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Math wit

Shannon Price, a Republican who represents Plymouth and Plymouth and Canton townships on the Wayne County Board of Commissioners, took a swipe at the county's Democratic administration as he quickly recovered from a math misstatement Thursday evening.

Price was auctioneer during a brief auction at the Wayne 11th Congressional District Republican Committee's Lincoln-Reagan dinner, and when two flags that had been flown over the U.S. Capitol went for \$325 each, Price said that would be \$750 to the committee.

When someone in the audience corrected him — the total is \$650 — Price quipped: "That's what we do in Wayne County, just round up."

Thursday's dinner was held at Laurel Manor in Livonia, and South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley was the keynote speaker.

Mother's Day

In parenting lore, mothers and fathers are frequently heard telling their children, "Wait 'til you have children one day!" And then those children inevitably find themselves channeling their own parents once they have children of their own.

So here's what the *Plymouth Observer* wants to know in advance of Mother's Day: What rules, sayings, advice or other parenting methods do you channel from things your own mother said to you when you were a kid? Whether it was "Do as I say, not as I do" or "Wait 'til your father gets home!" we'd like to hear about it.

Email your examples to *Plymouth Observer* editor Brad Kadrich at bkadrich@hometownlife.com for a story that will appear on Mother's Day. Include a JPEG photo of you and/or your mom, if you'd like (just make sure to identify the folks in the photo). We'll use as many of the examples and photos as we can. Deadline is Tuesday, May 7.

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Emily Seruga and Monika Webber seal packages with heat. In background, Paige Demaree moves more full packages for sealing.

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Township considers bond sale

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

A new pavilion and an amphitheater at Township Park and improvements at Hilltop Golf Course and Lake Pointe Soccer Park are among the projects proposed for a \$1.9 million bond issue Plymouth Township officials are considering.

The township Board of Trustees voted 5-2, during a special meeting Tuesday, to approve a notice of intent to sell \$1.9 million in capital improvement bonds.

The vote began a 45-day waiting period during which opponents of the bond sale can bring it to a popular vote by gathering petition signatures of at least 10 percent of the township's registered voters.

"We didn't approve the sale of the bonds, and we didn't approve the projects," said Treasurer Ron Edwards.

But with an expected interest rate of 2 percent, and estimated annual payments of \$210,000 a year for 10 years, selling bonds for long-term assets would be worthwhile, Edwards said.

Voting no were Trustees Bob Doroshewitz and Chuck Curmi.

Doroshewitz later said trustees had just found out about the issue on April 19, and that he didn't think it was appropriate for a special meeting.

"We didn't really have time to process it, to examine it or really even to discuss it," Doroshewitz said Friday.

Supervisor Richard Reaume, Edwards, Clerk Nancy Conzelman and Trustees Mike Kelly and Kay Arnold voted yes on the notice of intent.

"What we agreed to do was start the shot clock, but continue to provide them with additional information," said Reaume, who defended taking up the bond issue at a special meeting.

But Doroshewitz said it's unlikely the actual bond issue, or the projects themselves, won't also be approved. "It's just government," he said. "Once the money's approved, it's spent."

Doroshewitz's motion to table the notice of intent failed on a 3-4 vote, with Kelly joining Doroshewitz and Curmi in voting for the postponement.

The estimated \$625,000 pavilion, including restrooms, would go near the ballfields at Township Park; the township has already lined up \$216,000 in grants, including \$100,000 from the federal government through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, that could go toward that project. Reaume said the \$100,000 grant must be used by June of next year or it will expire.

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Feeding frenzy

Key Club effort sends food to the hungry

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

When Michael Burwell goes around the state talking to service clubs and groups about helping his Kids Against Hunger Coalition, he often uses the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Key Club as a prime example of how to help.

That's because in the last seven years, the Key Club — the high school's extension of the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth — has packaged more than 110,000 meals to help KAH, the non-profit whose mission is to significantly reduce the number of hungry children in the United States and feed starving children throughout the world.

At Tuesday's packaging session, students added another 10,000 meals to the total.

"That's amazing for a single school service club," said Burwell, KAH's executive director. "They have strong student leadership, and a strong mentoring system with the Kiwanis Club. Kiwanis understands in order to build for the future, you have to invest in your youth. You have to invest in youth who aren't as fortunate."

The Key Club has some 275 students signed up, with some 80 very active members, according to faculty adviser Lesnie Orsborn. Club members routinely raise money for Kids Against Hunger to not only package, but actually help pay for, the meal packages, which cost about \$1.68 apiece.

The ability to raise the money themselves is especially impressive to Burwell.

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Sarah Shock stacks packages that are ready to be boxed.

'Titans' coach talks values, hard work

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

When sophomore linebacker Logan Luttrell joined his teammates, other football players and coaches and a host of administrators and teachers to hear coach Herman Boone talk Friday, he figured the subject was going to be football.

After all, Boone is the iconic coach who helped integrate football at T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria, Va., in the early 1970s, an accomplishment memorialized in the 2000 film *Remember the Titans*, starring Denzel Washington.

But Luttrell was wrong. Football barely came up — except for the moments before Boone's speech, when he was diagramming his favorite pass play for Canton football coach Tim Baechler —

in Boone's 40-minute speech.

Instead, Boone talked about kids using their talents and making a difference in their world.

"I hope the kids take away, among many other things, that everyone who sits before the sound of my voice is talented," Boone said moments before beginning his speech. "The world is waiting for that talent. Those who continue to be positive, who continue to be energetic, and who continue to believe ... that belief becomes your character."

Character and values were the centerpiece of Boone's speech, one he travels the country making these days. He stressed the value of commitment and work ethic, of belief in yourself and others and of helping others.

He drew a comparison between his

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Coach Herman Boone draws up his favorite pass play for Canton High School head coach Tim Baechler (right) and assistant Tony Boucher.

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Ex-astronaut recalls Skylab, shuttle experiences

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Jack Lousma, a retired astronaut who spent two months in space during a 1973 Skylab mission and flew on the shuttle Columbia nine years later, wowed a lunchtime crowd Thursday with tales of rocket trips and “worshipping at a great cathedral” called space.

Lousma, of Ann Arbor, was the speaker at the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth’s Thursday luncheon. At times funny and at others choked up as he recalled his National Aeronautics and Space Administration experiences, Lousma had the crowd in a packed room at the Courthouse Grille often laughing but sometimes silent in rapt attention.

“Space walks are the part you remember the most about being in orbit,” said Lousma, 77. “It’s like gliding along on a magic carpet.”

Lousma was aboard Skylab, the first U.S. space station, with fellow astronauts Owen Garriott and Alan Bean, for nearly 60 full days in 1973 as part of a NASA mission to test long space voyages’ effects on the body. No one had been in space more than 14 days prior to that, he said.

“We were guinea pigs,



Astronaut Jack Lousma was the featured speaker at Thursday’s Kiwanis meeting in Plymouth.

medically,” Lousma said.

Sun ‘like an explosion’

He described a trip to space in detail, from 80-hour weeks of launch rehearsals to wishing luck to the astronaut next to him seconds before launch (“You know you’re luck’s going to be the same as his,” he said), to the shaking of the spacecraft in certain stages of the launch. Once in orbit, he said, the spaceship would travel at five miles a second and orbit Earth every 90 minutes.

“You see a lot of the world — really fast,”

Lousma said.

While orbit, he said later, “the sun comes up like an explosion on the horizon,” and darkness falls as fast as an electric light being switched off.

Lousma said he and fellow astronauts quickly adapted to conditions in space and learned to maneuver aboard the spaceship, despite their weightlessness, like it was second nature.

“We felt like space people. We felt like we belonged here,” he said. “We felt very comfortable up there all the time.”

But 60 days in space did, he said later, cause

measurable changes to the astronauts’ bodies, including a reduction in blood supply, fewer red blood cells, loss of bone density and, after returning to Earth, lightheadedness and a lack of energy for several days. Lousma said it took he and his Skylab comrades six days to regain their pre-voyage condition, though he couldn’t match his previous time in a two-mile run for three weeks.

Spiritual angle

Lousma expressed a strong spiritual connection to space travel, saying he was reminded of a line from Psalm 19: “The



Kiwanis members and guests listen to Lousma.

heavens are telling the glory of God.”

He also said that, as Earth’s national boundaries aren’t apparent while space, he was led to ponder the divisions that separate people. Despite tremendous technological advances, he said, “the way we live on Earth hasn’t changed all that much” when one considers the lack of medical care, lack of food and wars that plague much of mankind.

“Sometimes we take our standard of living for granted, and we shouldn’t do that,” he said.

Shirley Jallad, a former Kiwanis president, asked Lousma if space travel had affected his religious outlook.

“I had very strong faith

when I went, and it reinforced it,” he said. “It was like worshipping at a great cathedral in the sky.”

Lousma was brought to the Kiwanis luncheon by member Frank Sinagra, a Kiwanian from Canton Township who met him through the Yankee Air Museum. Sinagra is a board member with the Michigan Aerospace Foundation, which raises money for the museum, and Lousma is on an MAF advisory board.

Jallad said she was excited to be in the presence of someone who had experienced space travel. “I’m thrilled,” she said.

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CORRECTION

In Canton High’s 3-2 soccer win Tuesday against Livonia Churchill, one of the goals was scored by Chloe Donlin with the other two netted by Madie Lucas. It was reported in Thursday’s *Observer* that Lucas scored all three goals in the contest.

BOND

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Also proposed for the park are a \$250,000 amphitheater, pathway improvements and a footbridge over the pond; federal money is also available for some of that work. Reaume argued the improve-

ments and additions would be good investments that would keep the township an attractive place for families.

“It’s what increases property values in our community,” he said.

Doroshewitz questioned the package, however, particularly the pavilion. “There’re probably

about half of the things in there that are wish-list, overbuilt, and maybe even half or less that are true needs,” he said.

The golf course and the soccer park would get parking-lot improvements, and the golf course would also get cart paths and sprinkler-system automa-

tion changes that Reaume said are mandated by the federal government because of changes in how radio frequencies can be used.

In addition, some \$390,00 in bond proceeds would be set aside for the Department of Public Works, for a new street sweeper, a small dump

truck and other capital improvements that would be used in water and sewer operations.

The borrowed money would be repaid through the general fund and the water and sewer fund.

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Coach Herman Boone signed an autograph for Canton High School sophomore Kyle Sowels before his presentation Friday. That's Plymouth-Canton human resources chief Monica Merritt, Boone's youngest daughter, in the middle.

COACH

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T.C. Williams team and the teams at Plymouth, Canton and Salem high schools, saying his players — black and white — came together “with one heartbeat,” as P-CEP players come together from three different schools to work together.

Breaking the mold

About the 1971 Titans he said, “these guys broke the mold and by saying enough is enough” when “half the world was separated by race.”

“They said, ‘We are going to celebrate our differences, and not make them a problem that has to be solved,’” Boone said. “You don’t have to like each other, but you will trust each other. That trust becomes the emotional glue that binds you together the rest of your lives.”

Boone, speaking without a script or notes, credited his wife of 51 years, Carol, and told a couple of jokes at the expense of his daughter, Plymouth-Canton Executive Director of Human

Resources Monica Merritt, during his engaging, humorous presentation.

He extolled the virtues of values and hard work, telling the players nothing is going to be handed to them.

“Nobody is out there waiting for you to walk into their arms and give you something,” Boone said. “You’re going to have to work for it.”

Make a difference

Boone urged the players to make a difference in their community, talking about how his father used to tell him, “When you win a race, you go back to the barn and take care of the horse you won the race on.” What his dad meant, Boone learned, was that everyone gets help in becoming a success, and that it’s

incumbent upon them to go back and give back.

“To make a difference requires perseverance, it requires dedication and it requires commitment,” he told the players. “The world is waiting for those of you who don’t mind taking the plunge for what you believe in.”

“Somebody helped you — your parents, a coach, a teacher,” he added. “Remember to go back and help those who aren’t as fortunate.”

Players came away impressed.

“It was a cool experience,” said sophomore Jason Winslow, a receiver on the Plymouth High School team. “He made you really think about what your values are.”

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AROUND PLYMOUTH

REVERSE CAREER FAIR

Date/Time: Wednesday, May 1, 1-5 p.m.
Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main in Plymouth

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Contact: For more information, visit www.GOALSpcps.com, email GoalsPCCS@gmail.com.

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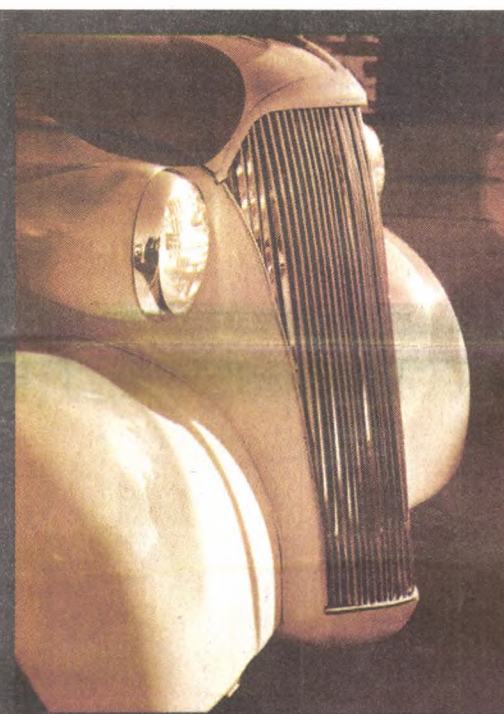
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Plymouth-Canton's Board of Education has agreed to sign a purchase agreement selling the old Starkweather Education Center property on Holbrook for just over \$1 million.

District sells Starkweather

By Brad Kadrich
 Staff Writer

While the debate about what will be done with Central Middle School continues as the May 7 election to decide the fate of Plymouth-Canton's \$114.4 million bond proposal approaches, district officials this week quietly got what it wanted for another of its assets.

The district's Board of Education Tuesday voted 6-0 (trustee Kim Crouch was absent) to sign a purchase agreement with Holbrook Development LLC to sell the old Starkweather Education Center property on Holbrook for \$1,050,000.

The 27,000-square-foot building on 5.48 acres had housed the district's alternative high school program until this year, when the program was moved to the former Fie-

gel Elementary School, which the district closed last summer.

The district used a Request for Proposal process to determine interest in the property, according to Phil Freeman, the district's assistant superintendent for facilities and operations.

"We wanted to know not only what the price was, but what (buyers) might be planning to do with the property," Freeman said. "We wanted to know how it would benefit the district and benefit the community."

The district received two proposals for the Starkweather property. A proposal from The CIG Group, LLC, came in for \$1.1 million, but after fees and commissions were deducted, it's final total value was \$897,500, according to Freeman, while the final total value

of Holbrook's offer was \$913,500.

Freeman said Holbrook's plan is to build houses and condominiums, renovating the 27,000-square-foot building in the process.

"That has the potential to help the district in terms of bringing in families with children," Freeman said.

At a town hall meeting on the bond proposal Thursday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, board vice president Judy Mardigian hailed the sale as beneficial to the district.

"We got fair market value, and (Holbrook's plan) is going to bring families into the district," Mardigian said. "We really think we protected that asset."

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Plymouth junior wins trip to science fair

Plymouth High School junior Madhurima Das won a first-place award at the Science and Engineering Fair of Metropolitan Detroit, held recently at Cobo Center in Detroit.

