an all-stater and All-American. McCurry also was 2013 MHSAA state champion in the pole vault and is the school, Park and KLAAs record holder with a mark of 12 feet, 0 inches.

COLIN ROLFE: The 2008 grad was inducted for his excellence in soccer (Dream Team, all-state first team in 2007) and hockey. He went on to play college soccer at Louisville.

KYLE BRINDZA: The 2011 grad was honored for his prowess as a high school kicker and punter, but also for contributions to the soccer and track programs. Brindza was a 2010 All-American and Dream Team member in football and is the MHSAA record holder for field goals in a season (19) and career (37). On the varsity track team, he set a school record in the shot put in 2010. He went on to kick at Notre Dame and played in the NFL last fall with Tampa Bay.

TYLER GOBLE: Inducted for football and baseball, the standout linebacker and offensive lineman was part of the 2011 football Dream Team and was an all-state first team player in addition to being captain. He went on to college at the U.S. Naval Academy.

SARAH DOMBKOWSKI: The 2014 grad was girls swimming state champion in the 500-yard freestyle in 2012, with a time of 4:55.82. The Eastern Michigan student-athlete holds Plymouth records in the 500 and 200 free.

MADI LEWIS: Honored for her excellence in soccer and track, Lewis was 2012 and 2013 Gatorade Player of the Year (soccer) and 2013 Miss Soccer, as well as being on the Dream Team in 2012 and 2013. She is Plymouth's record holder for goals in a season and was a four-year letter winner at Michigan. In track, Lewis set school records in the 100 dash and 1,600-meter relay.

NATE EMMINGER: The 2013 grad was a standout defensive back and wide receiver for the Wildcats, making the 2012 Dream Team. He is the Plymouth record holder in interceptions, with nine.

ALYSSA DILLON: The 2014 grad and soccer defender was an all-state first team player her junior and senior seasons. In 2013, Dillon was on the Dream Team. She plays soccer at Michigan.

GIRLS GOLF 2012: The varsity girls golf team became Plymouth's first team state champion, winning the finals at MSU's Forest Akers East Golf Course with a team score of 659. Coached by Dan Young, the team included Kelsey Murphy (148), Sarah Thompson (166), Kayla Whatley (172), Sydney Murphy (173) and Katie Chipman (183). Plymouth also won division and conference titles that season and followed up with a second state title in 2013.

FOOTBALL 2010: The team, led by stellar co-captains Brennen Beyer, Kyle Brindza, DeAngelo Brown, Phillip Emminger, Tyler Goble and Anthony Rhodes, made it to the Division 1 state final at Ford Field in Detroit, only to fall short.

GIRLS SOCCER 2010: Coached by Jeff Neschich, were KLAAs South Division champions in 2010 and then went on a postseason run that nearly finished with a Division 1 state championship. Plymouth lost the final at Michigan State University's DeMartin Stadium. Co-captains were Meeghan Hughes and Jessica Heck.

such a blessing," said Lewis, going into her senior season with the women's soccer team at Michigan. "There's just so many great athletes in this room and it's awesome to be a part of it."

"It's awesome that I'm going to be on the wall forever."

She then delved into why she thought a school with a relatively brief lifespan (14 years) is highly successful in the world of athletics.

"Our school is just full of a bunch of hard workers and we're really dedicated to our sports," Lewis said. "When we make goals, we try to accomplish them in any way we can."

The right way

Both Beyer and Brindza said they are indebted to how

their Plymouth coaches took them under their wing and guided them as athletes and people.

