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Street work starts on south side

Bv Matt Jachman Staff Writer

Plymouth's 2013 residential street improvement program is in full swing on the city's south end.

Work on the \$1.65 million program began in earnest Monday on a 1.950-foot stretch of Harvey from Sutherland to Ann Arbor Road. The street is getting a new water main and other underground utility improvements and will be completely rebuilt in asphalt, with new concrete curbs, concrete driveway approaches and Americans With

Disabilities Act-compliant sidewalk ramps at intersections.

Workers were finishing installation of the new water main on Harvey late last week and planned to flush and test it early this week, said Chris Porman, director of Plymouth's Department of Municipal Services.

Nearby, a 1,400-foot section of Linden, between Main and McKinley, will see similar construction starting later this month. The entire project on both streets is

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Construction crews continue to plow along on Harvey Street, north of Ann Arbor Road.

Out to kill cancer



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Kendra Conely sees the hair that she is donating, cut by Luann Andes. Andes was one of the driving forces behind Plymouth Relay for Life.

Salon team leading the charge at Relay

By Brad Kadrich Staff Writer

Luann Andes has watched cancer march through her family all too frequently, and with devastat-

ing results. Andes, for eight years the owner of Defining Image in downtown Plymouth, has watched cancer claim her mom, at age 68, and her father (he was 83).

She's watched her sister wage an 11-year battle with breast cancer, which has now moved to her bones, brain and liver.

And every day, Andes wants to scream, "Enough!"

That's what she'll be doing, at least metaphorically, June 22-23 when her salon team walks in the 24-hour Plymouth Relay for Life, the annual fundraiser designed to raise money to help the American

FIGHTING THE FIGHT

What; Plymouth Relay for Life When: June 22-23, 10 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Where: Central Middle School track, downtown Plymouth Why: Fundraiser for the American

Cancer Society Contact: To participate in Plymouth's Relay For Life, contact Abby Stonerook at (248) 663-3404 or abi-

gail.stonerook@cancer.org.

Cancer Society in its fight against all forms of cancer.

Andes helped bring Relay to Plymouth in 2007, and remains one of its staunchest, and most active, supporters.

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General fund flat as city OKs \$20 million spending plan

By Matt Jachman Staff Writer

Plymouth officials have adopted a \$20 million spending plan, including a nearly \$7.3 million generalfund budget, for the city's next fiscal year.

The general-fund budget, which funds everyday city operations such as public safety and administration, was approved by a unanimous vote at Monday's Plymouth City Commission meeting. The city's next fiscal year begins in July.

The budget resolution included a total city property-tax rate of just over 16.17 mills, or about \$16.17 for every \$1,000 in taxable value. That means the owners of a house with a \$100,000 taxable value will be charged about \$1,617 in city property taxes.

The tax rate is up onetenth of a mill; City Manager Paul Sincock said the increase is due to the voter-approved residential street-paving program. The yearly millage for the program, Sincock said, must raise an amount equal to its debt obligations.

The general-fund budget is up just \$36,240 from the budget approved a year ago, an increase of less than one-half of 1 percent.

Sacrifices noted

Sincock praised the city's work force, which has experience several years of belt-tightening, for keeping the city's finances on track during difficult

economic times. "Our employees continue to step up, and they're really the heroes of our budget process," Sincock said. Employees are getting a 2percent raise with the budget, but will also pay more toward their insurance premiums and in medical copays.

In the general fund, some \$3.4 million, or nearly half, is budgeted for the Plymouth Police Department. Administration was budgeted at \$1.3 million, firefighting and emergency medical services \$780,560, public works \$645,820, and buildings and grounds upkeep \$375,270. Capital improvements, debt service and transfers to other city funds account for most of the rest of the spending.

Over half the projected general-fund revenue. more than \$4.76 million, comes from property taxes. State shared revenue (\$809,260), miscellaneous sources (\$790,380) and fees for services (\$677,020) are among the other major sources of general-fund money.

Officials are projecting general-fund deficits for the next four fiscal years of about \$200,000 a year, but plan on finding ways to erase the deficits before those spending years start.

Other funds

The total spending plan includes 29 other city funds, each with a dedicated purpose. Some of the larger funds include the more than \$4.4 million water and sewer fund. which generates revenue by selling water and sewer service to businesses and residents; the \$1.05 million recreation fund, which raises more than 80 percent of its revenue through user fees; the \$1.11 million waste and recycling fund, which receives both user fees and a dedicated tax; and the \$880,980 Downtown Development Authority operating fund, which receives a portion of taxes levied on downtown properties.

The total of all city funds for 2013-2014, minus transfers between them, amounts to about \$20 million.

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'Kick Butt' plans to strike blow against litter

By Matt Jachman Staff Writer

Skateboarders are planning to Kick Butt in Plymouth one Sunday next month.

Kick Butt, a volunteer event aimed at cleaning up parks, streets and sidewalks and improving the image of 'boarders, was given the green light by a Plymouth City Commission voice vote on Monday.

The event is planned for 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, July 28, throughout the city. Organizer Andy Bihn said participants will start in various parks and roll their way toward downtown while picking up litter.

A post-cleanup gathering will be planned for one of the parks, Bihn said.

"Our goal is to shed a little bit more light onto the skateboarding community as not

all bad," said Bihn, who works at Sun & Snow, the downtown sporting goods store.

Kick Butt, according to Bihn's application to the city, is for volunteers using any type of coaster vehicle - which Bihn said includes skateboards, longboards, self-propelled scooters, even bicvcles. Participants will not be allowed to roll on downtown streets, however, and must

yield to pedestrians, city officials noted.

Sun & Snow is providing work gloves and trash bags for the event, and Bihn is planning a competition among cleanup teams to see which can pick up the most trash, by weight. Any recyclable plastic picked up during Kick Butt will be separated and taken to a recycling

Bihn said he and some oth-

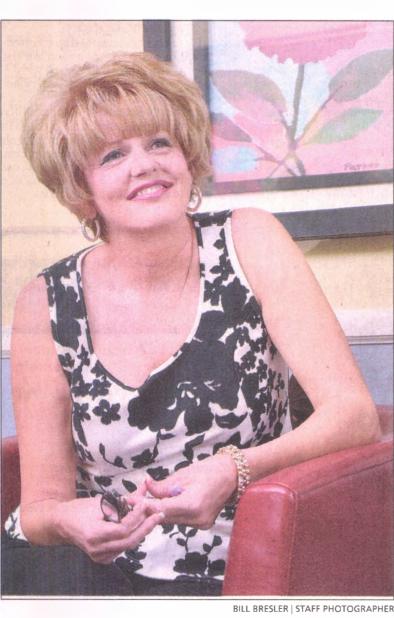
ers at Sun & Snow got the idea after seeing people downtown throw cigarette butts into the

street.

"We'd like to see things change, and I guess the best way to do that is to lead by example," Bihn said.

Bihn expects up to 50 people to participate in the cleanup.

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Luann Andes, who has owned Defining Image Hair Salon in Plymouth for eight years, helped bring Plymouth Relay for Life to town.

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"It's frustrating, it's maddening," Andes said of cancer's effects on her family. "It's like, 'I need to do something to make a difference.' Standing still isn't an option."

She hasn't been standing still since 2007, when she helped Plymouth's relay break away from the larger one in Canton. A client had asked Andes if she thought Plymouth was ready for it's own event, and Andes gave it some thought.

"That's the vibe I was getting, so I told her when she was ready to let me know," Andes recalled. "The next year, Plymouth had its own relay."

Defining Image has had its own team, and the team not only walks the 24-hour event itself, but also conducts fundraisers to help raise money. The team sponsors a comedy show annually, and this year added a tea party that raised some \$600.

"Every year, we keep doing what we do, and then we add something new," Andes said. "(Relay) is an effective tool for letting people know they're not alone. It gives them a place to come together and mourn and/or celebrate."

Andes has convinced Kim Kramer, a part-time staffer at Defining Image who also buys



Kim Kramer, who has a cousin who is a nine-year cancer survivor, will walk the Plymouth Relay for the first time this year.

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Kramer's great-grandmother died of cancer, as did her grandfather, whom she said "died a very painful death" from lung cancer and was her inspiration to quit smoking 25 years ago. She'll join the Defining Image relay team for the first time, inspired largely by her cousin, who two weeks ago celebrated her ninth anniversary after surviving breast cancer.

"During the time since her diagnosis, she never let it get her down," Kramer said of her cousin. "She was the strongest one of them all. She does the things she wants to do, and doesn't let the cancer beat her. She's been very inspiring."

Andes has also been inspiring, according to Abigail Stonerook, the American Cancer Society's community representative for the Plymouth Relay for Life. Andes' team has raised hundreds of dollars, and Andes herself, Stonerook said, is a staunch advocate for the event.

"I call Luann my unofficial publicity chair, because she takes publicizing by word of mouth to a whole new level," Stonerook said. "Luann Relays for sister, Barb ... Luann keeps a positive attitude and says, 'I fight because (Barb) fights.' Volunteers like Luann keep me motivated.

It's a mutual admiration society between Andes and Stonerook. Andes credits Stonerook, and Plymouth Relay for Life committee chair Larry Johnson, for turning the Plymouth event around after a disappointing 2012 event. This year, it will move back to Central Middle School (it spent the last couple of years at West Middle School), and Andes said the credit should go to Stonerook and Johnson.

"Abby and Larry and the committee fired us up," Andes said. "I was so motivated by (Stonerook) that I was regenerated."

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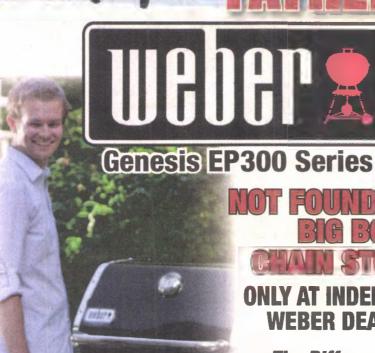
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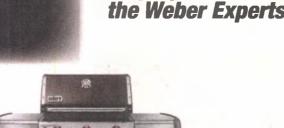
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expected to last through late August, and officials warn of possible weatherrelated delays.

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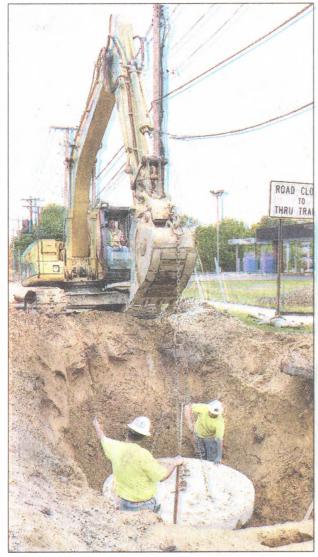
Public works officials say they plan to give residents of Harvey and Linden in the affected areas access to their driveways as much as possible during the project, but that drivers can expect occasional temporary street closures and that through traffic should avoid the construction altogether.

"Most of the time, the goal is always to let people get back into their driveways as much as possible" at the end of each day, said Porman.

That won't be possible, Porman warned, when concrete driveway approaches are poured and need a seven-day curing period. Affected residents will have to park on adjacent streets during that time, he said, and police will be told not to issue them parking tick-

The driveway approach work is tentatively scheduled to start Wednesday, July 17, on Harvey, and Monday, Aug. 5, on Linden. The city has already met with residents affected by the project, and Porman said they will advised individually as to when the driveway approach work will start.

'Their street' Porman urged affected residents in the construction area to call the city about any driving, parking or access issue, be it concerns about guests' access for a planned party or a problem getting to a medical appointment or having in-home medical services delivered. The city and its contractors will be flexible in trying to accommodate differ-



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

It's tough to drive down Harvey Street when there's a big hole in the way: Utility upgrades, part of Plymouth's 2013 street improvement project, were being made Thursday beneath Harvey Street at Ann Arbor Road.

ent needs, he said.

"This is their street, so we want to make sure we're listening to them and the concerns they have," Porman said.

Solid waste pickup will remain on its normal schedule — the entire area has Wednesday pickups — but if the city's trash contractor can't make it down a street at a particular time because of a temporary closure, DMS will send someone out as soon as possible, Porman said.

The project's \$1,650,556 price tag includes just over \$1.4 million for con-

struction, \$146,000 for planning, administration and materials testing, and a \$100,000 contingency for cost overruns. The money is coming from the city's water and sewer fund, for the utility work, and from the revenue from voterapproved street improvement bonds.

The project's general contractor is Pro-Line Asphalt and the engineering firm is Wade Trim Associates Inc.

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City fines going up for faulty fire alarms

By Matt Jachman Staff Writer

Plymouth business and homeowners will soon be paying higher fines for repeated false fire alarms.

The Plymouth City Commission on Monday approved the first reading of an ordinance amendment that would raise the cost of a third false alarm to \$300, the first two in the course of a year being "free." The fine would be \$500 each starting with the fourth false

City officials said the current fines -\$50 for the third in a year, \$100 for the fourth, and \$100 more for each additional false alarm — don't cover the cost of having firefighters respond from the Northville Fire Department's Plymouth Station and don't provide enough incentive for property owners to fix faulty alarms. City Manager Paul Sincock said there were 38 false fire alarms in 2012.

The move will not affect fines for false police alarms, which start at \$50 for the third in a year and go as high as \$500 starting with the seventh.

False alarms triggered by severe weather or wider problems with communications systems, or by people working on alarm systems, provided they have notified city officials, aren't counted when fines are assessed.

E-payment option

Plymouth has launched an electronic billing and payment system for residents' city utility bills — quarterly charges for water and sewer service and solid-waste pickup.

Residents are able to receive utility bills via e-mail rather than through the mail on paper, and can them via an electronic debit system. For more information or to sign up for the program, call the city at (734) 453-1234 or send an email to ebill@ci.plymouth.mi.us.



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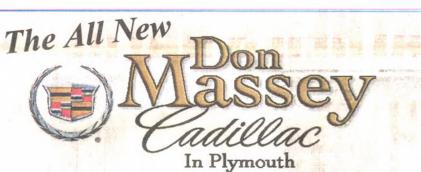
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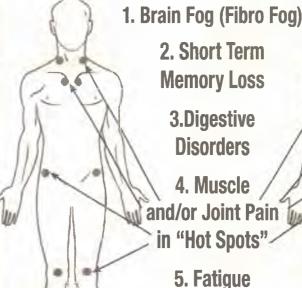
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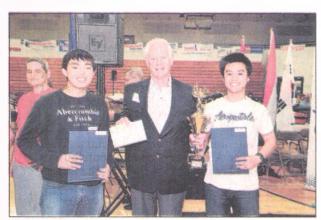
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Lawrence Tech Chancellor Lewis Walker presents the firstplace trophy for the Senior Vision Centric Robot Challenge at the Robofest World Championship to Alex Yue (left) of Canton High School and Kevin Ni of Plymouth High School

Local team wins advanced robot competition

High school juniors
Alex Yue and Kevin Ni
of Team AKW took first
place in the Senior Vision
Centric Robot Challenge at the Robofest
World Championship held
recently at Lawrence

Technological University. Yue is a junior at Canton High School, and Ni is a junior at Plymouth High School, and both have taken AP computer science. They began competing in Robofest while in the eighth grade and have gained vehicle building and programing experience through Robofest competitions and other programing-related competitions.

An advanced competition category, VCRC attracted college teams from the U.S., China, and Brazil, as well as local high school teams. Vision-based autonomous robot vehicles must maneuver through an obstacle course. This challenge enables students to learn core technologies for self-driving cars.

Robofest is an international competition of autonomous robots - computer-programmed to act independently and not radio-controlled - that encourages students to have fun while learning principles of science, technology, engineering, and math, the STEM subjects. Students design, construct and program the robots, and adult coaches are not allowed to assist during the events. Teams compete in the junior division (grades 5-9) or senior division (grades 9-12), using a variety of computer programming languages and robots.

Robofest is different from most other robotics competitions because all of the game's robotic tasks require teams to use math skills such as algebra, geometry and trigonometry. LTU Computer Science Professor CJ Chung founded Robofest in 2000 as a way to encourage students to STEM subjects.

Wayne-Westland expects continued drop in state aid

By Sue Mason Staff Writer

Gov. Rick Snyder may have good things to say about the 2013-14 education budget, but for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools the fiscal plan approved by the state Senate last month represents a fourth straight year of revenue loss.

The district, which has had its per pupil funding slashed by more than \$900 over the past three years, will project a loss \$16 per student in state aid when the school board takes up the 2013-14 budget at its meeting at 7 p.m. tomorrow. In four years, the district has gone from \$7,99 per pupil to next years \$7,073 per pupil.

"We've looked at all the components of the school aid bill and the net impact on Wayne-Westland will be a negative \$16 per student," said School Superintendent Greg Baracy. "Due to the retirement rates and other nuances of the bill, Wayne-Westland will lose money. The equity of per pupil funding has not been addressed."

According to Baracy, Wayne-Westland will receive an equity payment increase of \$3 per pupil, or about \$37,500. The 2X formula will increase the district's foundation allowance by \$60 increase, but when the percentage increase districts must pay for retirement costs is factored in, the net change is a "negative \$16 per student."

"There are some districts that are winners in this budget, but not us," said Baracy. "With the recent negotiated settlements, we hope to be able to make it through 2014-2015. We have a good chance with our cost containments."

Cost savings

In March, Wayne-Westland school employees agreed to wages cut and to pay more health care cost in contract extensions, preventing the district from going into deficit in fiscal 2013-14. The concessions will save the district an estimated \$11-\$13 million over three years and avoid a deficit through 2014-15.

Baracy said lawmakers "have to get their priorities correct and start making education a priority in Michigan," a sentiment shared by state Sens. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, and Hoon-Yung Hopgood, D-Taylor, whose district includes a portion of Wayne-Westland.

Anderson called passage of the education budget "a sad continuation of Gov. Snyder and legislative Republicans' devastating disinvestment in education at all levels over the last three years."

"A budget should be a blueprint of the state's priorities and what investments we in the Legislature believe are critical to our future," said Anderson, Democratic vice chair on the Senate Appropriations Committee. "Instead of properly funding all of our schools, from

K-12 to higher ed, this Education Omnibus Budget unnecessarily pits all of them against each other for the money they need to survive and adequately support or kids."

'More insolvency'

"This budget will continue to push more schools into insolvency and continue the erosion of our state's public education system," he said

"If the crumbling school districts statewide tell us anything, it's that the current funding formula isn't working," added Hopgood, the Senate Democrat on the Education Omnibus Budget Conference Committee. "The people of Michigan deserve a budget that provides real solutions to the problems our schools are facing, and the budget passed in the Senate simply doesn't make the cut."

Snyder, however, said the education of Michigan's youth is a top priority and maintains that state is in a stronger financial position today because of "smart, timely and forward-thinking budgeting."

"With an overall per pupil funding increase and by helping school districts with retirement costs, we are ensuring more dollars find their way to the classroom. Higher education will also receive sizable funding increases," Snyder said.

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Albion College

Grace Dougherty of Canton demonstrated some outstanding academic work at Albion College's Elkin R. Isaac Research Symposium. Dougherty presented an original project titled "The Role of CSF in Hepatocellular Carcinoma-recruited Macrophages" during the two-day celebration of student research, scholarship and creative activity.

Dougherty was also elected to the Albion College chapter of Sigma XI, a national honorary society for

students who have demonstrated outstanding scientific research potential. Dougherty was also elected to the Albion College chapter of Mortar Board, a national honorary society for students outstanding in scholarship, leadership, and service.

Dougherty, who is majoring in biochemistry and minoring in cell and molecular biology and anthropology and is a member of the Prentiss M. Brown Honors Program, is the daughter of David and Lucy Dougherty of Canton and a graduate of Salem High School.



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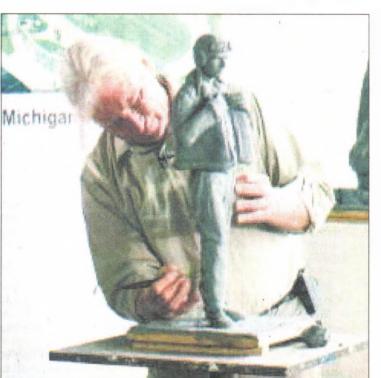
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Sculptor Larry Halbert is creating the Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial.



Library hosts Civil War series

Plymouth District Library staffers have planned three programs for the summer months, all examining Michigan involvement in the Civil War and World War II.

• The Civil War Summer Series commemorating the 150th Anniversary; Battle of Gettysburg, 16 Summer Days: Custer Meets the Wolverines, Wednesday, June 12, 7 p.m.

Professor David Finney, Jr. will present both programs in this series. The June program will explore George Armstrong Custer, the young officer who turned the Michigan Bri-



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ries: A Lasting Legacy, Tuesday, July 16, 7 p.m. Finney will continue the Civil War discussion, examining how the conflicts of the 1850s and 1860s are remembered in the old south to this day.

 Meet the sculptor behind the Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial, Wednesday, July 10, 7 p.m. Sculptor and Detroit native, Larry Halbert will tell of the process he is using as he creates the nine life-sized sculptures that will be a part of the Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial.

With a statewide focus on the Michigan connection and contribution to the war, the Legacy memorial has been designated as the official WWII memorial by the State Legislature.

Registration is requested for these free programs; call the library at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4 or online at plymouthlibrary.

Jaycees joining Relay for Life

In an effort to help the American Cancer Society save more lives and create a world with less cancer and more birthdays, the Plymouth-Canton Jaycees are participating in the 2013 Relay For Life of Plymouth.