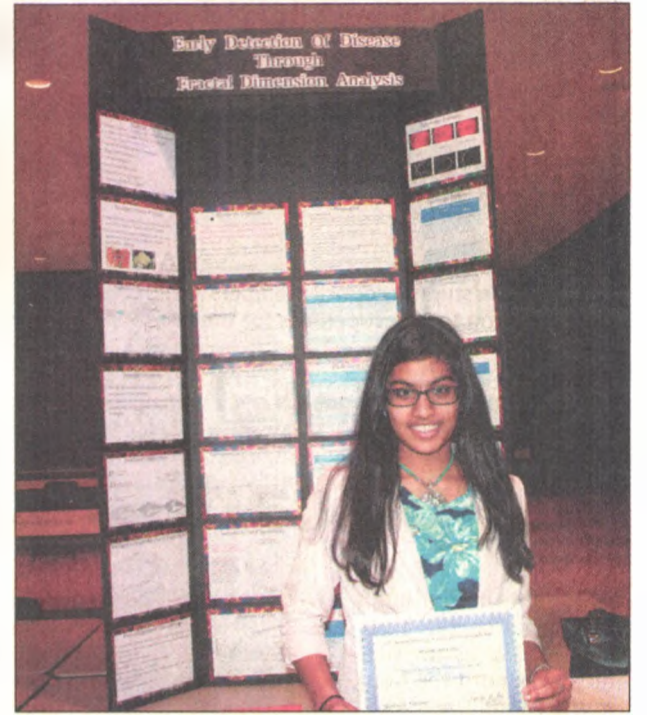
More than 1,500 students from schools in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties competed at the SEFMD, one of the longest running and largest fairs in the world.

As a result, Das earned a trip to the INTEL International Science and Engineering Fair in May in Phoenix, Ariz. At the ISEF, Das will compete against more than 1,200 students from more than 30 countries. She is also eligible for scholarship opportunities from several local universities.

It's the second time in two tries Das has earned attendance at the ISEF. This time, she said, she knows better what it means.

"Last year was my first time doing the science fair, so I was extremely surprised to make it to ISEF," she said. "However, I didn't realize what an honor it really was until I was at ISEF itself. It was one of the best weeks of my life and I knew I wanted to come back, but I also realized just how difficult it would be. I had met people whose passions coincided with mine, had spoken with Nobel Laureates, and had been around the nation's top science and engineering students."

Das' project, titled "Early Detection of Dis-



With her project "Early Detection of Disease Through Fractal Dimension Analysis," Plymouth High School junior Madhurima Das earned a trip to the INTEL International Science and Engineering Fair in Phoenix, Ariz.

ease Through Fractal Dimension Analysis," combines mathematical techniques with biology and medicine. In this project, she said, a mathematical method is being explored as an innovative tool for early detection of diseases. Researchers have noted that shapes of healthy human organs such as the lungs and the brain are irregular; time dependent responses of many healthy organs such as the human heart rate are irregular as well. The degree of these irregularities can be quantified through fractal dimension analysis and the fractal dimension is affected by disease.

Going back to ISEF for a second time, Das now knows what to expect — and how special it can be.

"The whole experience was so inspiring and refreshing ... There was so much to learn and so many friends to make," she said. "This year, I didn't qualify for ISEF until the state fair, so I didn't expect to qualify again. I had looked at the other projects at the state fair and everything seemed incredibly impressive. When I heard my name called for ISEF, I was ecstatic. This year I know what the experience is like, so I am looking forward to it even more."

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Fourth-grade student council members Ashley Avant and Valerie Itsell show the boxes they are using to collect pennies for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Students' penny drive helps cancer patients

Students at Plymouth Scholars Charter Academy are collecting pennies to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Student council members at the school, located on N. Territorial in Plymouth Township, are organizing the Pasta for Pennies fundraiser.

The original goal for the three week fundraiser,

which runs through May 2, was \$1,500, but students have already surpassed that amount.

On May 3, all of the pennies will be tallied and the classroom with the highest amount donated will earn a pasta lunch from Olive Garden.

The LLS works to provide lifesaving research and patient services to peo-

ple with blood cancer. This month, Plymouth Scholars is focusing on compassion as its monthly virtue and school officials said the fundraiser is "a perfect way for students to show their compassion to people who are battling cancer."

Plymouth Scholars Charter Academy is located at 48484 N. Territorial in Plymouth Township.

Biggest Loser contestant to join in AAA Race for Life

Buddy Shuh, a Biggest Loser contestant from Season 13 (2012), is inviting participants at all fitness levels to join him at the AAA Race for Life hosted on May 18 by the AAA Pregnancy Resource Center in Livonia.

The race will begin at the Nankin Mills Picnic Shelter in Hines Park. Both 5k and 10k chip-timed races along with a 1-mile walk are available. The races begin at 9:15

a.m., and the walk will begin at 10:30 a.m. Packet pick-up will be 8-9 a.m.

Registration fees are \$25 for the 5K and \$35 for the 10K.

Pledge forms are available for walkers who wish to collect pledges to help support the AAA Pregnancy Resource Center, which helps women and families during an unexpected pregnancy by offering free services such as pregnancy tests, limit-

ed ultrasounds and baby supplies.

Through an incentive program, more than 80 women each month receive help with items they need for their babies. The only eligibility requirement is that they must be pregnant.

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Buses small, but key, part of bond plan

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

The building of a new middle school and improvements in the use of technology throughout the district are getting the most attention as Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials push for approval of a \$114.4 million bond in a May 7 election.

But district officials are also hopeful the bond passes and gives them

the funding they need to push a replacement plan for the district's aging 130-vehicle bus fleet.

At \$15.6 million, it isn't one of the biggest pieces of the bond pie. Administrators say the shelf life of a bus is 10 years and 150,000 miles. At the start of the 2012-13 school year, 17 of Plymouth-Canton's buses should have been replaced using that standard.

Still safe

More than two doz-

en of the district's buses are already more than 10 years old, and others are nearing that mark. The fleet is still safe — the district passed its recent state inspection and all vehicles were green-tagged — but it is getting old.

Since district buses move some 10,000 students some one million miles a year, it could have a major impact on how the district serves those students.

"We're running a safe fleet ... Our buses are not falling apart," said Phil Freeman, the district's assistant superintendent for facilities and operations. "But it's an aging fleet. And it's just like families with their cars — when it's time to get a new car, it's time to get a new car."

If the bond passes, the district would put its 10-year replacement plan into play, including starting with its original plan for 2012-13. As vehicles hit that 10-year/150,000-mile mark, new buses would be planned, at a cost of some \$90,000 to



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More than two dozen of Plymouth-Canton's school buses have passed the 10-year mark, when they'd usually be replaced.

\$100,000 apiece.

No down time

At the 10-year mark, Freeman said, the cost of maintenance and the amount of time off the road "changes significantly."

"At 10 years we also start to see structural

changes," he said. "We don't want down time on our buses."

Freeman also pointed out statistics show new buses help in terms of fuel economy, though he's not trying to convince anyone buses are at all fuel-efficient.

However, according to the Michigan School Business Officials, while

older buses get some 5.72 miles to the gallon, that number rises to 8 mpg in a new bus.

"Our buses use about 2,000 gallons apiece in a school year," Freeman pointed out. "We could see some savings there, as well."

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Baird, two of the organization's co-founders, at its annual Spring Appreciation Dinner May 17. The fundraising dinner and auction takes place at the St. Mary Cultural & Banquet Center in Livonia from 6-11 p.m.

The Bairds, along with former executive director Cathy Clough, formed New Hope in 2000 and have served in active leadership roles at New Hope. John Baird has served as New Hope's Chairman of the Board for 12 of the last 13 years.

Mark Bostic, writer and producer at Wmuz-103.5-FM, will serve as the emcee for the evening. Auction items available to bid on include:

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- Private tour of WDIV-TV Channel 4 led by Director of Meteorology Chuck Gaidica

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Students celebrate May Day

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

It said April 26 on the calendar, but Friday was May Day at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

The traditional celebration, organized and run by committees of humanities students at The Park, ushered in Spring for the dozens of students who took part in it.

The event featured a catapult, a Maypole dance, and wheelchair jousting. While jousting is a traditional event, humanities teacher Sue Welker said this year's wheelchair version was a first, following upon other versions such as grocery-cart jousting and office-chair-on-wheels jousting.

"We should make it always wheelchair jousting," Welker told excited students. "That was fun."

She said the celebration was marked by items — such as signs and Coats of Arms — passed down from previous classes. The Maypole, for instance, was built "by a father about 10 or 15 years ago," Welker said. This year's group created a new ballista catapult, designed by a student.

"There's always a great deal of new creativity," Welker said. "But it also



Salem High School senior Scott Davison signalled the beginning and end of May Day events on his tuba.

builds on the (creative) shoulders of giants."

The celebration couldn't end, of course without the crowning of a May Day Queen (Canton High School senior Shannon Guo) and her King (Canton senior Nick Lazich).

"It was my last May Day, and it was the best May Day ever," said the popular Welker, who is retiring at the end of the school year. "The kids have been incredible."

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May Day Queen Shannon Guo and her King, Nick Lazich. Both are Canton High School seniors.



May Day participants shouted a hearty "Huzzah!" to each announcement.

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MU students spend spring break in Mississippi

For 16 Madonna University students, a visit to Mississippi during spring break was about paying-it-forward.

"I wanted to give back to communities that were struggling and needed my help. So many have helped me to get where I am now ... that motivated me to take the trip," said Brandon Anderson, a criminal justice major from Detroit.

Anderson and the other students who went south attend Madonna Univer-

sity through scholarships from Real Life 101, which helps young African American men from the inner city pay for and succeed in college. They also are members of Madonna's Bridging Lost Gaps program, an extension of the mentoring and support that was initially provided by Real Life 101.

The students volunteered in areas devastated by Hurricane Katrina. Eight years after the disaster, there is still a lot of work that needs to be

done for the communities ravaged by the storm.

"The goal was to provide service to a community in need, while also motivating our students to complete their four-year degree here at Madonna," said Bryant George, an admissions officer at Madonna University and founder of the BLG program.

"The Mississippi spring break trip was very humbling. The people in Mississippi that we interviewed lost everything,



The Madonna students volunteered during spring break to clean up areas devastated by Hurricane Katrina.

and the experience from that just showed how every little thing counts, and that we should enjoy life to the fullest because you never know when it is your time to go," Anderson said.

"It also shows that the

[Detroit] neighborhood where I grew up isn't the only place where people are struggling," Anderson added.

The students provided a total of 256 volunteer hours to the Bethesda Free Medical Clinic, the Gulf

Coast Christian Ministry, and to local residents in Ocean Springs, and Biloxi. Students conducted landscaping projects, bagged up and passed out food to those in need, and organized donated clothes for the homeless.

YAGD holds annual Spring Yoga Day



Katherine Schaefer of Farmington Hills will be among 26 yoga teachers at the Spring Yoga Day. She began practicing yoga in 1993 and has been teaching since 1996.

The Yoga Association of Greater Detroit will present its 30th annual Spring Yoga Day Saturday, May 4, at the Mercy Center in Farmington Hills.

The Mercy Center is on the north side of Eleven Mile Road between Middlebelt and Inkster.

Teachers from the Detroit Metro area have volunteered their time and talents to present 16 different classes throughout the day at this annual event. The teachers do the event every year to increase awareness of the benefits of yoga.

The 16 different teachers include YAGD president Lynda Herman of Garden City and Katherine Schaefer of Farmington Hills.

The proceeds go toward the continuing education of YAGD members. Members have at their disposal an ongoing anatomy study group, essential to the practice of yoga. This event, and two other yoga days, also help to offset the cost of an annual fall retreat.

"The Yoga Association of Greater Detroit is the longest established group of its kind anywhere in the United States," Herman said. "We hold this event every year, and, while it is a lot of work, it is a lot of fun and very rewarding to hear the students give us their feedback at the end of the day."

"YAGD is a non-profit group and the three yoga days help us to fund the day-to-day expenses that we incur. We go on an annual fall retreat held on Lake Huron and these events help to subsidize our trip," she said.

People can register for Yoga Day by calling Herman at (313) 204-1509. They also can register at the door on the morning of the event.

Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. There will be a brief introduction of teachers and an orientation at 9:15 a.m. The first session begins at 9:45 a.m., and classes run until 5 p.m. Download the day's schedule and more details at the YAGD website at www.yagd.org.

The cost for the whole day is \$64, half-day sessions are \$36. Lunch must be pre-ordered or participants can bring a lunch. Maps of area restaurants will be provided.

Another event is set for Saturday, Aug. 24. The second annual Summer Yoga Day, called "Peace, Love And Yoga, Too," will be held at the Livonia Senior Center on Farmington Road and Five Mile. YAGD and the Livonia-based, non-profit Citizens for Peace will sponsor the day jointly.

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'America did not reject conservatism,' South Carolina gov tells local GOP

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Promising the Affordable Care Act will "fall under its own weight" and urging Republicans to propose policy alternatives instead of just attacking President Barack Obama's record, South Carolina's governor led a pep rally for the local party faithful Thursday.

Gov. Nikki Haley, in a speech during the Wayne 11th Congressional District Republican Committee's Lincoln-Reagan dinner, contrasted her administration to what she said is a lack of progress in Washington, D.C. Haley spoke to about 200 people at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

"We're making tough decisions. We're doing things in spite of what's happening in D.C.," said Haley, a former businesswoman and South Carolina legislator who won the governorship in 2010 with strong Tea Party support. "We're telling people that we're open for business."

Standing ovation

Haley listed accomplishments in her time as governor: job creation, raising the retirement age for state employees to save \$300 million a year, moving 16,000 people from welfare to work since last fall, and instituting greater transparency in state government.

"They can't even do so much as balance their budget," she said of federal lawmakers.

She got a standing ovation when she said South Carolina would resist the health-insurance exchanges and expansion of Medicare offered under the ACA.

"Obamacare will fall under its own weight," she said. "They don't have a plan. They don't



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South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley and Wayne 11th Congressional District Republican Committee member Carl Berry, the retired Plymouth Township police chief, meet at the committee's Lincoln-Reagan dinner Thursday evening.

have the money." In any health-insurance plan, Haley said, there should be consequences for behavior, like smoking, that can hurt one's health. "Personal responsibility matters," she said.

Haley said Republicans need to do some soul-searching after losing the presidential race last fall, and that, in her analysis, "America did not reject conservatism," but that Republicans, including herself, thought attacking Obama's record would be enough to defeat him.

"We were wrong, because we never said what we were for," she said.

'Right-to-work club'

Haley opened her speech by congratulating Republicans on the so-called right to work law that was passed during a lame-duck session in December. The law, which took effect last month, allows employees in unionized workplaces to not pay union dues, though the union is required to represent them.

"Welcome to the right to work club," said Haley.

"You made history in this country. You made this country proud."

Also speaking Thursday was state GOP chairman Bobby Schostak, who said Republican policies — Gov. Rick Snyder is a Republican, and the party controls the Michigan Legislature — have led the state to an economic turnaround.

"Democrats led our state from one crisis to another, refusing to make decisions and kicking the can down the road," Schostak said.

Schostak said the state-wide party is develop-



Canton Township resident and Wayne 11th Congressional District Republican Committee secretary Mark Hutchins (left); Abe Munfakh, a former Plymouth Township trustee; Canton resident and committee board member Deloris Newell; and Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette gathered to hear South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley Thursday evening.

ing "a new political game plan" that will defend the state's Republican majorities in the 2014 elections.

"We are on the right side of the issues, and we need to communicate those better and manage those better," he said.