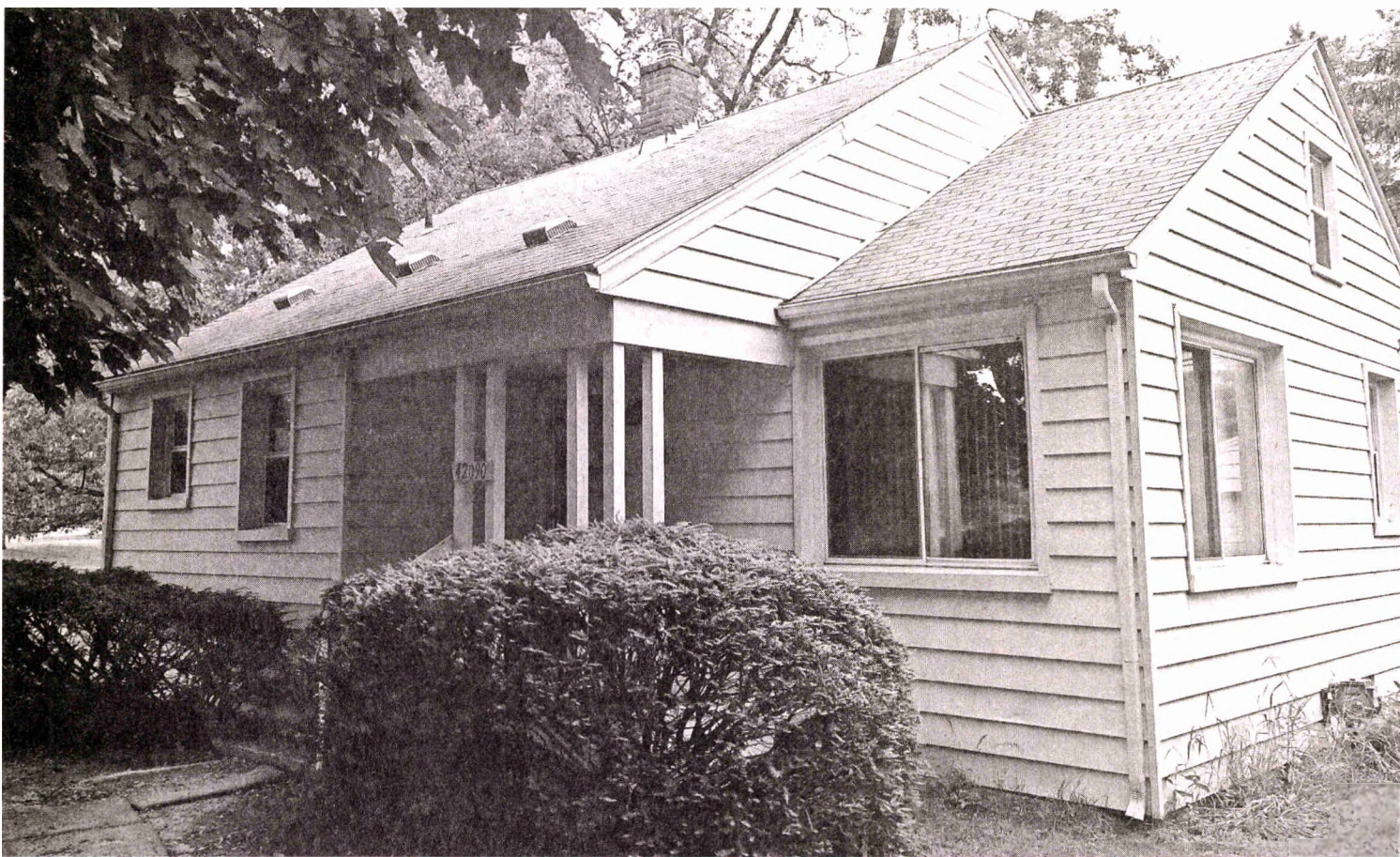
"I really think that laid the groundwork," Beyer said, listing Mike and Terry Sawchuk and basketball coach Mike Soukup as "really molding me at a young age and setting me up to carry over what they taught me into college and into the NFL. ... They taught me the way things should be done, how to succeed in a sport."

Brindza, who at Plymouth also was a soccer goalkeeper and thrower for the track and field team, said he and the other inductees couldn't have had the success they had without great coaches who inspired and encouraged them.

"You can be a great athlete, but it doesn't mean you're going to do well in the classroom, which means you're not going to get a Division I scholarship, possibly," Brindza said. "But if you're good, on and off the field, that's what we do here at Plymouth High School. You're put in with the best coaches to push you to be the best all-around athlete."

He then nodded that future Hall of Fame classes will be just as special, albeit smaller in scale. "Like Michael Jordan coming up (in the 2017 induction)," Brindza said. "He's a better guy than he is a football player."

