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DAIRY KING OPENING SURE SIGN OF SPRING

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Spring training isn't just for Major League Baseball. "You always get ready for that first day in April," said Michael Hurley, who with his family is in the 17th year of owning the Dairy King on Main in downtown Plymouth.

He opened for the season March 10. Not only is he taking care of ice cream customers, he's doing some repairs needed from winter and coordinating vendors, including Guernsey's ice cream, based in Northville.

The March days at the shop have some warm weather, helping to get ready for the permanent warmup, he said.

"I'm just the third owner," Hurley said between customers earlier this week. He's proud of the hard-working staff at Dairy King, with special honors for those who labor there five years or more.

Yes, there is an ice cream Hall of Fame that's local, not the one for pro baseball players housed in Cooperstown, N.Y. In 2002, Hurley started his own Hall of Fame for five-year-or-more staffers.

"I just wanted to honor a couple of these kids who had worked for me so long," he said of the Hall of Fame origins. Hurley, of Plymouth Township and previously a Plymouth city resident, now has more than 40 staffers on his Hall of Fame wall sign.

"I got the keys and whoever worked last year. The rest is history," Hurley said of the first couple of people honored when he took over.

During the previous "polar vortex" winter, when the seasonal ice cream shop wasn't open, he worked on his collection of rock and roll memorabilia, including photos and album covers. Last season, those went up at the shop, giving customers a lot to peruse while they eat.

For this winter, Hurley went to a couple of used record stores to find artwork, including album covers. Near the cash register is the Beatles' 1967-70 hits collection, its blue cover and Fab Four photo familiar to many baby boomers.

"This was in the inside," Hurley said of a photo of the Beatles shown behind a gate with a crowd. He found a Salvation Army mat and frame for it.

"It was meant to be," Hur-



Jeff O'Brien and daughter Brooklyn visited the Dairy King in downtown Plymouth this week. Their Plymouth Township family also includes mom Alexis and Brooklyn's sister Avery, 1, who enjoyed ice cream, too.

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Reaume: 'Right time' to retire

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Richard Reaume, Plymouth Township's elected supervisor since November 2004, will resign early next month and plans to move immediately to Florida.

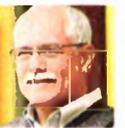
In a March 15 letter emailed to the Board of Trustees, Reaume, 65, said he had given the decision "a great deal of thought" and that his last day on the job would be Monday, April 6.

"I've served as township supervisor for a decade," Reaume said by phone Tuesday from Florida, where he was vacationing. "It's time to think about retirement and, you know, my second act."

Reaume has called a special meeting for 10 a.m. Saturday, during which the Board of Trustees is to discuss replacing him. Reaume said he will not attend the meeting, as he is not allowed to vote on a possible successor.

Reaume, the target - along

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Reaume

Heise wants to succeed Reaume; some others holding back

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

While the resignation of Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume fuels speculation about a possible successor, one candidate has stepped forward while two others who have expressed interest in the job are holding back - for now.

Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, who just started his third term in the Michigan House of Representatives, said Monday that

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Canton woman works toward unity, social justice for local communities

By Pamela A. Zinkosky
Correspondent

Canton resident Amina Iqbal has always seen herself as a teacher. The 34-year-old started volunteering in schools when she was 16 and taught in public and private sectors after receiving her degree in child development from the University of Wyoming. She



Iqbal

went on to receive her master's degree in education policy from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

"I love working with kids," the Brownstown native said. "My nickname used to be Mother Teresa."

Iqbal, who practices Islam, said she thought she might be a school principal someday, but today she's something of a political activist, working as outreach director for the Michigan Muslim Community Council and having recently graduated from Michigan State University's Michigan Political Leadership Program.

"I never envisioned this

route for myself," Iqbal said.

If Iqbal had stayed in Virginia, where her husband - a "super nerd" bio-engineer, in Iqbal's words - was working, or in California, where he did his graduate work, her career would have been different, she said. It was when Iqbal and her husband moved back to the Detroit area for his current job at Lawrence Technological

University that she got involved with MMCC.

Iqbal's brother encouraged her to apply for work at MMCC and in 2013 she became the nonprofit organization's part-time civic engagement coordinator to help plan Michigan Muslim Capitol Day. Since then, she's become MMCC's

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with three other board members – of a recall drive, sold his Plymouth Township house late last year and has been renting a home in the township since he moved out. He also bought a home in a Florida retirement community.

Dismisses recall

But he said public criticism and the recall effort affected his plans “not at all.”

“I’ve had critics every year,” Reaume said.

Recall activists have yet to gather enough signatures to force a recall election.

“This has happened before,” he said, describing shouted recall threats and threats of defeat in upcoming elections during past years.

Reaume was elected

“Retirement was on the horizon and I contemplated that this would be my last term. Once 65 gets closer, it causes you to pause. ... This is just the right time.”

RICHARD REAUME

Plymouth Township supervisor who announced his resignation

to his third four-year term in 2012 at age 62.

“Retirement was on the horizon and I contemplated that this would be my last term,” he said. “Once 65 gets closer, it causes you to pause.”

He added: “This is just the right time.”

He said he started late last summer, after his family asked about a possible party for his 65th birthday, to think about leaving office early. Reaume turned 65 in December; he is unmarried and has three adult daughters whom he adopted.

Reaume said he

doesn’t plan on getting involved in government in his new hometown. “This is retirement for me,” he said.

He is the township’s third-longest serving supervisor since 1950, with only Maurice Breen, at 13 years, and Roy Lindsay, at 12, having longer tenures. Reaume said he can’t find records prior to 1950 to check other supervisors’ time in office.

Reaume on record

In his resignation letter, Reaume listed many achievements during his time in office,

including:

» Cutting costs to weather the recent recession without raising property taxes, which, at 4 mills, are the lowest of any community in Wayne County.

» Economic development and job creation efforts, including helping develop the Michigan Life Science and Innovation Center, an incubator for life sciences companies, and the Michigan International Trade Center, a planned high-tech business park in the Five Mile corridor in Plymouth and Northville townships.

supporting documentation and meeting videos.

Reaume also noted some of the accolades the township received during his time as supervisor, including being named 28th best place to live in the country and the top place to live in Michigan by CNN/Money Magazine; being chosen best place to live in Michigan by AreaVibes; being ranked the second safest community in the state with a population of over 25,000 by Value-Penguin; and winning an award from Keep Michigan Beautiful for the Ann Arbor Road streetscape.

“I leave the township with solid financials, low taxes and a track record of hard work that gained awards and public recognition for the township,” he said.

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he intends to submit his name as a nominee for the remainder of Reaume's term, which expires in November of next year.

Heise had earlier this year said he was considering a run for supervisor in 2016, but said Monday that he is ready to resign from the House in order to take the job.

“It’s a very tough decision, but I think Plymouth Township is in a real state of crisis right now,” Heise said.

Reaume, who announced Sunday that Monday, April 6, will be his last day as supervisor, can be replaced by a Board of Trustees vote within 45 days after he leaves office. If more than 45 days pass, the Wayne County clerk can call a special election, with nominees for the office selected by local

political party officials.

Reaume, who says he is retiring and moving to Florida, has called a special meeting for 10 a.m. Saturday during which the Board of Trustees is to discuss a process for replacing him. The board could vote on a successor before Reaume leaves office; the outgoing supervisor would not have a vote in that decision.

Heise is a lawyer, a former municipal official in Dearborn Heights and a former director of the county's Department of Environment.

He said he wasn't surprised at Reaume's announcement, but that the resignation is still “jarring” for the township.

“Between the public pressure and the recall and drama at township hall, I just don't think he could take it anymore,” Heise said. Reaume had been the target of a pet-



Heise



Price



Doroshewitz

Price, whose potential candidacy for supervisor in 2016 was being pushed by Edwards, said he's ready to make a decision quickly depending on the outcome of Saturday's board meeting.

“My interest hasn't changed. The time line's changed, given his resignation,” he said.

Trustee Bob Doroshewitz, widely rumored to have been considering a bid for supervisor, said Tuesday that he hadn't decided whether to seek the appointment. Doroshewitz, a frequent critic of Reaume in recent months, declined to comment on the resignation.

One man said to have been considering the job flatly turned down the chance Wednesday.

“No thank you,” said attorney John Stewart, a trustee from 1988-92 and a former Republican state representative.

“They must be counting noses and cutting deals,” Stewart added.

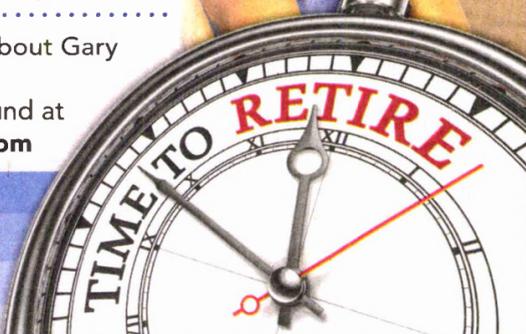
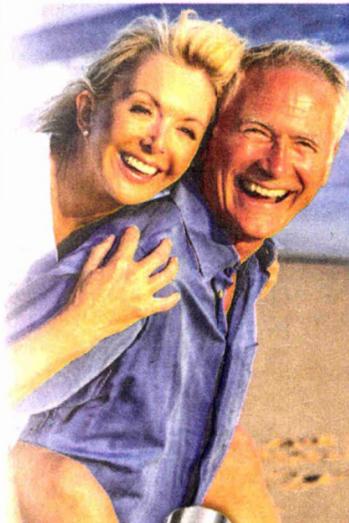
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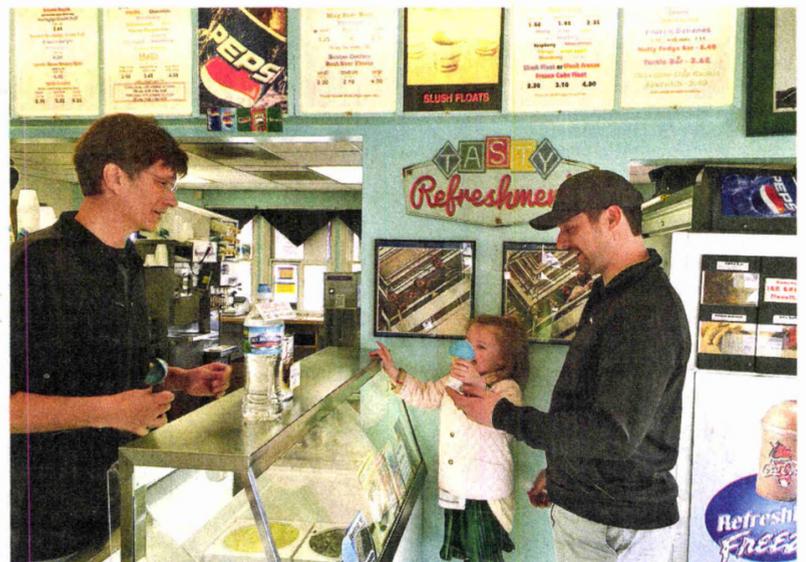


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To reserve a seat for this popular series, advance registration is required and space fills quickly. Registration deadline is the Thursday prior to each class. Please call the Northville Community Center at (248) 349-4140 to reserve a seat.