GOP who's who

Dinner attendees Thursday included a VIP list of western Wayne County Republicans, including state Sen. Patrick Colbeck of Canton Township, Livonia May-

or Jack Kirksey, Livonia City Council members Laura Toy and John Pastor, Plymouth Township Board of Trustees members Chuck Curmi and Bob Doroshewitz, Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox and her husband, Mike Cox, a former state attorney general, and freshman county Commissioner Shannon Price.

Rep. John Walsh of Livonia, the speaker pro tem in the Michigan House of Representatives, kicked off the eve-

ning's speeches by celebrating state Republicans' victories — Walsh mentioned welfare reform, tax reform, regulatory reform and right to work — and saying the party will continue to work hard.

"Our encore moving forward ... is just keeping our noses to the grindstone, making Michigan a great place to work, live and play in," Walsh said.

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U-M, MSU ADs bring rivalry to chamber event

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

Dave Brandon and Mark Hollis know a thing or two about the word rivalry. They've been locked in a pretty intense one with each other ever since Brandon took over as athletic director at the University of Michigan in 2010. Hollis, who has been athletic director at Michigan State University since 2008, knows how important it is that his Spartans do well against Brandon's Wolverines — and vice versa.

Despite that rivalry, Brandon and Hollis have developed a friendship, born of mutual respect and the common experience of running big-time athletic departments in the highly competitive Big Ten Conference. That friendship was on full display Friday afternoon at the Laurel Manor in Livonia when the two headlined a luncheon put together by the chambers of commerce from Livonia, Northville, Plymouth and Westland.

With more than 400 people in attendance, the two athletic directors traded barbs, discussed their philosophies about running big-time athletic departments and developing student athletes, and also the pressures they feel from alumni to produce winning teams.

After both men made brief remarks, there was an entertaining question and answer period, as they fielded questions from those in attendance.

In one of the more humorous moments, Brandon shot down a rumor that he was considering a run for Carl Levin's U.S. Senate seat. He said he was more worried about beating Michi-



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Plymouth Chamber President Wes Graff fires questions at Dave Brandon and Mark Hollis.



Listening to the ADs' friendly rivalry.

gan State.

"You'd have a better chance of running for U.S. Senate," Hollis shot back in jest.

Brandon, who is Michigan's 11th athletic director, talked about all the recent success of the various programs, most notably the basketball team's recent Final Four run that ended in a loss in

the NCAA championship game. But he also mentioned the women's volleyball final four run, and national championships by the men's swimming/diving, men's gymnastics and cheerleading teams. At the same time, he stressed the academic achievements of the school's student athletes. "It's been our best aca-

demic year," he said.

All of the recent success has led to double-digit increases in ticket sales, which he said are very important to the department's \$130 million annual budget. The football program produces 75 percent of the revenue, with men's basketball producing a small profit, and the men's hockey team breaking even. The rest of the 28 sports programs lose money, he said.

Hollis, who is the 18th athletic director in MSU history, said his budget is only \$80 million. He talked about the difficulties of operating winning programs, while at the same time trying to keep the focus on turning out future community leaders.

"We are creating opportunities for hundreds of student athletes, and teaching them how to be leaders. That is very important to us," Hollis said.

While they agreed on much, Hollis and Brandon seemed to have opposite views when asked their opinions on the new playoff format for Division 1 football. Hollis said



MSU Athletic Director Mark Hollis.



U-M Athletic Director David Brandon.

he was in favor of a playoff system, saying the four-team format was "a move in the right direction." Brandon said he was supporting the new format, but wasn't necessarily in favor of it. He called himself a "reluctant participant."

"I don't know where this process ends," he said. "I worry about these young guys having to play 15 games. I know the last couple years at the end of our bowl games, the plane ride home looked like a Medivac."

Despite their rivalry, both men said they had mutual respect for one another and understand the pressures they both endure.

"We both want to beat the crap out of each other on certain days, but we are also both in a stewardship role trying to make our schools better, our conference better and our state better," Hollis said.

There were many U-M and MSU alums in attendance, and they were encouraged by Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey and Wes Graff, president of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, to voice their loyalties by shouting "Go Blue" or "Go Green."

Traci Sincock of the Northville Chamber of Commerce was definitely on the "Go Green" side. Still, she said Brandon made a favorable impression.

"I liked Brandon more than I thought I would.

He was pretty funny," said the MSU grad.

Not everyone in the audience was a MSU or U-M fan. Some, like Plymouth's Fred Hill, were a bit indifferent to the whole Spartan-Wolverine rivalry thing. Hill's loyalties are with his alma mater, Ohio State University, a noted foe of both schools. Despite that Hill said he really enjoyed the event, especially the good-natured banter between Brandon and Hollis.

"They were very funny, especially the way they were picking on each other. That's what everyone

wanted to hear," he said.

Livonia Chamber President Dan West said the event was a big success, and attributed it not only to the fact that the two athletic directors are a big draw, but also because the various chambers were able to partner together. He can definitely see similar partnerships in the future.

"We're really happy with the turnout. It's good to be able put multiple chambers together, because you are then able to attract big speakers like this," West said. "It's also good for the various chamber members because of the new networking opportunities. It offers the chance to bring in some new faces, and meet some new people."

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By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

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A: Whether it's life insurance, long-term care or any other type of insurance, the first issue I consider is whether a person needs coverage. The issue isn't whether the event will occur, but rather, when it does, is insurance needed to cover the costs involved.

In your situation, you do not need long-term care insurance. You have resources so that if something happens and you need assistance, you can afford to hire someone to assist you. Remember, insurance is not an



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Rick Bloom

investment, but a means of covering risk. I am familiar with products that combine life insurance and long-term care. However, unlike the salesperson that said you get the best of both worlds, I look at it the exact opposite. I believe when you combine different types of coverage, you end up with the worst of both worlds — very expensive insurance and not very good coverage. An individual is better off separating policies and buying each individually. In this way, you don't have to compromise. You can get the best policies available.

You may ask, if these policies are so bad, why do they sell them? The answer is simple — because they can. There are lots of insurance products sold that are not beneficial to the purchaser. Companies package different types of policies, not because they're good in the end for the customer, but rather, because they're easier to sell.

It would be nice if the insurance industry only sold policies that were good for the customer. However, we all know the reality. In too many situations, companies intro-

duce new types of policies, not because they're better policies, but rather, because they want market share. We saw the same thing back in the '90s with mutual funds. It seems that every day another 10 mutual funds were hitting the market. These funds were not being introduced because they had a better way of managing your money, but rather, because they wanted market share. As consumers and investors, we have an obligation to ourselves not to fall for their tricks.

My advice is that if you're looking for a long-term care policy, look for a long-term care policy and don't get involved with hybrid products. Life insurance can be a valuable financial tool, however, not everyone needs life insurance nor does everyone need long-term care. The bottom line is you should only buy these products if there is a financial need.

One last note, before you buy any type of insurance product, always make sure you shop it around and get competitive bids. Take your time, don't let anyone pressure you and don't fall for any sales double talk. Good luck!

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

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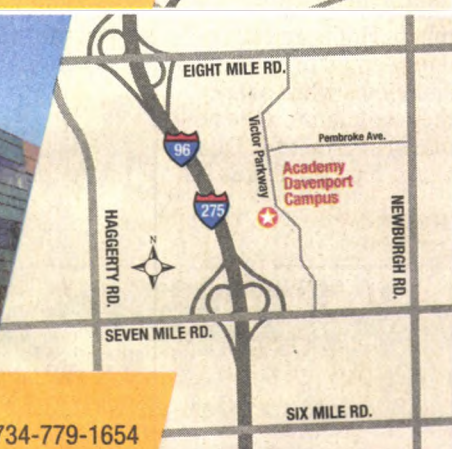
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'Kids are hungry'
"Some schools can't handle the funding part of this particular project," Burwell said. "Those kids actually get out there and raise the money to help kids in need."

Kids Against Hunger has long been a beneficiary of the good works of the Kiwanis Club. And the reason is simple.

"It's a worldwide project," said Jim Walk, a Kiwanis Club board member. "Most of it is just the fact kids are hungry."

Volunteering with the PBJ Outreach group at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Salem High School senior Patrick Kretschmer knows such an effort can make a difference in a community locally and globally.

"I've witnessed firsthand starving families who need food," said Kretschmer, the Key Club co-vice president in his third year with the club. "We need to be more supportive."

Immediate impact

Plymouth High School senior Lian Le has been in Key Club throughout high school, and likes the fact it provides an opportunity for anyone to help.

"It's important now especially with Detroit's economy," Le said. "It's important for kids to see they can make a difference. Hunger is a really widespread problem, and this helps feed the people we can reach."

It's that giving attitude that makes the club special, according to its faculty adviser.

"This is really a great group of kids, and this is one of our best outreach efforts," Orsborn said. "The kids can see the immediate impact they're having."

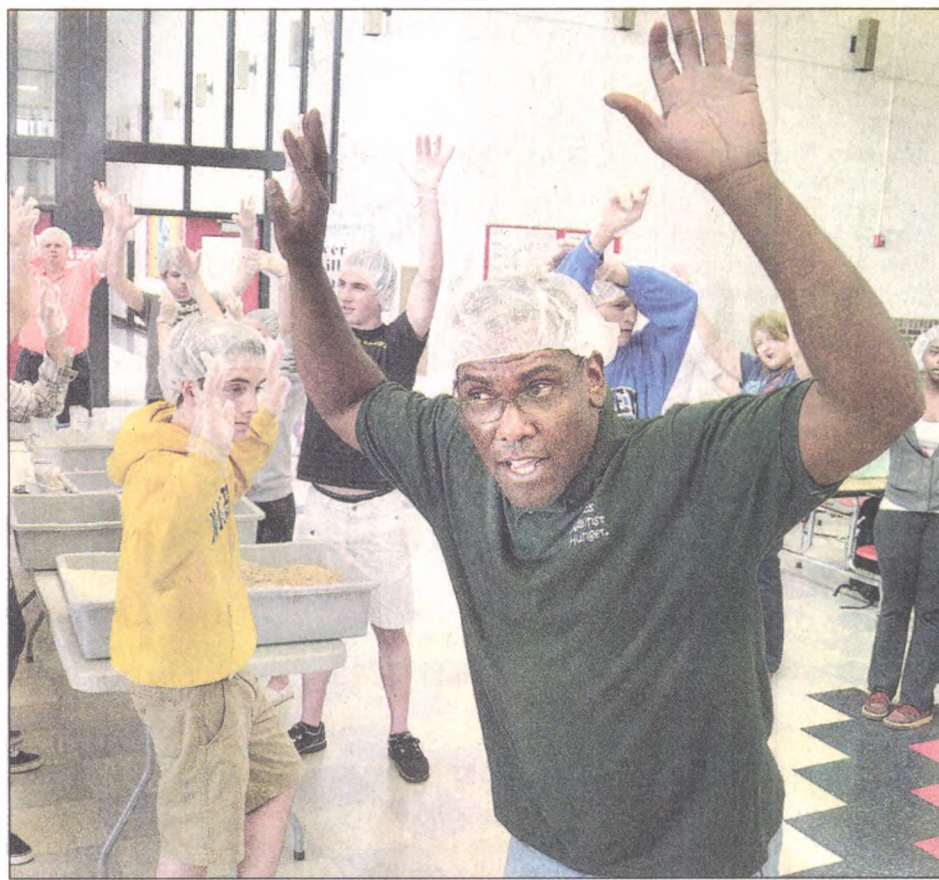
Burwell knows how important efforts like the Key Club's are to the coalition's success.

"If we're going to keep



Sixty-three kids and 10 Kiwanis members gathered to prepare food packets for hungry people.

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Director Mike Burwell has the group take a short break.



Measured amounts of rice, textured soy protein, dried vegetables and dried chicken stock go in the bag. Jas Noor and Zain Khera work as a team.

our meals at 28 cents apiece, we need them to not only raise awareness, but to package the food," Burwell said. "This is our

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ARTIST BUILDER CREATES TOTAL ENVIRONMENTS

By Denis Zelazny
Contributing Writer

As an artist and builder with many hats, Anthony J. Bellomo offers his skills as a resource when asked by clients to help them with their life improvement project. He believes the entire space inside and outside the building should be considered; as "it's all good living space". Generally when a homeowner invites him to build a specific project, they usually have the concept pretty well thought out.

He listens as their stories reveal their spirit and preferences to all of the art elements. Listening for descriptive words in the discussion like contemporary, modern, traditional, eclectic, simple, spartan, busy, Victorian, early American, or country all help to direct the design's light, colors, textures, shapes, forms, and lines allowing him to create an idea specific to the client. Then, when their thoughts and words are spoken and they have no more to say, he takes this communion of dreams, prayers and stories, spills them out, and makes his unique art.

After receiving a degree in education from Wayne State University and becoming a member of The National Teachers Association, Bellomo began his teaching career in 1970. He believed his role, as an art educator, was to lead his students to the brink of their own creativity. This is exactly the approach he uses in building for a client who wants something more than a box.

The spirit filled Cursillo weekend (DeColores), organizations like Form / Reform, The National Association of Home Builders and Remodelers, The Michigan Landscape Association, and the Association of Consultants for Liturgical Space (ACLS) have been

sources of continued education, inspiration and information over the years. The message the artist ascribes to as a consultant is to share his gifts with others.

As a general contractor and developer of shopping centers and day care centers, Bellomo researches deeply the demographics of the adults and children who will use those spaces he designs and builds for them. The Reggio Emilia philosophy and approach to education and learning has inspired his buildings and art career a great deal. Bellomo wants people to grow interact, explore and discover the spaces he builds.

As a liturgical artist, Bellomo offers himself to a faith community as an empty vessel when invited. He walks with them, prays with them, share dreams and listens to their stories as they fill his empty common cup with their faith. In becoming a member of the Society for the Arts in Health Care, Bellomo found a haven of like-minded people. This coalition of artists and medical professionals are documenting empirical data on art experiences in a health care setting and the positive effects art has on all involved. The synergy created in sharing his ideals and ideas with hospital staff, patients and their families, is in itself a hopeful and a spirit healing process for all.

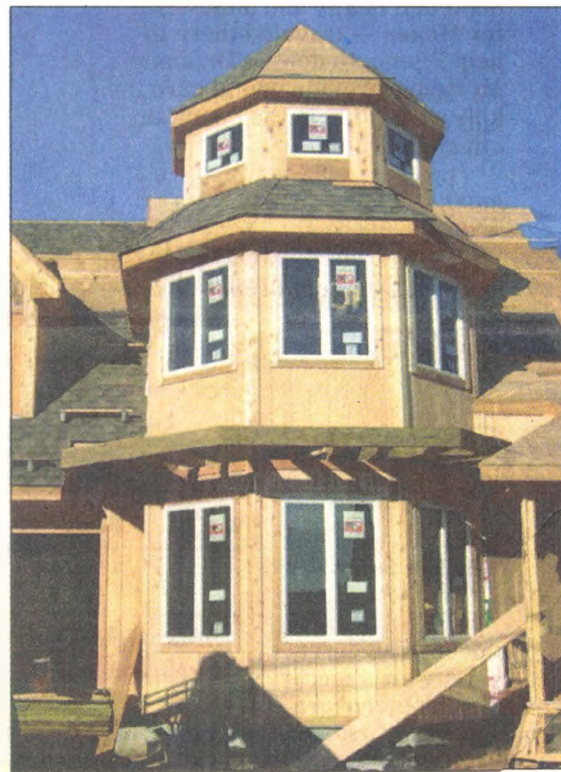
This past year Bellomo's son asked him to build a tree house with him and his grandchildren. After

jumping on the Internet and researching tree house safety concerns they began. Three generations sharing this tree house dream. As the structure grew high into the oak tree canopy, careful not to damage a leaf or a child, another sanctuary emerged.