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Survey: Student loan debt major obstacle for millennials buying a home

Seventy-one percent of non-homeowners repaying their student loans on time believe their debt is stymieing their ability to purchase a home, and slightly over half of all borrowers say they expect to be delayed from buying by more than five years.

This is according to a new joint survey on student loan debt and housing released June 13 by the National Association of Realtors and SALT, a consumer literacy program provided by nonprofit American Student Assistance. The results also revealed that student debt postponed four in 10 borrowers from moving out of a family member's household after graduating from college.

Nearly three-quarters of non-homeowners polled in the survey believe their student loan debt is delaying them from buying a home. Broken down by each generation and debt amount, the percent share is the highest among older millennials approximately aged 26 to 35 (79 percent) and those with \$70,000 to \$100,000 in total debt. Regardless of the outright amount of student debt, more than half of non-homeowners in each generation report that it's postponing their ability to buy.

The survey, which only polled student debt holders current in their repayment, yielded responses from borrowers with varying amounts of debt from mostly a four-year public or private college. Forty-three percent of those polled had between \$10,001 and \$40,000 in student debt, while 38 percent had \$50,000 or more. The most common debt amount was \$20,000 to \$30,000.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, says the survey findings bring to light the magnitude student debt is having on the housing market and the budget of even those financial-

ly able to make on-time payments. While obtaining a college degree increases the likelihood of stable employment and earning enough to buy a home, many graduating with this debt are putting homeownership on the back burner in part because of the multiple years it takes to pay off their student loans at an interest rate that's oftentimes nearly double current mortgage rates.

"A majority of non-homeowners in the survey earning over \$50,000 a year — which is above the median U.S. qualifying income needed to buy a single-family home — reported that student debt is hurting their ability to save for a down payment," he said. "Along with rent, a car payment and other large monthly expenses that can squeeze a household's budget, paying a few hundred dollars every month on a student loan equates to thousands of dollars over several years that could otherwise go towards saving for a home purchase."

Among non-homeowners who believe student debt is delaying their ability to buy, over three-quarters — including over 80 percent of millennials — said their delay is because they can't save for a down payment. Additionally, 69 percent don't feel financially secure enough to buy, and 63 percent can't qualify for a mortgage because of high debt-to-income ratios.

A little over a majority of those polled (52 percent) expect to be delayed by more than five years from purchasing a home because of repaying their student debt. One in five anticipates being held back 3-5 years as well as over 60 percent of baby boomers. Not surprisingly, those with higher amounts of student loan debt and those with lower incomes expect to be delayed the long-

est. "Realtors work closely with our clients and consumers every day; we understand the severity of the problem. This is not an abstract issue for us. This is why Realtors are leading the real estate industry in the discussion of student loan debt and its impact on housing by generating the most encompassing research on this topic," said NAR Vice President Sherri Meadows, a Realtor from Ocala, Florida.

Student debt preventing many young adults from leaving the nest

Mirroring other recent data on young Americans being more likely to live with their parents than in any other living situations, almost half (46 percent) of young millennials polled currently live with family (both paying and not paying rent).

Furthermore, 42 percent of respondents indicated student debt delayed their decision to move out of their family member's home after college.

Highlighting the difficulty many college graduates faced finding employment either before or immediately after the Great Recession, those who graduated 6-10 years ago had the longest delay, with 33 percent saying it took more than two years to move out of a family home.

"Nearly three-quarters of older millennials, many of whom graduated at the peak or immediately after the downturn, said their ability to purchase a home is affected by student debt," added Yun. "Add in the detrimental effects of low inventory as well as rents and home price growth outpacing wages and it's mainly why the share of first-time buyers remains at its lowest point in nearly three decades."

Student debt holding back some would-be sellers

The survey also found that student debt is affecting overall housing supply by holding back some current homeowners who otherwise would like to sell. Nearly a third of current homeowners (31 percent) said their student debt is postponing them from selling their home and purchasing a new one. Of those, 18 percent believe it is too expensive to move and upgrade to a new home, 7 percent have problems with their credit caused by student loan debt, and 6 percent are underwater because student debt has limited their ability to pay more than the minimum payment on their mortgage.