Dairy King owner Michael Hurley (left) scoops up some tasty treats for customer Jeff O'Brien and Jeff's daughter, Brooklyn, 3.

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ley said of the frame's perfect fit. “The matting matches the picture.”

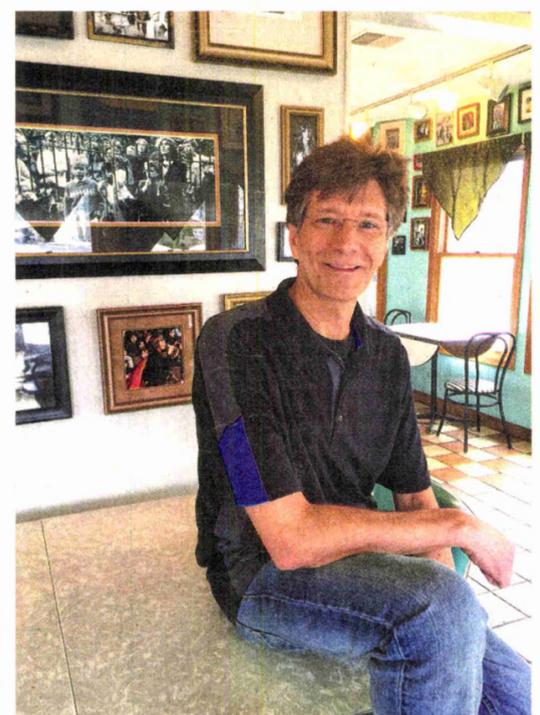
He's got around 30 new additions this season, including Aerosmith, Linda Ronstadt and Heart album covers.

Visiting the Dairy King that day were Jeff and Alexis O'Brien of Plymouth Township with daughters Brooklyn, 3, and Avery, 1. After the O'Brien kids and parents got their ice cream, the family settled in at a retro furniture table.

“Cabin fever for these little ones,” Jeff O'Brien said of their venturing out. “Finally a chance to get out and walk around.”

Hurley noted his Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce membership helps with visibility for his business, as does the Dairy King Facebook presence.

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The Beatles photo behind Dairy King owner Michael Hurley was a great find this past winter. “It was meant to be,” Hurley said of a Salvation Army mat and frame. “The matting matches the picture.”

United Way needs volunteers to help seniors, disabled

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

An 87-year-old woman, still proud of her yard, needed help to spruce it up after her bones became so fragile she couldn't do it herself. Plymouth Community United Way, which cleans yards twice a year for senior and disabled residents, answered the call. "She just couldn't pick

up sticks anymore because of osteoporosis," said Linda Chomin, PCUW community relations and campaign associate.

An estimated 70 residents are expected to receive yard help Saturday, April 25, when volunteers fan out across Canton, Plymouth and Plymouth Township for PCUW's spring Rake-n-Go, which has a compan-

ion effort in the fall coinciding with Make a Difference Day.

Susan Doughty, senior specialist for Canton Leisure Services, commended the PCUW effort, saying it gives seniors and the disabled a morale boost along with hands-on help cleaning their yards.

"It's very, very important. They get upset when they look out their front door and their lawn looks

terrible," Doughty said. "It allows them to have pride in their own home."

PCUW has sponsored the twice-a-year yard-cleaning program since 2006, Chomin said, helping about 70 people each time. As many as 400 volunteers have helped out during a single outing – raking yards, cleaning out flower beds and pulling weeds.

PCUW is looking for

volunteers for the April 25 Rake-n-Go. Chomin said volunteers may come alone, bring a family or form team of co-workers.

Volunteers are asked to bring rakes, garden tools, hedge trimmers and gloves. PCUW will supply yard waste bags.

Volunteers who want to apply – or seniors and disabled residents who need help – may call 734-

453-6879, ext. 7, or send an email to randi.williams@pcuw.org before April 10.

Plymouth Community United Way has served Plymouth, Canton and the western Wayne County area since 1944, striving to address human service needs. For more information or to learn about giving or volunteering, go to www.plymouthunitedway.org.

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full-time outreach director, planning multiple events and building relationships with elected officials to represent MMCC's initiatives.

"Our goal is to unify the community and provide resources to make communities stronger," Iqbal said of MMCC.

The work has awakened Iqbal's political side. She now sees that the issues she's so passionate about – diversity, multi-culturalism, equality, education – are often best addressed at the policy level.

"If you don't speak up, no one's going to speak up for you," she said.

Iqbal described the moment when she realized how important politics are. She would often discuss political issues at the dinner table with her three daughters. Her then-6-year-old announced, "When I grow up, I want to be president."

The fact that her daughter felt so empowered inspired Iqbal. "I never thought anything could be more rewarding than teaching," she said. "Working with the council, I'm seeing how rewarding it is and how blessed I am. I can bring about change at the policy level."

Iqbal especially en-

joys Capitol Day, which mobilizes Muslims from around the state and enables them to bring issues to local policymakers. She particularly enjoys getting youth involved in the event. Last year, six schools sent students to the event and many middle school students asked intelligent questions, she said.

Political leadership

Iqbal attended MSU's Political Leadership Program and she's grateful for the experience.

The 10-month program selects fellows from the Republican, Democrat and Green parties, as well as those who consider themselves independents. The weekend sessions occur monthly and include presentations by policymakers, elected officials and other leaders; mock interviews on political issues; panel discussions; and other politically relevant activities.

"I honestly don't even know how I got in," Iqbal said. "I did it more for leadership and skill-building than to run for anything."

Last year's 24 graduates include a diverse mix of local government representatives, attorneys and other business leaders from around the state. The fellows got to hear speakers like state Supreme Court Justice Richard Bernstein, businessman Richard DeVos

and many local politicians.

"There's no other way you could meet these people," Iqbal said.

What's more, she said, the political diversity of the group exposed her to viewpoints she might not have considered: "You just see so many views. You realize this is how friendships are built."

Changing education

One issue that's near to Iqbal's heart is education – specifically multi-culturalism in education.

Her daughters – ages 11 and 8 – attended a charter school when she first came back to Michigan and they faced racism, mostly because teachers are not trained in culture competency, even though so many cultures exist in the area, she said. She would like to see that change.

For this reason, Iqbal has considered running for local office and possibly even working with the Michigan Department of Education someday, despite the fact that she believes it would be an uphill battle to get elected as a Muslim.

Canton is home to a diverse range of cultures, but that diversity is not represented in the township's government, Iqbal said. "I wear a head covering; would people actually vote for me?" she wondered aloud.

Nevertheless, Iqbal has seriously considered

MICHIGAN MUSLIM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Michigan Muslim Community Council, a nonprofit organization based in Royal Oak, has been serving the community since 1988. Born out of a desire to unify the diverse Muslim community in Detroit and throughout the state, MMCC is the newly named organization that unifies two groups: the Council of Islamic Organizations of Michigan, founded in 1988, and the Islamic Shura Council of Michigan, founded in 2005 with a focus on community service.

The organization's three areas of focus are to unify Muslim communities, promote strong Islamic values and pursue social justice through civic engagement.

Community outreach and service projects are a big part of the organization's work. In January, MMCC partnered with Islamic Relief USA to donate \$100,000 to the Detroit Water Fund. The Water Fund, formed through a partnership between the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department and the United Way of Southeastern Michigan, provides low-income people with financial aid to pay utility bills.

MMCC also partners each year with the local Jewish community to participate in Mitzvah Day. On Dec. 25, volunteers from the Jewish and Muslim communities gather to provide service to local food banks, shelters and organizations that provide toys for Christmas. It's a day of "good deeds," as the Hebrew name suggests.

MMCC has an Imams Council of 30 Islamic clergymen from throughout southeast Michigan. These imams meet monthly to discuss the needs of local Muslims and are working to combat prejudices against their faith. The group frequently releases statements condemning the actions of those who commit terrorist acts in the name of Muhammad, the prophet of Islam.

"MMCC is not directly involved in disputing the ideology of extremists who are using the name of Islam to promote violence," said Amina Iqbal, outreach director for the organization. "However, reaching out to people in non-Muslim communities and promoting a positive image of Muslims such as on Capitol Day, Mitzvah Day, Ramadan Fight Against Hunger and Unity Banquet are indirectly having the same effect."

The organization recently brought Detroit into the national spotlight by partnering with the Islamic Society of North America to host the 2014 ISNA annual convention at Cobo Center. The convention drew 15,000 attendees and featured addresses by former President Jimmy Carter and Gov. Rick Snyder.

MMCC's next big event is Michigan Muslim State Capitol Day on May 12 in Lansing. Muslims will bring their issues before legislators, ask questions and become more civically engaged.

For more information, go to www.muslimcouncil.com.

running for a local office. "I know by running, I would dispel many stereotypes and offer a unique and sincere perspective, especially having gone through the Michigan Political Leadership Program and being a Michigan native," she said.

"I am open about my faith and I know that my faith is what makes me a better person. Muslims are taught to treat others with love, compassion and respect. By building relationships in the community, I believe people will change their perspectives about Mus-

lims," she added. Iqbal's daughters currently attend an Islamic school and her 5-year-old son will go there once he's old enough, but she'd like to put them back into the public school system for high school, she said.



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Canton man, 84, dies after automobile accident

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

An 84-year-old Canton man has died after he apparently suffered a medical condition Monday morning that caused his car to crash into a roadside sign on Sheldon Road, north of Warren, police said.

"It appears that the crash itself was not involved in the fatality," Canton police Sgt. Matthew Jenkinson said.

Canton police received a call shortly after 11 a.m. Monday about the single-car crash. Officers learned that the driver was traveling north on Sheldon when his vehicle, de-

scribed by Jenkinson as a four-door sedan, crossed the center line and crashed into the metal post of a roadside sign.

Police Lt. Chad Baugh had issued a statement after the accident indicating that a medical emergency was likely a factor in the crash.

Canton paramedics took the victim to a medical facility, but Jenkinson said police received notification "a couple hours after the accident" that the man had died.

Police hadn't released his name or what kind of medical condition caused the crash. The Canton Police Depart-

ment's Accident Investigation team was called in to investigate the crash, which temporarily disrupted traffic in the area.

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CANTON CRIME WATCH

Child neglect

Canton police turned a 14-year-old girl over to Child Protective Services after she was found at a fast food restaurant with homeless adults, one of whom was found unconscious in the restroom with drug paraphernalia that appeared to indicate heroin use, a police report said.