Becoming a senior citizen, Bellomo realizes that all his life he's been part of building many sanctuaries and Cathedrals and Temples, Mosques and Synagogues. Holy places all, in the homes, schools and gardens, hospitals, malls and the tree house with all the precious people. By listening to others and helping them build their dreams, he has come to realize his own. Curiosity has been his favorite tool. The grain of life's wood has shaped him as an artist. Each convolution in this endless flow of experiences moving his chisel, guiding it as it pleases. Trusting in his faith and people, this art and building career is only a part of something far greater. Long after the

spaces and objects he has created are gone, the sharing of the spirits that created them will live beyond the boundaries of time and space.

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Adam Powlus (left) and his dad, Scott Powlus, are shown after finishing a race last year. The Canton residents are combining enthusiasm for running with helping those in need with the first annual Miles for Mankind Run.

Chiefs, 'Cats split twinbill

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

When the Canton Chiefs need a big game from their starting pitcher, they turn to Mike Stafford and he didn't disappoint Friday against cross-campus rival Plymouth.

Stafford pitched six shutout innings, allowing just two hits (a single by Matt Janke and a double by Casey Sudz) and struck out 10 to help the Chiefs win 8-0 and overcome a 6-1 loss in Game 1 of the doubleheader.

"Mike was great today," said Plymouth head varsity baseball coach Bryan Boyd, tipping his cap to the senior lefty. "He was as good as I've ever seen him. Our swings did get better at the end."

"We're going to see him again. We drew them for the first round of districts and we're going to have to be ready for him. We're going to have to be better."

According to Canton assistant coach Jim Wisniewski (who took over after head coach Mark Blomshield was ejected in the opener), Stafford again showed why he is such an elite pitcher.

"He had good stuff, he threw a lot of strikes, got ahead of the hitters and had a good curveball going," Wisniewski said. "When he throws strikes he's tough. He's as good as anybody in the state."

Stafford helped his cause with an RBI single in the first against Plymouth pitcher Brian Schmid, and the Chiefs (7-2 overall, 1-2 in the KLAA South) didn't stop there.

With the bases loaded, Chris Ferrill lined a grand slam to left to make it a quick 5-0 lead before the Wildcats (4-4, 2-2) even got to the plate.

A towering, three-run homer to right by Nick Hazergian (scoring Tom Parrelly and Nick Schnur, who singled and walked, respectively) blew the game wide open in the fifth.

Boyd said it is tough for players to get into any rhythm at the plate due to the rainy spring, which has kept his team indoors for all but two days in a three-week stretch.

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Stepping out for humanity

PCA junior spearheads run to help poverty-stricken children

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Adam Powlus couldn't believe the abject poverty he saw during a mission trip to Guatemala in 2011.

Then just 15 years old, the Canton teen — along with parents Scott and Peggy and older sister Megan — traveled there to help Plymouth dentist Dr. James McHenry provide dental care for kids struggling in the mountain village of Pinalito.

"They just set a tent up on a mountain and started to work," Scott Powlus said.

Two years later, having seen so many helpless children living in



stick houses with their clothes stuffed in plastic bags, 17-year-old Adam Powlus is taking action to bring them love, dignity and education.

First, he and his family established a nonprofit organization, Miles for Mankind.

On Saturday, May 11, the first ever Miles for Mankind Run at Hines Park in Westland will give socially minded runners an opportunity to follow his philanthropic lead. The race kicks off at 8:30 a.m. out of the park's historic Nankin Mills site.

The venture is looking to funnel thousands of dollars into a Guatemalan education endowment fund operated by Faith in Action in the valley of Zacapa, where the Powluses have worked on mission trips the past two summers.

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'Cats claw back to tie Chiefs

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Plymouth's juggernaut of a varsity girls soccer team hadn't given up a goal since the first game against Novi.

That is, until Thursday night, when Canton freshman phenom Maddie Lucas smacked a 25-yard shot from the right side of the pitch that bounced over Plymouth junior goalkeeper Kylie Robb early in the first half.

That goal, assisted by sophomore Cristen Pederson, nearly held up for the rest of the night at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's varsity soccer stadium.

But a constant wave of Plymouth pressure finally resulted in the tying goal by senior forward Zoe Foster with 8:50 remaining. Foster's was the final goal of the 1-1 contest, played on Breast Cancer Awareness Night. Players from both teams sported pink headbands,



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Looking to break away from Canton defender Taylor Dalian (No. 19) is Plymouth's Zoe Foster (No. 10) during Thursday's game.

wristbands and socks. "The first half was really rough for us," said Foster, whose clutch goal gave her four this season. "But after we knew what we had to do we just put a lot of pressure on them. "We knew the goal was

coming, it was just a matter of if we could get another one."

On the play, senior forward Madi Lewis sent a corner kick into the 18-yard box where it was chipped down low by junior midfielder Alyssa Dillon.

Persistence pays off

With a pile of bodies along the goal line near Canton senior goalkeeper Kaitlyn Jatczyk — who was outstanding — Foster finally nudged the ball into the cage.

"We had a lot of good opportunities but it was good that we knocked that one in," Foster said. "At the end of the day, you just got to get the ball in the net. Keep the pressure up."

The view from where Jatczyk stood was a bit different.

"There was a bunch of us in a group, and I swear my hand was on it," said Jatczyk, whose best save was a lateral dive to block a header at the end of senior midfielder Stephanie Dillon's free kick from 30 yards out. "They just kept hacking me and I don't know, it just slipped by. It was unfortunate."

Jatczyk admirably held the fort for the Chiefs (2-

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On the attack

Plymouth's Isaac Bessey (No. 3) moves around Walled Lake Western defender Matt Carroll (No. 32) during Friday night's KLAA boys lacrosse match. For the story, please turn to page B4.



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This was a common sight throughout Thursday's girls soccer game between Canton and Plymouth: Chiefs' defender Gabby Epelman shadows Wildcats' forward Madi Lewis (No. 14).

'CATS

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4-1) under intense pressure in the final 40 minutes.

She expected nothing less after still-unbeaten Plymouth (now 7-0-1) gave up a goal for the first time since the Wildcats' season opener against Novi.

"I knew they were going to come out really hard because that's how Plymouth is," she said. "They never give up. I just tried to take a deep breath and do my best, really."

The Wildcats came within an eyelash of winning the game in the final minutes. Another free kick by Steph-

anie Dillon, from about 25 yards, hit the crossbar.

"After we scored the goal we had several really quality chances," Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich said. "We hit the crossbar, threw a couple other nice crosses in there and really created a whole lot of opportunities throughout the second half."

DONLIN SCORES: In Canton's 3-2 win Tuesday against Livonia Churchill, one of the goals was scored by Chloe Donlin with the other two netted by Maddie Lucas. It was reported in Thursday's *Observer* that Lucas scored all three goals in the contest.

NOVI 3, SALEM 0: Visiting Novi (5-1-1, 3-0-1 in the KLAA Central) blanked Salem Thursday in a division matchup. The Rocks fell to 6-3-1 overall and 2-2-0 in the KLAA Central.

Canton goalkeeper Kaitlyn Jatzcyk boots the ball out of her end of the soccer pitch Thursday night. Jatzcyk is wearing a pink T-shirt as both teams wore that color to support Breast Cancer Awareness.



SPORTS ROUNDUP

Drive 4 UR School

Blackwell Ford in Plymouth is partnering up with the Salem Linebackers Booster Club for the "Drive 4 UR School" program, slated to take place 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 16.

The goal is to raise \$6,000 for the Salem high school football program, by test driving a Ford vehicle that day. Blackwell will donate \$20 to the program per test drive, with that money earmarked to help purchase new equipment, improve football facilities and provide necessary supplies for players.

Blackwell Ford is located at 41001 Plymouth Road. For more information, call Blackwell Ford at (734) 453-1100 or e-mail Salem Linebackers Booster Club vice president David Kwiecinski (dkwiecini@ford.com) or Jim Whyte, Blackwell's new vehicle general sales manager (jimwhyte@blackwellford.com).

Wildcats skill camp set

The Plymouth Wildcats football skills camp is set to take place from Monday, June 24 through Wednesday, June 26 at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity turf field.

Sessions are as follows: 5-to-7 p.m. for youngsters entering grades 5-9; 7-to-9 p.m. for those in grades 10-12 this fall.

• Speaking of Plymouth football, a mandatory parent/player meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14 in the cafeteria. Ninth graders will meet from 6-to-7:30 p.m. followed by players entering grades 10-12 from 7:30-to-9 p.m. Mandatory

paperwork will be issued and team expectations explained.

For information on the skills camp and parent/player meetings, go to www.plymouthwildcats-football.com to download a camp brochure or for more information. Questions can be directed to Plymouth coach Mike Sawchuk at (734) 765-1766.

Meijer West

icers named

Seven area players have been selected to represent the Metro West high school hockey team in the Meijer State Games, June 21-23, in the Grand Rapids area.

Among those selected from Division 2 state champion Livonia Stevenson include junior forwards Devin Kelly, Tyler Irvine and Dominic Lutz.

Also named to the squad from Livonia Churchill are junior defenseman Drew Puishes, junior goalie David Turel and junior forward Andrew Sparks.

Livonia Franklin junior forward C.J. Cromie also earned a spot in the squad that will be coached by Salem's Ryan Ossenmacher assisted by Gerry Vento (Plymouth) and Dan Whitener.

MU athletes earn salutes

Madonna University's Victor Barron (Fowlerville), who batted .476 and led the Crusader baseball team to a perfect 6-0 record, was named Wolverine-Hoosier-Athletic Conference Player of the Week.

Barron had two doubles and two triples among his 10 hits and

also made 12 putouts along with 25 assists defensively.

MU senior Andy Myers (Westland John Glenn) was the second Crusader in as many weeks to earn WHAC Player of the Week in men's golf.

Myers finished the 36-hole Spring Arbor Invitational with a 1-over 73-72-145 two day total to tie for first place medalist honors before losing to Davenport's Jorge Benitel in a one-game playoff.

Golf May 5 for Miracle League of Plymouth

The 12U Canton Cardinals travel baseball team is going to bat for The Miracle League of Plymouth and community members who like to golf are invited to do the same.

On Sunday, May 5, at The Inn at St. John's, the Cardinals will host a charity golf outing.

Cost is \$120 per golfer for the four-person scramble format. That fee takes care of 18 holes of golf, lunch and dinner and prizes.

A portion of the proceeds from the event will be earmarked for the Miracle League, which "provides opportunities for all children with special needs to play baseball regardless of their abilities."

The Inn at St. John's is located at 44045 Five Mile Road in Plymouth.

For additional information, contact Paul Cassatta at (734) 377-1380 or paulc826@gmail.com or go to the Cardinals website to download a registration form (sites.google.com/site/cantocardinals700/).

BOYS GOLF

Wildcats edge Chiefs

Two Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity boys golf teams got after it Thursday at Hilltop Golf Course, and the final score was about as close as first-year Plymouth head coach Nick Brandon expected it to be.

Plymouth held on for a 160-163 victory over Canton, with the Wildcats paced by match medalist Kyle Rodes (38).

"It was a very good match, as always when you get two Park teams together," Brandon said. "I thought coach (Tom) Alles had his team very prepared to play and I thought Canton played really hard. A three-shot difference is typical when Plymouth plays Canton in anything."

Both teams had to deal with a soggy course and harsh wind at times during the nine-hole match.

"We were just able to edge them out today, on a tough golf course on a very challenging day to score," Brandon said. "It was wet, it was windy, and I am proud of the way our kids battled hard to get the win."

For Plymouth (2-0 in KLAA matches), Rodes was followed on the scorecard by Evan Chipman and Kyle Melnick (40 each) and John Tatti (42).

Canton's top performer was Alex Champagne, who registered a 39.

Finishing second for the Chiefs (0-1) was Donnie Trosper, with a 40, followed by Brent Perry and Noah Windxxxer, with 42s each.

Other players whose rounds did not count in the final tally included Plymouth's Ryan Rieckhoff (43), Chris Kozler (45) and Canton's Andrew Champagne (45) and Tyler McMahon (46).

BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

DUAL MATCH RESULTS

CANTON 5 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 4

April 23 at Canton

No. 1 singles: Madison Johnson (Canton) defeated Rylie Fallu, 7-5, 6-3; **No. 2:** Mara Karageozian (LC) def. Hannah Farree, 6-3, 6-4; **No. 3:** Treveni Arvikar (LC) def. Anna Schepple, 6-3, 6-1; **No. 4:** Allison Hill (LC) def. Jasmine Henry, 6-1, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Alexis Madau-Sasha Gill (Canton) def. Claire Rose-Rujuta Patil, 6-1, 6-3; **No. 2:** Jennifer Grandour-Abby Wampler (Canton) def. Sneha Patil-Erin Strayhorn, 6-3, 6-3; **No. 3:** Julia Stevenson-Sarah Kalasky (Canton) def. Jessica Banini-Madison White, 6-4, 4-6, 7-6 (8-6); **No. 4:** Lexi Fata-Maggie Trinka (LC) def. Caitlin Orr-Amy Dalton, 6-3, 6-1; **No. 5:** Nikki Catham-Angie Distelrath (Canton) def. Kelly Snyder-Kim McClain, 7-5, 6-4.

Dual match records: Canton, 2-1 overall, 2-1 KLAA South Division; Churchill, 1-3 overall, 1-2 KLAA South.

PLYMOUTH 5 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 4

April 22 at Churchill

No. 1 singles: Keerthi Chekuri (P) defeated Rylie Fallu, 6-1, 6-3; **No. 2:** Miranda Cerny (P) def. Mara Karageozian, 7-5, 2-6, 6-3; **No. 3:** Treveni Arvikar (LC) def. Kirthy Duraiswamy, 6-2, 6-2; **No. 4:** Marlowe Susselman (P) def. Allison Hill, 6-4, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Claire Rose-Rujuta Patil (LC) def. Sarah Gamble-Swetha Duraiswamy, 4-6, 6-4, 7-5; **No. 2:** Lauren Conley-Emma Mullenax (P) def. Sneha Patil-Erin Strayhorn, 7-5, 6-1; **No. 3:** Jessica Banini-Madison White (LC) def. Amber Tsen-Teachn Harten, 6-2, 3-6, 6-2; **No. 4:** Kym Facto-Shannon Huff (P) def. Maggie Trinka-Lexi Fata, 6-2, 7-5; **No. 5:** Dallas Rohraff-Kelly Snyder (LC) def. Amber Mardudis-Alyssa Lopez, 3-6, 6-1, 7-5.

Dual match records: Plymouth, 3-0 overall, 3-0 KLAA South Division; Churchill, 1-2 overall, 1-1 KLAA South.

BOYS TRACK & FIELD

Chiefs lose, but several enjoy success

Despite Canton losing 76-61 Tuesday to Livonia Churchill in a KLAA South Division varsity boys track and field dual meet, several Chiefs had strong showings.

At the top of the list were Jamal Dixon and Colby Morris, each winners of two individual events. Dixon took first in the high jump with a 6-foot, 2-inch mark and also won the long jump with his 20-6.75 performance. Morris captured the 100 and 200 dashes with times of 11.59 and 23.55 seconds, respectively.

Other wins were tallied by Olaniyi Owagbemi (shot put, 42-6) and Evan Dunklee (3,200 run, 10:19.93).