While the event is still a couple of weeks away, planning committees are currently recruiting more teams to join in the fun. Teams are often made up of co-workers, friends and family members. Many businesses, schools, organizations and religious groups also build teams. Prior to the Relay event, team members raise dollars by fundraising and securing sponsorships.

"The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees are proud to partner with the American Cancer Society," said Katie Maloni, Jaycees General Member, and Relay Co-Captain. "We take pride in our global community and are dedicated to leading the positive change needed throughout our great state of Michigan. We provide our members with the opportunities to learn new skills and become the leaders of tomorrow by creating lasting impact and fulfilling the needs of our communities through activities like Relay For Life."

The United States Junior Chamber, or Jaycees, formally began their partner-ship with the American Cancer Society in 2008 and since that time they have

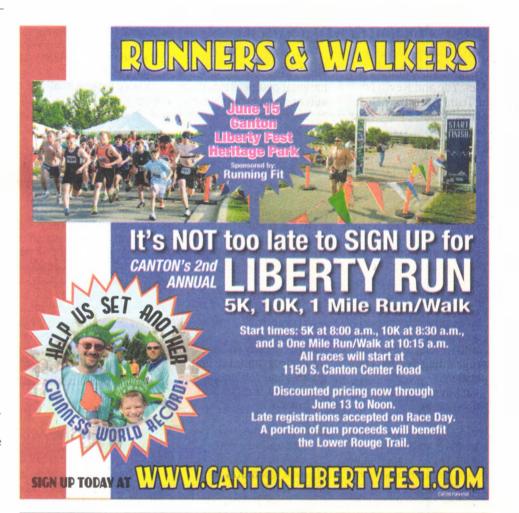
raised funds and provided leadership for Relay For Life events across the country.

"In 2013 the American Cancer Society celebrates 100 years of fighting to save lives from cancer," said Abby Stonerook, ACS Staff Partner. "It's the progress we've made together as volunteers, as survivors, and as leaders with nationwide community partners such as the Jaycees that has helped us reach this incredible milestone with tremendous success. We've never been more ready to complete our mission and put ourselves out of business. By lending their support to Relay For Life of Plymouth, the Jaycees are helping the Society finish the fight and bring an end to cancer as we know it."

One in every 100 Americans participates in a Relay For Life event. The American Cancer Society urges local businesses and civic organizations to support the fight against cancer in their communities by forming a Relay team.

"We believe service to humanity is the best work of life," said Maloni. "Partnerships with our state and local governments, state-based businesses and other community organizations are important to us and necessary to move Michigan forward."

To find out more about the Jaycees, visit www.jci.cc/local/info/usa.



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Use lawsuit settlement to pay down debt

By Rick Bloom Guest Columnist

Q: Dear Rick: I just received \$75,000 from a lawsuit that I was a party to. The lawsuit dealt

with an aunt's estate. Do I have to pay taxes on this amount? What should I do with the money? I am retired and Social Security and a pension cover most of my costs but occasionally, l do run short. I have some debts. I owe about \$15,000 on my charge card and about \$80,000 (5 percent interest) on my home. Should I put the money into a CD and use the income to

cover my needs or do you



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think I should pay my debts off? A: As to the tax consequences, it is hard to give you an opinion from the information you provided me. I recommend that you contact the attorney you used for the lawsuit.

guidance. My gut feeling is since it's a settlement of an estate it is not subject to taxes, however, it pays to be safe and discuss this with the attorney.

One thing that confuses people is the misconception that proceeds from lawsuits are not subject to income taxes. There are many types of lawsuits that result in taxes.

Keep in mind that if it is subject to tax, it would probably behoove you to make an estimated payment. If you wait until you do your tax return, you may find that you may be liable for interest and penalties.

People tend to forget that taxes are due quarterly not annually. Therefore, if the amount is subject to income taxes, making an estimated payment to the federal government and the State of Michigan may be necessary.

In recommending what to do with the money, I think it is slam dunk that you use it to pay down your debt. Take the first money and pay off your charge card. More likely than not, you're probably paying about

18.5 percent on your charge card. By paying off your debt it's like getting an 18.5 percent return on your money. I don't know any investment that can give you that rate of return and it is a much greater return than you'll receive on a certificate of

After you pay off your charge card, take the remaining money and put it down on your home. By paying down the mortgage you're getting a guaranteed five percent return on that money and that is also considerably more than a CD would

Considering that you will no longer have a charge card payment, your cash flow situation should improve immediately. You may not have to dip into your savings to cover your needs. In addition, making a large lump-sum payment on your mortgage will help you pay off your home sooner and will considerably improve your financial situation.

It never makes sense for people that have debt, particularly charge card debt, to hold large amounts in cash. In the old days people would say cash is king. However, that is no longer the case. When you look at the returns that you are receiving on cash (one percent or lower and that it is taxable), it becomes quite obvious that paying down debt is a much better use of money than investing in something like a CD. Therefore, the next time you're thinking about buying a CD, look at your financial picture to determine if this money can be better used to pay down debt - especially credit card debt. After all, the average credit card in America charges 18.5 percent interest and it is not tax deductible. That is why paying down charge card debt is one of the best investments anyone can make.

Good luck!

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



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'Chicks' event benefits Big Brothers, Sisters

A charitable organization called Chicks 4 Charity is hosting an evening of wine tasting and appetizers to raise funds for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Livingston County.

The event takes place 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 12, at the Red Olive banquet room, 1059 W. Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. Guests must purchase tickets in advance for a donation of \$35 per person, which includes both the wine tastings and appetizers provided. Women's Life will be matching the first \$500 donated.

'Showroom of Elegance is providing a Sterling Silver Water Drop Cut Pendant on a Sterling Silver chain for the silent auction," said Linda Robin, owner of Showroom of Elegance and member of Chicks 4 Charity. "There should be plenty of other items and services donated from other generous, area busi-

Guests are encouraged to bring extra cash as the event will also have a 50/50 raffle, in addition to the silent auction. All ticket inquiries and donations must be completed by June 6th, no excep-

To contact Chicks 4 Charity regarding tickets or if you have questions please inquire with Kris Aretha at (810) 241-3715 or at kris@thepensionfairy. com. Checks/ticket requests can also be mailed (including the names of those attending, your address, telephone number, number of tickets needed, and donation amount) to Chicks 4 Charity, c/o Kris Aretha, 915 N. Michigan Ave., Ste.105, Howell, MI 48843. Checks must be made out to Woman's Life Chapter 827 Chicks 4 Charity; donations from people unable to attend are gratefully accepted.

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Plymouth 'Y' hosts annual Father's Day run

Runners can join the Plymouth YMCA as it celebrates more than 50 years in the community with a Father's Day tradition, the 34th Fathers Day Run, Sunday June 16.

The morning of fun and fitness will kick off at 7:30 a.m. with Detroit Tigers mascot PAWS leading the start and the National Anthem by Plymouth Attorney John C Stewart.

The Fathers Day Run offers an event for every age, 0-99: Kids quarter-mile Fun Runs, 7:30 a.m.; 1-Mile Walk, 1-Mile Run at 8 a.m.; 5K Walk, 5K Run, 8:15 a.m.; and the 10K, 8:45 a.m.

The unique Morse Dental Group, 18th MDG Triple, 10.3 Miles, offers start times to run all three races. New this year is the "Tie one on for Dad" promotion, in which all runners wearing ties will be entered to win a Detroit Tigers Ticket Package.

Registration is now open at www. active.com or for a printable registration form and more race information visit www.ymcadetroit.org/plymouth/Fathers-day-run.

This event is endorsed by the Governors Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports, and is part of the Pure Michigan FITness series, www.michiganfitness.org/pure-michigan-fitness-series, which organizers say confirms it is a well-planned, high-quality event that considers the safety of the participant, promotes physical activity and has earned the Governor's Council seal of approval.



PAWS will take the lead when the Plymouth Family YMCA's annual Father's Day Run kicks off June 16.

Volunteers are needed, contact Cindy Morency at cmorency@ymcadetroit.org. Proceeds support the Plymouth YMCA "Strong Kids" Financial Assistance program.

Arts council hosts Pioneer exhibit

The Plymouth Community Arts Council hosts Behind The Lens 7, an annual exhibit of photography, poetry and reflections by Pioneer Middle School eighth-graders.

The theme for the exhibit this year is "Where I'm From" based on the poem by George Ella Lyon (www.georgeellalyon.com/where.html).

Language Arts teacher Claire Walton-Swisher and her colleagues at Pioneer Middle School have developed the project over the years into an impressive display of student writing and photographs. Excerpts from their traveler's journals and personal "Where I'm From" poems are part

of the exhibit along with more than 70 black and white photos.

The exhibit will run through mid-July.

The Plymouth Community Arts Council, Frameworks in Downtown Plymouth, and Junior Tours of New York are supporting partners to the project, sponsored by the Plymouth-Canton Community School District and the families of the eighth-grade students.

PCAC's June Front Wall exhibit will feature artwork and sculpture from Starkweather Academy's Senior Class of 2013. Gallery hours are Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m. second Monday of every month

Location: Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland Details: Do you have a loved one in jail or prison? Is your heart broken because of it? Then contact Bonnie at Hope 4 Healing Hearts who will provide a safe place to talk and share with others, a place where you can learn how to cope with all of the new and frightening experiences. Learn from others as they share ideas, resources and support. Donations appreciated.

Contact: For questions or more information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237 or by email at prettymonarch@comcast.net.

HOSPICE SUPPORT

Date/Time: Third Saturday of the month, 10-11:30 a.m.

Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lilley, Canton

Details: Compassionate Care Hospice conducts a grief support group, "Compassionate Words," providing emotional support to any adult grieving the loss of a loved one. The group focuses on the various stages of grief, and incorporates basic journal writing as a way to express feelings. The program is free of charge.

Contact: To register, contact Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice Bereavement Coordinator at (888) 983-9050, or email achristensen@ cchnet.net.

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Ladywood High School says goodbye to Class of 2013



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Shelby Walsh of Livonia, Christina Riga of Plymouth, Bridget Hillman of Northville and Gabrielle Houska of Plymouth move on to the next chapter of their lives.



Jillian Seach of Plymouth, Celeste Fidge of Westland, Hannah Lauer of Livonia and Andria Gietl Plymouth pose for a photo following the ceremony.



Emily Nelson of Redford, Megan Foreman of Plymouth and Sarah Koch of Brighton mark a major milestone of their lives.





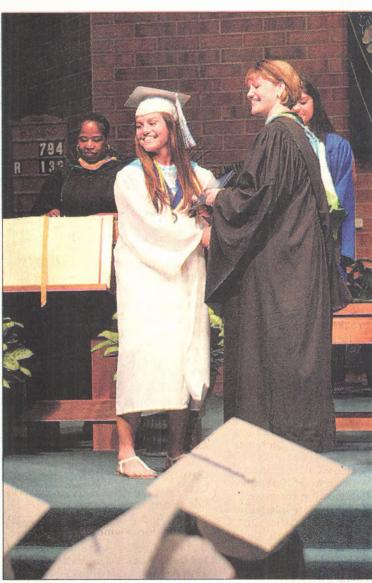
Ladywood High School in Livonia graduated its Class of 2013 on June 2.

Seventy-seven young women received diplomas. The day began with a Baccalaureate Mass followed by the Commencement at St. John Neumann Parish in Canton.

Co-valedictorians were Falon Simpson of Northville and Laurel Cummings of Westland, and co-salutatorians were Alexandra Parisot of Dearborn and Allison Mallick of Northville.

The class of 2013 was offered more than \$4 million in scholarship money, including both academic and athletic. Hannah Pereira of Farmington Hills received a full-ride scholarship to the Naval Academy, and Andrea Anastos of Farmington Hills received a full-ride scholarship for ice hockey to Boston College.

"It was a beautiful day as these young ladies were celebrated for their accomplishments, inducted into the alumnae association, and bid farewell to the home they have known for four years," Principal Tracey L. Mocon said.



Brianna Sultana of Canton receives her diploma from Principal Tracey Mocon. In the background is Andrea Cole, senior head moderator.





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HEISE HOURS

Date: Monday, June 10 Location/Time: 10-11 a.m., Parthenon Coney Island, 39910 Ford Road, Canton; noon-1 p.m., Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady in Northville; 3-4 p.m., Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main in Plymouth. Details: State Rep. Kurt Heise invites local residents to meet with him to share their perspectives and ask questions. Rep. Heise is also available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or at

his Lansing office. Contact: Residents are invited to call toll free 1-855-REPKURT or e-mail kurtheise@house.mi.gov to schedule an appointment.

SENIOR OLYMPICS Date/Time: Aug. 12-16, 8 a.m. (opening ceremony Aug. 12)

Location: Opening ceremony, Nankin Mills Field

Details: Plymouth seniors age 50 and older should get ready for the ninth annual Western Wayne County Senior Olympics. Opening Day Expo will be held at the Nankin Mills Field (Hines Drive south of Ann Arbor Trail). The \$6 registration fee will include Olympic T-shirt, healthy breakfast sponsored by Heartland Canton, Heartland Plymouth Court, Heartland Livonia and Heartland Livonia North East. The Torch Light Ceremony will begin at 9:30 a.m. and all programs, activities and events will officially begin and will continue the entire week concluding with an awards banquet. Registration forms and brochures are available at the PCCA Office, 201 S. Main in Plymouth. Deadline for Registrations Wednesday, July 3.

APIA DINNER Date/Time: Saturday,

July 27, 6-10 p.m. Location: East Lake Chinese Restaurant, 5087

Rochester Road in Troy **Details:** Asian-Pacific Islander American/Vote-MI hosts its third annual dinner to honor and recognize outstanding APIAs in the community The keynote speaker will be Tuyet Le, the Executive Director of the Asian American Institute (AAI). a Midwestern Pan-Asian organization committed to empowering Asian Americans through advocacy by utilizing research, education and coalition building, Tickets are \$65 (general admission and one-year membership), \$50 general admission and-\$40 for members.

Contact: Sally Kim, (313) 438-8862 or email sallykim@apiavotemi.org

CHEER CLINIC

Date/Time: Saturday, June 22, 10 a.m. to 1

Location: Plymouth High School cafeteria

Details: The Plymouth High School Cheerleaders are sponsoring a Kids Clinic for kids in kindergarten through eighth grade. The cost to attend is \$25 per child and includes a Clinic T-shirt, juice & snacks. The deadline to register is Friday, June 14th. A registration form is required; visit the Plymouth Cheer website for a form, www.plymouthcheer.com

Contact: For more information, contact Plymouth Cheerleading or Julie Jones at jonesing05@gmail.com.

BLOOD DRIVES

Dates/Times/Locations:

• Monday, June 10, 10 a.m.-3:45 p.m., Plymouth Library, 223 S. Main. Sunday, June 23, 8 a.m.-1:45 p.m., Our Lady of Good Counsel church, 47650 N. Territorial. • Monday, June 24, 1:30-7:15 p.m., VFW Post 6695 in Plymouth, 1426 S. Mill. • Friday, June 28, 11 a.m.-4:45 p.m., Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main.

Details: The American Red Cross hosts blood drives at various times and locations. Appointments are available, but walk-ins are welcome.

Contact: Diane to set up an appointment at (313) 549-7052 or Diane. Risko@redcross.org

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS

Date/Time: Saturday, Oct. 19, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Location: West Middle School, Ann Arbor Trail and Sheldon, Plymouth **Details:** Crafters wanted for Delta Kappa Gamma's 29th Annual Craft Show. Proceeds from the show will be used to support college scholarships for local students focusing on careers in education. Contact: Call or email

Judy at (734) 347-1001 or ibstone716@comcast.net or Alice at 248-348-9610 or dachrenko@hotmail.

BIPOLAR SUPPORT Date/Time: Second and

fourth Tuesday of the month, 6-7:30 p.m.

Location: Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon, Suite 1608 in Plymouth.

Details: The Depression Bipolar Support Alliance is a self-help group for people suffering from depression and bipolar disorders. Meetings are open also to family mem-

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bers. All DBSA leaders are professionally trained and attend two trainings for every year to update their skills in leading the group.

Contact: Call Nancy at (734) 536-3457 for directions.

CRAFTERS WANTED

Date/Time: Sept. 6-8, during Fall Festival hours Location: Plymouth

Details: Organizers say it's not to early to send in an application for a booth in the Plymouth Fall Festival Craft Show. The spaces are limited and are filling up quickly. Applications are available on the Craft Show page at www.plymouthfallfestival.com

Contact: For more information contact Colleen Brown craftshow@ plymouthfallfestival.com or (734) 455-1614.

DIABETES SUPPORT

Date/Time: 2nd Thursday of the month, 2-3:30 p.m.

Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main **Details:** The Plymouth Lions Club is sponsoring a new Adult Diabetes Support Group, Fern Vining, a registered nurse, certified diabetes educator and Plymouth Lion, will be the group facilitator. There is no charge to attend. Topics for discussion will focus on understanding diabetes and self management strategies.

Contact: Call Fern Vining at (734) 454-0859.



Top volunteers

The Plymouth Salvation Army Corps recently recognized local volunteers at its annual award luncheon. Recognized were (back, from left) Greg Stachura and Jean Stachura of Canton (Family Volunteer of the Year), Christine Flaviani of Northville (Volunteer of the Year), Caroline Stern of Canton (Lifetime of Service Award), Reverend Ron Richards and Marshall Grazioli of St. John Neumann Parish (Organizational Volunteer of the Year). In the front row are (from left) Sandy Kollinger and Majors Keith and Colette Bailey of The Plymouth Salvation Army Corps.



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Violinist takes Village Theater stage

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Innovative violinist 'Daniel D' is set to perform at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill on

Saturday, June 29, at 7:30 p.m. This classically trained performer is known for crossing all genres and connecting with audiences of all ages with his dynamic performances.

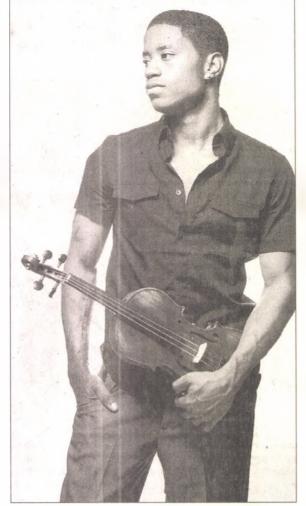
Since Daniel Davis first drew a bow across the strings of a violin at the age of 12, he knew he was destined for greatness in music. His talents continued to emerge as two tracks from his 2012 album, 'Epic Sounds,' his single 'Lullaby' reached top 50 on the Indie Charts.

Davis was chosen as an opening artist for President Obama's presidential campaign in 2008. Daniel D was also recognized as an Apollo Theater Winner, a Charlotte Music Award Recipient, and has performed on BET's

106 & Park, and at the Oprah & Essence Magazine CelebraHe has also won the U.S. Air Force's Wide Talent Search competition, a scholarship to New York's Juilliard School of Music, and his fiddle-laden remix of Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech commands regular invitations to perform nation-wide at special events. Daniel D is also a featured artist at the MOJA Arts and Spoleto Festivals in Charleston.

A Charleston, S.C., native and graduate of Charleston School of the Arts in 2007 Daniel Davis is a seasoned entertainer at just 24 years old, Davis is equally comfortable performing for an audience of 50,000 at the University of South Carolina's Williams-Brice Stadium as he is playing at church on any given Sunday.

Tickets are \$25 and are available online at Cantonvillagetheater.org or by calling (734) 394-5460. The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.



Violinist 'Daniel D' is set to perform at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill on Saturday, June 29, at 7:30 p.m.

Garden Club hosts annual walk

The annual "Flowers are Forever" garden walk in Plymouth takes place Tuesday, June 25, 2013 from noon until 8 p.m., rain or shine.

Organizers said the gardens have "a variety of features as well as many ideas that can be adapted to your own garden." Complimentary refreshments and perennial sale will be at one of the gardens. Master Gardeners will also be available to answer gardening questions.

Trailwood Garden Club's projects include plantings in downtown Plymouth, at the new Plymouth Community Veterans Memorial Park, and at the Plymouth Township offices; plantings and bird-feeder at the Medilodge of Plymouth nursing facility; Plymouth Fall Festival Perennial Exchange; Christmas decorations at the Plymouth Historical Museum; Michigan 4-H; and other related activities.

Tickets are \$8 pre-sale and \$10 on the day of the walk. Tickets for children twelve and under are half-price; there is no charge for babes in arms. Strollers are not permitted. The Trailwood Garden Club, a branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association, is the sponsor.

Tickets are available from Garden Club members, Backyard Birds on Main Street and Saxton's Power Equipment on Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. The ticket includes descriptions of the gardens and a map to their locations.

For additional information, please contact Darlene Rinke (734-459-7499).

CITY OF PLYMOUTH

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan will accept sealed bids up until 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 26, 2013. The bid opening will be at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 26, 2013 for the following:

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> Linda J. Langmesser, CMC City Clerk City of Plymouth

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ORDINANCE #2013-03

REPEAL CHAPTER 70, ARTICLE I, SECTION 1, 2, & 4, REPEAL CHAPTER 70, ARTICLE VII "MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY", REPEAL CHAPTER 70, ARTICLE VIII "MOTOR VEHICLE SIZE, WEIGHT AND LOAD RESTRICTION.

(Replace with the following language):

Chapter 70, Article 1, Section 3 "Motor Carrier Fuel Tax Act":

- (a) The Motor Carrier Fuel Tax Act of 1980 (PA 119 of 1980), and as subsequently amended, is hereby adopted by reference
 - 1. Reference to the State Police shall mean Plymouth Police Department and its Officers.
- (b) Penalties. Violations of this section shall be punished as proscribed by the Motor Carrier Fuel Tax Act of 1980 (PA 119 of 1980), and as subsequently Amended. However, the City may not enforce any penalty greater than a \$500 fine and/or 90 days imprisonment.