"It is imperative to the nation's economy that we find immediate and practical solutions to financially empower the 43 million Americans with student debt," said SALT President John Zurick. "SALT is committed to demystifying the college financing process by giving consumers information, instruction and individualized advice. No one should fail to realize the full potential of their formal education simply because of finances. We invite the higher education community, the U.S. government, the private sector and others to join with us in this movement."

In April, SALT distributed a 33-question survey co-written with NAR to 75,000 student loan borrowers who are current in repayment. A total of 3,230 student loan borrowers completed the survey. The survey had a response rate of 4.3 percent.

'Limited liability' protection exists; heed advice of attorney, CPA

Q: I am listed as a corporate officer in our Condominium Association's Articles of Incorporation. Being a non-profit organization, the association has not paid any taxes in past years. However, it is still required to file state and federal tax returns every year with the IRS and the State of Michigan. If taxes were owed for some reason by the association, would I have any personal liability if the association failed to pay?

A: As non-profit corporations, Michigan Condominium Associations are indeed required to file state and federal tax returns on an annual basis just like any other corporation. However, under Michigan's latest tax liability provisions enacted in 2013, similar to federal regulations, only a truly responsible person should bear liability. This "limited liability" protection means that generally an officer of a corporation cannot be held personally liable for the corporation's debts. There are exceptions to the statutory rules which include, but are not limited to: the business first failing to pay the taxes owed; the tax department determining personal tax liability based upon an audit or investigation; and the taxes being considered "trust fund taxes" (i.e., taxes that a business is required to collect from customers or employees and hold for the benefit of the government such as sales tax, use tax, etc.). Of course, if this situation ever arises, you should first consult with a CPA or a tax attorney to seek professional advice before doing anything further.

Q: There is a fast developing residential area of Italy called Puglia. They have estates or homes that can be developed. What do you know about it?

A: You are talking about their masseria, which is what we would refer to as villas, homes or other structures that were built hundreds of years ago, but have been converted to hotels, large estates, commercial properties and the like. These properties can cost in the hundreds of thousands of dollars and are being developed throughout the Puglia area. Many say it will be the Tuscany of the East having over six million "registered" olive trees, some hundreds of years old. As in any other situation, you are best to contact at least two or three Realtors in the area in which you may be interested to get a wide range evaluation of the properties available and the reasonable cost of them. Lecce is one of the most beautiful cities in the area and still offers good residential opportunities.

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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Short sales

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

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

Call the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com.

Free foreclosure tours

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

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

High-tech tools changing way homes are marketed

Not long ago, searching for a new home meant jumping in the car with your real estate agent and driving through neighborhoods, looking at house after house until you find "the one." While people still look at several houses before deciding which one is home, the chances are that they clicked from web page to web page to find it.

According to the National Association of Realtors, 89 percent of all home buyers used online tools and resources in their home search. This means for home sellers that embracing new technology when working with an agent to advertise their property is no longer just a good idea, it's a necessity.

"Technology has changed nearly every aspect of the way we live, so it is only natural that it affects the way sellers and their agents market and sell homes," said Debbie Z., president of the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors, for southeast Michigan. "Most potential buyers make their first impression of a

home online, and with so much high-quality media online, the bar has been raised for online real estate listings to really 'wow' buyers."

Here are a few high-tech resources and gadgets that can help you and your agent sell your home:

» Social media. These days, nearly everyone is on at least one social media platform, whether it be Facebook, Twitter or Pinterest, so including a social media strategy in your home's marketing plan is becoming par for the course. "A well-placed post on Facebook or a properly timed tweet can place your listing in front of hundreds, possibly thousands, of potential buyers and usually costs the seller nothing," said GMAR's president.

» Virtual staging. If a seller has already moved out and left a home empty, visual effects software can let you fill the empty house with different styles of furniture, add art and light fixtures or even change the wall color with the click of a mouse. "This can help prospective buyers visualize a

home's potential and see what the home looks like when it's tailored to their taste," she said. "A seller can't know what every buyer's taste is, and this allows the home to be staged in any style at a fraction of the cost."