Police went to the McDonald's restaurant on Michigan Avenue, near Lotz, following reports of an unconscious man, 29. Police helped revive the man and noticed a syringe inside a cup of water on the baby-changing station. They also found what was described in a police report as an empty container of heroin.

The incident unfolded March 10. The man denied using heroin and told police he was diabetic. He was taken to a hospital.

Police learned he and two women companions were homeless for the past eight months, supposedly after their house caught fire. They told police they have been staying at motels, but ran low on money and have been going to fast food restaurants.

Police learned the teen's mother had been accompanying them, but she was currently in jail. Police placed the child in protective custody and issued tickets to two adults for child neglect. The male suspect got an additional ticket for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Custody dispute

A custody dispute between a Canton woman and the father of her 3-year-old son spilled over into tax season, prompting the woman to contact Canton police.

The 34-year-old woman told police that she has sole custody of the boy and should be allowed to claim him as a dependent when she files her income tax returns.

But when she tried to file her taxes, she learned the boy's father already had claimed him as a dependent.

Police advised the woman on how to pursue the situation, partly by contacting federal officials.

Car vandalism

A 20-year-old Inkster woman told police the back window of her 2008 Saturn Aura was smashed out Saturday evening while it was parked in the 42000 block of Executive Drive, near a business.

The woman, who works at Sky Zone, parked her car at 11 a.m. and returned at 7 p.m. to find the damage. Under questioning by police, she said she didn't know of anyone, such as an ex-boyfriend, who would have done it.

The woman said it appeared nothing had been taken from the car.

Identity fraud

It happens every tax season, over and over.

A Canton couple in their 60s notified police after they tried to file a joint tax return and it

was rejected because one of their Social Security numbers already had been used to file a fraudulent tax return, a police report said.

The couple said the Internal Revenue Service wouldn't tell them which Social Security number had been used. Canton police advised the couple to seek advice from federal officials.

Resisting arrest

Canton police investigating a suspicious situation at Lincolnshire apartments arrested a 22-year-old woman after she obstructed a police investigation by lying about her name and resisting an officer.

The incident happened shortly after 11:30 p.m. Friday at the apartment complex on Trails Court, near Joy and Sheldon.

Police spotted a car occupied by three people in a handicapped parking spot. Police learned that the 22-year-old woman had warrants for her arrest in Dearborn Heights, Westland and Plymouth for offenses such as failing to appear in court for driving with a suspended license.

The suspect repeatedly resisted police officers, refusing to put her hands behind her back and telling them that she wasn't going to jail. Officers had to use force to take the woman into custody, a police report said.

The suspect was cited for resisting and obstructing a police officer.

- By Darrell Clem

PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Wrong-way driver

A 39-year-old man was arrested on a drunken driving charge early March 12 after it was reported someone was driving a dark car east on westbound M-14, near Beck, in Plymouth Township.

Police responded to numerous 9-1-1 calls, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report, and Livonia police spotted a 2015 Hyundai Sonata in the freeway median near I-275.

Police said the driver smelled of alcohol and had red, watery eyes. Asked to exit the car, police said, he fell down and then needed help walking. He said he had been trying to get back to his hotel in Novi.

When he was told to perform field sobriety tests, police said, the driver said he didn't want to because he was drunk and already caught. At the police station, a Breathalyzer test registered a blood-alcohol content of 0.22 percent.

Paraphernalia

Citations for possession of narcotics paraphernalia were issued early March 11 after a traffic stop on I-275 during which three marijuana pipes and a marijuana grinder were found, police said.

There were three teenagers, two males, 19, and a female, 18, in the 1999 Pon-

tiac Grand Prix that an officer stopped on northbound I-275, near Five Mile, about 1:30 a.m., a police report said. The car had been weaving, the report said.

A slight odor of marijuana was apparent as the officer spoke to the driver, the report said, and a pipe was visible on the floor of the Grand Prix when the driver exited. There was another pipe on the floor and a third in the male passenger's backpack, along with a grinder, police said.

The teens were released after citations were issued.

Disorderly conduct

A 39-year-old man was arrested on a disorderly conduct charge the evening of March 12 after it was reported that he was pestering an employee at the Red Roof Inn on Ann Arbor Road.

The employee told police the man had threatened him, tried repeatedly to go behind the front desk and was hanging out in the motel's lobby, a police report said. A responding officer said the suspect smelled of alcohol.

The man told the officer that he hadn't done anything wrong, but he was handcuffed and arrested. A test at the police station later put his blood-alcohol level at 0.24 percent.

- By Matt Jachman



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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AAUW SOUPER SUPPER

Location: Koppernick Tech Center on Koppernick Road, east of I-275, entrance BeckRidge Productions
Date/Time: Thursday, March 19, 6:30 p.m.

Details: Plymouth-Canton Branch of the American Association of University Women supports First Step. Eileen Hogan will be sharing information about the organization. Each person will pay \$8 for their meal of soup, bread, beverage and dessert. Proceeds go to First Step to help defray its costs for helping women and children in need.

Contact: For more information, go to <http://www.firststepmi.org/docs/2014-wish-list.pdf> or call Sharon Belobraidich 453-5009.

HOSPICE SUPPORT

Dates/Times: First and third Thursdays of each month, 10-11:30 a.m.

Location: Plymouth Coffee Bean, 884 Penniman

Details: Compassionate Coffee Club is an open and ongoing grief support group offering support and socialization for widows and widowers moving beyond the first year of loss. The program is sponsored by Compassionate Care Hospice and is free of charge, although a drink purchase is required for use of the space.

Contact: For more information, contact Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice Bereavement coordinator, at 888-983-9050 or email achristensen@cchnet.net.

BRAIN NEUROBICS

Date/Time: Second and fourth Thursdays through May 2015, 11 a.m.

Location: Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty

Details: Wayne State University Institute of Gerontology designed the 10 free courses. Keep your brain alert and active with such topics as Memory Tricks, Food for Thought and Magic of Music. Courses taught by Wal-tonwood Cherry Hill.

Contact: To sign up, call the Plymouth Community Council

on Aging at 734-453-1234, ext. 236.

PAGAN HOURS

Dates/Times: Fourth Monday of each month, 7 p.m.; fourth Saturday of each month, 10 a.m.

Locations: Monday, Panera Bread, 41950 Ford Road, Canton; Saturday, Leo's Coney Island, 9624 Belleville Road, Belleville

Details: State Rep. Kristy Pagan, D-Canton, announces the schedule for her monthly coffee hours. Pagan invites residents to join her to discuss their thoughts and ideas about how she can best represent and address the needs of her constituents. Pagan encourages interested residents to sign up for her e-newsletter, which will provide updates of her work at the Capitol and in the community.

Contact: To sign up, interested individuals should go to pagan.house.dems.com. Residents can also contact Pagan in her Lansing office at 517-373-2575.

PFLAG MEETING

Date/Time: First Sunday of each month, 3-5 p.m.

Location: St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: Plymouth-Canton PFLAG meets for discussion, education and sharing. Founded in 1972 with the simple act of a mother publicly supporting her gay son, PFLAG is the nation's largest family and ally organization. Made up of families, friends and straight allies united with people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT), PFLAG is committed to advancing equality and societal acceptance of LGBT people through its threefold mission of support, education and advocacy.

Contact: Email laurie.mayers@gmail.com

DROP-IN KNITTING

Date/Time: Third Tuesday of each month, 1-2 p.m.

Location: Plymouth Township Friendship Station, 42375 Schoolcraft, Plymouth

Details: The Plymouth Community Council on Aging offers drop-in knitting and crocheting classes. If you need help fin-

ishing a project or starting a new project, then this is the place to come. Beginners are welcome. Each class has a donation of \$2. Instructor is Dori Mefford.

Contact: For more information, call 734-453-1234, ext. 236.

CRAFTERS WANTED

Date/Time: Saturday, Oct. 17

Location: West Middle School, 44401 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth
Details: Delta Kappa Gamma, an international society of women in education, will host its 31st annual craft show to help provide scholarships for Plymouth-Canton students. There are still openings for crafters who are interested in joining the event. Join DKG along with the AAUW used book sale and reserve a booth.

Contacts: For more information, contact Debbie Cortellini at debccortellini@comcast.net or call 734-451-1525.

COACHES NEEDED

Date/Time: Saturdays in spring and fall

Location: Bilkie Family Field, downtown Plymouth

Details: The Miracle League of Plymouth, the league providing opportunities for special-needs players to enjoy the game of baseball, needs volunteer coaches for its spring and fall seasons.

Contact: Anyone interested in donating their time or who has questions can contact Shari Bilkie via email at shari@miracleleagueplymouth.org

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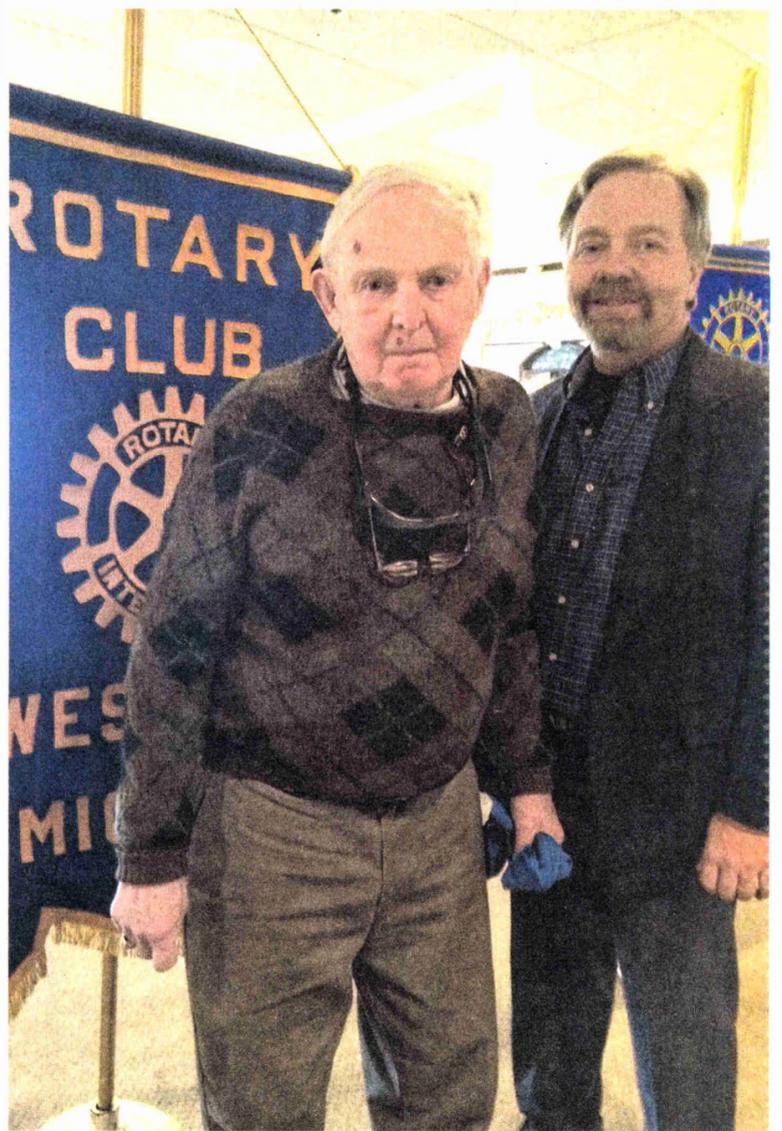
Date/Time: Fourth Saturday of each month, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship clothing bank, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton

Details: Canton Christian Fellowship sponsors a clothing bank every fourth Saturday. No documentation is needed. Drop-off is available from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each Wednesday. Canton Christian Fellowship is located on at Joy Road, west of Haggerty.