Chapter 70, Article VII, Section 256 "Motor Carrier Safety Act":

- (a) The Motor Carrier Safety Act of 1963 (PA 181 of 1963), and as subsequently amended, is hereby adopted by reference.
- (b) Penalties. Violations of this section shall be punished as proscribed by the Motor Carrier Safety Act of 1963, and as subsequently amended.

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1954 PA PROCEEDINGS NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARING

Charter Township of Plymouth Wayne County, Michigan

THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of Petitions of property owners within the Township signed by the record owners of land whose front footage constitutes more than 50% of the total front footage of the hereinafter described Special Assessment District and the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth proposes road paving improvements in the Ridgewood Hills Subdivision and to create a Special Assessment for the recovery of the cost thereof by Special Assessment against the

INTERESTED PERSONS:

properties benefited therein.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested, that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth has tentatively declared its intention to make the hereinafter described improvement:

The proposed improvements shall consist of milling, and/or pulverization, and/or removal of the existing bituminous road with the placement of a new bituminous pavement course. In addition, select areas of concrete curb and gutter will be removed and replaced as necessary. It is understood that this is primarily a road improvement project and therefore any drainage problems existing prior to the project will not be corrected except where said modification is necessary to protect the life of the road pavement. Existing water problems, such as standing water, etc., outside of the roadway will not be resolved by this program. It is further understood that this alternate, if permitted by the County of Wayne, could be subject to special conditions dependent upon the findings of the soils investigation report, existing subsurface conditions, etc. The proposed improvements to the existing two-lane asphalt pavement shall consist of complete and partial asphalt pavement replacement, as well as miscellaneous driveway and drainage work, which may be needed to facilitate the replacement of the asphalt road pavement. The project commences at the south right-of-way line of Powell Road and proceeds southward on Hillcrest Dr. for approximately 3100 feet to the north right-of-way line of Ann Arbor Road. The project proceeds:

- East from Hillcrest Dr. along Meadow Dr. for approx. 1000 feet to Meadow Ct.,
- and south along Meadow Ct. for approx. 600 feet to terminus East from Meadow Ct. along Sunbird Dr. for approx. 130 feet to terminus
- South from Meadow Dr. along Robin Ct. for approx. 250 feet to terminus
- West from Hillcrest Dr. along Plum Tree Dr. for approx. 135 feet West from Hillcrest Dr. along Harvest Dr. for approx. 150 feet
- East from Hillcrest Dr. along Harvest Dr. for approx. 900 feet to Meadow Dr. West from Hillcrest Dr. along Hillcrest Ct. W for approx. 500 feet to terminus East from Hillcrest Dr. along Hillcrest Ct. E for approx. 550 feet to terminus
- West from Hillcrest Dr. along Pinehill Dr. for approx. 120 feet East from Hillcrest Dr. along Pinehill Dr. for approx. 850 feet to Normandy Dr.
- West from Hillcrest Dr. along Woodway Dr. for approx. 150 feet
- East from Hillcrest Dr. along Normandy Dr. for approx. 1500 feet to Pine Hill West from Normandy Dr. along Normandy Ct. W for approx. 550 feet to
- terminus East from Normandy Dr. along Normandy Ct. E for approx. 500 feet to
- South from Normandy Dr. along Chambury Ct. for approx. 650 feet to terminus West from Hillcrest Dr. along Winterset Circle for approx. 130 feet

That it has further been tentatively determined that the following described lots and parcels of land will specially benefit from said improvements and will constitute

a Special Assessment District against which the cost of said improvement shall be The district limit for frontage along Hillcrest Dr., Meadow Dr., Meadow Ct., Sunbird

Dr., Robin Ct., Plumtree Dr., Harvest Dr., Hillcrest Ct. W., Hillcrest Ct. E., Pinehill Dr., Normandy Dr., Woodway Dr., Normandy Ct. W., Normandy Ct E., Chambury Ct., and Winterset Circle consists of Lots 1 through 185 of the Ridgewood Hills Subdivision No. 1, Lot 209 of Ridgewood Hills Subdivision No. 2, and Lot 356 of Ridgewood Hills Subdivision No. 3, located in the Northwest 1/4 of Section 32, T.1S, R.8E, of Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth shall meet on Tuesday, June 25, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth Twp., Michigan 48170, for the purpose of reviewing said proposed Special Assessment District, and hearing objections to the improvement, creation of the Special Assessment District, and the assessment thereon. All persons may then and there appear and make any objections they may have to such improvement and assessment. Appearance and protest at the hearing is required in order to appeal the amount, if any, of the special assessment to the state tax tribunal. An owner or party in interest, or agent thereof, may appear in person at the hearing, or may file an appearance or protest by letter. All parties or agents appearing in person at the hearing for purposes of protest should request the appearance be entered into the record of the meeting.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the plans, specifications, estimates of cost and recommendations of the engineer for said proposed Special Assessment District have been filed with the Township and are available for public examination at the office of the Township Clerk. The estimate of costs of such construction is in the approximate amount of \$1,192,304.60.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that periodic redetermination of costs for the proposed Special Assessment District may be necessary and may be made without further notice to the record owners or parties in interest in the property.

> Nancy Conzelman Charter Township of Plymouth 42350 Ann Arbor Road (734) 453-3840

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Happy day: Wayne celebrates dam removal

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially celebrate removal of the Wayne Road dam and habitat restoration in that section of the Rouge River was held Friday morning.

To highlight the new navigability of the Rouge River in Wayne, Mayor Al Haidous ceremonially arrived by canoe.

"This is the first time I've introduced someone who has arrived by canoe," said James Ridgway, executive director of the Alliance of Rouge Communities.

Canoeing, kayaking and fishing are activities Wayne officials are hoping to see a lot of as restoration of the river and wildlife habitat continues.

"This is a happy day in the City of Wayne. It's the beginning of new hope to make the city a destination for recreation," said Haidous. "We've been dreaming of this day for so long."

The multi-year \$1.14 million project reconnects 11 miles of the Lower Rouge River and 110 miles of tributary streams to the Detroit River and the Lake Erie ecosystem. It had been approximately 100 years since the Lower Rouge had been connected barrier-free with the Great Lakes system.

NOAA grant

Largely funded by a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration grant, the project removed a 1917 dam underneath Wayne Road as well as a 40-foot man-made island located in the river a short distance downstream.

Once the island and the dam, used to help pump the city's



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The ceremonial ribbon is cut by Wayne City Council member Jim Hawley, County Executive Robert Ficano, Wayne City Manager Robert English, Wayne Mayor Al Haidous, Executive Director of the Alliance of Rouge Communities Jim Ridgway, Westland DPS Director Kevin Buford, U.S. Rep. John Conyers, City Council members John Rhaesa and Pam Dobrowolski, Westland Mayor Bill Wild and John Bratton of NOAA.

Friends of the Rouge Board member Adam Cloutier with daughters Ellieana, 5, and Graycee, 3, take the new stairs that lead down to the river.

water, were removed, the river bed and banks were restored. Fish tagged and released downstream are already being seen in the Wayne section of the Rouge River.

It's a project that involved county and local officials, as well as regional and community groups. Elected officials and staff who worked on the dam removal project were presented with commemorative pieces of the dam.

Efforts are underway by the Friends of the Rouge, the local communities and Wayne County to establish the Lower Rouge Water Trail which will connect with the Rouge Water Trail and the Detroit River Heritage Water Trail.

The Lower Branch of the Rouge River flows through Superior and Canton townships and the cities of Wayne, Westland, Inkster, Dearborn and Dearborn Heights.

The idea about removing the dam had been around for about a decade before coming to fruition. Haidous brought the concept to Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano a number of times.

"Bob Ficano may have wondered what this guy was talking about," said Haidous. "The river was blocked and polluted."

'Mr. Rouge'

Haidous cited the efforts of local Rouge Rescue coordinator Kurt Kuban - Hadious calls him Mr. Rouge - with getting people involved locally with cleaning up the river.

On the day that U.S. Rep. John Dingell, D-Trenton, officially became the country's longest serving congressman, Haidous said he especially wanted to thank him for helping get the city \$14 million to pay for most of the unfunded federal mandate to get sewage out of the river.

"Without him, this project would not be reality," said Haidous.

Removal of the dam and restoration of the wildlife habitat on the Rouge River was definitely the vision of a number of partners, said Ficano.

"I didn't think you (Haidous) were completely crazy when you kept saying you wanted canoeing on the river," said Ficano. "Who thought 20 years ago that we would be talking about fishing and canoeing on the Rouge River? It's something of a small miracle."

Not too many years ago the only goal relating to the Rouge River was removing sewage, said Kevin Buford, Westland Department of Public Services director and chairman of the Alliance of Rouge Communities.

"Now we are opening the Lower Rouge to Great Lakes fish with the dam removal. It had been a barrier for years," said Buford. "In 1992, no one was thinking of recreation on the river - it was a distant hope for canoeing, fishing and recreation."

For Wayne, the hope is that the river will attract not only visitors but new residents and help spur a revitalization of the community.

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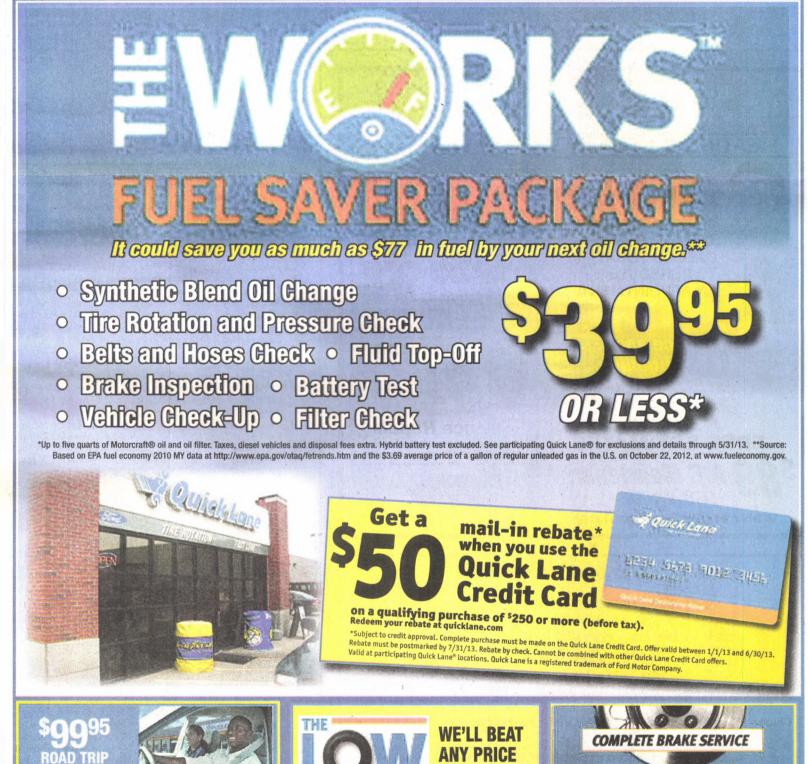
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Legion Riders place wreath at Tomb of the Unknowns

By Sue Mason Staff Writer

As soon as Jeff Dold told Bruce Boland the wreath he wanted was to place at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington Cemetery on Saturday, May 25, Boland knew one thing. He wasn't asking for payment.

"I'm proud I was able to do it for him," said Boland of Boland Florist in Garden City. "It was something I felt was important and I wanted to help out. It was an honor for me."

Boland created a wreath of fresh flowers almost 30 inches wide that Dold, the director of the American Legion Riders in Garden City, took to Washington, D.C., for the ceremony. He was joined by fellow Riders Jerry Eden and Chuck Albright in placing the wreath at the tomb.

"It was very emotional, one of the highlights of my life that I won't forget," said Dold. "It was an unbelievable honor."

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The trio was in Washington, D.C. for Rolling Thunder, an annual rally that honors veterans and fallen soldiers and raises awareness about prisoners of war and soldiers who are missing in action. This was the 26th year that thousands of motorcyclists - estimates placed the crowd at 500,000 riders — rode from the Pentagon to the National Mall Memorial Day, ending the 10mile trip near the Lincoln Memorial.

Road trip

Dold who has ridden in the event in past years, left his bike home, however, and went by car to get the wreath to Washington. He had to stop twice along the way to water it.

"Jeff got an education on how to take car of flowers," said Boland.



Garden City residents Jerry Eden (from left), Chuck Albright and American Legion Riders Director Jeff Dold prepare to place a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington Cemetery.

It took Boland about two hours to create the wreath that included 125 red and white carnations, red roses, sala leaves sprayed in navy blue, white larkspur, a hint of delphinium and purple statice also spraypainted blue. The ribbon

was embellished with the words, Never Forgotten.

"We weren't sure if it would be left one but in the pictures I saw, it was," said Boland, who served in the Air Force Reserves. "There's a video and it's interesting because you can heart the

Busy Women's Retreat

wind, the clicking of the heels and the silence of the moment.'

Dold was surprised and was "truly humbled" to hear he would be able to place a wreath at the tomb. He had to drop a couple of responsibilities and gladly did that "for this once in a lifetime thing.'

The Legion Riders have been participating in Rolling Thunder probably as long as the group's been around. Some members have as many as 20 patches from the event.

'Something to see'

"It's something to see," he said. "The rally starts at noon and can go sixeight hours. At the end, a Marine sergeant stands in the middle of the road and salutes every bike from the beginning to the end. Some riders roll by, some stop get off and salute him. Some of the ladies put roses at his feet. He's done that for years."

According the Dold's

wife, Kim, the honor of presenting the wreath was arrange by Diane Kaledas. Her husband, Bill, was a founding member of the American Legion Riders. The last time a member presented a wreath was five years ago.

"Bruce is very artistic, that wreath was absolutely gorgeous," said Kim Dold. "Jeff was proud to put that at the tomb. He said it outshined the ones that were there.'

"I had a vision of what I wanted to do, and when Jeff did see it, he said it was what he hoped for. It made me feel very gratified. The florists in the immediate area around Arlington probably do wreaths, but around here, I probably was the first. It was an honor."

"These guys are very dedicated and patriotic," he added. "Jeff was the perfect person to place the wreath."

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Ralph Thayer Automotive has started renovations on its new Ralph Thayer Hyundai showroom and service headquarters. Shown here are Alex Thayer, general manager, Ralph Thayer, president, and Adam Thayer, general

Renovations start on new Hyundai showroom

Ralph Thayer Hyundai, one of three dealerships owned and operated by Ralph Thayer Automotive in Livonia, has started renovations on what will be one of the largest Hyundai dealerships in Michi-

The family-owned company purchased the building, a former Mitsubishi dealership, at Laurel and Plymouth Road last year, and is converting it into its new 16,000-squarefoot Ralph Thayer Hyundai showroom and service facility. The building will accommodate seven new vehicles in its showroom and has eight service bays.

The facility is located just west of the Ralph Thayer Volkswagen

and Ralph Thayer Mazda buildings. It sits on a 100,000-square-foot lot, with 200 feet of frontage on Plymouth Road, providing ample room for display of new and previously owned vehicles out-

The company's existing Hyundai showroom is on the east side of their dealership complex at the corner of Stark and Plymouth roads. Once the new Hyundai showroom is complete, the old building will become headquarters for sales of previously owned vehicles. The new dealership building is expected to be completed by mid-July, with a "grand re-opening" scheduled for

Consumers Energy proposes building alternative fuel station

By David Veselenak Staff Writer

Livonia residents with electric or natural gaspowered cars may soon have a new station to fuel their vehicles.

The City Council reviewed a waiver petition for a fueling station operated by Consumers Energy next to its facility at 11801 Farmington Road, just north of -Plymouth Road.

The station would provide free charging stations for electric vehicles, and sell compressed natural gas for cars that run on the fuel.

Chris Laser, project manager for the facility, said four parking spots on the site will be used for electric vehicle charging. Two gas dispensers will also be installed, with room

left to expand it to four

pumps. The fueling station

would be on the southeast side of the property, currently a vacant parking lot. The station would consist of a canopy over the fueling stations, as well as an unmanned equipment enclosure building, which will sit 88 feet off Farmington Road.

It would be the first Consumers Energy alternative fueling station in the Livonia area.

'Unmanned station'

If approved, the station would sell compressed natural gas to the general public using credit cards at the pump. Cash payments will not be accepted, especially since there will be no attendant.

"There's no place for

convenience store, anything like that in this location," Laser said. "This is an unmanned station.'

The station will sell naturally compressed gas, used in several pickup trucks and some Honda Civics, along with other vehicles specifically designed for the clean fuel. Several Consumers Energy vehicles used the alternative fuel station and

will be filled up as well. "There's quite a substantial difference in price," he said. "Natural gas is a lot more stable in price; it doesn't fluctuate like normal gasoline does."

Compressed natural gas is about \$2.50 a gallon, compared to the more than \$4 a galweeks.

Councilman Tom Robinson said he was concerned about the level of traffic in and out of the station during the day. With only having one entrance and exit, he said it could lead to backups, especially

during rush hour. Traffic studies on the corner have not been done on the project, said Mark Taormina, the city's head of economic development.

"We really don't know how to gauge the traffic generation at this point," he said. "They're going to make accommodations by widening that approach on Farmington Road. So that will help with the movement of vehicles in and out of the facil-

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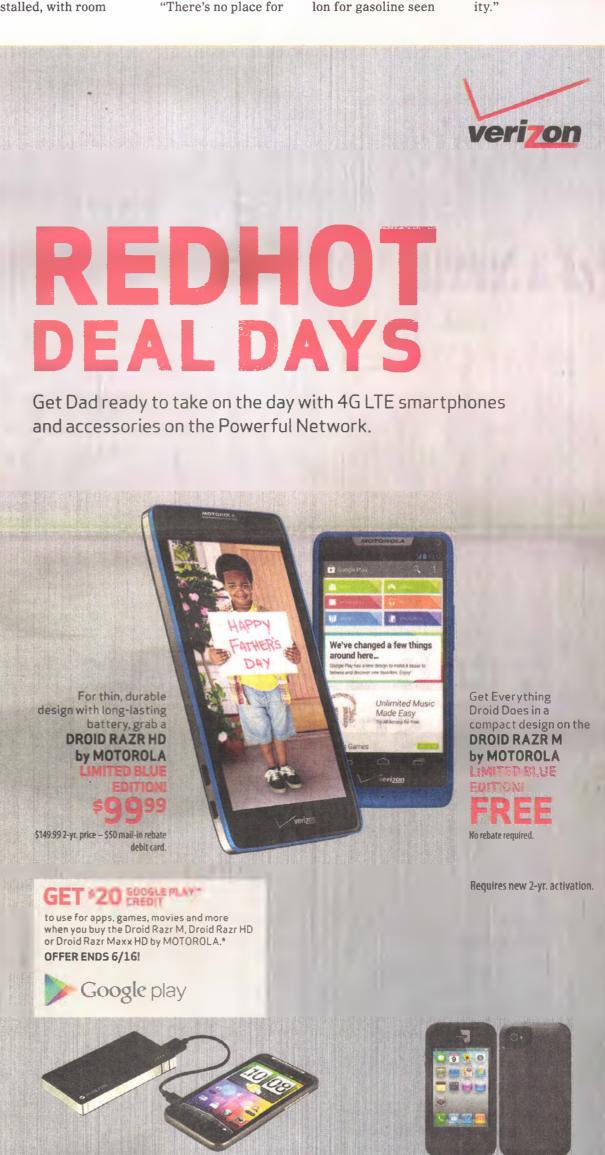
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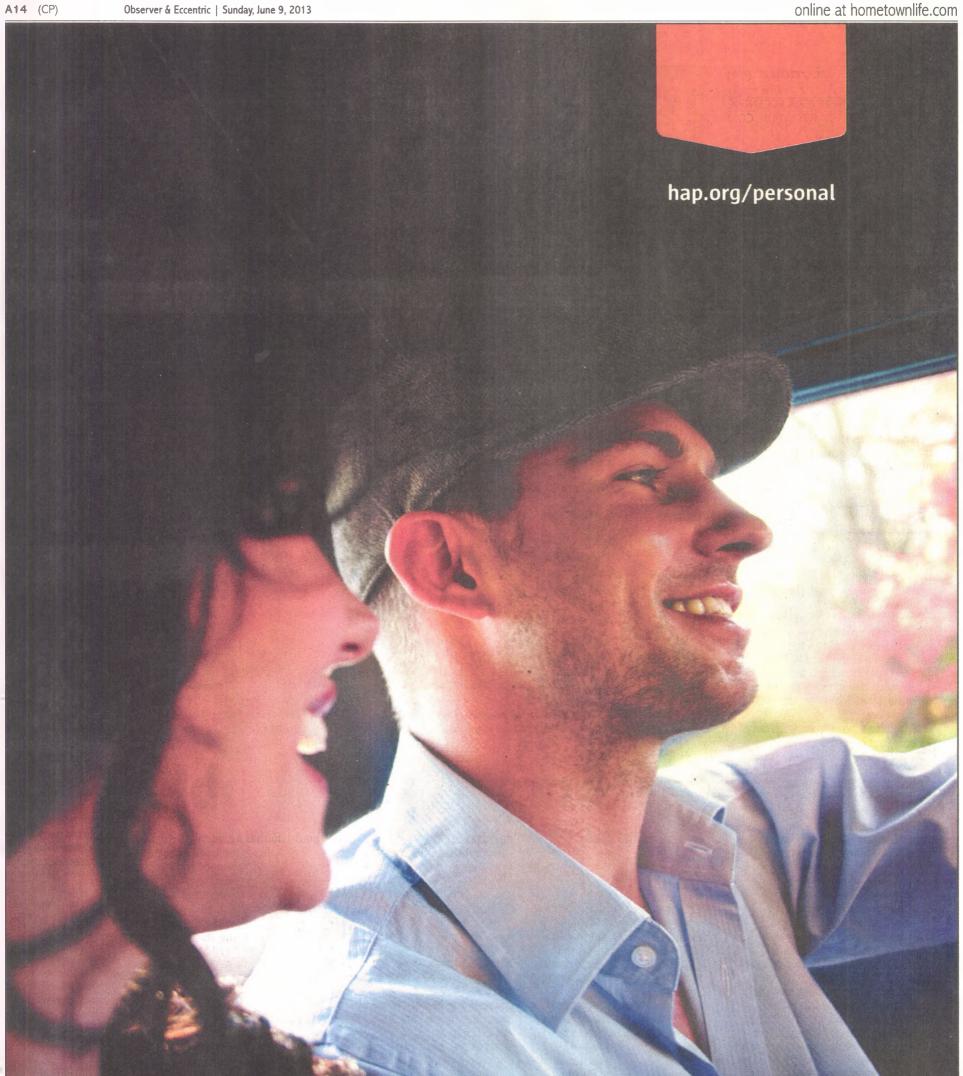
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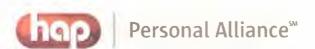


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Small PCA enjoys big season

By Tim Smith Staff Writer

Don't be surprised if you see Plymouth Christian Academy track coach Jennifer Lemieux pinching herself these days. Lemieux is sky high over the

accomplishments of her 2013 Eagles, a small band of athletes that

placed second at the recent Division 4 regionals — before making more noise at the state finals in Hudsonville.