Earning second-place finishes for the Chiefs were Dunklee (1,600 run, 4:46.26), James Hildreth (300 hurdles, 43.72), Billy Nicholson (400 dash, 54.89), Akil Wade (high jump, 6-2), Andrew Stephens (long jump, 18-8.75) and Kyle Zander (pole vault, 12-2).

Canton (0-3) posted wins in the 800- and 1,600-meter relays, with respective times of 1:33.08 and 3:40.05.

Comprising the 800 relay were Morris, Jacob Mallad, Anthony Tillman and Alan Jones. The 1,600 relay team included Isaac Pennock, Hildreth, Nicholson and Stephens.



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MILES

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Time to launch

"We're trying to generate \$30,000 and \$1,000 is enough for one kid to come down from Pinalito and be supported with food, clothing and education for one year" at an FIA dormitory, Adam said. "We're going to do it annually and we'll just keep raising the bar."

More runners are needed to get the project off the ground, however. As of last week, only 132 people had signed up for either the 10K (\$35 fee), 5K (\$30 fee) or Munchkin Mile (\$20 fee).

"This is our first attempt at it," said Scott Powlus, who is Miles for Mankind's race director. "Sometimes, it takes a year of it before people really understand what you're about."

So far, only six or seven thousand dollars has been raised through sponsorships and early registration.

"Sponsorships are a little difficult because it's a distant land," Scott said. "People will say, 'I want to help in my local community, but that I won't do.' Which is understandable."

"I think once we show the kind of quality of what we're doing, most 5Ks you don't get a medal. So we put a (Miles for Mankind Run) medal together and everyone gets one."

Because FIA is struggling to continue helping poverty-stricken children get the high school education needed to gain a foothold on hope, Scott added, "We would like to become their funding source for their high school kids, eventually. After the cost of putting the race on, every dime's going towards that cause."

Truly inspired

The family's dedication to Pinalito evolved from a request that McHenry's dental hygienist at Dental Arts in Plymouth — Peggy Powlus — help him out for the 2011 visit to Guatemala.

"She was offered to go down and our family kind of went with her," said Adam, a junior student-athlete (soccer, golf) at Plymouth Christian Academy.

During that mission trip, Adam met an 8-year-old boy named Jonny, who suffered from severe malnutrition and had virtually zero chance to



Adam Powlus fell in love with a Guatemalan boy, Jonny (right) during a 2011 mission trip with his family. Helping Jonny inspired Powlus to jumpstart the eventual Miles for Mankind venture.

escape a life of poverty without intervention from outsiders.

"He must have weighed 25 or 35 pounds," Adam said. "Jonny's a boy who's been a true inspiration in my life. He just totally impacted the way I see children."

"He's impacted a future dream of mine, to open up an orphanage to take care of kids like him, because I know his family loves him but doesn't have the money to really care for him properly."

Adam knew he would not be able to bring Jonny home to America, but he vowed to do something to help him and others in similar straits.

"You can't not want to help people who literally have nothing," Adam said. "They have stick houses and they have all their clothes in one trash bag. It's terrible to see. But it impacts you so greatly that you're just moved to want to help."

Clearer vision

Determining how to help took a while longer.

In summer 2011, the Powluses were not thinking about starting up a nonprofit organization (which several other area families are involved with) and launching a charity run.

It helped to move the needle in that direction that the family already had been involved for several years with Christian-based nonprofit World Vision, sponsoring an Ethiopian child (Tsgaye).

What happened next gave it a real good push.

A group of runners at NorthRidge Church in Plymouth (where the Powluses attend) planned on joining Team World Vision for the 2012 Chicago Marathon. So Adam and Scott then became RidgeRunners for quite a cause, namely to help raise money to build clean water wells in Zambia.

TEEN AND HIS CAUSE

Who: Adam Powlus, 17, Canton resident and junior at Plymouth Christian Academy. He is on the Eagles varsity boys golf team and also plays varsity boys soccer at PCA. He carries a 3.88 grade-point average and is a member of the National Honor Society.

Powlus also goes to NorthRidge Church, where is on the RidgeRunners. In October 2012, he and his father Scott ran the Chicago Marathon for Team World Vision, to raise funds for clean water wells to be built around the world.

What: Powlus and his family founded Miles for Mankind, a nonprofit organization focused on helping provide education and hope for poverty-stricken children around in the world. In partnership with nonprofit Faith in Action, the venture is a pledge to change "dirt floors to diplomas."

Run: The first ever Miles for Mankind Run will take place at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, May 11, out of the historic Nankin Mills site of Hines Park. The run is striving to raise at least \$30,000 for an education endowment fund that will send 30 children from the remote village of Pinalito, Guatemala, to high school.

Registration: Go to <http://www.milesformankind.com> to sign up or send an email to milesformankind@gmail.com. Fees (which go up \$5 as of May 4) are as follows: 10K, \$35; 5K, \$30; Munchkin Mile, \$20.

Family: Adam's family includes parents Scott and Peggy Powlus and older sister Megan, 19.

For the record, Adam ran in the 16-19 age group for Team World Vision and finished the 26.2-mile course in 3:27.5. That was good for about 3,000th place overall (all age groups) out of 45,000.

"We all signed up, we started training about a year ago," Scott said. "I'd never run before and Adam played soccer, but none of us ran before. So we started training in April for the October Chicago Marathon."

"After we ran that came the idea to raise money for the kids down there by doing a race."

Over the winter, they came up with the Miles for Mankind moniker, formed a 501(c)3 and drafted a mission and vision statement that states "access to education is the key to escaping the extreme poverty that grips so much of this world's population."

Still need runners

In early January, they began accepting early registrations for the race and launched their website (www.milesformankind.com) later that month.

Hoping for a late rush of entrants before May 11, more than 500 RidgeRunners will receive a mass email about the Miles for Mankind Run — which could trigger positive word of mouth vibes to other runners.

And Buddy Shuh, of *The Biggest Loser* television program, is running.

"We need runners is what

it comes down to," Scott said. "We'll take whatever God gives us this year."

Their work won't be over when the race ends, either.

In late June, they and other Plymouth Christian families — as the independent mission group dubbed "Team Michigan" — will return to Guatemala to do everything from construction jobs to toiling at a landfill or reading Bible verses to kids like Jonny.

"We're going as a family and bringing other high schoolers from PCA, local high schoolers around the area are joining with us," Adam said. "It's really cool the younger generation is such an impactful and passionate generation. I can really see as we take kids down they just catch a fire."

Of course, Adam plans on finding time to train for and run this fall's *Detroit Free Press* Marathon while playing varsity boys soccer for PCA.

None of that will preempt his ongoing good deeds. In fact, he'll probably be looking for other endeavors to add to the impressive list.

"It's definitely all God," Adam said with a smile. "That's my inspiration. And really, when you see the need, it's not so hard to donate or give a whole lot of time to a cause."

Still, it must be said that others will soon be inspired by the way Adam Powlus rolls up his sleeves to do God's work.

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"Our pitching was excellent."

BRYAN BOYD
Plymouth baseball coach

BASEBALL

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"We've seen a lot of balls inside and only so much live pitching," Boyd continued. "It's just good to get out and play and it's good to split with a good team."

Actually, the opener started a week earlier but was halted in the second inning (with Plymouth up 4-0) due to rain.

Singles by Sudz, Brian Schmid, Jamarl Eiland and Brendan Swanson keyed the two-out rally in the first.

When the game picked up Friday, the Wildcats scored in the third thanks to the baserunning of Eiland (he walked, stole two bases and scored on a passed ball).

Conner Stella scored in the sixth for Plymouth's final tally. He also drew a walk and stole second, coming home on a groundout.

Boyd said his pitchers were strong in the first game, with Schmid striking out four over two scoreless innings for the win. Janke came in and struck out three in his three-inning stint and Casey Anthony finished up with a solid two innings of work.

"Our pitching was excellent," said Boyd, whose team will start to see a dramatic increase in game action — as will the Chiefs — now that the weather has seemed to improve.

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Rocks' Pietron blanks 'Stangs

Salem junior pitcher Colin Pietron pitched a gem Friday to blank Northville 1-0 and hand the Mustangs their first conference loss of the young baseball season.

Pietron went the distance in the nightcap of a doubleheader at Salem, allowing just two hits and striking out eight as the Rocks improved to 5-2 overall and 2-2 in the KLA.

The Rocks scratched out the only run of the game in the bottom of the seventh.

Josh Penn singled, went to second on a base hit by Brandon Gillen and came around to score on an infield error by Northville.

In the opener, Northville won 6-1.

Eagles fly, 8-6

Plymouth Christian Academy edged Huron Valley Lutheran 8-6 Wednesday in a big MIAC varsity baseball matchup.

It took a rally by the Eagles to overcome a 4-0 deficit in the top of the first.

PCA chipped away in the bottom half when Matt Read singled in Daniel Jipping, who had doubled.

With the Hawks up 5-1 in the fourth, PCA scored four times in the fourth to knot things up.

The first two runs in the frame scored on groundouts and the next two came in on a throwing error.

In the bottom of the fifth, the Eagles had runners at second and third with no outs and back-to-back squeeze bunts by Trevor Gogola and Jared Cobb put PCA ahead.

Jipping homered in the sixth to give the Eagles some breathing room.

Going six innings for the win was Michael Slater, who struck out nine. Earning the save was Johnny Lauch (two Ks).



Canton senior Cassidy Tucker (No. 36) battles with Novi's Julia Zimbalatti (No. 21) during Friday's girls lacrosse contest.

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Canton seniors splurge

The Canton varsity girls lacrosse team made its Senior Night one to remember with Friday's 16-7 victory over Novi.

Nine seniors, including captains Laura Murphy, Meredith White, Cassidy Tucker and Kelly Harris, came up big in the victory, said Chiefs head coach Dave Bower.

Also making key contribu-

tions were seniors Savannah Stahl, Nicole Farley, Krista Arrasmith, Chelsea Polydoras and Annelise Niermann.

"Seniors scored 13 of our 16 goals and had five assists," Bower said.

Leading the offense was Niermann, with five goals and two assists. Adding four markers was Tucker, with Stahl, Harris and Kelsey Tucker each chipping in with

two goals and an assist.

Scoring the other goal for Canton (6-2 overall, 4-2 in the KLA) was Becky Lough.

"Our seniors played very well tonight," Bower said, "and we dominated the draws to maintain possession, which resulted in multiple scoring opportunities in the first half."

Canton enjoyed an 11-4 advantage at the break.

Plymouth clutch down stretch

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

It's in the way DK Kim and his Plymouth boys lacrosse teammates are wired.

When an opponent gets too close for comfort, it's go time.

Such was the case Friday night in the Wildcats' 9-6 win against Walled Lake Western at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

After the Warriors closed the gap to 7-6 with six minutes left, Kim buried a 10-yard shot after taking a nifty feed from behind the goal by David Doyle.

Kim finished things off with 46 seconds to go, also from Doyle.

"Sometimes he's just uncoverable, he just dominates," said Plymouth head coach Brian Walsh about Kim. "When he wants to score he just goes out and score. He's just a joy to watch sometimes."

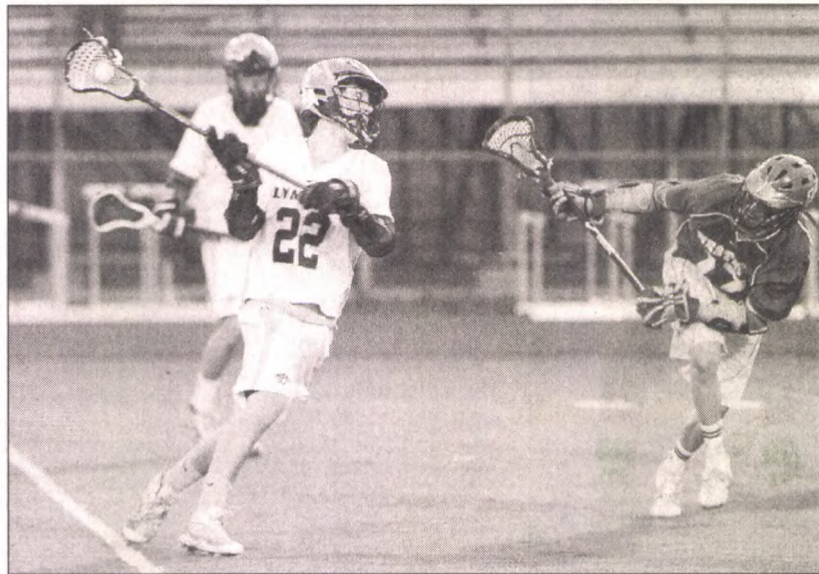
Also scoring twice for Plymouth (6-4) was senior Kyle Durham, who also assisted on a goal in the fourth quarter by Evan Bridge.

It wasn't just about offense, however. Goalkeeper Brad Conley stood tall to protect the Wildcats' lead in the late stages, blocking scoring chances by Wesley Raske and Dalton Atwater (three goals each for Western).

Seniors lead way

"I thought we had some really good senior leadership step up, like DK and Kyle Durham, that really helped settle the team down," Walsh stressed. "And our defense really stepped up to kill some penalties in the fourth quarter and we just really finished. That's what we do preach."

About the play of Conley, the coach noted that "Brad's a senior and a two-year starter. He just really hung tough. He's played a lot of games and



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Plymouth's Kyle Robertson (No. 22) carries the ball Friday while a Walled Lake Western player converges on him.

he knows lacrosse is a game of ebbs and flows."

It was a low-scoring first half, with Plymouth up 2-1 after one quarter and 3-2 at halftime. Scoring for the Wildcats (all unassisted) were Durham, Doyle and Kyle Robertson.

Plymouth padded that lead to 5-2 with two goals within a 24-second span in the third.

Conor Koviak stepped around defenders and launched a shot from 15-yards out into the goal past Western netminder Michael Schinker.

Durham then cut in from the left side and blasted a shot home.

A goal by the Warriors (3-6) before the end of the third made it 5-3 and it soon was 5-4 when Atwater found the back of the Plymouth cage at 17 seconds of the fourth for his third of the night.

But the Wildcats responded with two

goals in 1:04, scored by Bridge (from Durham) and Isaac Bessey.

"That's really our mentality, just give it all we got at the end," Kim said. "We have to come in clutch at the end. When they score we know we have to get it back."

Western capitalized on some man-up situations, however, with Raske hitting the target twice in less than a minute to close to within 7-6.

Right after that, however, Kim came up big to ensure the Plymouth victory.

Walsh said the Wildcats now go into the "meat and potatoes" of their schedule with conference games against Canton, Northville and Salem on the docket.

"So this should be a good momentum win for us," he noted.

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GIRLS LACROSSE

Swanson sets goals mark on Senior Night

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Haley Swanson literally made it a Senior Night to remember, scoring nine goals to spark Plymouth's varsity girls lacrosse team to a 15-10 win over Novi.

Swanson, a senior, established a team record with her scoring outburst Wednesday.

"Senior Night is always a special night and Haley really stepped up and played great," Wildcats' coach Bob Hill said. "It was nice to get back on the winning track after three straight losses."

Contributing two goals each were sophomores Sophie Miller and Michelle Burke, with freshman Natalie Nowicki chipping in the other marker.

"The girls really played aggressive and we were able to dominate draws and ground balls. And when you do that, you're probably going to win."

Perhaps Swanson had some extra adrenaline flowing because she had just signed her national letter of intent to play women's lacrosse at Tiffin University in Ohio.

SALEM 9, NORTHVILLE 4: The Rocks moved back into the KLAAs division race with this big win, giving the team momentum into Monday's key clash against Canton.