Contact: For more information, email info@cantoncf.org or call 734-404-2480.

Kenya mission work talk



JULIE BROWN
The Rev. Bryan Smith (right), pastor of Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton, spoke on Kenya mission work at a Thursday, March 5, Westland Rotary lunch at Joy Manor in Westland. Smith visited with Don Douglass of Canton, a retired Westland John Glenn High School administrator, and other Rotarians. Smith, a Canton resident who's been Geneva's pastor for more than 20 years, discussed a mission trip to Kenya he took in 2013 and another taken in 2014 with the pastor accompanied by church members.

Friends of Rouge need bug hunters for annual event

Friends of the Rouge needs volunteers to help look for stoneflies, mayflies and other aquatic insects April 18 at the annual Spring Bug Hunt. Interested volunteers must pre-register by April 3. Children are welcome when accompanied by a participating adult.

The event begins at 9 a.m. at the University of Michigan-Dearborn's Environmental Interpretive Center, 4901 Evergreen, Dearborn. Volunteers are assigned to teams of four to eight people that each travel to two sites where they look for living things in samples collected from the river under the direction of a trained team leader. The number and type of bugs found is used to assess each site, and data are submitted to the state and Rouge communities.

FOTR is offering training for Bug Hunt team leaders from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 28 at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty. Register by March 21.

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Andrew Carnes (Nicholas Weston) confronts Ali Hakim (Anirudh Keshamouni) a peddler and a player, because Carne's daughter Ado Annie (Jessica Stevenson) is in love with Ali. She's also in love with Will Parker.

'Oklahoma!' doin' just fine for Park Players

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Things are more than OK for the Park Players' cast of *Oklahoma!*, the classic American musical that takes the stage at Salem High School beginning Friday.

Cast members and director Shannon McNutt say that, after a rocky start that set rehearsals back about three weeks, energy is high and things are falling into place for a show that, according to McNutt, the Players haven't attempted in about 25 years.

"It's just a really great group," said McNutt, an English teacher and co-director, with Paul Bird, of the Park Players. "They're well-rounded and they're excited and they're fun."

"It's turning out to be a fabulous show," said senior Madeline Klozik, who plays Aunt Eller, aunt to Laurey Williams, the object of the affections of cowboy Curly McLain and farmhand Jud Fry. "It came together so well."

"Every rehearsal, it gets better and better," said junior Ryan Wagner, who plays Curly.

Set in 1906 in the Oklahoma Territory, *Oklahoma!* focuses on two love triangles, but also tells the larger story of ongoing conflicts between farmers and cattlemen. Opening in 1943, it was the first collaboration between composer Richard Rodgers and lyricist Oscar Hammerstein and, McNutt said, the first musical in which the music and the dancing helped drive character development and the plot.

"It was groundbreaking in its day," she said. It's a show, she added, in which the songs can't be separated from the story.

Cast members, who come from all three Plymouth-Canton Education-

al Park high schools, have an infectious enthusiasm for the show – and for musicals.

"You're working, but at the same time, it's like tons of fun," said senior Sara Mortensen, who plays Laurey.

"How it all comes together to tell a story – I really like that aspect of musicals," said junior Jonah Stephens, who plays Will Parker, who supplies comedic relief as he competes with Ali Hakim (freshman Anrudh Keshamouni) for attention from Ado Annie (senior Jessica Stevenson).

"I just love performing arts in general. ... It's like two in one," Anrudh said of musicals.

'Chance to shine'

McNutt said *Oklahoma!* is ultimately about community and people making sacrifices for the common good.

"Theater collaboration is about community, so it ties in really well with what they're doing," she said.

"I like doing plays where everybody has a chance to shine," she added.

Oklahoma! has a cast of 45, plus a 40-piece orchestra (directed by Cathy DePentu) to provide live accompaniment. With the technical crew, there are about 130 students involved in the production.

"It's very hard work. It's very demanding," McNutt said. "It takes an enormous amount of time and energy."

Oklahoma! opens at 7 p.m. Friday at Salem's Gloria Logan Auditorium; 7 p.m. performances are also scheduled for Saturday and March 27-28. Tickets are \$12 and are available at the door.

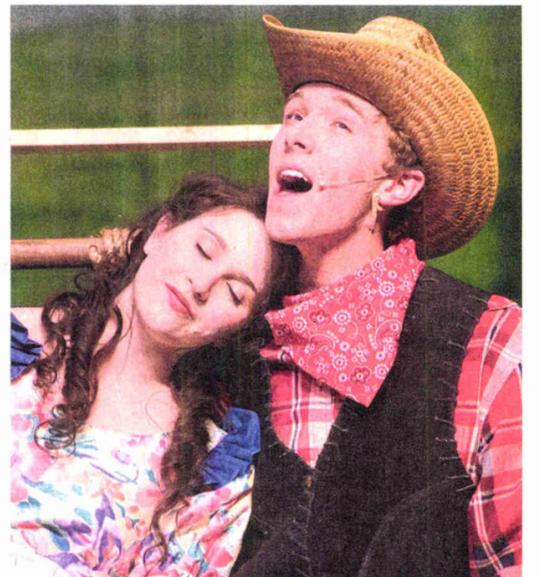
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Curly (Ryan Wagner) arrives with Gertie Cummings (Amanda Barberena) on his arm, in an effort to make Laurey Williams jealous.



Curly (Ryan Wagner) sings "Oh What a Beautiful Mornin'" to Aunt Eller (Madeline Klozik) in the opening scene of "Oklahoma!"



Curly (Ryan Wagner) sings "The Surrey With the Fringe on Top" to Laurey Williams (Sarah Mortensen).



Ado Annie (Jessica Stevenson) announces that she wants to marry Will Parker (Jonah Stephens) on the anniversary of her first kiss, which was not with her beau Will. He's not amused.



The boys take a peek at scandalous pictures.



PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
 Capt. Jim Davison of the Northville City Fire Department with second-grader Nolan Oliver at Smith Elementary.

Local heroes promote healthy breakfasts for kids

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools marked National School Breakfast Week earlier this month by bringing "local heroes" into district elementary schools.

Police officers and firefighters talked to students at breakfast time and even had a hand in helping serve them.

Students were also encouraged to be their own heroes by eating healthy breakfasts, which have been linked to greater academic achievement, improved attendance and fewer reports of illness. National School Breakfast Week is designed to raise awareness of the benefits of eating a good breakfast.

"Many families are rushed in the morning and children either skip breakfast or eat on the go. School breakfast is a convenient option to ensure they have a balanced meal in the morning," said Kristen Hennessey, the district's director of food and nu-



PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
 Plymouth Township Officers Aaron Warring (right) and Marcy Linton visited with students at Bird Elementary at breakfast time one morning this month as part of National School Breakfast Week. With them is Karen Greger, the school's cafeteria manager.

trition services.

Her department, Hennessey added, works to give students access to healthy breakfasts with creative serving options. Breakfast is available at all of the district's schools and about 2,000 are served daily.

The district's breakfast options include yogurt with fresh berries and nut-free granola, the

Ultimate Breakfast Round, whole-grain mini stuffed bagels and lower-sugar cereals.

Last year's National School Breakfast Week in the district was a partnership with Kellogg, the Michigan-based cereal company, and included an event with Olympic gold medal-winning ice dancers Meryl Davis and Charlie White.

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Livonia first stop on MI Hidden Talent Tour

Lt. Gov. Brian Calley and Supreme Court Justice Richard Bernstein have announced a partnership to highlight the opportunities for hiring Michiganders with disabilities across the state and their first stop will be in Livonia.

The MI Hidden Talent tour aims to showcase the skills of Michiganders with disabilities that are often overlooked. The effort will encourage businesses to develop disability hiring policies while connecting businesses with resources to fulfill workforce needs. "Hiring Michiganders with disabilities would change the dynamic for many companies across our state," Calley said.



Bernstein



Calley

"There are more than 500,000 working-age adults whose talent could move a company to the next level – but they need to be given a chance first. We are working to implement more inclusive employment policies at the state level and are

ready to encourage businesses statewide to do the same with this tour. The time is long overdue to celebrate different abilities in the workplace."

At each stop, Calley and Bernstein will highlight a local business

setting an example for others in hiring, as well as local partners available to help other businesses follow suit.

Their first stop will be 5-7 p.m. Monday, March 30, at Embassy Suites, Livonia. The visit will be hosted by the Livonia, Westland and Farmington chambers.

"We are honored that these state leaders are starting this noble effort in Livonia," Livonia chamber president Dan West said. "Along with our friends from Westland and Farmington, our communities will be able to start this important conversation with our employers to provide new opportunities for people who may have

disabilities, but can make a difference for a company."

Businesses interested in attending should contact the host chambers to register.

Bernstein said employers who hire disabled people are ultimately rewarded with team members who bring passion, energy and loyalty to the workplace.

"Disabled employees rally their fellow workers and serve as a unified force who can teach the values of resiliency, compassion, and understanding," Bernstein said. "More often than not, people who have infirm bodies also possess the strongest souls and the

most powerful spirits, traits which enhance the workplace and our economy as a whole. People with disabilities are hard-working, energetic and engaged people who will be loyal to their employer. The offer of employment for a disabled person is a game-changer – they do more and achieve more because they are thrilled to have been given an opportunity."

The tour will include seven stops. The next two are at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 31, at the Holiday Inn in Marquette and at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 1, at Horizons Conference Center in Saginaw. Details for the remaining tour stops will be announced soon.

Johnson Controls named GM Supplier of the Year

Johnson Controls has been honored with two awards from General Motors – the 2014 General Motors Supplier of the Year Award and the Overdrive Award.