"We had a remarkable season, I am so proud of my qualifying athletes," Lemieux said. "We had (qualifiers in the) 110 hurdles, 300 hurdles, high jump, the 3,200 relay, two in the 800, two in the mile, (the) 3,200 run and 800meter relay.

"Wow, for a boys team with only 22 kids that is remarkable."

At the top of the list was senior all-stater Mick Noel, who finished second in the high jump at the finals with a mark of 6-4.

Also impressive was the 3,200meter relay team of Jacob Nichols, Ethan Levack, Joey Fanelli and Jacob Bailey. That tandem's time of 8:32.23 was good for eighth place and all-state honors.

The relay team also set a new PCA record in the process.

"They ran a very slow 3,200 relay at regionals (9:04.59) to conserve for their numerous individual events so they were placed in the first heat," Lemieux explained. "They ran against the clock and scored eighth place without any competitors to chase. "... That takes tremendous focus and discipline to not have anyone to chase.'

In other individual events, the Eagles competed hard but did not place. Levack finished 19th in

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D1 SOCCER REGIONAL FINAL



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Novi's Erin Dircks (No. 14) and Kendall Kramer (No. 16) converge on Plymouth senior Zoe Foster (No. 10) during the first half of Friday's Division 1 varsity girls soccer regional final at Farmington.

PKs burst 'Cats' bubble

By Tim Smith Staff Writer

When Plymouth senior midfielder Zoe Foster was a freshman, her Wildcats were defeated by Novi's Wildcats in the state championship game.

This year, Foster and the rest of the varsity girls soccer squad vowed to get back to the Division 1 finals.

But Friday at Farmington High School, those hopes were dashed yet again by Novi - 1-0 on penalty kicks in the D1 regional final. It was the only loss of the year for Plymouth (21-1-1), top-ranked entering the contest.

'You really can't put it into words." Foster lamented. "It's devastating."

Plymouth senior forward Madi Lewis, who is headed for the University of Michigan, scored her team's only PK in five attempts against Novi senior goalkeeper Jade Antolec.

Tough finish

Meanwhile, Novi (18-2-2) put two PKs past Plymouth junior goalie Kylie Robb, whose brilliant play in the first half kept the contest scoreless.

Breaking the 1-1 tie in the PK round was junior Kendall Kramer, who went top shelf.

"That was probably the best PK I've seen in my life," Robb said. "That was perfect placement. I'd like to see if she

could do that again."

Robb shook her head about blanking an opponent for 80 minutes of regulation, plus two, 10-minute overtime sessions — and yet come up emp-

"It's frustrating that a game can be determined based on something that has nothing to do with who's the better team or skill or anything like that," Robb said. "It's just based on who got lucky that night and who didn't.'

According to Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich, his team "played well tonight, it didn't go our way in the PKs. Nothing you can do about it."

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Rams bring down Pride

Justin Sherman and Ben Yak each went 2for-4 with an RBI as the Michigan Rams defeated the Michigan Pride, 7-5, in Livonia Collegiate Baseball League action Wednesday at Ford Field.

Tyler Baker also knocked in two runs, while Brandon Katta and Miles Sorise added one RBI apiece as the Rams improved to 2-1-1 in the LCBL.

Winning pitcher Jake Balicki went the first 5.1 innings allowing five runs (two earned on four hits and five walks. He struck out five before Donnie Eaton pitched a scoreless seventh to earn the save.

Sean Bennett and James Andrzejewski each knocked in a run for the Pride (2-2).

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The Miracle League of Plymouth is looking for volunteers for the 2013 season, even if just for one game as a Buddy (to help players make their way around the bases) or umpire.

As of mid-May, 144 of 480 available volunteer spots had been filled. To volunteer and help maximize the fun and baseball experience for Miracle League players (who have various physical handicaps), please go to www. miracleleagueplymouth. org or send an e-mail to info@miracleleagueplymouth.org.

Bucks back in 1st place

The Premier Develop ment League The Michigan Bucks leapfrogged from third to first place on Wednesday afternoon with a matinee shutout win in Toronto (Ontario) Lynx, 1-0, at **Crescent School**

Tommy Catalano scored the game-winning goal, his first of the year, from Jason Stokes in the 57th minute as the Bucks improved to 3-1-0 (9 points) in the PDL's Great Lakes Division of the Central

Conference. Meanwhile, goalkeeper Adam Grinwis made four saves to record his second shutout of the season in four starts.

The loss dropped Toronto's record to 1-2-0 (3 points).

After a Saturday night game at Saline High School against the Chicago Fire, the Bucks travel Friday, June 14, to face Great Lakes coleader FC London (3-0-0, nine points).

For Bucks home ticket information, visit www. buckssoccer.com.

'Cats, Chiefs finish 2-3 at D1 regionals

By Tim Smith Staff Writer

Two varsity boys golf teams from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park will once again be making the trek to the Division 1 finals.

The finals will take place Friday and Saturday at Michigan State University's Forest Akers West course.

Plymouth (298 total score) and Canton (302) made the ultimate cut by taking second and third, respectively, at Thursday's D1 regional at West Shore Golf & CC in Grosse Ile. Saline won the championship with a 297.

Talking to Plymouth coach Nick Brandon and his Canton counterpart, Tom Alles, however, reaction to the showing was night and day.

"When you go to play for the regional championship and you don't win, there's room for improvement," Brandon said. "And it doesn't matter whether it's by one shot or 10 shots. If there's a trophy waiting for you, and you don't go home with it, then you know it's an opportuni-



Canton's varsity boys golf team finished third at Thursday's Division 1 regional at West Shore Golf & CC in Grosse Ile. The Chiefs will compete in the D1 finals for the second straight year, as will Plymouth (second at regionals). From left are head coach Tom Alles, Brent Perry, Alex Champagne, Noah Lindlbauer, Tyler McMahan and Donnie Trosper (second overall with an even-par 71).

ty to improve."

Alles credited a total team effort for the Chiefs joining the Wildcats for the second season

in a row at the D1 finals.

"We played probably the best tournament we've played all year, so that came at a good

time," Alles said. "We really like West Shore. I don't know what it is about it but we played there very well the last two

Alles noted that having four players shoot in the 70s "certainly helped. Even our fifth man was respectable at 83, so it was a team effort."

Leading the way

He made special mention of sophomore Donnie Trosper, who placed second overall with an even-par 71. "Donnie Trosper certainly

did well, placing second with an even-par 71, so that never hurts," Alles said. "Donnie's been the scoring leader for our team but our seniors came up big yesterday for us, all three of them."

Canton seniors Alex Champagne (76), Brent Perry (77) and Tyler McMahan (78) were outstanding for the Chiefs. Finishing with an 83 was sophomore

Noah Lindlbauer. Plymouth was led by senior

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Trine's just fine with Chiefs' Porter

Staff Writer

It looks like Catherine Porter will be catching on - literally - at Trine University.

Porter, finishing up an outstanding high school career with the Canton varsity girls softball team, recently signed to take over as catcher at Trine, a NCAA Division III school located in Argola, Ind.

"This is my dream come true," said Porter, an all-around player and scholar-athlete. "I have always dreamed of playing softball in college. Now that I am getting this opportunity, with such a strong program, is more than I could ever have asked for."

Joining a program currently ranked No. 2 among D-III colleges is something that really has Porter excited.

Just as thrilled is Trine head women's softball coach Donnie Danklef-

"The addition of Catherine Porter to our university and softball family is an all-around great fit," Danklefsen said. "Catherine's personality and work ethic will be a perfect match. Our coaching staff has been looking for a catcher to try and replace four-year starter Sarah Belote for some time and we all feel Catherine can be that player we need.

"Her size and strength



The support system for Canton senior softball player Catherine Porter (front row, second from right) is strong. Also in the front row are (from left) Canton coaches Larry Bober and Jim Arnold and (far right) Catherine's grandma, Bernadine Zomerman. In the back row (from left) are her grandpa, Tonnis Zomerman, younger sister Victoria and parents Tom and Irene Porter.

are easy to see but it's her passion for the game and coachability that grabbed our attention."

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Porter, 17, who followed up a .416 season in 2012 with an even better one (.538 with three homers and 23 RBI entering Saturday's Class A regionals), has enjoyed a distinguished prep career.

Her sophomore year, when the Chiefs reached the Elite 8, she collected Canton's lone hit of a state quarterfinal game against Mattawan at Michigan State Univer-



Also that year, she earned the Most

Improved Player Award and in 2012 was MVP along with being all-discoach Donnie Danklefsen (left) and assistant coach Brittany Harvey.

Catherine Por-

ter (center) is

all smiles after

signing to play

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trict, all-region and allstate honorable mention. She also gets it done

academically, with a grade point average of just under 3.7.

According to Porter, support from her parents (Tom and Irene) and grandparents (the Zomermans) - all regulars at Canton games and summer travel tournaments - has really helped mold her into the player and

person she is. But she also credited her high school and travel coaches, Jim Arnold and Mike Gerou, respectively, for helping her improve

her game. "Coach Arnold has showed me how much hard work it takes to be the best and showed me the dedication and heart needed to be at the collegiate level," she noted.

As for Gerou, her travel coach since eighth grade for all but one year. "He taught me so much about softball, because I was a clean slate when I became a player for him. I played boys baseball up until that point in my career."

Another big influence was Charles Fobbs, assistant coach at Michigan State University.

"He spent countless hours teaching me the ins and outs of catching and hitting at the college level," Porter added. "He was my personal trainer throughout last summer and he helped me learn what it takes."

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GOLF

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Kyle Rodes and junior Evan Chipman, each registering 73s to finish in a

tie for third place over-

Junior John Tatti's 74 was good for seventh place while other Wildcat finishers were junior Chris Kozler (16th, 78) and senior Ryan Rieckhoff (23rd, 79).

"I think Evan Chipman and John Tatti exceeded their job," said Brandon, in his first season as Plymouth head coach. "When it comes to our five core varsity play-

ers each of them has a role on this team, each of them has an identity.

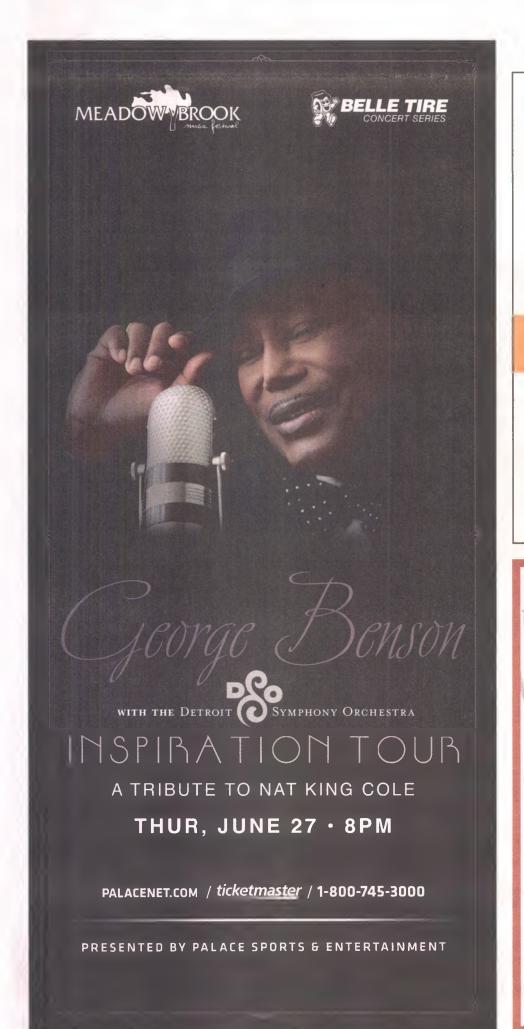
"Yesterday I thought Chip and Tatti not only did their job but exceeded what's expected of them. Those two guys

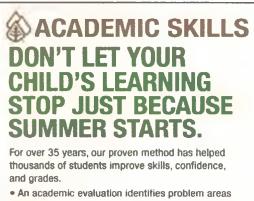
absolutely put their team in a position to win.

"If we're going to be successful at states, we need to have five guys do their job and five guys be dedicated to winning the big prize."

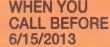
Salem's Connor Cole and Brian Patterson, who competed as individual qualifiers from the D1 districts, each scored 87.

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Schoolcraft recruiting class has local flavor

By Brad Emons Observer Staff Writer

After going 7-20 last season and missing the NJCAA Division II District 10 playoffs with a 4-14 MCCAA Eastern Conference record, Schoolcraft College men's basketball coach Randy Henry was out hitting the recruiting trail hard.

On Thursday, Henry announced the signing of five new players for the. 2013-14 season including two area cagers in Josh Campbell, a 5-foot-10 guard from Livonia Stevenson, along with 6-2 Olushakin Cole of Livonia Franklin.

Also in the fold is Anthony Douglas, a 6-5 center-forward from **Detroit University Prep** and 6-4 forward-guard Nathan Kamal of Brigh-

Campbell, a two-team second-team All-Observer selection, averaged 17.8 points, 5.5 rebounds and 3.3 assists per game as a senior at Stevenson.

He'll be joining his older brother Jonathan, a shooting guard who averaged 10 points per game and three assists last year for the Ocelots.

"He'll be a point guard for us," Henry said of Josh Campbell. "He has the ugliest shot in the world, but they go in. But I think he'll be running it for us. His brother will be better at the 'two' guard where he can wheel and deal, and be a free spirit. When you're a general, you can't be a free spirit because you have to get everyone else involved.'

An all-Campbell backcourt could become an interesting dynamic come November.

PCA TRACK

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the mile run with Trevor Baloga coming in 24th. On the girls side, also

helmed by Lemieux, Karen Windle took eighth place in the 800 run with a mark of 2:27.58 while Terra Crown came in 14th in the mile run.

Megan Lemieux took 13th in the discus on a windy day and the 3,200meter relay team of Windle, Rachael Fuller, Rachel Smith and Crown placed 21st.

"Five ladies qualifying for state finals out of 10 on the team in five events, pretty impressive," Lemieux added.

Their accomplishments have brought great pride to Lemieux, who started coaching at PCA (a K-12 school) in 2007 when the athletes were in sixth grade.

"I like how big the school is, for a community college it's pretty big," Campbell said. "And obviously with brother being on the team and the opportunity to play with him will be cool. I'm a little better at driving, getting layups, scoring in the paint."

Cole, the nephew of former University of Michigan player Billy Ayler, played primarily forward at Franklin where he averaged 9 points, 6.4 rebounds and 2.2 assists per game.

He did not play organized basketball until the eighth grade and could be a late bloomer for Schoolcraft.

"It just gives me a goal in life to be a better basketball player and a chance to put myself out there to play at a bigger college after my two years here," Cole said. "I was playing center at Franklin. I wish I had played more guard, but I'll be handling the ball here more.

"I have to work on my ball-handling, my shot and a lot of it is my conditioning.'

Henry said Cole can bring some intangibles to the Ocelots' lineup.

"Cole will probably be a 'two' or 'three' for us,' the Schoolcraft coach said. "He's a real strong kid. He's only 6-2, but he's about 200 pounds. He attacks the basket. I think he plays really hard and he wants to play defense. And that's what you really need is more guys who want to do that."

As a senior, Douglas helped University Prep to a 13-8 record where he spent most of his time playing center.

"I could see the energy and speed as they zipped around in sixth grade," Lemieux said. "I am very proud of them. In the four years they have been running we have reset the record boards 38 times during their freshman to senior years.'

Other notable Eagles this season included sprinters Jimmy Parks and Ian Rose (both part of PCA's first-place 1,600meter relay team at regionals) and Robert Stafford, seventh in shot put and eighth in discus at regionals.

Lemieux couldn't finish her glowing recap without mentioning team members Nathan Harold (captain of academics), Steven Zomermaand, Lindsay Roedding (part of the girls' recordsetting mile relay) and Leaha Dotson.

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WILDCATS

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Novi head coach Brian O'Leary said Antolec was outstanding, particularly in crunch time. He also said the double shadowing of Lewis was another key factor.

"We had a single marker the whole game (Karissa Koomen) and brought a double team in anytime she (Lewis) got the ball," O'Leary said. "It was whoever was available. They're so dynamic that you really can't pick a person. If you pick a person they're going to leave a spot where someone is at. "They do a lot of drifting of people. No. 22 for them, (senior midfielder) Stephanie Dillon, does a great job of finding seams. So we don't want someone leaving and leaving a player like her open."

Halftime talk helps

The first half featured a lot of pressure against Robb, more than up to the task with a variety of dives, slides and quick hands.

With about 24 minutes left, a throw-in by Taylor Pavlika was headed by Erin Dircks from within the goal box. But Robb was there with the clutch snag.

Moments earlier, Robb jumped high into the air to deflect a close-in bid by Pavlika.

Neschich, knowing things had to change in the second half, had a lengthy talk with the team during the intermission. Plymouth came out quicker to the ball and took control.

"We were a little too stretched out (in the first half)," Neschich noted. "The distance between our forwards and our defenders, we had way too much of a gap in there. We adjusted that.

"And we really just needed to win the 50/50 balls and win the oneon-one battles that we weren't doing in the first half. I thought the second half we were very strong."

O'Leary also said the game was a tale of two halves.

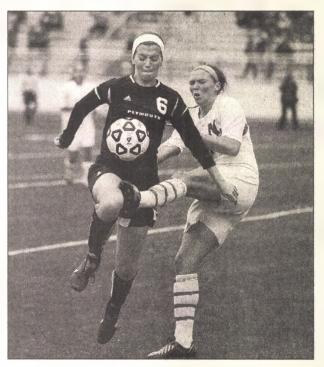
The first half we put a ton of pressure on them and had some good opportunities," he said. "In the second half I thought they put a lot of pressure on us."

No room

Still, Plymouth's goto scorer could not get



Plymouth junior goalkeeper Kylie Robb gets up to bat the ball away during a dangerous scrum Friday night. Among other players at the scene are Novi's Chloe Allen (No. 13), Erin Dircks (No. 14) and Plymouth's Alyssa Dillon (No. 2) and Emily Burkman (No. 20).



Battling for a 50/50 ball Friday night are Plymouth's Erin Winters (No. 6) and Novi's Taylor Pavlika (No. 10).

any dangerous chances.

"They were just packing it in and kicking it out," Lewis said. "I think the pressure was building throughout the game on everyone, just because we knew it was going into overtime and possibly PKs.'

In the PKs, Novi's Natalie Krygier sent a shot off the diving Robb into the topleft corner and Lewis answered with a low shot inside the right

After Kramer gave Novi the 2-1 edge in penalty kicks, Stephanie Dillon needed to score to keep the championship dream going at least one more round.

Her bid went wide to the left and Novi players streamed onto the pitch to mob Antolec.

Still a great year

Plymouth players later tried to console Dillon, including Lewis.

"I just told her it's a team sport," Lew-is stressed. "We missed four of the five PKs, we went 100 minutes without scoring a goal. It's not her fault. She can't take it like that.

"She played a great season and a great four years."

Lewis also was choked up with emotion, however, about coming so close to having a chance for the ultimate goal about getting that championship that eluded Plymouth in 2010.

"I know a lot of them had regrets on that season and I just wanted to help them get back to the state championship and win it," she added. "We played a great season."

Concurring was Foster, who said the players "should keep their heads held up high because they've accomplished more than any other Plymouth soccer team has. It's a very special group of girls."

PLYMOUTH 3, SALINE 0: Wednesday night in the Division 1 regional semifinal at Farmington, the Wildcats scored two goals a minute apart in the first half and went on to post their 21st victory of the season without a loss.

Seniors Madi Lewis (assisted by senior Morgan Klabunde) and Zoe Foster put Plymouth up 2-0 at halftime. Finishing the scoring in the second half was senior Stephanie Dillon.

Posting the shutout was junior goalkeeper Kylie

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Plymouth defeated Saline 3-0 on Wednesday in the Division 1 semifinal. One of the Wildcats to score a goal was senior forward Madi Lewis (No. 14), shown squaring off against Saline's Anabel Nam (No. 6).