Scoring five goals to lead the way was Rose Krasofsky, with other goals by Bridget Kerwin, Shannon Fitzpatrick and Gracie Savage.

All drew assists, too, and were complemented by Jenna Carter and Kiersten Valla (both collecting helpers).

Salem took a 4-0 lead, had that trimmed to 4-3 but rebounded for an 8-4 halftime advantage and coasted from there.

Playing well on defense were seniors Leah Schrauben, Alissa Amell, Megan Wood and goalkeeper Sarah Bowerman.

Rocks' head coach Dave Medley said the team is growing in confidence.

"We always have had a young team and sometimes I find myself trying to convince them it is time to forget about some of our past experiences," Medley noted. "I tell them 'You have been playing this game as well as anybody, so it is our time and it is here now.'"

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Resilient Rocks win again, 12-7

Salem persevered Wednesday night to rally for a 12-7 varsity boys lacrosse win at Walled Lake Western.

A catalyst was senior attackman and captain Patrick Kretschmer, who returned after missing three games due to illness to score two goals.

Senior midfielder/captain Brandon Lee and sophomore attackman Noah Willer continued their scoring ways to contribute to the win, which upped the Rocks record to 7-2.

"We have been banged

up all year," Salem head coach Paul Nemzek said. "Injuries and illness have contributed to our slow starts. However, these have provided opportunities for others like Noah Willer and (junior midfielder) Parker Godfrey to step up, score some goals and gain valuable experience."

"We expect to have everyone back (this) week. When we are healthy we can be very dangerous. We will play our best lacrosse yet in May."

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OHL PLAYOFFS

Whalers pushed to brink

Whalers ousted in OT

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

It's desperation time now for the Plymouth Whalers. The London Knights won their second game in as many days Wednesday night at Compuware Arena by an identical 6-4 score to take a commanding 3-1 series lead in the Ontario Hockey League Western Conference finals.

The Knights, Memorial Cup runner-up from a year ago, can clinch the best-of-seven set with a win Friday at home in Budweiser Gardens.

Seth Griffith's power-play goal, a shot on the doorstep following a crisp pass from Alex Broadhurst at 5:29 of the final period broke a 4-4 deadlock and proved to be the game-winner.

Griffith then put the game out of reach with an unassisted empty-netter with 1:20 remaining on a long shot from just outside his own blue line.

The Whalers lost despite outshooting London 46-28.

"I thought we played really well, we had a lot of chances and out-chanced them," Whalers coach Mike Vellucci said. "We scored four goals tonight. Their goalie played well. He made some big saves. Even going back to last night's game we were up 4-3, we had a three-on-two and he made a great save on (Tom) Wilson. You've got to give him credit he's played really well. A lot of people were negative on him before the series, but he's played really well and deserves the credit."



PHOTOS BY RENA LAVERTY

The Whalers' Tom Wilson (right) fights for position against London's Bo Horvat during Wednesday's Game 4 of the OHL's Western Conference finals at Compuware Arena.

Even with their backs to the wall, the Whalers will not make any major changes.

"I think we've got to go back to our game," Whalers left winger Stefan Noesen said. "We've got to be physical with them and force turnovers."

Ironically, the Whalers got out of the gate quickly, outshooting the Knights 19-7, but found themselves deadlocked at 2-2 after one period.

At 6:34 of the first period, Sebastian Uvira notched his third of the playoffs off a nifty, pin-point diagonal feed from Tom Wilson. (Vince Trocheck also drew an assist.)

But London tied it up at 9:10 when Broadhurst gained control of the puck behind the Whalers' net and flipped a backhand top-shelf over Alex Nedeljkovic.

The Whalers then scored the first of two power-play goals at 16:52 of the same period when Trocheck knocked home a rebound off a shot from

the point by Connor Carrick to make it 2-1.

London, however, answered with just 1:02 remaining in the first period to make it 2-1 when Griffith slid what appeared to be a harmless shot through Nedeljkovic's five-hole with Max Domi and Broadhurst assisting.

The Whalers' Ryan Hartman then took a penalty with no time left in the first period for unsportsmanlike conduct when he had an encounter skating along the Knights' bench.

The Whalers fought off the penalty to start the second period, but the Knights scored twice – Bo Horvat at 5:41 on a tip-in from Domi with Ryan Rupert also assisting on the power play, followed by Rupert's goal at 9:38 when he stole the puck along the boards just inside center ice and made good on a two-on-two to score unassisted.

Trailing 4-2, Whalers coach Mike Vellucci made a goalie change put-

ting in Carolina Hurricane draftee Matt Mahalak – who had seen action in only one game (34 minutes) during the playoffs – for the 17-year-old Nedeljkovic.

"He struggled tonight, he's a 16-year-old," Vellucci said of his starting netminder. "That's only the second time all year he's had a bad game, so I wouldn't call it that bad of a game – just deflections and that. It was a little bit of both (the change) ... momentum and he didn't have his best game. And he looked a little shaken up there."

In response

After the goalie change, Plymouth's Garrett Meurs then responded with a big-time slap shot from just outside the left shot for a power play goal from Gianluca Curcuruto and Carrick to cut the deficit to 4-3 with 8:21 left in the second period.

And Wilson's ninth goal of the playoffs from Carrick with 2:44 to go evened the count at 4-4 heading into the final period as the Whalers once again held a 16-8 shot advantage.

But it wasn't to be as Griffith's goal with 14:31 put London ahead to stay and now in position to clinch on Friday.

"It's big for us to go into Compuware and obviously get this win," said Griffith, a 2012 fifth-round pick of the Boston Bruins. "It's big on the road and to put the pressure back on them and hopefully seal the win at home for us, and clinch the series."

Meanwhile, the Whalers are far from throwing in the towel despite los-

ing for the fourth straight time this season at home to London.

"You can look in their eyes and they still believe," Vellucci said. "The thing I told them before the game, and I looked around, and they still want to play. They want to win. They want to be here. They don't want to be in the American (Hockey) League and the NHL. They want to win a championship and that speaks volumes for the team. You saw tonight – never gave up. It's heart-and-soul every game. They deserve a lot of credit. They compete every night."

Vellucci also said he's sticking with his starting goaltender.

"I haven't thought about that," he said. "Ned's been great. He deserves everything he's gotten so far. He's always had bounce back games, so I'm going with Ned (Friday)."

Meanwhile, the Whalers hope to have center Mitchell Heard back in the lineup after he was suspended following Tuesday's loss after throwing a punch to the head of Broadhurst.

"We missed him a lot, more than their guy (Broadhurst) who was supposedly hurt," Vellucci said. "He (Broadhurst) played, so ... yeah, we missed him (Mitchell Heard) quite a bit."

The Ontario Hockey League also fined the Whalers organization \$7,500 for postgame comments Vellucci made after Tuesday night's setback.

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The Plymouth Whalers rallied in the third period Friday night at London to send Game 5 of the best-of-seven OHL Western Conference Finals to overtime.

But any hopes of extending the series and their season came to an end when Max Domi scored at 20 seconds of OT to give the Knights a 5-4 win and the series, 4-1.

Plymouth trailed at one point 4-0, but got on the board at 17:26 of the second period on a goal by Ryan Hartman.

The Whalers then scored three of seven shots in the third to make it 4-4. Those goals were collected by Garrett Meurs, Rickard Rakell and Gianluca Curcuruto.

Making 29 stops for Plymouth was rookie goalie Alex Nedeljkovic while London goalie Anthony Stolarz made 37 saves – including 24 in the middle stanza.

London now moves on to the OHL championship series against the winner of the Eastern finals between Belleville and Barrie.



The Whalers' Richad Rakell (24) celebrates after teammate Garret Meurs' goal in Wednesday's Game 4.



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Congregation reaches out to community with labyrinth, coffee house

By Sharon Dargay
 Staff Writer

The Rev. Ben Morris knows his coffee beans.

The associate pastor of youth, culture and mission at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Livonia, worked in a coffee house while attending Central Michigan University and spent hours in them during his days in the seminary.

"I lived in Germany and there's a big coffee house culture there. Every day at 4 p.m. was coffee and cake time. I loved that. Everyone would get together and

eat a good piece of German torte and talk. I like places where people congregate.

"Livonia has a lot going for it. I've spent a lot of time at the rec center and I love it there, but there aren't a lot of places to just hang out. Why not offer a place you don't have to pay to participate in it?"

When members and visitors last year began to walk the newly-installed brick labyrinth, a meditative centerpiece of the church's front lawn, Morris sought a way to make the indoors and outdoor space contiguous. An old



The Rev. Ben Morris shows the equipment used in the "pour over" method of brewing coffee at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. The wooden structure holding the four funnels is part of a repurposed communion rail. PHOTOS BY SHARON DARGAY

library room that looked out onto the church's patio, gardens and labyrinth, seemed to be the perfect spot for a gathering space for conversation, quiet contemplation, study and a good cup of coffee.

The Abbey Coffee House, a gathering for the community and church members, opened last December, approximately a year after the labyrinth was installed. Both projects were built by volunteers, with church member Jeff Dudek leading the work. Both will be featured in an open house on May 4 and will be dedicated on May 5, as a part of the church's 50th anniversary celebration week-

end that also will include a dinner and worship service.

Including the community

Jeff Schuman, church council member, said the labyrinth and coffee house are meant to "make people feel comfortable and welcome."

"It's almost like a public space, as opposed to walking into a closed, holy place, where if you don't know the rules you will feel out of place," said Schuman, describing the coffee house. "You want people who aren't accustomed to being in church to come in and use the space. You want to be open."

Schuman said the labyrinth, coffee house and associate pastor position are the first "real public" results of a transition that started when the congregation said goodbye to its former pastor and brought in a new pastor, the Rev. Dana Runestad.

He stressed that church members were committed to maintaining the integrity of the worship service — "We didn't want to be an entertainment venue" — but also wanted to reach out to the community, attract young members, families and those who don't attend church regularly.

"As we went through the transformation process with the new pastor, we started talking about

how to reach out to the community. You can't just expect people to walk in on Sunday morning and say, hey, we're looking for a church," Schuman explained. "What we were looking to do was to create an environment that is accessible and usable by the community that would invite someone to come into a haven or shelter or attractive area to experience the quiet."

The labyrinth, a winding brick path set inside a circle, serves that purpose.

Schuman said church council members walked a labyrinth at the Inn at St. John in Plymouth

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a few years ago. When they began to brainstorm ideas for Holy Cross, they remembered the experience. It took approximately a year to complete what the congregation calls the church's "front porch." It includes the labyrinth, a fire pit, fountain, landscaping, brick pathways and a patio.

Schuman noted that last June several teenagers posed for photographs on the "front porch" on prom night. He said the church may offer refreshments in the garden to prom-goers this year.

Coffee and conversation

The Abbey, open during church office hours and some evenings, regularly attracts both members and non-members. Morris said college students often stop by to study together. Saturday night is game night.

"When we were building it someone said, 'we can put in a big flat screen,' and we said nope," said Morris, explaining that the space is meant for conversation, face-to-face relationships, or quiet contemplation.

"There are a lot of neighborhoods around here. My hope is that eventually

the neighbors here will start to feel like this is a place they can come on a Saturday morning and read the paper. I'm sure people will engage with the spiritual life of the community, and that's one of the hopes. But if they don't, that's okay."

The room includes both new, locally-bought items and repurposed furnishings.

A portion of the communion rail, which was removed from the sanctuary because of accessibility issues, was turned into a stand for brewing and filling coffee cups. The base of the coffee bar is from an old choir loft and The Abbey Coffee House sign that hangs on one wall in the room came from an old pallet.

A wall at the back of the space sports photographs from a local artist.

Volunteers who tend to the coffee bar brew each cup individually using a method called "pour over." They grind the beans from Great Lakes Coffee Roasting Company for each cup, then place them in a coffee filter inside a ceramic funnel, with the coffee mug stationed below, ready to catch the liquid.

Several different kinds of beans are available, along with tea and other beverages. Suggested donation is \$1.

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The Rev. Ben Morris shows a "pour over" funnel used to make a single cup of coffee.

ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

Labyrinth and The Abbey Coffee House:

Open house from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, May 4. Celebrate Worldwide Labyrinth Day by walking the labyrinth. Directed walks will be available. Paintings from Palestinian artists will be featured in The Abbey Coffee House. The coffee house uses beans from Great Lakes Coffee Company in Bloomfield Hills, grinding them for each cup of coffee brewed by a "pour over" method.

Dinner: Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m., followed by a program at 7 p.m., Saturday, May 4, in the fellowship hall at the church. Tickets are \$12.50, available by calling the church office at (734) 427-1414.

Sunday worship: The 10 a.m. service on May 5 will



include the Rev. Dr. Donald P. Kreiss, Bishop Southeast Michigan Synod ELCA, who will preach; and Michael Burkhardt, organist and choir director. The 8 a.m. service will not be held. **Dedication:** The labyrinth, Abbey Coffee House and

faceted windows in the sanctuary will be dedicated during the morning worship service.

Concert: The Detroit Handbell Ensemble will perform at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 5 in the sanctuary.

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Keeping it clean: Words about today's washer

By Joe Gagnon
Guest Columnist

I received an e-mail from Dave: We may be in the market for a new washing machine soon. My wife said she heard that in 2014, new washing machines will not come with an agitator. If that is true, maybe we should get one this year. Have you heard of this and if it's true, why?



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

I did some investigation on Dave's question and found just the opposite to be true. The talk is that agitators are going to make a big come-back in the washer industry. In the last few years many washers were produced without an

agitator and are using three raised bubbles in the bottom of the tub. I call these fluffies because I don't think they fluff the clothes worth prunes. Apparently there have been so many complaints about wash ability with these machines that manufacturers are doing a little back-tracking. Keep in mind that energy standards play a big role in how a clothes washer is made today. If you have one of these "fluffy" machines I would like you to do a full load of wash and then shut it off in mid-cycle. Open the lid and take a look at how much water is in the tub. And then you also can wonder how this machine can get clothes clean.

I wonder how many consumers have called or written me in the past 15 years about how unhappy they are with their clothes washers. I know it has to be in the thousands,

so I can imagine how many complaints are received by the manufactures. The only nice things I hear about washers these days are the people who have an old one, love it and want to keep it running. They don't make them like they used to. When the front loader was re-invented 15 or so years ago the media and trade papers said the top loader would be completely phased out within a few years. That didn't happen even though the manufacturers barely could keep up with the demand for front loaders. With all the complaints about odors, mold, etc., and even a national recall, the front loader suffered an image problem that led to more top loaders being introduced into the market. The fact is that the front loader is not the biggie it once was and the new top loaders with the "fluffy" system are causing a whole new bunch of complaints.

Little water, longer cycle

The big movement in this country is to try and save energy in every way we can and that applies very strongly in the world of major appliances. Like a lady recently wrote, "How much energy am I saving when I have to wash the same load twice to get the clothes clean?" It appears that energy is being saved because of mandates set by the Energy Department, but there is a consequence that Americans just don't want to live with. Washing machines expected to clean clothes using only a little water with no more control of hot water temperatures given to the user and much longer cycles abusing the consumers precious time. It's no wonder why so many homeowners have made the washing machine a water cooler conversation piece.

The life span of a wash-

er today is 10 years and that tells us a lot about the quality built into the product. If you do need repairs you can expect to spend big bucks because of all the electronics that are used to reduce energy consumption. It is definitely a different machine compared to the old one that ran for 20 to 30 years and was easily repaired by the do-it-yourselfer.