» Drones. Unmanned aerial vehicles, more commonly known as drones, are aircrafts without a human pilot aboard and can be used to take aerial photos of your home and the surrounding property. "New drone technologies can help you and your agent to market your home in a way that may have been cost-prohibitive in the past," the GMAR president said in a press release. "If your home has beautiful mountain views or sits on a large piece of property, drone photography can highlight these features." However, GMAR reminds sellers that rules for commercial drone use have not yet been put into place by the FAA, so it is important that sellers either hire a professional drone operator or an agent with a Federal Aviation Administration waiver.

NAR expects the rules to be finalized this summer.

By using a few of these tools, you can make your home's listing more appealing to buyers and hopefully help sell it more quickly this summer.

For more information, go to gmaronline.com and click "Find a REALTOR®" at the top-right of the screen.

The Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors (GMAR), based in Southfield, provides services and support to the real estate profession and the communities they serve. With over 6,500 members, GMAR is the largest local Realtor association in the state. GMAR provides its members access to the MLS, over 220 quality continuing education and designation courses per year, the largest Realtor-specific store in the area, the ToolShop™, Metropolitan Minute weekly newsletter and Metropolitan REALTOR monthly electronic magazine.

RELIGION CALENDAR

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

JUNE 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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 6-8:30 p.m. June 26-30
Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church & School Wayne, located two miles east of I-275 and one mile north of Michigan Avenue, at Hannan and Glenwood
Details: "Cave Quest Following Jesus The Light of the World" will include Bible adventures, songs, snacks and hands-on explorations for children, 3 through those entering sixth grade. Pre-register by calling the church at 734-728-1950 or email r.barta@att.net.
Contact: 734-728-1950; stmi-chael.lutheran.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to noon, June 27-July 1
Location: Berean Baptist Church, 38303 Eight Mile, Livonia
Details: "Submerged" is the theme
Contact: 248-477-6365

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 6-8:30 p.m. June 27-July 1

Location: Bethel Baptist Temple, 29475 Six Mile, Livonia
Details: Bible adventures, singing, snack, craft. Family Fun Night is 6 p.m. July 1 with food, games and inflatables
Contact: 734-525-3664; bbt-livonia.com

JULY COMMONGROUND

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, July 22
Location: Connection Church, 3855 S. Sheldon, Canton
Details: Women and girls, 12 and over, from more than 30 churches will gather for worship to live music and an after party with appetizers, a coffee and cocoa bar and giveaways. The outreach focus for the event is Grace's Table, an organization that works with teen mothers and their children. Lisa Anderson, founder, will be the guest speaker. CommonGround will collect diapers, sizes 2-6, refill packages of moist wipes, \$10 Meijer gas cards and \$10 Starbucks gift cards, for donation to Grace's Table
Contact: 734-397-1777

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. Saturday, July 30
Location: Church of the Holy Spirit, 3700 Harvey Lake Road, Highland
Details: The Paradise Band, Elvis Lives and The Soulmen perform in an outdoor concert. \$15 advance tickets; \$20 at the door
Contact: 248-887-5364; holyspiritconcert.ezevent.com

MUSIC FESTIVAL

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, July 23
Location: Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Laverne, Redford
Details: Free Christian music festival with Wise 4 Salvation, 11 a.m.; REIGN, noon; Reggie Williams, 1 p.m.; Redemption Road, 2 p.m.; Krymsyn Grayce, 3 p.m.; Second Day Story, 4 p.m.; The Well House Band, 5 p.m.; and Veracity, 6 p.m. Crafters and

vendors will be on site from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Gift drawings will be held at 3 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket
Contact: 313-937-2424; hosannatabor.org

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. Olfactory 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. Thurs-

day
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, 14 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.
Contact: 313-534-0399

SONG CIRCLE Congregation Beth Ahm

Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat
Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.
Contact: 248-737-1931 or email 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
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
Contact: 248-851-5100

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia
Contact: 734-522-6830

Congregation Bet Chaverim

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

Due Season Christian Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday, with 7:15 p.m. Tuesday Bible study
Location: Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, in Livonia
Details: Nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church services.
Contact: 248-960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org