This is the fifth time Johnson Controls has been recognized by General Motors for top performance. Suppliers were honored during the automaker's recent 23rd annual event in Detroit.

Supplier of the Year award winners are recognized for "going above and beyond" and delivering innovative technology, superior quality, timely crisis management and competitive cost solutions.

The Overdrive Award recognizes suppliers with extraordinary leadership in cultural change

and commitment initiatives that drove exceptional business results for General Motors. Johnson Controls received this award for its consistent collaboration with General Motors to execute continuous improvement and deliver sustainable value in General Motors' seats.

"These awards are the result of hard work on the part of our employees, who are committed to a strong partnership with General Motors and one that benefits from the Johnson Controls operating system," said Brian Grady, vice president and general manager, General Motors business unit for Johnson Controls Automotive Seating. "Johnson Controls'

operating system leverages our businesses' best practices to improve quality, productivity and speed."

"These companies are the best-of-the-best suppliers and deserving of special recognition for their outstanding contributions," said Steve Kiefer, General Motors vice president, Global Purchasing and Supply Chain.

The Supplier of the Year and Overdrive award winners are chosen by a global team of General Motors purchasing, engineering, quality, manufacturing and logistics executives.

For additional information, go to <http://www.johnsoncontrols.com> or follow @johnsoncontrols on Twitter.

Purple aluminum siding? Yes, you can fix ugly!

We have all been there. We've found a house with an awesome floor plan, well-positioned in a great neighborhood, but ... it's just plain ugly. In fact, you may even wonder why you looked at it in the first place since you can't get past the exterior. However, the fact of the matter is, unlike many more serious issues, you can fix ugly.

Peel back the dented purple aluminum siding and you are liable to see the same house wrap or roofing felt that is under the house next door. That lava rock stone facade could be stripped back to a brick ledge that could be used to support a more timeless stone or brick facade. Replacing stone will be more pricey per square foot than siding, but both could be very worth your while if the house can be purchased at the right price. In fact, installing fiber cement siding has one of the best paybacks for home improvement projects. In addition, it can be painted at the factory in a controlled environment, thereby extending the time before you will need to re-coat.

Front doors take a lot of abuse and some hold up better than others, but an attractive front door



Stuart Jeffares
REAL ESTATE INSIDER

proves a long way to improve a home's curb appeal. Replacing a front door is typically a one-day job and an attractive wood door can be installed for less than \$1,000 up to several thousand or more for exotic woods with high-end hardware. Either way, the impact can be significant.

Inside the house, there are a lot of areas that might be tough to overlook, but many of these ugly issues are easily resolved, too. Issues like the shiny gold faucets from the '80s or the garish Lucite hanging light fixture add to the visual distraction, but are simply corrected. Period specific wallpaper, bold paint colors and popcorn-textured ceilings are fairly easily fixed and should not be significant deterrents to purchase.

Flooring fixes can be as simple as replacing the carpet or refinishing the hardwood floors to busting up a ceramic tile floor in a bath or lifting worn vinyl sheet in a kitchen. Often, the most difficult part of these jobs is removing the old

surface and preparing for the new surface. These are jobs that might be done by the mildly ambitious homeowner seeking to keep costs to a minimum. Many newer products, such as crack isolation membranes for tile floors and pre-finished engineered wood systems, can make the re-installation relatively painless and often less expensive.

Many areas of an "ugly" house may be more of a reflection of the seller's personal decorating taste than inherent design flaws. Try to look past this. Focus on room dimensions and traffic flow. Try to imagine each room as a canvas, with your color pallet applied, furniture arranged and artwork hung.

Could this be the right house for you after a makeover? Leverage the probability that fewer people will be chasing the ugly house. The "discount" it may be purchased at could more than offset the renovation and remodeling required to make it the most attractive home in the neighborhood.

Stuart Jeffares is a Realtor and residential builder who writes a twice monthly column about the industry. He welcomes feedback at TheJeffaresGroup@gmail.com.

Schoolcraft College to host Civil Infrastructure Conference

The Society of American Military Engineers Detroit Post and Schoolcraft College Procurement Technical Assistance Center are hosting the Great Lakes Civil Infrastructure Conference from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 30, at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

The conference will

provide learning opportunities from leading industry experts, representatives and firms who are contributing to regional sustainability, infrastructure resilience and improving the state's transportation and energy networks.

"Worldwide spending on infrastructure will continue to rise over the next decade, with the

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Down on the farm fun time at Canton winter market

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Matt Weber of Canton was holding son Garrett, 16 months old, as Weber and the family visited the Winter Farmers Market at Summit on the Park on Sunday.

"Just checking out what's available," he said.

Weber was hosting his brother from Virginia and his parents from Illinois. It was his first time at the Winter Farmers Market.

"It's nice to have accessibility to this and have it indoors," said Weber, who lives nearby and moved with his wife Jessica and family to Canton last March. "We like tasting what's from Michigan. We grew up in Illinois."

Also shopping at the market was Mala Hari of Canton with sons Arav, 9, and Sri, 6. She stopped by the Classique Gifts & Bakes booth, offering gluten-free, vegan and traditional baked goods.

Farmer Dave Steinhauer of Salem Township was busy selling pork, beef and chicken. "Very well," Steinhauer said of business. "Last year was my first year. I have really built up a clientele."

His farm animals have pasture access, plus his cattle get grain from a local brewery, meaning the taste and texture of the beef is excellent.

"Mine's better than grass-fed for that reason," said Steinhauer, who grew up on a southern Ohio farm and previously worked as a livestock dealer before getting back to farming.

He showed the marbling in a chuck roast: "None of mine will ever be dry. There's a lot of demand for meat that's raised the way you're supposed to do it."

The next Winter Farmers Market will be 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, April 19, in the banquet lobby of Summit on the Park, on Summit Parkway off of Canton Center Road, south of Cherry

Hill. The Summer Farmers Market will be 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Sunday from May 17 through Oct. 18 at Preservation Park, 500 N. Ridge, north of Cherry Hill.

The summer event features entertainment, cooking, gardening workshops, kids' crafts, story-times and more. The reason for the Winter Farmers Market, market manager Tina Lloyd said, is, "because the community wants a winter market. It's also great for the vendors. Canton wouldn't keep doing it if it didn't do well. People can't get enough of their local goods."

Regular season vendors get first dibs for the winter market, she said. Hoop houses now in use mean produce can be grown locally all year. At the market last weekend, there were apples, garlic, potatoes and onions, all cold stored for winter.

"It's nice to have it on the weekend," Lloyd said. "They seem to do better on weekends."

Mike Prochaska of Prochaska Farms in Tecumseh is 28 and a third-generation farmer with some 30 acres. "Really well," Prochaska said of business. He also does the Ann Arbor-Kerrytown, Saline and Tecumseh markets.

As a customer approached, Prochaska explained his living salad bowls with greens. "You only harvest what you're going to eat. There's no waste," he told his customer.

He had greens, along with cheese from his sister's and brother-in-law's Four Corners Creamery in Tecumseh. "I do see it every once and a while," he said of young farmers. "I was fortunate to grow up on a farm. I'm enjoying it."

Prochaska took over for his folks, adding the hoop house to grow produce all year. His greens included spinach and arugula, plus he also offered potatoes.

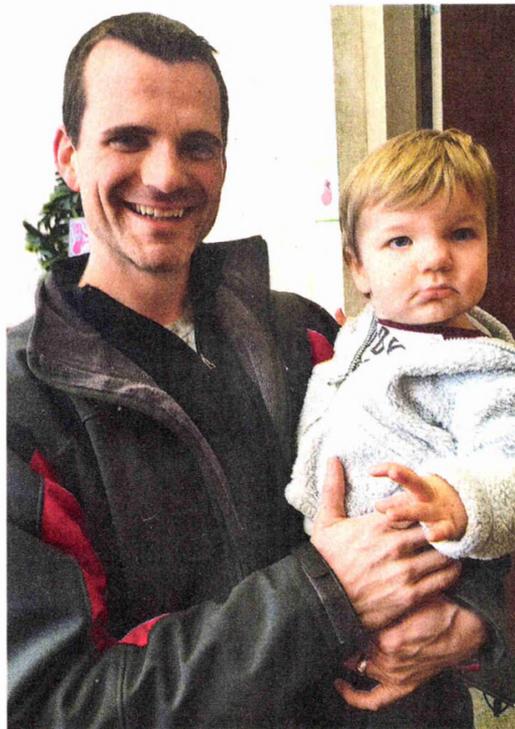
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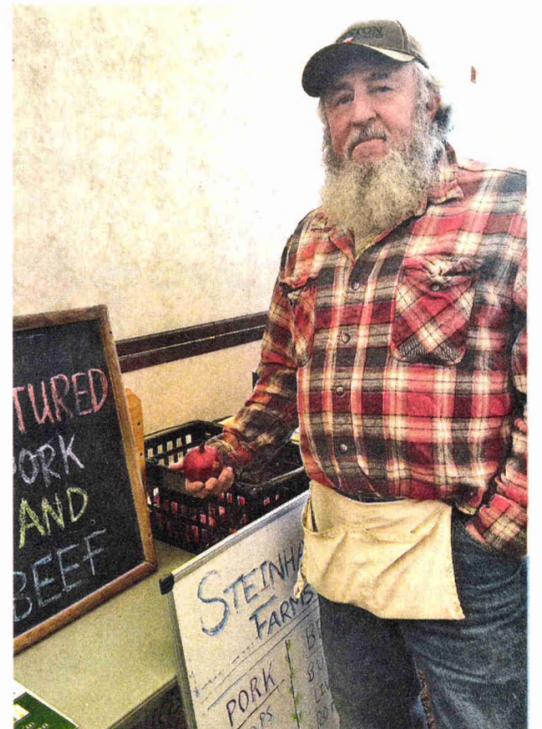
Mike Prochaska of Prochaska Farms in Tecumseh visits with Tina Lloyd, Canton's market manager.



Mala Hari of Canton and sons Arav, 9, and Sri, 6, visit the Classique Gifts & Bakes booth at the Winter Farmers Market.



Matt Weber of Canton visited the Winter Farmers Market with his family, including son Garrett, 16 months.



Farmer Dave Steinhauer of Salem Township had pork, beef and chicken to sell at the Winter Farmers Market.

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OUR VIEW

Reaume's leadership will be missed

Be careful what you wish for, lest it come true. The impending retirement of Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume fits the idiom perfectly. Reaume, in a letter announcing his departure, cited key accomplishments, thanked residents and talked of his excitement about moving on to the next chapter of his life.

There was no mention of the small but vocal group that has been trying to recall him for months, no mention of the increasingly conten-

tious township board meetings and no listing of grievances against his detractors.

On the whole, Reaume was a fine township supervisor. He worked hard and did what was right for the residents of Plymouth Township. Sometimes that meant taking unpopular stances, but he had the political will to do so. If anything, there were times he tried a bit too hard to placate rather than move in an unpopular, but fiscally sound, direction.