I have been giving my advice and know-how for many years with this column and the radio show and there is an e-mail address on the bottom. Knowledge is power and I always enjoy hearing from you. It's healthy to vent and if I can help to lessen your stress level, drop me a line. Stay tuned.

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

SOCIAL SECURITY

Many people are wrongly rejected when they apply for Social Security Disability benefits. Money was taken out of their paychecks for Social Security taxes to ensure that they would receive disability benefits if they could no longer work full-time. Sadly, the government denies approximately 60% of those who apply for disability benefits.

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GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR

Send items for this column to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com

Livonia Garden Club

Learn about fairy gardens at the club's next meeting, 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 7, at the Livonia Senior Center, located at Five Mile and Farmington Road, in Livonia. Laura Wright, president of the Gillette

Nature Association at PJ Hoffmaster State Park in Muskegon, will present a brief overview of the history of fairies and explain how to add excitement and imagination to the garden; www.orgsites.com/ml/livoniagardenclub/

Plant sharing

•Livonia Garden Club's annual plant share is 9-11 a.m. — rain or shine — Saturday, May 11, Greenmead Historical Park, 20501 Newburgh, Livonia; (248) 477-7375. Divide, pot up and label plants. Include common and botanical name, (if known). Also, please indicate if it's a sun or shade plant. House plants are welcome, too.

•Master Gardeners of Western Wayne County plan a plant exchange and heirloom tomato plant sale, 9-11 a.m. Saturday, May 11, in the parking lot at the News Herald, 1 Heritage Pl., Southgate. Proceeds fund

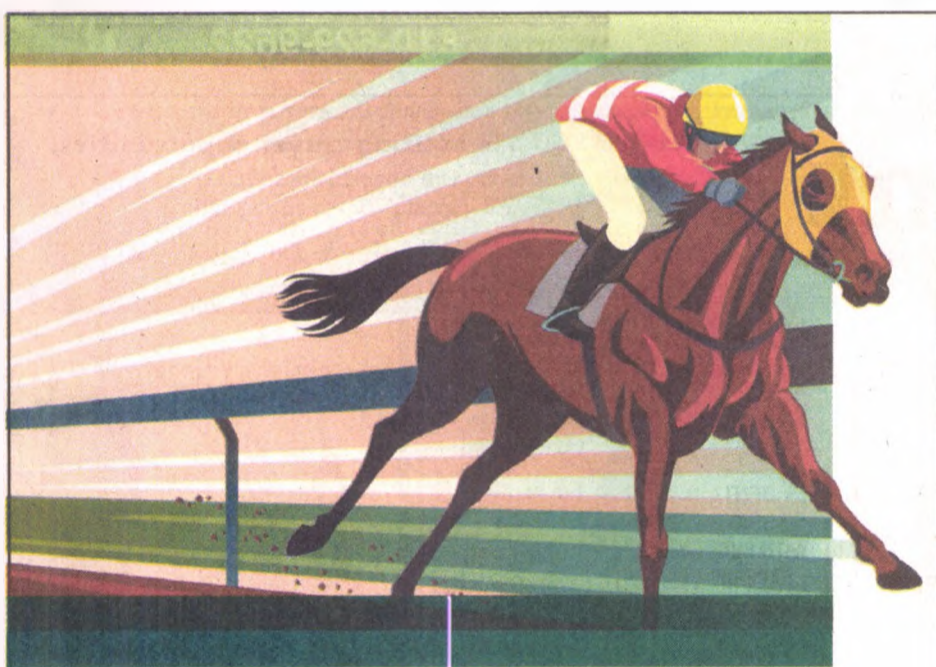
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Master Gardeners of Western Wayne County will sell more than 35 varieties of heirloom tomato plants, as well as herbs, flowers and peppers, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. May 18, at the RESA/MSU Extension office, 5454 Venoy, Wayne. Proceeds fund grants, scholarships and special projects for local communities. For a description of our heirloom tomato plants visit www.mgwwc.org. Questions? E-mail to mgwwcorg@gmail.com.

Fundraiser

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Canton resident Andrea Oleszczak, whose daughter is in Girl Scouts Troop 40936 at Tonda Elementary, taste-tests Aramark Corporation's Chef Jessica Baggett and Alyssa Meldrum's decadent dessert creation featuring the Girl Scouts Tagalong cookie.



Canton resident Pam Paglino of presenting sponsor Ford Motor Company and Scott Moloney, owner of the recently expanded Treat Dreams in Ferndale. Treat Dreams was the Girls' Choice Winner last year in the cookie judging. This year, he created a refreshing ice cream out of the Dulce de Leche Girl Scouts cookie.

Girl Scout cookie desserts win raves, honors

By Julie Yolles
Social Scene Columnist

That's the way the cookie crumbled and caramelized and blended into the finest, tastiest works of edible art at the 2013 Girl Scouts of South-eastern Michigan (GSSEM) annual Cookie Gala which was held this year, for the first time, at the DTE Energy Headquarters in Detroit.



Social Scene
Julie Yolles

Ten top-area restaurants and bakeries competed for a variety of awards. A record attendance of 350 individuals, who also voted for their favorite dessert, helped

bring in close to \$85,000. The Bloomfield Hills dynamic fundraising duo of Maggie Allesee and Irma Elder once again co-chaired.

- And the winners are:
- CEO's Choice Award — Macomb Culinary Institute (Chef Francois Faloppa)
 - Judge's Choice Award — Prime 29 Steakhouse in West Bloomfield (Chef Hai Ying)
 - Ford Motor Company Presenting Sponsor Award — Gastronomy in Southfield (Chef Emily Davis)
 - Girls' Choice Award — Sweet and Savory Bake Shop in Oxford (this was the third consecutive year that the team of Pastry Chefs Debbie Meyers and Scott Eschelbach have won for their cookie creations)



• People's Choice — Henry Ford Community College's Fifty One-O-One (Chef Kristin Jablonski)

Money raised from Girl Scouts cookie sales

help fund troop activities like service projects and camping. Last year, nearly 22,000 GSSEM participated in cookies sales and raised more than \$1.5 million.

Presenting Sponsor Ford Motor Company Fund team members Lisa Willis (left) of Redford, Joy Jones of Belleville and Yolanda Brown-McCutchen of Detroit enjoy the Girl Scouts Cookie Gala.

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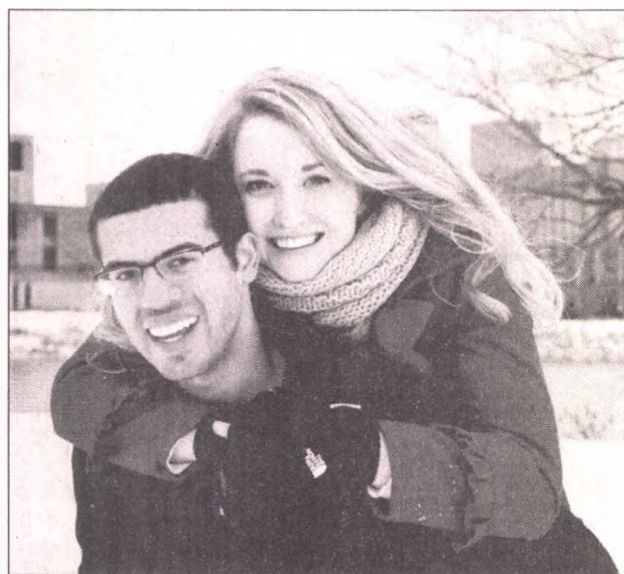
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Allison Coughlin and Samuel Ellis announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Peter and Marian Coughlin of San Francisco, Calif., is a 2008 graduate of Redmond High School in Redmond, Ore. She earned a bachelor of science degree in nursing from Gonzaga University, Spokane, Wash. in May, 2012 and is employed as a registered nurse at Northwestern Memorial Hos-

pital in Chicago, Ill. Her fiancé, son of Nick and Celeste Ellis of Farmington Hills, is a 2008 graduate of Brother Rice High School in Bloomfield Hills. Samuel earned a bachelor of science degree in operational research/applied statistics from the United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y. in May, 2012 and is pursuing a PhD in industrial engineering at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. An August 2013 wedding is planned.



Falsetti-Crespi — Dillard

Pamela Falsetti-Crespi and George Dillard, both of Canton, announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Dominick and Frances Falsetti of Dearborn Heights, graduated from Crestwood High School in Dearborn Heights. Her fiancé, son of George and Pat Dil-

lard of Beaufort, S.C., graduated from Thomas Heyward High School in Ridgeland, S. C. and earned a bachelor's degree in military affairs and international politics at The Citadel Military College, Charleston, S. C. He is employed by The Coca-Cola Company. A wedding is planned on July 5.

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BAGGERLY, FRAN

82, of New Hudson, April 23, 2013. A devoted wife, mother and grandmother, member of Nardin Park United Methodist Church and avid NASCAR fan. Fran is survived by Lawrence, her beloved husband of 57 years; her loving children, Russell (Ramona) Baggerly, Stuart Baggerly, Susan (Bruce) Morrison and Alan (Maria) Baggerly; cherished grandchildren, Russell, Jr., Rebecca, Collin, Brendan, Elizabeth, Orion, Nova and Benjamin; her sister and brother, Glenda (the late Donald) Eldredge and Glen Edward (Carolyn) Keen. Sadly, Fran was preceded in death by her sister and brother-in-law, Doris Jean (Charles) Thompson. Funeral Service Friday, April 26th, 11:00am (instate 10:00am) at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. Eleven Mile Rd., Farmington Hills. Visitation Thursday, 5-8 pm at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Interment Edgar Cemetery, Paris, IL. Memorial gifts suggested to the Myelodysplastic Syndromes Foundation, mds-foundation.org www.heeney-sundquist.com

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BRIGGS, ROBERT HAROLD

Age 60, passed April 16 2013. Preceded in death by wife Barbara Saczyk Briggs, parents Harold & Frances (Warner) Briggs, daughter Rachel, grandson Zachery. Dear Father to Michelle & Jim Obuchowski and Kris & Jackie Robertson. Brother to John Briggs, Laura & David Loviska, Grampa to Brody, Jenna Bean, & Sophie, Uncle to Stephen M. Christian Jr., Stephanie Irwin (Mike), and Nick Batey. Loved by Courtney Christian, Michael Irwin, Kayla Irwin Ashley Christian, Mr. T. and PePe, and many friends and relatives.



BROOKMAN, ARTHUR

Age 79, formerly of Detroit, MI died April 20, 2013 in Saratoga, CA. 1951 graduate of Cass Technical High School. 1955 Graduate of Michigan Technological University. Husband of the late Ruth Keskinen-Brookman, father of Jay (Sara) Brookman, Marc (Leslie) Brookman, & Brenda (Mike) Sinclair. Grandpaw to Wesley & Chase Brookman, Grandpa to Brent & Clifford Brookman, and Gramps to Anna & Mickey Sinclair. Husband of Myra Brookman. Step dad to 4 and grandpa to 8 in Boise, ID. Memorial service will be held April 20th, at 11 am. 2013 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at 19100 Allendale Ave. Saratoga CA. Memorial donations can be made to the American Cancer Society.

LYPKA, MICHAEL M.
Age 77, of Farmington Hills, passed April 21, 2013. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington www.thayer-rock.com

HENSON, VIOLA

April 21, 2013; Age 90 of Westland. Dear mother of Richard. Half sister of Carman Grandy. Funeral services from the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland, Saturday 3pm. Visitation at the funeral home Saturday noon to 3pm. Cremation to follow. Family suggests memorials to Michigan Humane Society in lieu of flowers. Please view memorial and send tributes at www.uhtfh.com



LIVINGSTON, LLOYD BURTON

Age 85, April 23, 2013 of Farmington Hills. Beloved husband of Ruth. Loving dad of Diane (Craig) Seltzer, Marcia (Lawrence) Taylor and Debbie (Mark) Kerr. Fantastic grandpa of Christy (Brian) Smith, Holly (Matt) Fregin, Jack (Jessica) Kerr, Zachary (Erin) Taylor, Janelle (Kris) Lauinger, Magan (Andy) Bays, Ashlee (Brian) King, Ryan Seltzer and Jenette Baker. Great-grandpa of Kallen and Thatcher Smith; Cayden and Karsynn Fregin; Aaden and Jensyn Lauinger, Ty, Brody and Ely Bays; Gavin and Ava King. Lloyd served in ministry for over 50 years including Chaplain for the Detroit Lion's in the 1970's. He also was a member of the National Speakers Association and a Dale Carnegie instructor for many years. Visitation Sunday, April 28 from 2-8 pm at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia and Monday from 10 am until time of Funeral Service at 11 am at Highland Park Baptist Church, 28600 Lahser Rd., Southfield. Memorials are requested to Highland Park Baptist Church. Please share a memory of Lloyd at www.rgrrharris.com



OLIN, JEANNE BROOKS KIEFER

A piece of the sun and a heart full of love left us all this Friday morning, when our cherished Mom, Jeanne Brooks Kiefer Olin, beloved daughter of the late Harold DeWald and Laura Brooks Kiefer, passed away from complications with pneumonia. She was 83 years old. Born in Detroit and raised in Birmingham, Michigan she raised her own family in Bloomfield Hills and Boyne City, Michigan, before retiring to Florida, where she lived from Key Biscayne to Ormond Beach, before finally settling in Tallahassee to be closer to her daughter, Janet. A graduate of Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri, she worked as a legal secretary, small business owner, and legislative secretary to State Representative Frank Messersmith. Jeanne was at her best being a "mother". It was her favorite career and its demands elevated her courage and emboldened her Faith. Motherhood moved her to strengths for her children that she never displayed for herself. She loved reading, long visits with friends, singing show tunes and knitting beautifully elaborate sweaters of her own design. In her later years, she was, most content on the beach of St. George Island, with one of her pups in hand, savoring the serenity of the surf. Jeanne is survived by her children, Janet, Bruce and his wife Jean, Robin and his wife Kay, Rollie and his wife Jo-Anne, plus two grandchildren Grant and Kevin. Jeanne will be laid to rest in a private ceremony.



MacQUEEN, DOUGLAS RUSSELL

Of Novi, MI was born March 24, 1942 in Coshocton, OH and died April 22, 2013. Doug taught instrumental music for 42 years, 36 of which were spent in service to the Farmington Public Schools. He earned a Bachelor's degree from Baldwin Wallace Conservatory of Music in Berea, OH and a Master's degree from The Ohio State University in Columbus, OH. Doug was very active in the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association, and was the conductor of the Redford Symphony Orchestra and associate conductor of the Dexter Community Orchestra. Doug was an Eagle Scout and very active in scouting leadership, serving as assistant troop master and quartermaster for Troop 407 in Novi, MI. Doug mentored and facilitated the leadership development and success of young men, many of whom achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, including his beloved son Glenn Russell MacQueen (1977-2011). Doug founded a family brass ensemble and combined his love of history, leadership, and music by playing trombone in the Fifth Michigan Regiment Band. Doug is survived by his devoted wife of 47 years, Judith Ann Seltzer MacQueen and his daughters Carole (Dan) Frances MacQueen Rossi, Cathryn Elizabeth MacQueen Armstrong and daughter-in-law Dulcie Cooley MacQueen. Other survivors include brother David (Eva) Bert MacQueen, granddaughters Madeleine Armstrong, and Camryn and Catarina Rossi. A memorial service will be held at 11 AM on Saturday, May 11 at First United Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River Avenue, Farmington, MI 48332-0038. Visiting hours will be held from 3 - 8 PM on Friday, May 10 at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River Avenue, Novi MI 48375-1822. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Redford Symphony Orchestra or the Dexter Community Orchestra. Please share memories and condolences at obrien-sullivanfuneralhome.com

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VROMAN, DEBORAH SUE

Age 50 April 24, 2013 of Westland. Loving wife of Daniel. Loving mother of Krystal (Jamie Walters) Vroman, Ashley (Benjamin) Pohl and Katielyn Vroman. Proud grandmother of Elliott and Tyler. Dear sister of Jeffrey Doepler and Elizabeth (James) Heilman. Devoted friend of 40 years to Lea (Matt) Curtis. Beloved aunt of JD, David, Mario (Brittany), Kelly and great-aunt to Dakota and Skylar. Memorial Gathering Tuesday 1-9 PM at Woodbridge Estates of Canton Clubhouse, 4355 Bridgeview Ln., Canton, 48188. In lieu of flowers, please consider contributions to the family c/o Ashley Pohl. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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CLASS OF 1973
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DETROIT GESU CATHOLIC SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1956
A reunion is planned for Aug. 17. Call Jack Sayed at (810) 231-9230.