Faith Community Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday worship; 9 a.m. Bible study
Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi
Details: Women's group meets 12:30 p.m. third Thursday of the month. Vacation Bible School runs Aug. 8-12
Contact: 248-349-2345; faithcommunity-novi.org

Faith Community Wesleyan Church

Time/Date: Prayer service, 9 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., Sunday school, 12:30 p.m., Bible study, 6 p.m., Sundays, Soul Retention Discipleship classes, 4 p.m. Saturday
Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Contact: pastor Roger Wright at 313-682-7491

Garden City Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: Adult Bible study at 8:15 a.m.; traditional worship service, youth Sunday school and child care at 10 a.m. Large print order of service is available. Refreshments in the church fellowship hall immediately after service. Elevator and handicapped parking
Location: Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Road
Contact: 734-421-7620

Good Hope Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school followed by 10:30 a.m. worship service with Communion each Sunday; Bible study 10 a.m. Wednesday
Location: 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City
Contact: 734-427-3660

Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

Time/Date: 8:45 a.m. Sunday school/adult Bible study; 10 a.m. Sunday service
Location: 4145 W. Nine Mile, Novi
Contact: Rev. Thomas E. Schroeder at 248-349-0565; GoodShepherdNovi.org

Grace Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 8 a.m. traditional Sunday service and 10:30 a.m. contemporary; Sunday school and adult Bible study at 9:15 a.m.
Location: 46001 Warren Road, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton Township
Contact: 734-637-8160

His Church Anglican

Time/Date: 7:45 a.m. at Trinity and 10 a.m. at Madonna University
Location: Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia, and Kresge Hall on the Madonna University campus, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia
Contact: www.HisChurchAnglican.org; 248-442-0HCA

Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Faith Forum; 10 a.m. Sunday school; 7:30 p.m. Wednesday worship in the chapel.
Location: 30650 Six Mile, Livonia
Contact: 734-427-1414

Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday
Location: 9600 Laverne, west of Beech Daly, north off West Chicago Road, Redford
Contact: 313-937-2424

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MARY P. June 19, 2016, Age 89 of Livonia. Beloved wife of the late Calvin John. Loving mother of Thomas (Elaine), JoAnne (Jeffrey) Pritchard and Catherine (Philip) Trussler. Loving grandmother of Jillian and Lauren Hoffman; Ryan (Paige) and Joseph Pritchard; Zachary and Joshua Trussler. Dear sister of Malcolm John "Jack" (Sandra) Detlefs and sister-in law of Joan Hoffman and Rosemary Mentel. Also survived by several loving nieces and nephews. In state Thursday 10 a.m. at St. Michael Catholic Church, 11441 Hubbard Road (at Plymouth Rd.) until time of Mass at 10:30 a.m. Mary will be interred at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorial contributions to Mott Children's Hospital. Care and Services were entrusted to L. J. Griffin Funeral Home, Northrop-Sassaman Chapel, Northville. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at griffinfuneralhome.com.

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BARBARA S. (Nee NOYES) of Selbyville, Delaware 78, died April 30, 2016 at the Delaware Hospice Center in Milford, DE after a battle with cancer. She was born to Marie and Gerald Noyes of Newburyport, Mass. on December 14, 1937. She is survived by her husband Walter Trela and her children: Walter Trelabock (Judy Belknap) of Dearborn, MI, Wendy Hope of Lake Orion, MI and Jeff Trelabock of Canton, MI. She also had three step-children with a total of 11 loving grandchildren. Barbara moved to the Eastern shore in 1999, retiring as a Research Scientist after 32 years with The Ford Motor Company. She and her husband spent 4 of the next 5 years cruising on their sailboat on the Chesapeake Bay and the Intercoastal Waterway before beginning a life of volunteering activities at the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center (CBEC), Peninsula Regional Medical Center (PRMC), Delaware Center for the Inland Bays (DECIB) and Mended Hearts, Chapter 221. A memorial service will be held at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth, on Saturday June 25, 2016 from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.. A reception will be held at the Church Social Hall following the service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made at CBEC, PO Box 519, Grasonville, MD 21638 or Delaware Hospice Center, 100 Patriots Way, Milford, DE 19963.

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