Fox Hills set to host golf etiquette program

To celebrate Women's Golf Month, the Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center in Plymouth is hosting a golf etiquette program for Metro Detroit women from 5:30-to-7:30 p.m. Friday, June 21.

The program will be free for the first 20 women who register, and half off for any additional participants.

Any additional women who register will receive half off the regular price of the program, which is \$17.50 per person. Women can sign up for the golf etiquette program by calling the Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center at (734) 453-7272.

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"We couldn't think of a better way to celebrate Women's Golf Month than to host a clinic that will help women both on the golf course and in the office," said Julia Grelak, sales and marketing director. "A lot of business takes place on the golf course and knowledge of the proper business etiquette while golfing to the women of Metro Detroit."

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Whalers career of goalie Matt halak (No. 37) ended with his trade to Kingston for two draft picks.

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Trader Mike: Whalers deal Payne, Mahalak

The Plymouth Whalers pulled off a hat trick of trades during a very busy week for general manager/ coach Mike Vellucci.

Forward Cody Payne was shipped off to the Saginaw Spirit and overage goalie Matt Mahalak was dealt to Kingston.

Each trade netted two draft choices for Vellucci - recently named both top coach and executive in the Ontario Hockey League.

Vellucci also acquired 17-yearold center Francesco Vilardi from the Sudbury Wolves for a third round 2015 draft pick.

Payne played 116 games over two seasons for the Whalers and was part of a potent offense in 2012-13, tallying 24 goals and 21 assists. He was sent to the Spirit for Saginaw's second round pick in the 2015 OHL Priority Selection and the third pick in the 2016

Earlier this week, the Whalers traded Mahalak to Kingston, a trade made possible by the outstanding rookie season turned in by goalkeeper Alex Nedeljkovic.

Capping off a busy week, the Whalers inked 17-year-old defenseman Josh Wesley, who was taken by Plymouth in the fifth round (98th overall) in the 2012 OHL

Ladywood blazes path to D2 girls lax finals

By Brad Emons Observer Staff Writer

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The last two years Livonia Ladywood's lacrosse season ended in the Division 2 state semifinals in Okemos.

But the Blazers made a significantly longer trek up I-96 Saturday as they headed to Rockford for the MHSAA championship game courtesy of a thrilling 11-10 Final Four win Wednesday over Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook.

Ladywood, 15-1 overall, rallied from a 9-5 second-half deficit and held the Cranes scoreless during the final 10 minutes and 15 seconds as Theresa Micallef tallied the tying goal with only 2:51 remaining followed by Rachel Donabedian's game-winner with only 1:39 to

The win put the Blazers into their first-ever state final since the MHSAA first sponsored the tournament (in 2005) against 21-2 East Grand Rapids, which ousted host Okemos, 13-5, in the other state semifinal.

Junior attacker Jessica Snyder paced the Blazers with five goals, while sister Jaclyn Snyder, a senior A-winger, added three goals and one assist.

"They are just fantastic," Ladywood coach Kris Sanders said of the Snyder sisters. "They work so hard. They're relentless and they'll do anything to win. I'm so excited and I love having them."

Donabedian finished with two goals, while Micallef had the other. Senior A-winger Christina Riga contributed a pair of assists.

So what might separate this Ladywood team from the previous two that fell to Okemos (13-6) and Grand Rapids Catholic Central (16-12) in the 2012 and 2011 state semifinals?

"I think I have a lot of different girls that can score," Sanders said. "So not only do I have one or two, or three like I had



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Ladywood attackers Jaclyn Snyder (26), Hannah Daniels (5) and Christina Riga (25) surround Cranbrook goalie Surya Adams (white jersey) during Wednesday's Division 2 state semifinal.

in previous years ... I have at least five and six. So it really helps kind of spread of what I call the wealth out there, which is nice because it's hard to know who to mark for us."

Ladywood jumped out to a 3-1 lead with 12:13 left in the first half on Donabedian's goal from Riga, but the Cranes stormed back to take a 5-4 halftime advantage and increased their lead to 9-5 by going on a 5-1 run highlighted by Maddy Weber's short-handed goal from Julie

Rogers. "They're very talented, very skilled," Sanders said of Cranbrook. "They are a lot bigger. At first they were a lot more physical then we were, so I told the girls, 'If we're going to win this game and stay in it, we've got to match their physicali-

The Blazers began chipping away with a mini 3-0 run capped by Jaclyn Snyder's tally with 12:53 left to trim the deficit to

Cranbrook notched its final goal with 10:15 remaining on Rogers' third of the night from Frannie Gembis to make it a two-goal cushion again.

But Cranbrook, despite outshooting the Blazers 22-20, never was able to find the back of the net the rest of the way against Ladywood goalie Stephanie Mackley.

Jessica Snyder's goal with 7:01 left brought the Blazers back to 10-9, setting the stage for Micallef's and Donabedian's tying and winning goals, respec-

Cranbrook junior goalie Surya Adams was stellar in defeat, making 11 saves, including two

point-blank stops on Donabedian and Jaclyn Snyder with 2:15 and 1:33 remaining to keep it a one-goal game.

'She (Adams) was really good," Sanders said. "I think we kept shooting in the same spot, so that's another thing we talked about, too, and where to shoot on her. I think they did much better in the second half.'

The Cranes earned one final possession with a chance to tie, but turned it over with 1:02 left after being whistled for an offsides following a restart.

Ladywood then ran out the clock to reach its first-ever state final.

"It was all about the draw towards the end of the game and I thought Ladywood played a great game - we gave it up to them and that's on us," said Cranbrook coach Melinda Saylor, whose team finished a deceiving 5-10-1 overall. "I wish them the best of luck in the

Midfield face-offs certainly proved critical in the overall scheme of things.

"In girls lacrosse, whoever gets that center draw is the one who is usually pretty successful," Sanders said. "She (Saylor) took the timeout and we were able to kind of regroup a little bit and do a little bit different strategy which worked out for us.

"We were just trying to position them around the circle a little bit differently and not just let them play what their game was. We needed to step in front and play ours."

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2013-2014 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 11, 2013, at 7 o'clock p.m., at the E.J McClendon Educational Center, 454. S. Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan, the Board of Education of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2013-2014 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2013-2014 budget until after a public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2013-2014 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan.

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

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education

Adrienne Davis, Secretary

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COMMUNITY LIFE

Shining stars

Theater for special needs kids teaches stage skills, confidence

By Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

Katie Mann and Annie Klark were teaching together at the Marquis Theatre in Northville a few summers ago when their concept for a new kind children's theater began to take shape.

"We'd have 60-70 kids at the Marquis and it would be wonderful, but every once and awhile, we'd get a child on the autism spectrum. They'd be phenomenal, but the curriculum just moved too fast for them," said Mann, a Livonia resident and choreographer.

She and Klark, a professional actress from Canton, began trolling the Internet for theater programs aimed at children with special needs.

"We thought there must be a place that we could recommend that specializes in this kind of thing," Klark said. "We wanted it to exist."

When their searches turned up empty, they decided to take on the challenge themselves. They wrote a business plan, did "tons of research," said Klark, and in the process, founded the 4th Wall Theatre Company. The yearold mobile theater brings dance, music and acting experiences to its special needs students in their own environment.

Their first class was held at the Judson Center of Royal Oak, quickly followed by the Down Syndrome Guild of South-

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PHER Katie Mann adjusts Christopher Funches's bandanna before a talent show begins at Franklin High School in



eastern Michigan. Over the past year they've worked with Livonia Public Schools, Canton Leisure Services, Detroit Public Schools, Mid-Michigan Autism Association, Autism Alliance of Michigan, On My Own of Michigan, the City of Novi, among other organizations and institutions.

They offer a series of six weekly classes and oneday workshops, but they've also led school assemblies, coached special needs students in a talent competition, and performed with former students at conferences and gala fundraisers. Classes serve students, 3-26. Each receives a T-shirt and performs in a showcase that is tailored to individual abilities.

"Children (with special needs) are often seen as

not being able to do much. And people often look at us and say, 'Really, children with autism on stage? You know they have problems displaying their emotions.' And that makes us mad. Children with disabilities can do anything that a typical child can do. They just need a different situation sometimes," Mann said.

Singing, sign

Teachers are assigned to classes in pairs, although interns from Wayne State, Madonna University or Eastern Michigan University, also lend a hand if needed. Each session includes some dance, acting exercises and singing, by both voice and sign language. Mann, a certified teacher, also is fluent in sign language. Klark has taught theater class-



Katie Mann, co-founder of 4th Wall Theatre.



Annie Klark, (upper right) leads a song at a 4th Wall Theatre Compa-

es throughout southeastern Michigan and also directs a children's choir at Michi-

gan Opera Theatre. All classes begin with students and instructors sitting in a circle and sharing one detail about themselves. After the trustbuilding circle, students get a chance to don a hat from a prop box. Improv games, mirroring exercises, songs and dance follow. A performance always

caps the final class or end of the workshop. Often it's a play the youngsters have helped to create. They make up the characters, dialogue and action and Klark puts it all together into a short sketch.

What we want to

ny class with special needs children. do is set children up for success. For one student, success might be standing on the stage. For another it might be having 10 lines," Klark said. "Every student is so different. But our whole goal is to create an environment where that child can suc-

Fun lessons

ceed."

While donning funny hats and singing songs or dancing freestyle, the children learn about cooperation,

team work, eye contact and speaking with confidence.

"All of these things that they struggle with on a consistent basis come inherently in the theater," Klark said. "There is therapy that happens naturally through what we do, but we really created 4th Wall as a fun, extracurricular activity. That was more our goal than the therapy side of it. We wanted to create something where they could have a great time, be proud of themselves and feel empowered and have a sense of accomplishment."

The 4th Wall just wrapped up its spring session. For information about summer classes or to contact Mann and Klark, visit www.4thwallkids.com

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Livonia group picks winning art works

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, June 9, 2013

Regina Dunne of Northville took first place in the Visual Arts Association of Livonia's spring show, Artistic Expressions for her pastel painting, "Voyageur."

Dunne studied at the Academia Nacional de Bellas Artes San Alejandro in Cuba and at the Detroit Society of Arts and Crafts, now called College for Creative Studies. She worked for many years as a graphic artist in the advertising department at the J. L. Hudson Co. Now retired, Dunne, 87, paints every day. Pastel is her favorite medium, but she also works in oil and watercolor. Her favorite subject is portraits, but she adds a unique touch by setting the model into a background of her choosing. When asked about her technique she said, "I work rapidly and alternate warm and cool colors and hard and soft pastels. I never blend the pastel."

The second place award went to Barbara Eko Murphy of Northville for her piece, "A Toast to Life."

Joan Boerger of Plymouth took third place with her painting, "The Gerani-

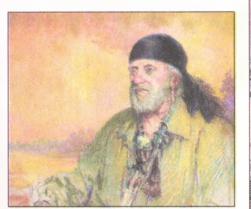
Honorable mentions went to Anne O"Shaughnessy of Plymouth for "Central Park in May", Jean Thomas of Detroit for "A Good View," and Gail Churchill of Dearborn for "Fair Lane

The VAAL Art Exhibit runs through June 28 at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 33000 Civic Center Drive on Five Mile, east of Farmington Road.

The Visual Arts Association of Livonia is dedicated to advancing knowledge and appreciation of the creative arts by offering studio classes and twice yearly exhibits. Enrollment is open to everyone without restriction. The VAAL classroom is located at 37653 Five Mile Road in Livonia.

For more information about the show, call (734) 838-1204 or see the VAAL website at www.vaalart.org

"The Geranium" by Joan Boerger of Plymouth won a third place award in the Visual Arts Association of Livonia show.



"The Voyageur," by Regina J. Dunne of Northville won first place in the Visual Arts Association of Livonia spring art show.



Barbara Eko Murphy of Plymouth took second place with her piece, "A Toast to Life," in the Visual Arts Association of Livonia's "Artistic Expressions" spring art show.



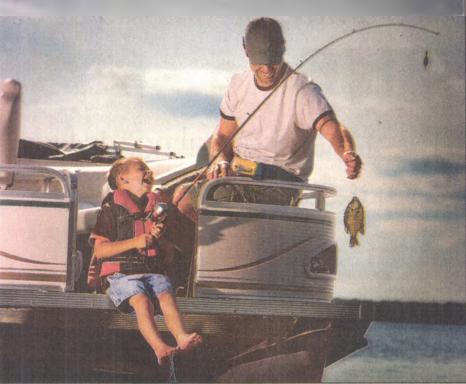


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Perfect presents for Dad's Day

Shopping for some dads is easy neckties, gift cards or golf balls are sure to bring a smile to his face. Others want something a lot more creative and unexpected. This year, get your favorite father a gift that creates special memories. Take him fishing, host a family barbecue featuring his favorite grilled fare or let him rock out with his favorite guitarist. No matter what type of dad you have, here are a few great gift ideas sure to make this Father's Day one to remember.

Catch Some Memories with Dad

A rod and reel, some bait, a cooler of snacks and sandwiches, fishing licenses and his favorite fishing buddy; all these together make for a perfect Father's Day gift. Spoil dad with a day on the open water with no distractions. He'll be glad you opted for tackle instead of the tie. For more details on how to purchase fishing licenses, supplies you will need, where the fish are biting, and how to hook 'em, visit www.takemefishing.org.

Wine, Wisdom and Rock **Experience**

Wow dad with a once-in-a-lifetime gift: The "Wine, Wisdom and Rock Experience" at the Louis M. Martini Winery, presented by Rock 'n' Roll Fantasy Camp, Aug. 16 to 18. This unbelievable weekend will blend classic rock with

classic cabernet in one of Napa Valley's most historic wineries. Dad will taste world class cabernet with Michael Martini, third-generation master winemaker, and jam with classic rock guitarist Joe Satriani and other rock legends. For more information, visit http://rockcamp. com/napa-valley.php or www.Facebook. com/LouisMartiniWinery.

Gifts that Sizzle

For the man who has everything, give dad the gift that brings the whole family together. With the Omaha Steaks' Favorite Gift package, he'll have everything he needs for an incredible feast - from extra tender Filet Mignons to bold, beefy Top Sirloins and savory sides. Not only will he love the incredible fare, he'll also love the extra family time. Remember, a well-fed dad is a happy dad. For information, visit www. omahasteaks.com.

Grill Up Some Good Times

An icy beverage, the sun beating down and the smoky smell of a sizzling cut of meat — these are a few of dad's favorite things. If dad is a novice to the grill, open up a new culinary world to him this Father's Day with the gift of a new grill. Is he already a seasoned master of the flame? Think about upgrading his old rig for one that's shiny and new. It's a gift dad will enjoy using all year long.

— Courtesy Family Features

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CLASS OF 1963

50th reunion will be held Sept. 28. Contact Kathy (Toth) Hav at khay@reinhardrealtors. com or Dianna (Basnaw) McDaniel at dimcdaniel45@comcast.net.

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2744 or Sterling at (734) 265-6132. **DETROIT CENTRAL**

CLASS OF 1953

The class will celebrate its 60th reunion at 6 p.m. Sunday, July 21, at Glen Oaks Country Club, 13 Mile at Orchard Lake Road, in Farmington Hills. For more information call Bernice Nedelman Betman at (248) 737-5773 or Marcia Sussman King at (248) 661-3422.

DETROIT CODY

CLASS OF 1963 The 50th reunion is set for Friday, Aug. 16, at The Joy Manor, 28999 Joy Road, Westland. Tickets are \$40. Contact Jerry Marszalek at (313) 532-0134, Jmarsares@sbcglobal.net, or Phil Varilone at (313) 562-3579, Pvarilone@wowway.

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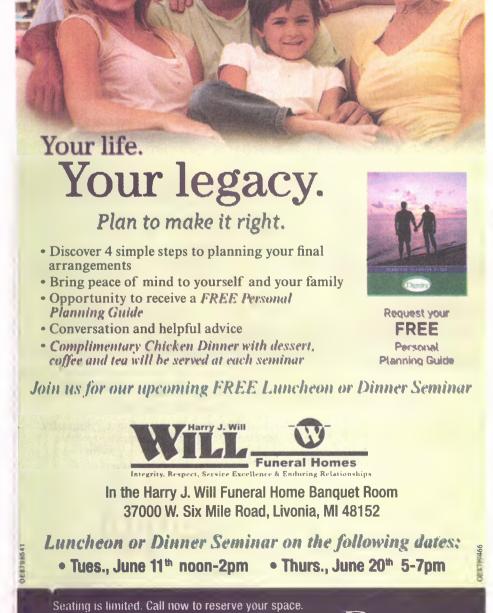
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It's always something at Gilda's Club



Farmington Hills residents Steve Bez (left) and Dale Garber don Gilda Radner's famous 'do for Gilda's Big Night Out.

By Julie Yolles Social Scene Columnist

As Gilda Radner's alter ego "Roseann Rosannadanna" used to say "It's always something." And for Gilda's Club Metro Detroit, there's always something going on. The organization puts on 120 cancer-support programs every year, freeof-charge, to anyone who walks through that welcoming, signature red

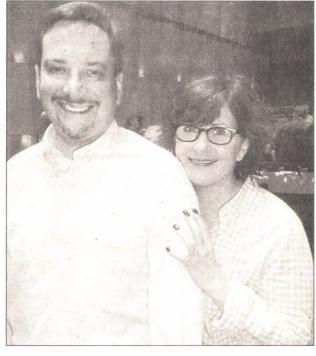
"Having cancer gave me membership in an elite club I'd rather not belong to," Radner once

Sadly, Radner died of ovarian cancer on May 20, 24 years ago. She was

only 42. Her spirit lives on and was honored at "Gilda's Big Night Out," the 15th Anniversary Celebration of Gilda's Club Metro Detroit. Held for the second year at the Max Fisher Music Center in Detroit, the event brought in more than 300 Gilda's supporters and raised close to \$90,000. Special guests were Gilda's Club Worldwide Founder and Radner's Psychotherapist, Joanna Bull. In addition, one of Radner's BFFs (best friends forever), Alan Zweibel, gave guests an inspirational look into their start together on Saturday Night Live and what

But as soon as the silent auction bid sheets packed

became a life-long friend-



Gilda's Club Metro Detroit board member Ronnie Weiner and his wife, Amy, of Farmington Hills.

up at the Max Fisher Music Center, Gilda's Club went on to prepare for an incredible charity benefit slated for Wednesday, June 12 at the Maple Theater in Bloomfield Hills. You are invited to the movie premiere of Decoding Annie Parker starring Helen Hunt, Samantha Morton, Aaron Paul and Bradley Whitford.

Based on a true story, Decoding Annie Parker follows the journey of Parker (Samantha Mor-

ton), who lost her mother and sister to breast cancer and then was diagnosed with breast cancer herself and the scientist Mary-Claire King (Helen Hunt) who ultimately discovered the BRCA1 gene that has now led to advanced breast and ovarian cancer detection and treatment. Coincidentally, the movie release is very timely with the recent reveal of actress Angelina Jolie's decision to have a double mastectomy once she test-



Gilda's Club Patrons Ron Yolles (left) of Birmingham and Farmington Hills resident David Lubin of corporate sponsor M.Jacob & Sons.

ed positive for the BRCA1

gene. Wednesday's movie premiere will begin at 6 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres by Sweet Lorraine's Cafe. followed by the screening at 7 p.m. Following the movie, guests can participate in a panel discussion with Decoding Annie Parker Writer/Director/ Producer Steven Bernstein and Annie Parker herself. Tickets are \$100 and \$150 and can be purchased by going to http:// www.eventbrite.com/ event/6661531821# or www.themapletheater.

For more information about Gilda's Club Metro Detroit, located in Royal Oak, visit gildasclubdetroit.org.

Service companies do their best under some tough conditions

By Joe Gagnon Guest columnist

or the many years that I have been involved in the appliance industry and the heating and cooling profession the story has

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Joe Gagnon

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and needles for the weather to

break. Once that happens they are in their glory and we consumers are at their mercy. Hot temperatures help to create a warm feeling under the collar of many homeowners. Now they have to wait for service and people don't like the word "wait."

It's the same thing every year and I hear the same complaints such as: They can't fix my air conditioner because there are 200 requests in front of me. They can't get out fixing my washer for 10 days because they are loaded with calls on refrigerators. And the list goes

In my defense of the service industry, you must realize that service calls are prioritized much like patients entering an emergency room at a hospital. Refrigeration is tops on the list and for good reason. It can be life threatening if the temperature is too hot or medicine is not refrigerated. Service companies do the best they can under some very trying circumstances and it can very hard to please every customer who calls.

Now, let me get to the core of what this column is all about! I constantly remind homeowners of how important it is to take care of your refrigeration equipment at home. I'm talking about your central air conditioning system, the room air conditioner, the dehumidifier, refrigerator, freezer and all products that are associated with these. If you think you are mad because you had to wait a long period for service, imagine how you feel when the service technician discovers the only thing wrong with the product is some thing you should or could have done yourself to prevent the breakdown. It feels even worse when you are charged \$200 and learn the lesson the hard way. I don't have enough room here

to repeat over 20 years of tips I've written so I will focus on some of the common ones that can save you an expensive service call.

•Clean the condenser under your refrigerator,

 Make sure the rubber door gaskets are sealing properly.

 Put the dehumidifier through the car wash and hose it down.

·Clean the central air conditioner condenser outside with the garden hose.

•Change the filter in the fur-

•Get your air ducts cleaned

•Change the batteries in your wall thermostat.

•Put new fuses in the circuit box for the central a/c unit and always keep in mind that the biggest obstruction to proper operation of refrigeration equipment is always that common word known as DIRT.