DETROIT MUMFORD

CLASS OF 1963
A 50-year reunion is set for 6:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 5, at Somerset inn, 575 W. Big Beaver, Troy. \$85. Visit www.mumford63.com.

LIVONIA BENTLEY

CLASSES OF 1965-66
A birthday reunion will be held Friday, Oct. 11 at Detroit Marriott Livonia, 17100 North Laurel Park Drive, Livonia; (734) 462-3100. Check in and cash bar at 6 p.m., buffet dinner at 7 p.m., followed by dancing and DJ. Cost is \$65 per person. E-mail to Kathy Sindon Shinn at theshinns2@att.net.

CLASS OF 1973
A reunion is set for 6 p.m.-midnight, Sept. 13, at Livonia Marriott, located at Six Mile and Newburgh. Tickets are \$60 for alumni and \$50 for teachers. The event is open to other classes, as well. Contact Marcia Elliott at (269) 327-0657 or e-mail to mickey55@chartermi.net for more information including purchasing tickets.

MERCY HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1963
50-year reunion luncheon is planned for Saturday, Oct. 5, at the Sheraton Novi. Contact mercy.hs.1963@gmail.com or call J. Quaint at (734) 776-2561.

PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1963
A 50th class reunion is set for Saturday, Aug. 10 with dinner at Fox Hills Country Club. Other reunion activities will include a mixer on Friday, Aug. 9 at Bennigan's, a tour of the "old school" followed by lunch at a popular "uptown" bar on Saturday, and a picnic on Sunday, Aug. 11 at Plymouth Township Park. For more information call Nancy Richard Earle at (734) 634-8974 or e-mail to nancyearle@comcast.net.

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Seeking classmates for 50-year reunion planned for Sept. 21-22. E-mail to champagnelaura@gmail.com or call (248) 761-2159

SOUTH LYON

CLASS OF 1963
A 50th class reunion is planned for July 20. For more information, contact Barbara Cook at (248) 349-5982.



Gertrude Langford

Birthday observance

Gertrude Langford of Westland, formerly of Garden City, celebrated her 96th birthday April 4 with several parties. Many of her friends stopped by to wish her a happy birthday. Her late husband, George, worked for DPW in Garden City for many years. Gertrude was

active in Crosspointe Community Church in Wayne and was a member of the Women's Professional Club in Garden City. Her sons are Rodney (Becky) of Naples, Fla., and Dan (Ann) of Pinckney. She also has two grandchildren, Dylan and Sarah.



Charlotte Mae Ryzyi

Charlotte Mae Ryzyi was born Jan. 6, 2013 at Providence Park Hospital Novi. She joins her parents, Joseph and Sheila Ryzyi, and sibling, Gabriel, 2, at home in South Lyon. Grandparents are Walter and Patricia Kornylow of Livonia and David and Mary Ryzyi of Northville. Great-grandparents are Ksenia Kornylow of Dearborn Heights, Loretta Farris of Detroit, and Helen Ryzyi of Northville.

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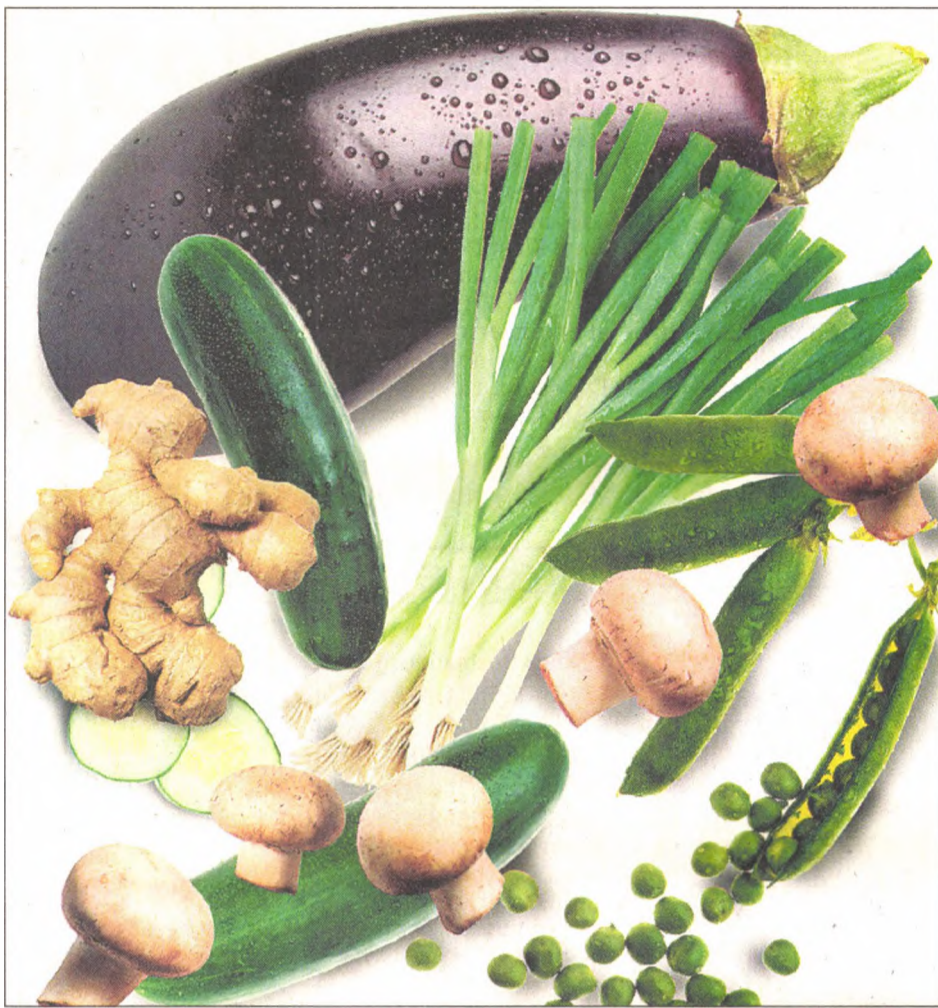
With spring finally here, you may be inclined to add some fresh foods into your diet. The season synonymous with change provides a variety of seasonal produce that can recharge your diet, as well as aid in your weight-loss efforts.

Incorporating specific springtime staples into your diet can help keep you fuller and more satisfied while improving your overall health. TOPS Club, Inc. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), the nonprofit weight-loss support organization, offers the following tasteful recommendations that work overtime to help benefit your body.

• Sugar snap peas — One cup of these sweet veggies contains only 26 calories. Besides being loaded with flavor and crunch, they also are full of fiber and vitamin K.

• Ginger — According to researchers at Florida's University of Miami, just a teaspoon of ginger can make you feel full twice as quickly. This is a result of the gingerol and zingibain inside ginger that act as powerful appetite suppressants. Ginger is also a great anti-inflammatory.

• Green onions — Also known as spring onions, these have all the flavor of regular onions without the smell. Stanford University researchers have found the high amounts of sulfur in spring onions help your



pancreas burn carbs for fuel before they are stored in your body as fat. Add these to recipes for a little flavor and color.

• Eggplant — Eggplant can be incorporated into many recipes as a low-calorie meat replacement or eaten on its own. Baked or grilled, eggplant is a great choice at just 20 calories per cup. Its low sugar content and muscle-strengthening high protein and potassium levels make it a powerhouse of taste and nutrition.

• Button mushrooms — According to UCLA research, the plant protein in button mushrooms slows down carbohydrate absorption in the intestines and helps your body soak up and burn sugars fast, aiding weight-loss efforts. The study has shown that eating one cup a day could accel-

erate your weight loss by 50 percent.

• Peppermint — Add this fresh and light herb into your diet as often as possible. Studies from Chicago's Smell and Taste Treatment and Research Foundation have shown that adding one tablespoon of fresh, chopped peppermint to a meal can cause you to feel full on 100 fewer calories. Its lively flavor and smell are perfect for the season.

• Cucumber — A spring and summertime favorite, cucumbers are a guilt-free flavor booster to any salad or a great snack on their own. One cup of cucumber slices equals only 16 calories. They're water-rich and high in fiber, so they work double to make you feel full and satisfied.

TOPS Club Inc. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) is the orig-

inal weight-loss support and wellness education organization. Founded more than 65 years ago, TOPS is the only nonprofit, noncommercial weight-loss organization of its kind. TOPS promotes successful weight management with a philosophy that combines support from others at weekly chapter meetings, healthy eating, regular exercise, and wellness information. TOPS has about 150,000 members — male and female, age seven and older — in nearly 9,000 chapters throughout the United States and Canada.

Visitors may attend their first TOPS meeting free of charge. Membership is \$28 per year, along with nominal chapter fees. To find a local chapter, view www.tops.org or call (800) 932-8677.

Health camp offers nutritional, exercise seminars in May

Arthur Weaver, M.D., the director of Better Living Seminars, offers his 32nd annual Health Camp, May 12-19 in Grayling.

This camp will feature several seminars given by various health professionals who donate their expertise. One presenter this year is a physician from Mayo Clinic.

"This allows our participants to enjoy a 'lifestyle improvement' vacation at a very reasonable cost," said Weaver, professor emeritus of surgery at Wayne State University. "Many smokers have found that this live-in, 24-hour support has allowed them to finally be successful in dropping this addiction. And those who know they should be on a better nutritional and exercise program find the motivation to make the necessary changes." During the week, camp-

ers will learn about vegetarian cooking, weight control, stress control, low-impact exercise, stop-smoking techniques and more. Lodging, meals, use of recreational facilities and all health seminars are included. The facility includes a private lake with canoes, canoeing on the Au Sable River, nature trails, horseback riding and hayrides, ceramics and other crafts, a social lounge, medical building, clean cabins and rooms, and campsites for tents, trailers and mobile homes.

Cost is \$495 per person or \$895 per couple.

All rates include a \$35 non-refundable process fee.

To obtain a registration form, brochure or if you have any questions call (313) 531-2179 or (248) 349-5683.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

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WEIGHT LOSS

• Start Smart, an eight-week workshop led by a registered dietitian from Botsford Hospital's Diabetes & Nutrition Services, runs 5:30-6:30 p.m. Monday, beginning April 29, at the hospital, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington. Participants will focus on building healthy eating habits and losing weight. Customized weekly topics reflect the group's specific challenges and goals. Weekly weigh-ins to keep attendees on track, and includes support and

encouragement, hands-on activities and demonstrations, meal-planning advice and recipes, helpful tips and strategies, and nutrition advice. Cost: \$80. Space is limited. Call to register (248) 477-6100

• Dr. Stephanie Rose will present a program explaining why you haven't been able to keep weight loss resolutions this year. It runs 6-7:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 30, at Rose Chiropractic, 34024 W. Eight Mile, suite 104, Farmington Hills. The program is free. Questions? Call (248) 888-8183.

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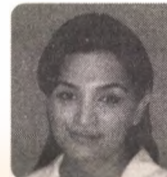
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Q: I feel like I've had a persistent cold for weeks and I'm wondering if I may be developing allergies. I'm 35 years old. Is this possible? How can I tell the difference between a cold and allergies?

A: It is possible to develop allergies at any age. In fact, because repeated exposure to substances can prompt an allergic reaction, you are more likely to develop allergies as you get older. Spring is an especially active time for allergies. As temperatures rise, plants and trees release pollen into the air wreaking havoc on people who suffer from plant allergies, also known as hay fever. Below are a few ways to determine if your sniffing might be caused by seasonal allergies.

- Symptoms kicked in fast; a cold will take days.
- Symptoms last longer than a week.
- You don't have fever or body aches.
- Your nose is runny and clear; mucus caused by a cold will be yellow.

If you have allergies, you can alleviate the symptoms by staying indoors during times when pollen counts are highest, usually early and late in the day. You can also help to prevent allergy symptoms by keeping your windows closed and avoiding outdoor chores, such as mowing the lawn. If you must do yard work, wear a mask that filters pollen, and try using an over-the-counter (OTC) allergy medication.

Q: What type of medications or treatments work best for seasonal allergies?

A: There are a number of prescription and OTC medications that work effectively to treat or lessen the severity of allergy symptoms. Nasal corticosteroids, such as Flonase and Nasonex, are sprayed directly into the nose and treat inflammation. Oral and nasal antihistamines, like Benadryl, counteract the actions of histamine, a substance released in the body during an allergic reaction. Drowsiness is a common side effect, so don't take these types of drugs when you have to drive or do other activities that require you to be alert. There are several non-sedating OTC antihistamines, including Claritin and Alavert, as well as physician prescribed non-sedating antihistamines.

Finally, for people who don't respond to OTC or prescription medications, or who suffer from frequent complications due to allergies, you may consider immunotherapy, more commonly known as allergy shots. Roughly 80 percent of people with hay fever experience a significant reduction in their symptoms and their need for medication within a year of starting allergy shots.

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Class of 2013: The future careers of this year's high school graduates

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High school seniors nationwide are preparing to graduate, receiving college acceptance letters and possibly enrolling in a college or university.

Some schools offer degree programs that address the skills required to enter fast-growing fields, such as cyber security, cloud computing, health care and accounting — U.S. News & World Report included accounting in its ranking of 25 Best Jobs in 2012.

"Knowledge of projected industry growth is extremely helpful as students choose their major or area of study," says Dr. Chad Kennedy, chair and professor of biomedical engineering technology in the College of Engineering and Information Sciences at DeVry University.



Careers in technology are growing up to three times faster than other fields. For students interested in pursuing employment in this thriving industry, ComputerWorld recently outlined the "10 hot IT skills for 2013."

Similarly, cyber security professionals will play an integral role in keeping information safe as the majority of companies' assets move online. According to Today's Engineer, the monthly Web publication of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, the cyber security field is growing "in leaps and bounds."

Employment in health care fields is also on the rise. An aging population of baby boomers and expanded access to health care has placed growing pressure on the health care industry to add workers in fields ranging from health information systems and biomedical engineering technology to nursing and ambulatory emergency care.

"Given the sensitive nature of medical data, my role — ensuring data integrity, availability, and security for every current and former patient — is essential and growing in demand," explains Adam Franzen, a systems administrator at Presence Health Care who holds a bachelor's degree in Computer Information Systems from DeVry University.

The workforce is rapidly evolving; some of the most desired professional roles of yesterday are shrinking today and will become obsolete tomorrow. The class of 2013 will enter emerging career fields, managing the technologies that drive advanced hospital settings, leading development of the next cloud-based application and protecting companies and consumers from cyber and financial fraud alike.

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