The bottom line is that Plymouth Township residents will miss the steady leadership of Reaume. He was a respected and skilled supervisor and, above all, an honorable man. He ran the township with integrity for 10 years and no one knows who will be sitting in that chair next.

Whomever it is, may he or she have the temerity to perform the supervisor's duties without buckling under the influence of those who think they know better.



Reaume

OUR VIEW

EEF's school support boosts learning, teaching in district

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools teachers are grateful to the district's Educational Excellence Foundation.

Some 16 of those K-12 teachers showed their gratitude at a Thursday, March 12, EEF Showcase of Grants. Grants supported such projects as a video camera for the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park video production students.

Among other uses, that camera helps students air *Park Pulse*, a local cable TV

program on P-CEP, including its clubs and sports.

At Salem High, another grant made possible purchase of an earthquake shake table, to help mostly ninth-graders learn about earthquake energy waves and how they move. At the elementary level, the purchase of Frisbee golf equipment for Hoben and Miller schools got a boost from the EEF.

At West Middle School, foreign language teachers were able to purchase a document camera to help in projecting

materials for student review in the classroom. That helps teachers speak the foreign language more to beginning students, while helping those students learn the foreign language.

A Pioneer Middle School grant made a "Walking Book Club" a reality, giving students chances to explore and discuss books, while also getting exercise. Air brushes and paint for auto use went to auto custom painting students at P-CEP.

Indeed, good public schools are vital to a community if it is

to survive and thrive. Events like last week's Showcase of Grants boost awareness of great teaching going on in the Plymouth-Canton district. They also raise the profile of the EEF, which has a website at eefforkids.org and can be reached at 734-416-2718 with Carole Kody its executive director.

Hats off to the EEF for its vital ongoing work, the EEF's community supporters, hard-working district teachers and those who organized the March 12 Showcase of Grants.



JULIE BROWN
Bill Johnston, a Salem High School geophysical science teacher, demonstrates the grant-supported earthquake shake table he uses in his classroom. A number of teachers showed their Educational Excellence Foundation grant projects March 12 at a Showcase of Grants.

GUEST COLUMN

A media conspiracy that's good for you

Each spring for 10 years now, a vast media conspiracy has rolled across the hills and plains of this nation. Journalists of every stripe – cartoonists to commentators to hard news reporters – have been in on it. And not just journalists, but politicians, educators and librarians, as well as members of nonprofits and civic groups.

What's the conspiracy? It's called Sunshine Week and it is built around the birthday of James Madison, the father of the Bill of Rights. This year, the week is March 15-21.

The agenda: to brazenly promote your right to know. Open government, we argue, only works when public information flows freely. As Madison himself explained nearly two centuries ago: "Knowledge will forever govern ignorance; and a people who mean to be their own governors must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives."

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Eric Newton
GUEST COLUMNIST

where I work, launched and have helped sustain Sunshine Week. At the start, in a speech to roughly 100 open government advocates, I said the foundation could support them only if they could find a way to work together. They did.

After a decade, can we say that Sunshine Week is working? Yes – and no.

Search Google and you'll see hits tripling over the years. That's the work of the American Society of News Editors. Millions of people read stories about open government. New openness laws pass. Cities, states and the feds issue proclamations.

This year's California bill officially recognizes Sunshine Week as "a celebration of the public's commitment to openness and an exploration of

what open government means in a technology-enhanced future."

Experts like Rick Blum of the Sunshine in Government Initiative testify about how freedom of information saves lives, of how it tells us, for example, when our Marines have been issued body armor with life-threatening flaws. Today, says Steven Aftergood of the Federation of American Scientists, we have more access than ever to official information about topics like intelligence spending and the size of the U.S. nuclear arsenal. Overall, access seem much better than in the day after the 9/11 attacks, when public documents vanished from websites like so many fireflies blinking out.

Unfortunately, examples also abound of closed government, of public information held hostage. This week, major news organizations are reporting that too many government agencies are trying to block the public's access to its own information by charging exor-

bitant fees. Or turning our information over to businesses that are not transparent. Or muddying up freedom with restrictions that display an ignorance of what freedom really means.

Secrecy is a bipartisan proposition. Hillary Clinton's hidden emails? George W. Bush did the same kind of thing. All over Washington, documents are stamped "classified" for no good reason. Governments big and small are affected. Virginia, by not paying attention to just one of its own data files (according to Waldo Jaquith of U.S. Open Data) was leaving millions of dollars in revenue uncollected. In Maryland, Fredrick County Councilman Kirby Delauter went so far as to threaten to sue if his name was printed in the paper.

So the battle continues. Always there have been those who would hide the truth and seek personal advantage in the darkness. We can't stop fighting for sunshine because they won't stop fighting against it.

In the end, the American experiment will fail unless the people who run this country – us – know nearly as much as the people who work for us – our employees, the government.

But is sunshine by itself enough? Madison said, we must "arm ourselves with knowledge." We can't just know that our government disregards its own Freedom of Information laws. We have to do something about it.

This year, during Sunshine Week, consider joining us at sunshine events in your community or online. Yours are the laws being broken. Yours is the information being stolen. Yours are the truths being bludgeoned. In the long run, your participation is the only thing that really matters. If you see public information go into hiding, complain, complain, complain.

It's your right.

Eric Newton is senior adviser to the president of the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation in Miami, Fla.

LETTERS

Colbeck telling fairytales

Shame on you Sen. Pat Colbeck for telling scary fairy tales to gullible seniors who look to you for honesty and integrity.

To letter writer Loretta Stringer, let me tell you some truths – our first lady has worked extremely hard to educate parents and children on the benefits of eating healthy and exercising. This generation of American kids is the fattest, least healthy kids on the planet. Mrs. Obama has worked tirelessly to change that and has not and cannot dictate what is sold at bake sales or the school lunch counter no matter what Colbeck says. And to any mother that has told you the lie that their kids' "brought from home lunches" were raided and junk food removed, seriously, you really believe that? I'm willing to bet whoever told you that is just another GOP hardcore Obama hater. I believe the USDA allows three junk food sales per year on

school property; Colbeck and the GOP want to increase that to three times per week (SB 139, HB 4202).

At its core this isn't really about bake sales. Junk food corporations give lots of money to the GOP so they can have unlimited access to our schools. Even Democratic Sen. Debbie Stabenow recently sold out to PepsiCo lobbyists and now opposes any nutritional guidelines in school lunches or food stamps. It comes as no surprise that Republicans have worked overtime to ridicule and lie about Mrs. Obama for trying to educate families to the value of proper nutrition and up nutritional standards for school kids.

We've all seen video of the ever-articulate GOP Tea Party intellectual Sarah Palin shouting from the mountain top to just how wonderful a daily diet of Twinkies, potato chips and Slurpees is for our children while throngs of obese, dentally challenged sycophants cheer wildly.

I really didn't expect too much from Colbeck; scaring

seniors then pretending to be their friend is still big time in the GOP playbook. So Ms. Stringer, Colbeck does not have your best interest at heart. He always talks about repealing 100 percent of the Affordable Care Act even though this would greatly hurt seniors. For instance, under the ACA, seniors get free annual wellness checks, flu shots and no-cost screenings for cancer, diabetes and many other chronic diseases. Prescription drug costs keep dropping as the doughnut hole keeps closing. Medicare part B premiums haven't risen in more than two years and private Medicare Advantage plan premiums have increased their coverage and reduced their price by an average of 10 percent while enrollment has increased by 33 percent. A lot of these savings come from new rules that limit how much premium money insurance companies can waste on corporate bonuses and administrative costs like lobbying money that finds its way into Colbeck's pocket. No wonder he hates Obamacare.

One particular fairy tale Colbeck loves to tell is that there's now 159 new government bureaucracies between us and our doctors; yet he won't name them. Next time you listen to Colbeck speak, ask why he wants to take this away from you and what does he plan replace it with. I guarantee you won't get a straight answer.

Mitch Dubanik Livonia

We need robot cars

I agree with Mr. Duda's March 12 letter, "Why not join SMART?" For a senior car driver, a car is still more convenient than a bus. For drivers, one must compare the car to the bus. How long will a bus take to get you there compared to a car? A car to downtown is 30-45 minutes without a traffic jam. How about a destination point to point? How far do you have to walk to get to the bus and how far do you have to walk to the destination from where the bus leaves you? If you do not own a car or are not allowed to drive anymore, you do not ask these questions.

This brings up the point that the government bureaucrats are designing the transit system for people who do not own cars. They are not designing a system to get people out of their cars to ride the system. The majority of the people drive cars. Yet the bureaucrats are going to ask the public to vote on a Regional Transit Authority tax to fund an expansion for the metro transit system that they are designing that will not generally help people who drive cars. Why would a majority of the public vote for it, except out of charity?

In the future, I see one optimistic development to break the transit deadlock, the autonomous car and the auton-

omous or robot taxi. People with or without driving capability will have access 24/7, point-to-point transit service. The robot car cannot come too soon.

Neil Karl
Livonia

Election complaints not new for LPS

After reading your story "Election complaint filed against Livonia schools, union" and the comments posted online, I must add this is not new problem.

In 2005, I filed a complaint in which the union was supporting a millage and the campaign material was mailed out by LPS. This was verified by the Livonia postmaster and the person responsible was identified and was required to reimburse the costs.

The election commission would not pursue the issue and indicated I should follow up with the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, which I did not.

In another incident teachers were calling from Churchill High School, during normal school hours, to vote yes on a millage. Again, against LPS policy and state law. I reported this to administration with the teacher's name and the incident was "handled."

Good luck on this story, as like others who have commented, this is not a new problem and no action will be taken.

Tony Latarski
Livonia

Church's Love Packs represent an outreach to homeless

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Fort Street Presbyterian Church in downtown Detroit has a ministry to reach out to homeless people. Some of those people are benefiting from the kindness of members at Geneva Presbyterian Church of Canton.

Worshippers gathered after services Sunday, March 15, to put together about 200 Love Packs of toiletries and other items. The Love Packs will get distributed to the homeless through groups like Fort Street Presbyterian Church's Open Door Ministry.

"We try to help wherever we can," church member Sandy Stoecklein, on Geneva's local mission team, said. "It's a nice little group."

Men from the Open Door program get items like shampoo, mouthwash and shaving cream, she said. Also benefiting from Geneva's labors is the Wayne County Family Center, on Michigan Avenue near Merriman in Westland, for homeless families.

"They can use the computers there to try for jobs," said Stoecklein, a Westland resident and retired registered nurse



At the table assembling Love Packs are Lisa De Groot and Barb Berberet of Geneva.