Now let's go back to the

beginning. The company has been starving so to speak and all of a sudden the bowl is overfilled. Will they eat as much or more than they can to get ready for next winter? This reminds me of the Black Bears around Timmins, Ontario. Always use care in who you select to come into your home to do service. Check out their reputation and also ask your neighbors and friends who they use for service. Call the Better Business Bureau and the Attorney General's office and make sure you know whom you are dealing with. The e-mail address below goes directly to me and I'm always around to help. 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@

GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR

Butterflies Learn why native plants are important for butterfly gardening and are among the most durable plants you can grow in your garden, at the next meeting of the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association, 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 19, at Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Parking is on Hines Drive or Ann Arbor Trail. \$3 fee for non-members. Call (734) 223-5510 or visit www.sembabutterflv.com.

Garden Walks

•The Milford Garden Club presents its 18th annual walk, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, June 15. Includes six gardens. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 on the day of the event. Download a ticket form from www. themilfordgardenclub.org or call Mary McFarland at (248) 684-2149 for more information.

 See eight gardens during the Wayne Garden Walk, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, June 22. Vendors and a white elephant sale will be included. Tickets are \$8 before the event and \$10 on the day of the walk. Call (734) 721-8232 for more information.

•The 18th annual Flowers Are Forever Garden Walk will run noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 25 in Plymouth. Several gardens will be featured and refreshments will be served. Tickets are \$8 before the event and \$10 the day of the walk. Tickets for children, 12 and under, are \$4 in advance and \$5 at the

walk. Strollers aren't permitted in the gardens and youngsters carried in arms are admitted at no charge. Get tickets from Saxtons Power Equipment, 587 W. Ann Arbor Trail, (734) 453-6250; Backyard Birds, 627 S. Main, (734) 416-0600; Sideways, 505 Forest, (734) 453-8312; Darlene Rinke, (734) 459-7499; or Kate Kerr, (734) 455-6867.

•Garden City Garden Club's walk runs 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, June 29. Tickets for this 19th annual event are \$8, available from Barson's Greenhouse, 6414 Merriman, Westland; gcgc. weebly.com.

In the moonlight

Listen for nocturnal animals, observe the night sky, and heighten your senses during a Full Moon Friday Night Hike in Heritage Park, 24915 Farmington Road, between 10 and 11 Mile Roads, Farmington Hills. The hikes are from 9:30-10:30 p.m. June 21 and July 19 and 9-10 p.m. Aug. 23. Hikes are designed for families and children, 5 and up. No flashlights are needed. Hikes will meet at the Nature Center in the park. Cost is \$3 per person. Preregister for the hike at recreg.fhgov.com. You also can pay at the event, however space is limited. In case of inclement weather, the hike will be canceled and refunds given. The Nature Center also will offer a campfire from 7-9 p.m. on Friday from June 21-Aug. 23. Marshmallows, s'mores

and beverages will be sold.

Brunch benefits jazz festival

Tickets are available for the annual Father's Day Brunch, a fundraiser for the Michigan Jazz

The Dave Bennett Quartet will be the featured performers at the

brunch, which runs noon-3 p.m. Sunday, June 16, at the VisTaTech Center, at Schoolcraft College, located on Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia.

Tickets for the brunch are \$27.50.

For more information or to buy tickets call (734) 462-4403.

The Michigan Jazz Festival is set for Sunday, July 21, at Schoolcraft





MUSCLES, JOINTS AND THE THYROID

Interactions between different parts of the body are well illustrated by the ways that the thyroid gland and the bone and joint system met and match.

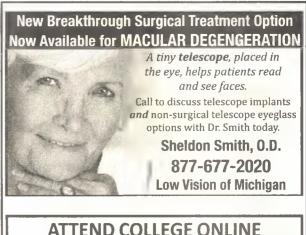
The best known interaction is with the lipid lowering drugs such as simvastatin (Zocor) or atorvastatin (Lipitor) and muscle aching. Physicians know that when they suspect that a patient's muscle aching may result from a side effect of a lipid lowering agent, that it is time to obtain laboratory studies to check if the thyroid is overactive, underactive

Often testing reveals that the person with the aching muscle is hypothyroid. Thyroid replacement not only brings the person back to a state of renewed energy, but ends the experience of aching muscles.

The relationship between thyroid and muscle is that the thyroid secretes a hormone whose effect is to promote speed and efficiency of muscle contractions. An inadequate amount of thyroid hormone means loss of efficiency which the person feels as aching and fatigue.

A problem also occurs when a person is hyperthyroid. In this instance the person feels weak. The usual pattern of weakness is in the shoulder and thigh muscles. The doctor will order thyroid studies, but this time seeking evidence for an over active thyroid. Control of the thyroid will lead to an end of the weakness.

An overactive thyroid can lead to joint problems. A person with hyperthyroidism may have rounded nails, called clubbing, and pain in the legs caused by a thickening of bone, called periostitis The clubbing and periostitis are features of lung cancer. Doctors who see these changes obtain thyroid studies before concluding the problem is cancer.



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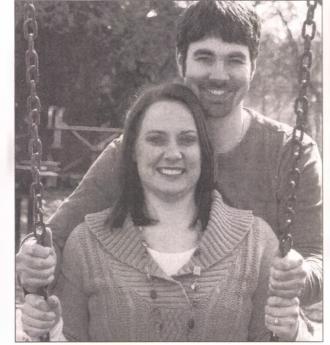
Milestones

Jackett-Smith

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jackett of Livonia announce the engagement of their son, Brian, to Sarah Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Smith of Columbus, Ohio.

Brian is a graduate of University of Dayton and works at Microsoft in Columbus, Ohio. Sarah is a graduate of Grove City College and Capital University and works at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

A fall 2013 wedding is planned at St. Peters Church in Columbus, Ohio.



Passages

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MICHAEL ALAN Beloved son, brother, uncle and friend passed into paradise June 5, 2013 after a brave battle against lymphoma. He was an inventor with a great sense of humor and was always ready to lend a hand. He took great pleasure spending time with family and friends. He is survived by his parents Gordon and Patricia, brother Scott, sisters Nancy and Brook, nephews Joshua, Erik, John, Christopher and Tommy, nieces Carmen and Noelle and dearest friend of Deborah Thams. Preceded in death by sisters Janet and Caron. Funeral services will be held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth on Saturday, June 15, 2013 with visitation beginning at 2 pm and the service at 4 pm. In lieu of flowers please donate to Barbara Karmanos Cancer Center (www.karmanos.org) or Risen Christ Church. Share your special thoughts and memories at www.schrader-howell.com



JEWELL DOROTHY (MIDGE)

Age 90 of Plymouth, passed away on April 28, 2013. Born in Plymouth on September 20, 1922 to parents Howard & Anna Richard. Graduated from Ply-mouth High School in 1940. Dorothy married her best friend, Donald Jewell in 1948 and they shared a happy life until Don's passing in 1993. Together they had the three luckiest children in the world: Elizabeth (Garrett) Kerstens, Ellen (Clifford) Caldwell and John Wesley Jewell who passed away in 2002. Proud grandmother of Ann (Tim) Presley, Nora Allen, Kay Kerstens and Wesley Kerstens. Great grandmother of Lake Allen. Midge devoted her life to helping others and volunteering her time to numerous organizations. A memorial service will be held at the First Presbyterian Church 701 Church Street, Plymouth on Saturday, June 15, 2013, at 11 am. Memorials may be made to Seedlings Braille Books for Children 14151 Farmington Rd, Livonia 48151 or Habitat for Humanity. Arrange-ments entrusted to the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

Share memories at Schrader-howell.com

LAPLANTE, BEITY J. Age 91, of Farmington Hills. Passed away May 20, 2013. Thaver-Rock Funeral Home

ROTTELL, DENNIS IRA "DENNY"

Saturday, May 25, 2013. Services held June 2. Online: www.rggrharris.com



LYNAS, HELEN JOY Born in Bothwell, Ontario, Cana-

da on June 6, 1923. Departed on June 4, 2013 and resided in Plymouth Twp., MI Age 89. She is preceded in death by her parents, George Willard Kribs and Lillian (Webster) Kribs; her beloved husband of 55 years, Albert Lynas; her beloved daughter, Linda Rowland; her brothers, Jack Kribs, Charles Kribs, Kenneth Kribs, and Walter Kribs; and her sisters, Margaret (Gordon) Gary and Florence Kribs. She is survived by her son-inlaw, Christopher Rowland; her granddaughter, Erin (Cameron) McLean; her grandson, Ian Row-land; her great grandson, Matthew Rowland; her great granddaughter, Melinda Rowland; her niece, Barbara Gray; and her nephew, Donald (Annette) Gray. Also survived by several life long friends. Joy emigrated from Canada in 1960, worked for Plymouth Stamping until her retirement, and then moved to Naples, Florida, where she lived with her husband for 18 years before returning to Plymouth. She travelled the world after 80. She was warm, loving, and generous, and had a remarkable memory. She enjoyed crossword puzzles, travel, good friends, and the occasional vodka martini. Funeral service at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Thursday, June 6, 2:30pm. Friends may visit beginning at 12noon.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Alzheimer's Association.

NARDINI, WANDA

June 3, 2013. Age 87 of Melvindale. Beloved wife of the late Alfio. Loving mother of Michael, Mark, Mario, Madelyn (Carl) Sarwarski and the late Marianne. Dearest mother-in-law of Jody. Dear sister-in-law of Betty Rossetto and Beverly Rossetto. Dearest grandmother of Nina, Tatiana, Tia, Matthew, Neil, Tim, Marisa, Verne, Elise, Julia, Angela and Carli. Loving great-grandmother of seven. Beloved aunt of 15 nieces and nephews. Wanda is preceded in death by her siblings Americo Rossetto, Mary Lachapelle, Erasmo Rossetto, Elisa Pagano and John Rossetto. Wanda was a loving friend and mentor who will be deeply missed by all whose lives she touched. Visitation Thursday, June 6, 2013 from 3-8 p.m. with a rosary service at 7:00 p.m. at the Allen Park Chapel of Voran Funeral Home, 5900 Allen Rd. (313) 928-2300. Instate Friday 10:00 a.m. with a 10:30 a.m. Mass of the Resurrection to follow at St. Dunstan Catholic Church, 1526 Belton Street, Garden City. Interment Michigan Memorial Park Cemetery. Donations may be made to Jude Children's Research Hospital and/ or the charity of your choice. Visit our online guestbook and share memories at www.voranfuneralhome.com

SHANNON, **BESSIE L**

June 1, 2013. Age 101 of Westland. Loving wife of the late Lawrence. Dear mother of Richard (Wendy), and David (Charlene). Grandmother of three and great grandmother of five. Funeral service from The Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd. Westland, Saturday 10am. Visitation at the funeral home Friday 3-9pm. Burial to take place at Woodmere Cemetery, Detroit.

Please view Memorials & send tributes at www.uhtfh.com





STACK, ROBERT W.

Age 60, June 4, 2013. Beloved brother of Margaret. Dearest son of the late Walter and Josephine. Nephew of the late Bronch Chmielewski; cousins, Carl (the late Henritta), Larry, Jim (Gwen) and Tom. Nephew of the late Ted (Rosemary) Miller; cousins, Tony, Deb Archer, Mark and Greg. Nephew of the late Gene Bridges; cousins, James and Mary; children Chad, Adam and Butch. Nephew of the late Mary Burzynski and the late Cass Miller; cousins Elizabeth Jean (Ed Stuckey), Mary Alice and the late Patty. Bob is also sur-vived by a world of friends, especially Alan, Marian, Dean, Paula, Jackie and Shannon. He was a traveler, attending night school, religion classes, loved music, especially playing the piano. He was a proud employee of New Horizons Workshop and lived a full and happy life. Visitation Sunday 4-8pm and Monday 4-8pm at McCabe Funeral Home, 31950 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills. In State Tuesday 10am until time of Mass 11am at Orchard Lake St. Mary, 3535 Indian Trail. Entombment St. Hedwig Cemetery Dearborn Heights.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bob's favorite annual trip, The Fowler Center for Outdoor Learning,

www.thefowlercenter.org. www.mccabefuneralhome.com

VALLESKEY, AGNES "PEG"

June 5, 2013, age 88, of Livonia. Beloved wife of the late Roy for 61 years. Loving mother of Tom (Paulette), Carole (Vladimir), Bruce (Greta), Jim, Matthew (Pamela), and Kevin. Cherished grandmother of Daniel, Brianna, Megan, Tyler, Caitlin, and Iain. A memorial service is planned for Monday, June 10, 2013 at St. Genevieve Catholic Church 29015 Jamison Livonia, 10AM visiting, 11AM service. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be directed towards the California Dance Institute at californiadanceinstitute.org and/or organization of your choice. Share memories at

Fredwoodfuneralhome.com FREDWOOD



WELSH. **CAROL DENISE**

Age 77 of Milford, passed away May 29, 2013. Survived by her beloved husband, Robert L. Welsh, and their children, Laurie Welsh, Vallerie (Neal) Knoerzer, Bob Welsh, Tom (Erin) Welsh, Patricia Welsh; grandchildren, Amy Florence and Michelle Pickup, Nicolas Knoerzer, Anna, Tara, Adam and Evan Welsh, Connor and Michael Welsh, Ashley (Stephen) Balone, Brandon LaCarter; great grandchil-dren, Alyvia Gaines, Vincent and Michael Balone, brother, John Edelbrock; sister-in-law, Liz Edelbrock; many nieces, neph-ews, extended family members, dear friends and former students.

A Service to celebrate Carol's life will be held at a later date. For more information please contact Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, Milford 248-684-6645

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RELIGION CALENDAR

June

CONCERT Time/Date: 3 p.m. Sunday, June 9

Location: St. James Catholic Church, located on 10 Mile, west of Taft, Novi Details: "Overture" from "Oklahoma," highlights from "Annie," "Far from the Home I Love," from "Fiddler on the Roof," are among the songs in this concert that also original compositions by Matthew Raetzel. Tickets are \$10. Stu-

dents are free with ID Contact: (248) 347-7778

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. Sunday Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: The church, which describes itself as a small, friendly congregation with a "heart for God's word, now offers an afternoon contemporary service. It also offers a prayer service at 9 a.m., a worship service at 11 a.m., Sunday school at 12:30 p.m. and evening Bible study at 6 p.m.

Contact: Rev. Roger Wright at (313) 682-7491

DAY CAMP

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 17-21

Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia

Details: Emmanuel Lutheran and Holy Cross Lutheran present this day camp for children completing kindergarten through sixth grade. Day camp activities include opening and closing worship, games, arts and crafts, nature activities, Bible study and more. Early bird registration is \$55 for first child in a family, \$50 for the second child, and \$45 for third child. After May 26, registration fees are \$60 per child. Registration packets are available at Emmanuel Lutheran or at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six

Contact: Judy Cook at Emmanuel at (248) 442-8822, or Cindy Channey at Holy Cross at (734) 427-1414

FAMILY FUN DAY

Time/Date: 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday, June 22

Location: The Canton Mosque, 40440 Palmer, Canton

Details: First annual, free fun day organized to foster dialogue within increasingly diverse local communities. Families, adults, youth, and children will be able to engage in team-building activities and join conversations, while enjoying great food and art displays. RSVP by June 20

Contact: MCWSoutreach@gmail.com

FINE ARTS CAMP

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. June 24-28 Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills

Details: Registration has begun for this camp for children entering grades 2-8. The theme of the week is "Joseph: from the pit to the palace." Youngsters will participate in fun-filled drama, art, music, hand bells and Bible time. They'll each choose one class to "specialize" in. The final day of camp will include an evening celebration when campers will show family and friends what they learned during the week. Lunch will be included in the camp. Registration is \$35 by June 3. To register or for more information call the church or visit its website

Contact: (248) 553-3380; www.princeofpeacefhills.org

POMEGRANATE GUILD

Time/Date: 1 p.m. June 9

Location: Spicer House inside Heritage Park, located on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington

Details: The Guild studies and creates Judaic needlework. The June meeting will include a dairy potluck luncheon

Contact: Judy Galperin at(248) 661-5337 SINGLE PLACE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, thrugh June

Location: First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 East Main Street, Northville

Details: Joe Gagnon, the "Appliance Doctor" columnist for the "Observer & Eccentric" will answer questions about appliance problems, maintenance and care, June 13; cards and games night, June 20. Ice cream will be available for \$5

after each session Contact: www.singleplace.org

SUMMER JAM

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m.-noon, June 24-27 Location: Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, Livonia

Details: Aimed at children who have just completed K-6th grades. Children will do craftrs, sing, play games, do sign language and learn a Bible lesson daily. Free

Contact: (734) 427-8743 **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Time/Date: 6:30-9:30 p.m. June 17-20

Location: First Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland, 3 Town Square, Wayne **Details:** This beach party-themed session Includes a light meal and is aimed at K-5th grades

Contact: (734) 721-4801

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 9:15 a.m.-noon, June 24-28 Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster Road, Livonia Details: The session is called "Come, Fol-

low Jesus and Walk in His Ways" and it will include story time and lesson, music, crafts, recreation and snack. It's aimed at youngsters, age 3-5th grade. Cost is \$5 per child. Registration is available now Contact: (734) 422-1470, Ext. 17, or visit

www.sppc.org

July

FILM

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 17 Location St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Screening of "The Hunger Games" with a Q and A afterward and refreshments provided. RSVP requested Contact: (734) 425-5950; www.staidanlivonia.org

SINGLE PLACE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, July 11-25 **Location:** First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 East Main Street, North-

Details: Terry Erchenbrecher of St. Mary Mercy Hospital will talk about "Life's Simple Seven" - seven ways to manage cardiovascular risk factors and improving your lifestyle, July 11; a cookout will be held July 18; cards and games night is planned for July 25. Ice cream is available July 11 and 25 for \$5. The cookout costs

Contact: www.singleplace.org

August

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m.-noon, Aug. 5-8 Location: Fellowship hall at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: Designed for children, 3, through those entering fifth grade in the fall. Cost is \$10 per child and \$25 for families with three or more children. Each child will receive a free CD with all of the music from the week. Registration forms are available in the church office

Contact: Pam Gunderson at rgpc.children@ yahoo.com or (734) 422-0494, ext. 14

Ongoing

CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.

Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township

Contact: John Shulenberger at (734) 464-

New Life Community Church Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 am. Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10

a.m. Sundays. Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville

Contact: (734) 846-4615

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Scripture study Contact: (313) 534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday. Location: School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Catholic author and bible scholar, Gary Michuta, leads a study of the Gospel of St. Luke. The sessions are open to all, regardless of their faith or parish affiliation Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200, or www.

livoniastmichael.org **Ward Presbyterian**

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile,

Northville Details: Learner's Bible study is held

Contact: (248) 374-5920

FAMILY COMMUNITY MEAL Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday

Location: The Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal Contact: (248) 477-1153, Ext. 12

FOOD BANK

New Hope Church

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only

Location: 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton Contact: Call pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, MOPS; 7-8:30 p.m. first and third Thursday, MOPSnext. Both programs run September-May

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia **Details:** Mothers of Preschoolers is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners; MOPSnext supports mothers of school-aged children. Contact: Rebekah Creeden at (734) 522-6830 for MOPS and Susan Magner at (248) 478-3643 for MOP-Snext details.

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third

Location: 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope. Contact: Amy at (313) 937-3084 or Kristen

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

at (734) 542-0767

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service. All Creatures ULC describes the gathering as non-denominational and

Christian. Water is available for dogs Contact: (313) 563-0162



Runners assemble at the start line of the 2012 Run for the Ribbon race.

Run raises awareness of prostate cancer

Prostate cancer is the most common type of non-skin cancer found in American men, affecting one in six, and is the second leading cause of death, according to the American Cancer Society. (ACS).

The ACS estimates more than 238,000 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed in the United States in 2013, more than 29,000 men will lose their fight with the disease, but an estimated 2 million men will survive the disease.

In support of prostate cancer survivors, the MIU Men's Health Foundation will present the Fifth Annual MIU Run for the Ribbon, at 8 a.m. Sunday, June 16 at the Detroit Zoo. Run for the Ribbon, which draws more than 1,600 runners and walkers every year, aims to promote the awareness, education, research and treatment of prostate cancer and men's health-related issues in Southeastern Michigan.

Registrants can build a personal fundraising or team page when they sign up for the event. They can upload photos, a personal story and set up personal or team fundraising goals. Each secure personal page or team page will have its own customized URL.

New this year, the Foundation has developed a Prostate Cancer Survivor Team in honor of men who are winning or have won the battle against prostate cancer. Any prostate cancer survivor

can sign up to raise funds for the team. "The MIU Run for the Ribbon is an event about survivorship, supporting men with education and research for treatment to continue growing the number of people who can call themselves survivors," said Michael Lutz, M.D., board member of the MIU Men's Health Foundation and urologist with Michigan Institute of Urology. "This year, we are growing a sense of solidarity with our Prostate Cancer Survivor Team of men and their families who have chosen to know about their health, fight like a man for it and are winning. It's one way we can honor them for their hard work and

courage."

MIU Run for the Ribbon has partnered with the American Cancer Society, The Prostate Conditions Education Council and the Prostate Awareness and Cancer Education (PACE) Race Series. Run for the Ribbon also has been endorsed by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports as a quality physical activity event significantly contributing to the health and well being of Michigan residents and will be included in the Pure Michigan FITness Series endorsement program.

Registration made through June 13 is \$30 for adults and \$20 for children. Race day registration is \$35 for adults and \$25 for children. Online registration at www.miurunfortheribbon.org is available until June 14. After June 14, participants must register on race day.

All participants will receive an official T-shirt and ribbons will be awarded to all finishers, with special awards going to top finishers in several age categories. Team awards will be given to the team with the most members, the team that raises the most funds and the most creative team name. Participants with prostate cancer or who have survived prostate cancer will be given a special commemorative gift to celebrate their

Registrants also can honor a loved one by placing his/her name on signage along the course with a \$5 donation. All donations will be used to promote the awareness, education, treatment and research of prostate cancer and men's health related issues in Southeastern

MIU Men's Health Foundation, a nonprofit organization, was founded by the Michigan Institute of Urology, which has offices in Livonia and Royal Oak. It is dedicated to promoting the awareness, education, research and treatment of prostate cancer and men's health related issues in southeastern Michigan. For more information visitMIUMensHealthFoundation.org.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

June

JOINT REPLACEMENT The Center for Joint Replacement at St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers free monthly educational seminars from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, June 27, and Wednesday, July 24, in Classroom 10 at the hospital, located on Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. David Mendelson, MD, will speak at the session next month and Jeffrey Mendelson, MD, is the guest speaker for the July meeting. They'll talk about St. Mary Mercy's comprehensive group approach to joint replacement, including pre-surgical classes, choosing a personal "coach" to assist patients through the process, and what to expect post-surgery and discharge from the hos-

LUPUS SUPPORT

pital. To register for the free

seminar, call (734) 655-2345.

The Michigan Lupus Foundation will hold a support group meeting, 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 26, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. Meetings are designed to assist people with lupus, to help their family and friends to get connected with each other, and to help them get a better understanding of the disease and how to fight it. Support Group meetings are offered free of charge to anyone interested in participating. For more information visit www.milupus.org, or call (800) 705-6677.

PERIPHERAL ARTERIAL **DISEASE**

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will present a free educational seminar about peripheral arterial disease (P.A.D.) from 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 12 in the hospital's North Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. The program is open to the public and is one of the Diabetes Support Group's events. John Iljas, DO, Chair, Department of Surgery, will discuss early detection, treatment and how to reduce your risk for heart attack and



John Iljas, D.O., will talk about peripheral artery disease June 12 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia.

stroke. P.A.D. happens when plaque narrows or clogs the arteries in your legs, reducing blood flow throughout your legs and feet. Painful cramping in the lower body after an activity and having sores on legs and feet that are slow to heal are common symptoms. For more information call (734) 655-8961.

WALK WITH A DOC Dr. Kathleen Hannon, a family physician, and morning show radio personality Dr. Don from 99.5-FM WYCD, Detroit's country radio station, will be on hand at this monthly Botsford Hospital event, noon, Thursday, June 20, at the Heritage Park Nature Center, located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Hannon's presentation is "Preventative Health - What Works, What Doesn't, What's New." The event includes giveaways and music and meets rain or shine. Register by calling (877) Doc1, and choose option 1.

Ongoing

AQUATIC CLASSES

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis. Classes are held 11 a.m.-noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch; 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch; and 2-3 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, at the Birmingham branch. All classes are offered to members and nonmembers of every age and participants do not need to know how to swim to participate. To join or for more information, interested individuals can contact their local YMCA branch or visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

ARTHRITIS SUPPORT

2-3:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Krieger Center, DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. Enter the building via the South Garden entrance. Registration not required.

BLOOD PRESSURE

Garden City Hospital offers free blood pressure testing, cholesterol (\$5), and lipid panel (\$10) testing, 10 a.m,-noon, the first Tuesday of every month in the main lobby of the hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. No registration is required. Senior citizens can have their blood pressure tested monthly, free of charge, at 8:30 a.m. the first and third Tuesday and second and fourth Thursday of the month at Westland Mall, 35000 Warren Road, Westland; 9 a.m. the second and fourth Monday at the Berwyn Senior Center, 26155 Richardson, Dearborn Heights; and 10:15 a.m. every other Wednesday at **Maplewood Community** Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City, and every second Tuesday at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway, Redford Township. For information, call (734) 458-4330.

BREAST CANCER SUP-PORT GROUP

Meets 6:30-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan Road), Livonia. Call (734) 655-1100, or visit www. stmarymercy.org.

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Q: Why is it so important to stay hydrated?

Internal Medicine A: Your body depends on water for survival. Did you know that water makes up more than half of your body weight? Every cell, tissue and organ in your body needs water to function correctly. Your body uses water to maintain its temperature, remove waste and lubricate joints. Water is essential for good health.

- Q: How do I know if I'm dehydrated?
- A: Symptoms of dehydration include:
 - Little or no urine, or urine that is darker than usual

 - Sleepiness, fatigue or muscle cramps
 - Extreme thirst • Headache, confusion or feeling dizzy or lightheaded

• No tears when crying

Don't wait until you notice symptoms of dehydration to act. It can be hard to recognize when you're dehydrated, especially as you age. Actively prevent dehydration by drinking plenty of water.

Q: How much water should I drink each day?

A: There are different recommendations for water intake. Most people should be drinking 6-8, eight-ounce glasses of water every day. However, some people may need different amounts of water to stay hydrated. Most healthy people can stay well hydrated by drinking water and other fluids whenever they feel thirsty. Some people are at higher risk of dehydration, including those who exercise, have certain medical conditions, are sick, or are not able to get enough fluids during the course of the day. Older adults are also at higher risk. As you age, your brain may be unable to sense dehydration and send the signals for thirst. If you are concerned you may not be drinking enough water, check your urine. If your urine is consistently colorless or light yellow, you are most likely staying well hydrated.

Q: Besides water, what else can I consume to stay well hydrated?

A: Water is the best option for staying hydrated. Drinks like fruit and vegetable juices, milk and herbal teas can also contribute to the amount of water you should get each day. Even caffeinated drinks, such as coffee, tea and soda, count toward your daily water intake up to a point. But it's best to limit these since caffeine may cause some people to urinate more frequently, or feel anxious or jittery. Water can also be found in fruits and vegetables, such as watermelon, tomatoes and lettuce, and in soup broths.

Join Garden City Hospital every month at Westland Mall, for our wellness lecture series. At 1 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month, a GCH Health Expert will provide helpful and in depth information on a variety of issues that impact our health every day. The next lecture, "Elderly Care and Fall Prevention", is July 13.

Do you have a health or medical question for one of the GCH Health Experts? Visit GCH.org or call 877.717.WELL.

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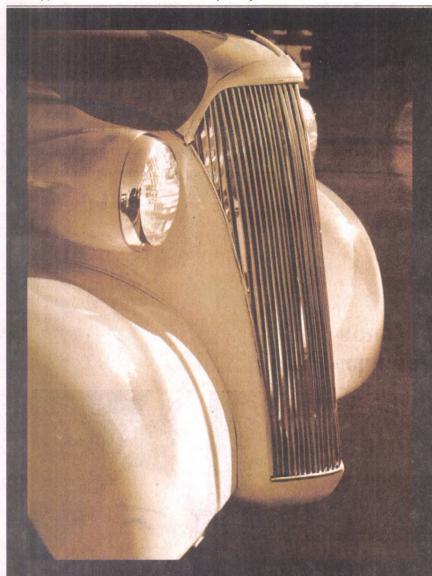


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Unless you're looking for work at a medieval-themed restaurant, the last impression you want to give an employer is of being behind the times. That's one reason many job seekers become preoccupied with using only the latest tools and techniques to find a job. As a result, they often neglect some successful time-tested methods.

Of course, plenty of traditional techniques have gone extinct for good reason. Before you go retro, distinguish the do's from the don'ts. Here are some low-tech methods worth reviving. They can help you stand out and make a positive impression no matter the era.

Take cover.

Some vintage tactics, such as writing a cover letter, aren't as passe as you might think. In a recent Robert Half survey of senior managers, 91 percent of respondents said cover letters are valuable when evaluating job candidates. Don't skip the cover letter just because a company's online application system doesn't request one. If there's no field designated for a cover letter, you can often attach extra documentation. In fact, 79 percent of employers said it's common to receive cover letters even when applicants submit resumes electronically.

Stock up on stamps.

The vast majority of resumes are submitted online or via email, That's why mailing yours as a hard copy can be effective. Once the hiring manager recovers from the shock of receiving a piece of mail, he might open

it out of sheer curiosity. That alone puts you ahead of the dozens or even hundreds of other resumes waiting in the person's inbox. However, you shouldn't rely on regular mail alone; use it as a follow up to an online resume. Just be aware of the employer's preferences. Some make it clear in the job posting that they will consider only electronic submissions.

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Follow up after submitting your resume by calling the hiring manager. A phone call may require more nerve than an email, but the results justify the effort. A voicemail beats an email in at least three key ways: it demonstrates your assertiveness, reaffirms your interest in the opportunity and comes across as more personal than words on the screen. If the hiring manager answers the call, that's even better. You've already established a direct personal connection.

Take the time to say thanks.

Since even the most techsavvy job seeker knows to follow up after an interview, why not do so in a way that conveys genuine gratitude and a personal touch? Reinforce your thank-you email with a handwritten note mailed within a day or two of the meeting.

Borrowing from the past won't strengthen your job search if you're not selective about the tactics you choose. The following bygone techniques and assumptions have earned their place in the jobsearch dustbin:

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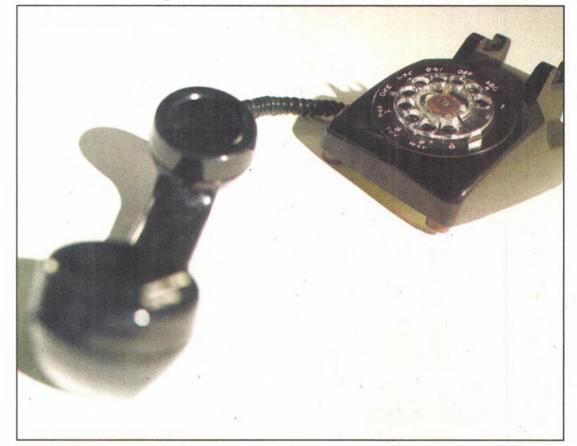
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it hard for a time-strapped hiring manager to find the most relevant material.

Formality for its own sake.

Good manners never go out of style, but that doesn't mean your correspondence should read like something out of Downton Abbey." Phrases like "To whom it may concern" and "Dear sir or madam" can distance you from the reader. Instead, try to find the hiring manager's name. Calling the company is usually enough to reveal this nugget of information. If you have no luck, use the person's title.

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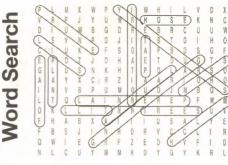
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New Malibu, free-maintenance plan show GM is listening



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General wants to let its customers – and potential customers - know that it is listening. The company is demonstrating that commitment on a new front everyday.

Here are a couple of the latest: the quick overhaul of its Chevrolet Malibu sedan, and GM's announcement that it's extending a freemaintenance quarantee across most of its brands and products.

When GM introduced the most recent generation of its Malibu mid-sized sedan in 2007, it was quickly hailed as one of the company's best new products in many years, and it helped set the stage for the post-bankruptcy revival that the company would begin experiencing in 2009.

But not so with the newest Malibu, the 2013 version: Critics panned it, and even GM has admitted it's not up to snuff. What's remarkable, however, is that the company already has pivoted quickly to producing a new "mid-cycle" version of the car that addresses many of its shortcomings and is already bringing it out as a 2014 Malibu after a fast-tracked, 18-month development effort.

"The mid-sized sedan segment is the most contested in the industry," GM North America President Mark Reuss said. "We're not sitting still with the 2014 Malibu." Rapidly made improvements include an improved 2.5-liter engine with stopstart technology, an improved suspension and what GM called "a more refined ride," a broader grille on the front end, and "sit-deeper" new rear-seat cushions.

GM's move has a recent precedent: Honda did a quick mid-cycle "refresh" of its crucial Civic compact last year after early reviews panned it for what critics called a cheap interior and bland exterior styling. For April, sales of the updated Civic were up by eight percent over a year ago though for the year to date, they were still down by three percent.

Arguably, Malibu isn't as important a nameplate to GM as Civic is to Honda; it's just Chevy's fourth-selling nameplate overall right now although it's the second-biggest sedan behind Cruze. In April, Malibu sales were flat with a year earlier, but for the first four months of 2013, sales of the new Malibu were 12 percent off of last year's pace for the previous version.

Malibu has outsized importance for at least a couple of reasons. First, the previous version arguably kicked off the newproduct parade under former GM Vice Chairman Bob Lutz that played a huge role in allowing GM to take advantage, over the last few years, of the new lease on life granted to it by taxpayers in 2009.

Second, the mid-size car segment has emerged with greater importance this year than in a while, as more consumers upgrade from smaller cars to seek the fu-



GM's free-maintenance offer now applies across its brands.



The 2014 Chevrolet Malibu is one of GM's quickest model overhauls ever.

el-economy benefits of larger sedans and enjoy more amenities. It's become highly competitive with a relatively new Toyota Camry and Honda Accord and Nissan Altima as well as a redesigned and resurgent Ford Fusion.

To compete in that segment, GM needed much better than a 2013 Malibu than the one it got last year, which company executives said got short-changed by coming of age in the development process during the Great Recession. Motor Trend ranked it last among six top-selling family cars, citing "a retrograde interior, a nearly useless rear seat, and the thirstiest powertrain in our group."

Traditionally, it has taken GM and other US automakers four years and sometimes more to completely redo an existing model, but just like the many other things that have been changing lately in the car business, fast recycles like the 2014 Malibu—taking less than half that time—are becoming far more common.

GM also bid for increased customer loyalty in an increasingly competitive US market by extending its offer of free

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maintenance to include most new Chevy, Buick and GMC vehicles.

CEO Dan Akerson revealed the gambit at GM's annual shareholders meeting at company headquarters in Detroit. Toyota and Volkswagen have offered free maintenance across their US lineups for a few years, and GM recently began offering free maintenance just on its Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra pickups. Cadillac already offered a more extensive freemaintenance program.

But Chris Perry, Chevrolet's global CMO, told me that GM's move has two purposes. "It's definitely a way to provide greater value to our buyers and to the ownership experience," he said. "And it's a way to garner greater customer loyalty as well."

Perry also agreed that GM's announcement is timely in the sense that, while still healthy overall, the US automotive market is getting increasingly competitive as growth prospects begin to level out a bit and as several players, including GM, enjoy vehicle lineups that are getting stronger all the time in the key segments.

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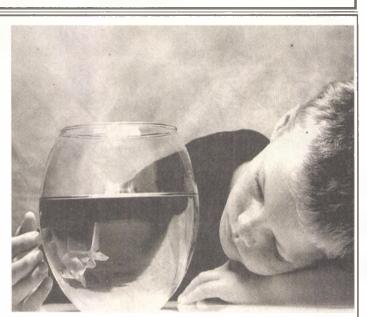
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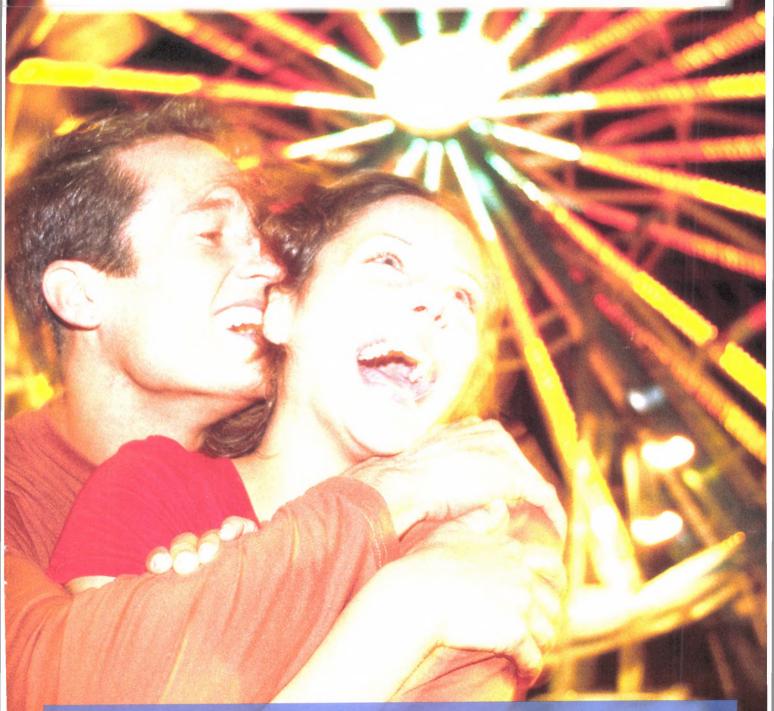


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"The Joe Band," and the annual Movie Under the Stars featuring Disney's "Rise of the Guardians." We are so

pleased to be able to bring you this Disney classic and encourage families to bring their blankets and chairs.

Saturday's final day offers up plenty of fun for the whole family.

The Canton Lions Club will be offering their famous pancake breakfast in Heritage Park 7-11 a.m. And, of course, the Canton Kiwanis Club hosts its annual chicken dinner.

No Liberty Festival would be complete if we didn't also pay tribute to the tremen-



Eleven-year-old Mitchell Szkutnik enjoyed an elephant ear while attending last year's Liberty Fest with mom and dad, Karen and John Szkutnik.

dous diversity represented in the Canton community. The Canton Multicultural Committee hosts the arts.

music, dance and traditions of this community's various cultures.

As always, handcrafters will be presenting around the big pond on Friday and Saturday, and America's Most Wanted Car Club with cars of every shape, size and color on display for all to see.

The most memorable and popular Liberty Fest event is Saturday night's spectacular fireworks show. The Canton sky will be set ablaze by one of the largest and best fireworks displays in Michigan. Tens of thousands of spectators will be awed as they watch this outstanding aerial show.

Canton welcomes you to it's signature summertime event, and trusts you will have a great family time!

Phil LaJoy is Canton Township supervisor.

Canton adds to Liberty Fest lineup

By Brad Kadrich

One old "friend" makes a triumphant return and another event joins for the first the first time when Canton Leisure Services presents the 22nd annual Liberty Fest.

For the first time in some 10 years, the annual festival — set for June 13-15 in Heritage Park — will feature the All-American Lumberjack show, 30-minute events that include among them log rolling, Racing Hot Saws, Spring Board Tree Topping and others.

After attending a Michigan Festival Events Association meeting recently, Canton officials decided to bring it back.

"We'd been kicking the idea around the last three or four years," said Jon LaFe-



The NASCAR racing trailer, which includes an interactive simulator, makes its first appearance at the Canton Liberty Festival.

ver, Canton's recreation and facilities supervisor. "It's interactive, and it's exciting. We decided it was time."

The festival's newest entrant is the Nationwide NASCAR Showcar, a 30foot by 60-foot display that includes a simulator that will be open to racers of all ages. Nationwide has three — the Chevy Camaro, the Toyota Camry and the Ford Mustang — although no one

is sure which one is in Canton.

Drive it

Nationwide had tried to get the display for last year's Liberty Fest but couldn't work out the details.

This year, working with the Heidi Kussurelis Agency on Ford Road, the dates coincided and the simulator will be there.

"It's a really big deal," LaFever said. "It will reach a new demographic we've been trying to reach. It has an interactive component we think will go over big."

The rest of the festival will look familiar, as the most popular attractions return. The festival opens Thursday, June 13, with the traditional carnival rides starting

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Lumberjack Enterprises brings its interactive show to Canton's Liberty Festival.

Lumberback brings shows to festival

By Terry Jacoby

Correspondent

When you have won gold medals and world championships and operate a true and tested company, you are allowed to brag. There is nothing wrong with being proud of what you do and Jamie Fischer has earned the right to be proud.

Fischer is an 11-time gold medalist in ESPN's Great Outdoors Games, a seventime logrolling world champion and the world record holder in boom running. He's also the owner of Lumberjack Enterprises, which will host a series of "interactive" shows, demonstrations and camps at the 22nd annual Canton Liberty Fest, June 13-15.

"Interactive" is one of the key components to what Fischer's company offers and allows visitors to get in on the action.

"The camps are always popular," says Fischer, who will be involved with the set-up of the event. "Both of our lumberjacks at the show will be working a camp to allow local guests (typically kids) to try logrolling or cross-cut sawing. This is a free event and is provided once a day."

There are three parts to the lumberjack show, which is making its return to Canton after a decade-long absence. Along with the interactive camps, the program also includes a lum-



Logrolling world champion Jamie Fischer said the "interactive" part is the highlight of the show his company is bringing to Liberty Festival.

berjack show and chainsaw carving.

"Nate Greenberg will be the featured lumberjack in Canton and he's one of the top five lumberjacks in the country," Fischer said.

Greenberg also will be carving animals out of blocks of wood using only a chainsaw throughout the day. Canton also is getting Abbey Korba, who Fischer describes as "one of our most respected emcees."

"Abbey has competed in a world championship event before moving from the competition side of lumberjacking to the entertainment side," he said.

With 11 lumber jack events offered, each show is different and promises to offer entertainment for folks of all ages.

Peg Stevens, who has been handling publicity and marketing for the past seven years for the festival, says this will be something "different" and "fun."

"Jon LaFever (Canton Township's recreation facilities supervisor) deserves credit for bringing this event to Canton," Stevens said. "He attended a conference for Michigan festivals and heard great things about this show. It's not something you often see at a festival."

The normal set up is geared to run multiple times a day throughout the duration of the event.

"With the lumber jack shows, interactive lumber-jack camps, and the chainsaw carving, we can keep a lot of entertainment going on at the same location throughout the day," Fischer said.

Runners chase second straight record

By Terry Jacob

Correspondent

Records are made to be broken – especially when you're trying to break your own.