The Love Pack assembly took place after worship services Sunday, March 15, at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton. Shown from left are Dawn Christenson, Cindy Pohl and Hannah Glodich.

at the Burger School for Students With Autism in Garden City. Children from the Wayne County Family Center are given small toys in their Love Packs.

"We try to put something in there so they have something to play with," she said. The Wayne County Family Center is a partnership of Lutheran Social Services of Michigan and Wayne County.

"It was an inter-generational project for everybody who wanted to do it. It went very, very well," Stoecklein said of Sunday's assembly of Love Packs.



Lisa De Groot (front, left) and Barb Berberet (front, right) are joined by fellow worshippers in assembling Love Packs.



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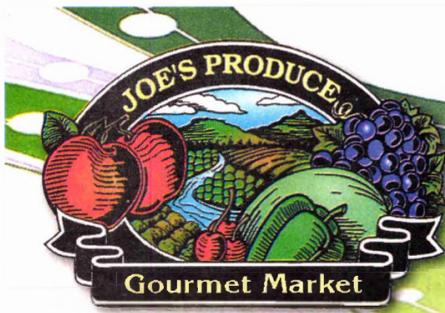
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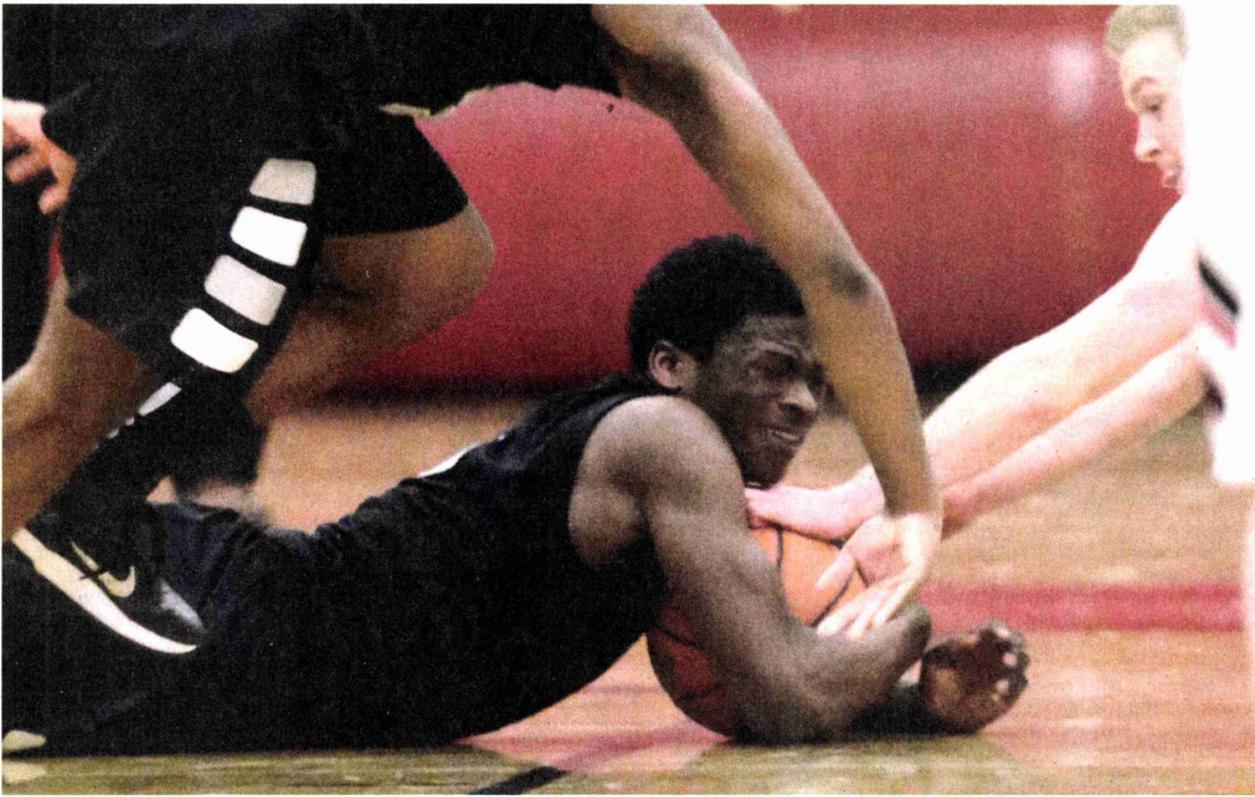
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Michael Vasilnek
Diving onto the floor Monday night to secure a 50/50 ball for Plymouth is senior Deji Adebiyi, who made several such plays in the regional game.

NJCAA TOURNEY
Ocelots open with win over Genesee

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The elite eight beckons Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team, which keeps moving up the ladder with victories.

Having already conquered the Michigan Community College Athletic Association and NJCAA District 10 tournament, the Ocelots kept things moving forward at the NJCAA Division II national tournament in Danville, Ill.

Schoolcraft, ranked No. 1 in its division, earned a 79-69 victory Tuesday night over Genesee (N.Y.) Community College.

The Ocelots (30-3) advanced to play at 6:30 p.m. Thursday (today) against either Olive-Harvey (Ill.) College or John Wood (Ill.) CC.

Schoolcraft was paced to the victory by guard Ja-Christian Biles, who poured in 26 points and grabbed 10 rebounds. Biles hit 6-of-10 from beyond the 3-point arc to spark the Ocelots' attack.

Contributing 14 points was guard Lito Booth, while forward Javan Thomas (13 points, 14 rebounds) also was stellar. Forward Anthony Wartley-Fritz added 10 points and six rebounds.

Naquil Jones scored 26 points for Genesee (23-9).

The Ocelots, who led 40-36 at halftime, enjoyed a 46-38 edge on the glass.

Lady Ocelots lose

Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team made it to Kansas for Tuesday's first-round NJCAA Division II tournament game against Guilford Technical (N.C.) Community College.

But the Lady Ocelots couldn't make it past their first-round opponent, losing 75-64 to fall just shy of a berth in the elite eight.

Schoolcraft (21-10) trailed by as many as 21 points, but cut that deficit to 37-30 at halftime at Overland Park, Kan.

Then, led by T'era Nesbitt's scoring touch (she led all players with 23 points), the Lady Ocelots roared back to take a 52-51 lead.

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HOLLY HEARTBREAKER

Wildcats unable to hold off Bronchos' hot-shooting guard in 68-64 loss

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

For a little while during the fourth quarter Monday night, Plymouth had Holly on the ropes in a boys basketball Class A regional semifinal.

Thanks to a pair of treys by senior Josh Reynolds, the Wildcats went on a 9-2 run to take a 55-50 advantage over the host Bronchos.

But Plymouth could never shake the shadow of hot-shooting Holly guard Jake Daniels, who hardly missed all night, tallying 27 points and leading the Bronchos to a hard-fought 68-64 victory.

"I thought we had them tipping there for a little bit," Plymouth head coach Mike Soukup said. "And we just couldn't get over the hump. We made a few mental mistakes and couple turnovers late; a bad shot or two really got us out of it."

For starters, there was a lane violation that nullified a free throw that would have nudged Plymouth's lead to 56-52 with 4:13 remaining.

A little more than a minute

later, Daniels buried his seventh triple of the night with 3:08 left to knot the score at 57-57.

Before Daniels launched the shot, the Bronchos (22-2) worked the perimeter, waiting patiently for the chance to give their shooting star another prime-time chance.

Too often, Plymouth did not display that kind of patience.

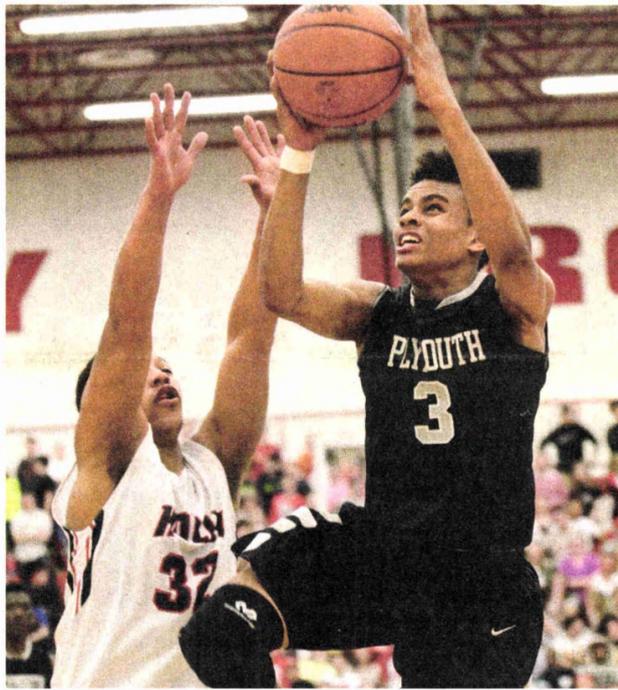
A half-minute after Daniels' triple, the Wildcats threw away the ball and Paris Partee converted a put-back to put the Bronchos up 59-57. Plymouth never caught them the rest of the way.

Some savvy strategy by Holly head coach Lance Baylis also helped protect the slim lead late.

On two occasions in the final 15 seconds, with the Bronchos up by three points, Plymouth senior guard Randall Aikins never got the chance to launch a potential game-tying trey because he was fouled.

"Credit him, great strategy on his part for fouling," Sou-

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Michael Vasilnek
Going up for a layup during Monday's Class A regional semifinal is Plymouth junior Brent Davis (left) against Holly's Paris Partee.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

KNOCKOUT PUNCH

Saginaw sweeps weekend series to snuff out Whalers' playoff hopes

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The Plymouth Whalers entered the weekend with a chance to make up valuable ground against Saginaw in their bid to make it 24 consecutive seasons in the Ontario Hockey League playoffs.

But the way the back-to-back match-ups went for the Whalers was fitting for how the entire season unfolded on and off the ice.

Saturday in Saginaw, the Whalers led 5-4 in the final

minute before the Spirit netted the equalizer. Saginaw won in overtime, 6-5.

The following afternoon, before 2,750 fans at Computware Arena — with many wearing uniforms of former stalwarts such as Stephen Weiss and Scott Wedgewood — the Spirit earned a 6-3 victory to eliminate the Whalers from playoff contention.

Two days before St. Patrick's Day and with the finality of the franchise's situation

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Saginaw goalie David Ovsjannikov foils Plymouth Whalers forward Cullen Mercer on a shorthanded breakaway during the third period.

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GYMNASTICS STATE FINALS

Canton falls just short of team crown

Canton's Kunz wins D1 individual title on parallel bars

By Tim Smith
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Entering Friday's gymnastics team state final in Rockford, the defending champion Canton Chiefs knew they would have to make up a couple of points against Rockford/Sparta in order to win a second consecutive championship. Although the Chiefs enjoyed another stellar performance, they fell just short of that achievement with a second-place total of 146.225 points, behind the 147.975 score that first-place Rockford/Sparta amassed.