Last year, in just its first year, the Canton Liberty Fest Run made history when a group of more than 750 participants was recognized by the Guinness Book of World Records as the "largest gathering of people dressed as landmarks."

Yes, all were dressed as the Statue of Liberty.

"We were surprised by such an enthusiastic turnout," said the enthusiastic Peg Stevens, who has handled publicity and marketing for the festival for the past seven years. "It was one of those events where we didn't know how many people would turn out."

It turned out to be world-record reaching in popularity.

"And there were a lot of smiling faces," said Stevens, who is hoping to break the record again this year.



Liberty Run runners will try for a second straight Guinness Book of World Records mark during the 2013 Canton Liberty Fest.

"That's the goal," she said. "I know a lot of people who participated last year are returning and that's always a good sign. And they are telling their friends, too."

The event began with a partnership between the festival and Running Fit in Ann Arbor.

"We had a meeting and wanted to find a world record we could break and someone came up with the people dressed as landmarks idea," Stevens said. "It certainly sounded fun."

Don't worry about finding something to wear, the registration fee (which

ranges from \$19 to \$54) includes a three-piece Statue of Liberty costume.

All four races will be held on Saturday, June 15. The 5K run will kick things off at 8 a.m., followed by the 10K at 8:30 a.m. and the 1-Mile Fun Run at 10:15 a.m. The World Record Corral, where the gathering will take place to attempt to break the record, will be at 9:30 a.m.

The start and finish line for those who want to run, walk or stroll is in Heritage Park on Veterans Way, just north of the Canton Public Library. The Corral will be held on the grass just west of Veterans Way across from the library. The Corral is scheduled to open at 9:30 a.m. with the official record attempt starting at 9:55 a.m.

All participants must be in corral by 9:55 a.m. to get counted.

A portion of the entry fee will help fund recreation and trail improvement in Canton Township.

To register for the event visit www. cantonlibertyrun.com.



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Lakeside seating makes for a good view of the annual Liberty Fest fireworks display.

Fireworks headline Liberty Fest events

Anyone who thinks the annual fireworks display that caps the Canton Liberty Festival couldn't be better should be in their seats in time for this year's show.

Organizers said the show should be bigger and better than ever.

"The show is going to be more dense, with more fireworks," said Canton Leisure Services' recreation facilities supervisor Jon LaFever. "There's going to be less time between bursts, which should make for an even better show."

Thousands of people are expected to converge on the park, off Canton Center between Cherry Hill and Palmer, to watch what township Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin has called "a signature event for Canton."

Others will watch from farther away — from back yards, parking lots, driveways and anywhere they find a place with a view without immersing themselves amidst the crowds gathered on Liberty Fest grounds.

Though township officials have cut the festival parade in recent years due to budget cuts, but have they decided to proceed with a fireworks show that costs about \$25,000 a year.

Officials could have rolled out a cheaper, lesser fireworks show, but the Canton Township Board of Trustees agreed residents have come to expect a crowd-wowing display.



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at 1 p.m. and entertainment starting at 7:30. One of the entertainment highlights for opening night is the "Zumba Anniversary," a "Party in Pink" with some favorite Zumba instructors leading a fundraising effort to support the Breast Cancer Foundation.

The other opening night entertainment comes from Air Margaritaville performing a concert that features a variety of Jimmy Buffett classics.

"They have a tremendous following," said Jennifer Provenzano, Canton's recreation coordinator. "It'll be a great way to kick off the event."

The schedule

Also returning:

- The "Movie Under the Stars," featuring Disney's Rise of the Guardians, June 14 at dusk.
- Taste of Canton, featuring samplings from area restaurants.
- The annual Spaghetti Dinner, hosted by Canton Firefighters, which benefits families victimized by house fires,



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The Liberty Fest wouldn't be complete without the fireworks displaying lighting up the Heritage Park sky.

June 14 from 5-9 p.m.

- America's Most Wanted Car Club Friday and Saturday.
- The Liberty Run. Last year's run set a record for number of runners dressed as the Statue of Liberty; organizers will

try to break the record this year.

• The annual fireworks display, Saturday at dusk.

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'Wild Side' always popular attraction

By Brad Kadrich Staff Writer

Canton Leisure Services folks hadn't ever really utilized the large, beautiful grassy area at the west end of the big pond in Heritage Park for any concerted Liberty Fest activities.

Then, a few years ago, they found a use for it, turning the area into a "Walk on the Wild Side" for festival visitors. Now, crowds flock to that previously under-utilized patch of the park.

For the duration of Liberty Fest, that area near the pond is home to the various animals that make their annual trek to the festival. There'll be birds and camels and other exotic animals (officials weren't sure at press time exactly what sorts of animals would be paying a visit).

"It's great for people to kind of get away from everything for a bit," said Jon LaFever, Canton's recreation and facilities supervisor. "It was nice and cool and serene, and gives people a bit of a break."

Recreation specialist Jason Lombardo said festival organizers wanted to "bring exposure" to that area of Heritage Park.

"Hopefully, it'll bring some folks to the marketplace, as well," Lombardo said. "It's a large area families can go and explore. The animals have been so popular over the years, it just seemed like a nice fit."

Lombardo said the festival benefits every year from its relationship with Skerbeck Brothers Shows, Inc., the Escanaba, Mich.-based firm which holds the contract to provide the carnival every year

Part of that contract, Lombardo said, calls for Skerbeck to provide, as an ame-



The "Walk on the Wild Side" animal attraction has become a very popular part of Liberty Fest.



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Kids of all ages get a chance to spend time with the animals during the festival.

nity, some of the animal acts festival-goers have come to love over the years.

"After trying to figure out what would be a good fit, and knowing animals have been a huge success in the past, (Skerbeck) put us in touch with this Wild Animal company that provides a large petting farm, camel rides, exotic animal exhibits," he said.

The area will also feature

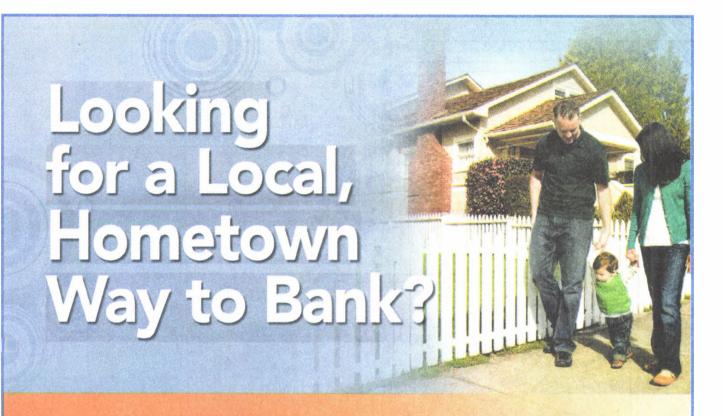
naturalists from Crosswinds Marsh County Park in New Boston. They'll be educating folks on different ways of utilizing natural resources, including wildlife, plants life, etc.

"They will be an educational presence," Lombardo said.

Anyone worried about being able to find the area need fret no more: Leisure Services found a company that is providing a 25-foot inflatable gorilla to mark the territory.

"We've never programmed that area before," Lombardo said. "(The gorilla) will help provide a visual that draws people who want to come over and check it out."

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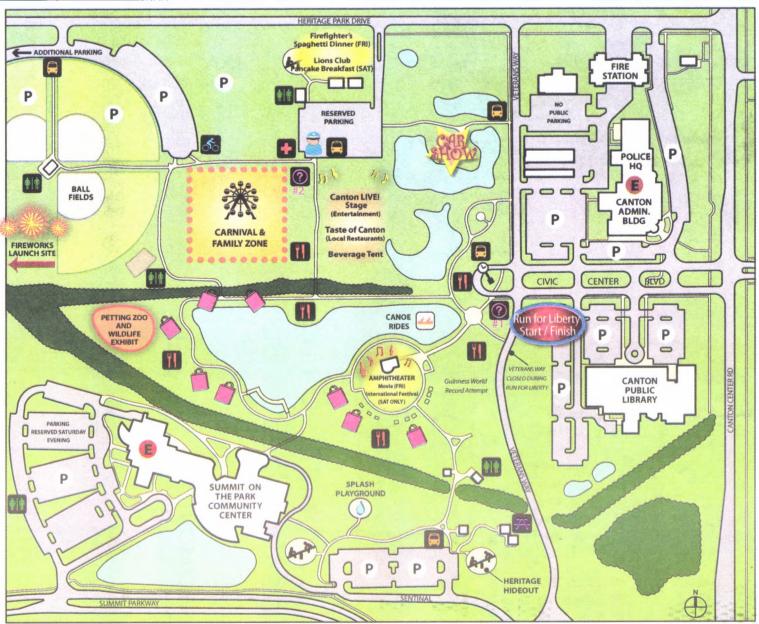
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Air Margaritaville takes to the Canton LIVE! stage on the opening night of Canton Liberty Fest.

Things to do at Liberty Fest

Thursday highlights

Carnival

The carnival runs 1-10 p.m., and an armband or tickets are required. Individual tickets are \$1, and sheets of 50 tickets are \$40 - available for purchase during the festival (rides require 2 to 5 tickets each). Thursday-only armbands are \$20 each. Armbands allow access onto carnival rides without a ticket (does not include Midway games).

Entertainment

• Amphitheater Stage — 7:30-9 p.m., Zumba Anniversary. Dance the night away with everyone's favorite Zumba Instructors and paint the park pink to help raise money to support the Breast Cancer Foundation. Suggested \$5 donation. Raffles and apparel available for purchase.

• Canton LIVE! Stage - 7:30-10:30 p.m., Air Margaritaville. The group's 'Permanent Vacation Tour' stops for a Buffetinspired layover in Canton.

• Festival Food — 5-10 p.m. Concession vendors serve food 5-10 p.m., including corn dogs, elephant ears, roasted almonds, kettle corn, gyros, smoothies, pretzels from more than a dozen different concession vendors throughout the park.

• Taste of Canton — 5-10 p.m. Brought about by Twisted Rooster, area restaurants will be on hand offering their signature menu items.

Friday highlights

Carnival

The carnival runs 1-11 p.m. Friday-only armbands are \$22 each.

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New Odyssey makes tour stop in Canton

By Terry Jacoby

Correspondent

The band New Odyssey has what sounds like a simple goal. But what it really sounds like is a talented group of road-tested musicians who have learned over the years how to entertain a crowd.

"Pleasing every audience," is the mantra of New Odyssey, a three-member band from Chicago with more than 20 years of experience who will perform 8-10 p.m. Saturday, June 15 at the Amphitheater Stage during the 22nd annual Canton Liberty Fest.

New Odyssey is more of an event than a concert.

"With a total of 30 instruments being played between the three of us, we encompass every style imaginable and do it with original arrangements that are refreshing and amazing to watch," said Michael Jay, one of the members of the band along with Gary Todd and Gary Polkow. "We are a blend of the



New Odyssey — three members playing 30 instruments — takes to the stage Saturday night.

old and the new using new electronic technology and combining it with Vaudeville. It really is fun for all ages."

The 30 or so instruments that make appearances each night include saxophones, trumpets, flutes, sousaphone, flugelhorn and practically anything with strings. Electronic drums and synthesizers also are part of the mix.

It's all part of the show. And all part

Todd says the best way to experience New Odyssey is to, well, experience it vourself

"You have to see it for yourself to get the full picture," he said. "We have fun with it; we're not going to get too serious."

Fun at a festival certainly makes sense and part of the fun for New Odyssey is being a little different.

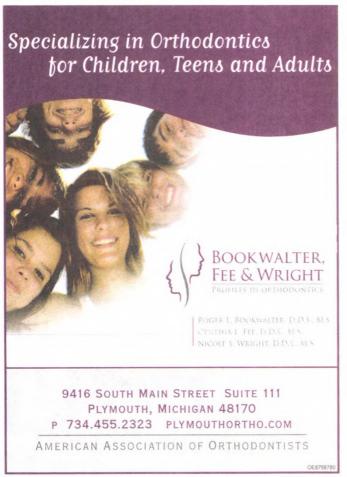
"For instance, if we do a Beatles medley we play all 30 instruments in 10 minutes," Jay said. "Is that normal?"

No, it's not. And that's the point of New Odyssey.

"If we do the classic drum song 'Wipeout,' we all play the drums at the same time," Jay said. "You just have to see it to understand."

Many people have seen it as the band recently finished a barnstorming tour of 10 states which started in Illinois and ended in New Mexico. The current tour includes a stop in June in Canton.

"They heard about us by word of mouth," Jay said. "We are really looking forward to playing there."





Opening night bigger, better

By Brad Kadrich

Staff Writer

The first day of Canton's annual Liberty Fest used to be relatively quiet, comparatively speaking.

However, after seeing opening-day crowds soar a year ago, and taking advantage of the end of school being the first day of the festival, Canton Leisure Services officials decided to make Thursday a rockin' day this year.

"We didn't want to allocate resources on Thursday if we weren't going to get the crowds," said Jon LaFever, Canton's recreation and facilities supervisor. "Last year the crowds were over the top. The last day of school is Thursday (June 13), so it's not a school night. That'll really help us."

One of the biggest attractions on opening day is the carnival rides, midway games and food that have become hugely popular attractions during the



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Since June 13 is the last day of school and therefore not a school night, Liberty Fest organizers are expecting even larger crowds.

annual Canton Liberty Fest.

The carnival will again be huge, part of an expanded Family Zone that will incorporate activities over all three days of the festival. Among many other attractions, the festival will feature:

• Air Margaritaville, a Jimmy Buffet tribute band, kicks off the entertainment schedule on the festival's first night. "They have a huge following," LaFever said.

• A variety of petting zoos and animal attractions, with several different animal groups on hand to provide entertainment. The animal attractions will be centered this year at the west end of the pond.

• A Fine Arts Tent featuring interactive activities for kids of all ages.

"We decided to play up our entertainment over all three days," LaFever said. "It's what the people want. A majority of Canton is young families. That is reflected in the numbers of people who attend and the amount of revenue the carnival brings in."

The carnival runs 1-11 p.m. Thursday, 1-10 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday.



Nonprofits partner with festival

Canton Leisure Services partners with sponsors, local nonprofit community groups and volunteers during this year's 22nd annual Liberty Fest, Canton's largest summertime community celebration.

It takes the entire community to run a festival of this size and several community organizations will once again participate and give back to the community in this annual celebration, including:

Car club

The Canton-based America's Most Wanted Car Club has been conducting car shows to benefit local charities for more than 20 years and has participated in all but one of Canton's Liberty Fest celebrations. With more than 50 members, this car club exhibits numerous vehicles mostly from the 1920s through the 1970s throughout the metro Detroit area.

Festival-goers can stroll along the ponds of Liberty Fest on Saturday, June 14, to enjoy some of the finest automobiles created. Vehicles will range from classic restorations to race cars. Proceeds from this year's Liberty Fest appearance will benefit two area groups: Wayne County 4H Club and VFW Camp Trotter.

For more information about America's Most Wanted Car Club, contact Connie Xenakis at (734) 455-9796.

Canton Firefighters

The nonprofit Canton Firefighters #2289 Charity Foundation was established in 1995 by Canton Firefighters to give something back to the Canton Community. The purpose of the foundation is to support Canton community charities, assist in emergency relief efforts and other worthwhile causes that surface in the community.

Each year the Canton Firefighters #2289 Charity Foundation hosts a popular spaghetti dinner at Liberty Fest (this year's is scheduled for 5-9 p.m. Friday, June 14), thanks to the generous donations from Rose's Restaurant of Canton.

For more information about the Canton Firefighters #2298 Charity Foundation, visit its website at www.cantonfirefighters.org/ charity.htm

Lions Club

The Canton Lions Club has celebrated more than 40 years of dedicated service in the community. The group comes together and shares a common interest in community service, supporting the Lions' motto "We Serve."

Since establishing its charter in 1968, club members have raised and distributed more than \$200,000 in charitable grants to nonprofit service agencies.

The Canton Lions Club's annual pancake breakfast is Saturday, June 15, from

The America's Most Wanted Car Club of Canton's classic car show is a staple during Canton's Liberty Fest.

7-11 a.m. in Heritage Park. This breakfast is just \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. All proceeds will benefit local Lions Club charities.

For more information about the Canton Lions Club, visit www.cantonlions.org.

These certainly aren't the only nonprofit community groups participating in this year's Liberty Fest. Stroll around the Market Place and discover at least a dozen more groups on site connecting with the community and promoting their causes. For more information on any of these nonprofit groups, visit www.cantonlibertyfest.com or call (734) 394-5460.







Zumba party turns Liberty Fest pink

Canton Zumba instructors are inviting local residents to "Party In Pink" during this year's Zumba Anniversary Party to benefit the Susan G. Komen Foundation on Thursday, June 13 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in Heritage Park.

This special fundraising event is scheduled to take place at the Heritage Park Amphitheater on the first evening of Canton's annual Liberty Fest, a three-day fun-filled community festival.

Participants are asked to show their support for breast cancer awareness and research and make a "move" to help make a difference. Admission to the event is a \$5 minimum donation to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.



Some of the area's favorite Zumba instructors will turn Heritage Park pink on the first night of Liberty Fest Thursday, June 13, to raise money for the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

Zumba fitness classes fuse Latin, pop and hip-hop music together with easyto-follow moves to create a unique workout experience. All ages are welcome.

The dance party in the park will feature music, amazing instructors, raffles and most of all, a fun workout. Zumba gear will also be available onsite for purchase.



The Zumba workout, set for 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, June 13, will combine Latin, pop and hip-hop music together with easy-to-follow moves to create a unique workout experience.

Zumba Party in Pink participants are also asked to bring bottled water, come ready to move and wearing pink. For additional information about this Party in Pink event or Zumba Fitness programs, call (734) 394-5460 or visit www.cantonlibertyfest.com.



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Entertainment

• Canton LIVE! Stage — 11:30 a.m.to 4:30 p.m. Axis Music Academy Showcase

6 p.m. — Spotlight Players

8-10 p.m. — The Joe Band: Joe Cocker Tribute

• Amphitheater Stage — 7-8:30 p.m. Chautauqua Express Family Concert featuring Guy Louis.

8:45-9:45 p.m. — Pre-movie music and games provided by Silver Sounds DJ

Dusk — Movie Under the Stars featuring Disney's "The Rise of the Guardians."

Festival food

- Annual Spaghetti Dinner 5-9 p.m., hosted by the Canton Firefighters. Proceeds benefit families victimized by house fires through the Canton Firefighter's #2289 Charity Foundation. Dinner prepared by Rose's Restaurant. Tickets are \$7 for teens and adults, \$5 for children 5-12 years (children under 4 are free).
 - Concession Vendors 1-11 p.m.
- Taste of Canton sponsored by Twisted Rooster 1-11 p.m. Area restaurants are on hand offering their signature menu items.

Highlights

- America's Most Wanted Car Club car and truck show. Kick Off/Pre-Registration Party 5-8 p.m.
- All American Lumberjack Show: Three shows along with interactive Lumberjack Camp and chainsaw carving throughout the day. Times to be



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Magician Eugene Clark sets up the old "Where's The Magic Scarf?" trick with 11-year-old Silvia Gonzalez at the 2012 Liberty Fest. Silvia was at the festival with her mom, Silvia, dad Ruben and brother Alejandro.



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The opening-night carnival has become a big attraction at Canton's Liberty Fest.

determined.

- Liberty Run 5K/10K Race Registration and Packet Pick-up: 4-8 p.m. at the Clock Tower.
- Marketplace: 1 p.m. to dusk Local artisans, crafters, businesses, community groups, and vendors sharing their information, goods and services around the large pond.
- Nationwide NASCAR Showcar Display: This traveling display will showcase a Nationwide NASCAR and racing simulator.
- Walk on the Wild Side: Petting farm, camel rides, exotic exhibits and bird encounter at the west end of the large pond.

Saturday highlights

Carnival

The carnival runs 10:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday-only armbands \$25; individual tickets are \$1, and sheets of 50 tickets are \$40, available for purchase during the festival (rides require 2 to 5 tickets each).

Events

• Liberty Run — The 5K starts at 8 a.m., the 10K at 8:30 a.m. The World Record Corral opens 9:30 a.m., official

record attempt. Must be in corral by 9:55 a.m. to get counted. The 1-mile fun run starts at 10:15 a.m.

Entertainment

• Canton LIVE! Stage:

11 a.m., Main Street Opera presents Hansel and Gretel

12:30 p.m., Spotlight on Youth 2:30 p.m., Swing City Big Band 4:30-6:30 p.m., The Hype Syndicate.

8-10 p.m., The Dale Hicks Band brings solid rock harmonies and songs from the 60s up to today's hits.

• Amphitheater Stage:

11 a.m.-6 p.m., International Stage: The Canton Multicultural Committee proudly presents the arts, music, dance and traditions of our diverse Community's various cultures.

6:30-6:40 p.m., Premier Athletics Showcase

8-10 p.m., New Odyssey: Three Guys, Thirty Instruments. Classic rock, country, novelty and specialty arrangements are all the calling card of this must see group.

Dusk: The first fireworks display in the area, bring your lawn chairs, friends, and family.

Festival food

- Canton Lions Club Annual Pancake Breakfast, 7-11 a.m., Heritage Park North Pavilions. Donation: \$5 for adults, \$3 for children. Includes pancakes, sausage, coffee, milk, juice, water.
- Concession vendors present all the classic foods commonly found at festivals, including corn dogs, elephant ears, roasted almonds, kettle corn, gyros, fruit smoothies, pretzels, and more provided by more than a dozen different vendors throughout the park.

Highlights

- America's Most Wanted Car Club car and truck show hours 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
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