It's the fourth time in the past five seasons that Canton finished in the runner-up position.

"Canton had a very good day, nearly matching its regional victory score with a 146.225," head coach John Cunningham said. "Unfortunately, Rockford was on fire and edged (us) by one-tenths in each event. It was a two-horse race all day."

Two other Observ-erland teams also took part in the team final, with Farmington placing sixth (139.875) and Plymouth taking 12th



Canton celebrates finishing second at Friday's gymnastics team state finals in Rockford. The Chiefs also collected a number of all-state awards at Saturday's individual finals.

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(137.125).

Rockford Sparta and Canton took the top two spots across the board, as follows: vault (37.25 to 37.0), uneven parallel bars (36.3 to 35.9), balance beam (37.325 to 36.575) and floor exercise (37.1 to 36.75).

Cunningham said the Chiefs were "among the best of the best" for having their fifth consecutive season of finishing either first or second at

the final and that they "didn't hold back or suffer from falls or mistakes."

He cited "outstanding performances," including Allison Kunz on vault (9.725) and all-around (38.075), Hailey Hodgson on bars (9.425), Stephanie Cox on vault (9.325), Jana Hilditch on vault (9.3), Katie Dickson on bars (9.125) and Rachel Socha on vault (a personal best 8.575).

"A couple were even personal highs, so we have no regrets or excuses," Cunningham said. "We did our best."

D1 individual finals

Saturday's individual finals, also in Rockford, featured a number of stellar performances from Canton, Plymouth and Salem gymnasts. Those finishing in the top 10 earned all-state honors.

Leading the way with a Division 1 individual championship on bars was Chiefs senior Kunz, with a 9.75 score.

Tied for seventh with 9.05 was her freshman teammate Dickson, who tallied nines on three events to cap a very good meet.

Kunz, named Canton's most valuable gymnast, also earned all-state honors on floor (9.45, fourth) and all-around (37.2,

fifth) while posting 9.2 on vault.

Finishing 10th on D1 vault was sophomore Hilditch (9.225).

Plymouth junior Rebeca Simu tied for seventh on beam with 9.225, good for all-state honors. Also in the top 10 was Canton's Dickson, with a 10th-place score of 9.175.

On D1 floor, the best performance by a Park gymnast was turned in by Salem freshman Jordyn Williams, who tied for third with a 9.6 tally, one place ahead of Kunz.

Hogan also won on D1 floor exercise with 9.7. Salem freshman Jordyn Williams tied for third with a 9.6 tally. Hilditch came in ninth with a personal best of 9.4, also good for all-state recognition.

In Division 2 competition, Hodgson had another strong showing. She medaled four times, highlighted by 9.225 on floor and 35.225 on all-around, good for fifth in each category.

Hodgson also tallied two sixths: 8.95 on vault and 8.875 on beam.

Also earning Canton's team sportsmanship award was Megan Adams, honored by the Michigan High School Gymnastics Coaches and Judges Association.

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BACK-TO-BACK

Shamrocks rule as Division 1 state champions

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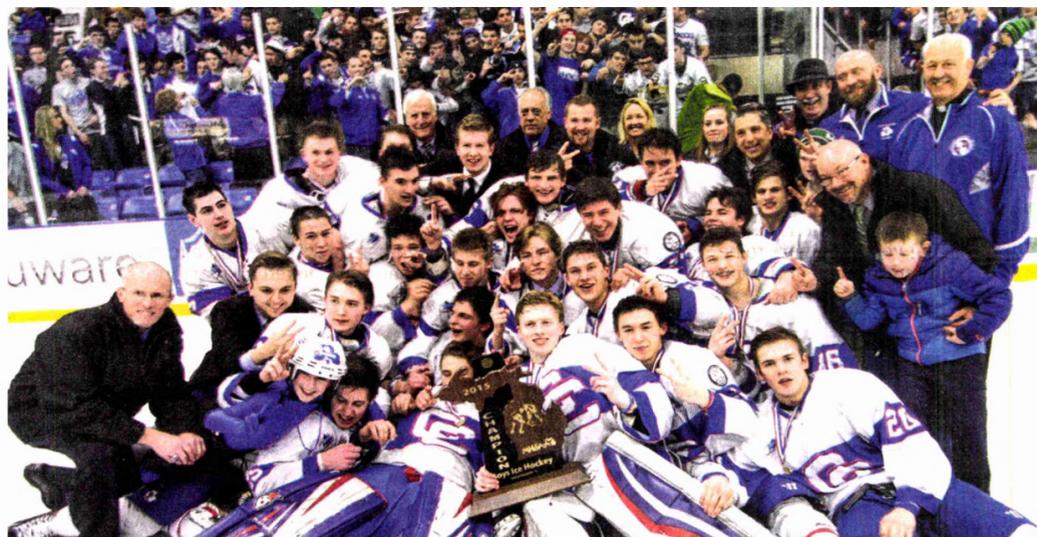
For the 12th time in school history since the Michigan High School Athletic Association began sponsoring a state tournament, Novi Detroit Catholic Central was the last team standing in boys hockey.

The Shamrocks didn't need any luck just three days before St. Patrick's Day. They seized the day and found their pot of gold Saturday night with a 5-2 win over Grandville in the Division 1 championship game played at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

The Shamrocks, who repeated as Division 1 champions, finished 24-5-1 overall under interim coach Danny Veri, who took the job after the school parted ways with Doug Itami only a week prior to the regular season.

Evan Rochowiak's goal from Nick Macari and Brendan Cleary with just 3:10 remaining in the game sealed the victory and CC's ninth MHSAA Division 1 crown.

"I told them a story about planting grass and believing in the process," Veri said of his talk prior



Novi Detroit Catholic Central players, coaches and support staff celebrate after repeating as MHSAA Division 1 champs following a 5-2 win over Grandville at Compuware Arena.

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to the final period. "We've done it all year long. I always tell stories before our games. That one happened to be during it."

"We told them a story about perseverance, keep mining for the gold. I told them, 'If you plant your grass for 17 minutes, you'll be mining out gold. So just keep to the process, just do what we do

and we'll be OK."

Quick lead

The Shamrocks got off to a good start as junior JoJo Mancinelli lifted a quick backhand by Grandville goaltender Myles Madden at 3:07 of the first period off assists from Ryan Burnett and J.P. Lafferty.

Catholic Central struck again at the 10:36

mark on Andrew Spiegel's goal from Dillon Jones to make it 2-0.

CC also killed off a pair of penalties during the final 3:16 of the first to lead 2-0, while outshooting the Bulldogs, 13-7.

The Shamrocks then went up 3-0 at 6:30 of the second period on Luc Krasicky's rebound goal from Owen Kipke and Jones.

And at that point, it appeared CC was well on its way to perhaps a lopsided win.

But the Bulldogs (25-4-2) started to show some life and apply some offensive pressure, scoring back-to-back goals a 14-second span in the second.

Jacob Baum lit the lamp at 13:50 on a power play off a rebound following a shot by Mitchell Parsons. Gianni Vitali scored again for the Bull-

dogs from Zach Vanderwl and Brandon Roze-ma at 14:04.

But just 46 seconds later, after Vitali was sent off for a hooking penalty, the Shamrocks responded with a power-play goal of their own by Rochowiak off an assist from Kyle Mulka to make it 4-2 at the end of two periods.

"It was a great play on the power play by Blake (Veri)," said Rochowiak, a senior forward. "When they put two goals behind us, we got a little bit nervous and I think the goal kind of took the pressure off us a little bit."

CC outshot the Bulldogs 15-12 during the second period, but it was by far Grandville's best period.

Great competition

"We were within a hair's-breath of tying that

up," Grandville coach Joel Brezeale said. "It was a great game and a great team won. Two great teams competed."

The two teams played in Grand Rapids during the regular season, with the Shamrocks coming out on top 4-1.

Madden kept the Bulldogs close with 42 saves. Although CC's Spencer Wright had to make just 20 saves, he always seemed to come up with the key stop.

"Spencer is a great goalie," CC senior captain Andrew Lane said of his teammate. "I've been playing with Spencer since the eighth grade in Farmington. He's always been reliable. He's the best goalie you can have in this state, honestly. In my opinion, he's the best."

Although the CC players celebrated jubilantly with their massive student section following the victory, it was almost a sigh of relief for many connected with the team.

"It's unbelievably stressful, the pressure from the school, parents, family, friends ... everyone is relying on you, especially this year," Lane said. "Luckily, we had a team that all bought into the program. It was unbelievable to win again, probably the greatest feeling in the world."

Veri, CC's third head coach in three years, said afterward that he'll return to his JV duties next season.

"We had great leadership and these guys are a really, really tight group," the interim coach said. "They really went to battle for each other. I believe it. They're a great bunch of guys."



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YEAR TO REMEMBER

Veri special ending for CC interim coach

Title caps off his lone season at helm

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Novi Detroit Catholic Central's Danny Veri literally tried to hide from the spotlight all season when he was dealing with the press, always deflecting the attention away from himself and putting it toward the players.

While the media was waiting for the interim boys hockey coach out in the hallway following an impressive 6-0 January victory over Rochester Unified in a match-up of the state's top-ranked teams, Veri had already headed out the back door of Plymouth's Compuware Arena and to the parking lot.

While he was driving on Beck Road, a CC assistant coach reached Veri on his cellphone and said the media were waiting for some quotes.

Veri immediately turned around and headed back inside the arena with one polite stipulation: "No videos, please. I'm too ugly to be on camera, thank you."

But after Saturday night's 5-2 victory over Grandville, Veri couldn't avoid the lenses that were aimed directly at him.

And as always, Veri handled the post-game press conference like he handled his newly crowned 2015 MHSAA Division 1 state champions - cool, calm and collected.

Veri, who served as CC's White and Blue JV coach during the past four seasons, certainly found himself on the hot seat after being named interim coach just one week before the regular season following the departure of Doug Itami, who parted ways with the CC administration following a 23-7 record and a 2014 Division 1 state title.

Veri, who builds homes for a living and owns his own construction firm based in Livonia, found himself starting from the ground up, although he was surrounded with a solid cast of assistant coaches, including Gordie St. John - who guided or co-coached CC to seven MHSAA crowns - along with Rick Buttery, Tom Nugent and Mark Johnson.

"We had some adversity early in the season with the coaching change," Veri said. "We as a staff had to build the trust with the players. I did coach a large majority of these guys already through the JV program, so at least they knew who I was. And they bought in."

Veri reaffirmed following Saturday night's victory that he's a "one-and-done" varsity coach. CC athletic director Aaron Babicz will be searching for his third head coach in four seasons for the high-profile program.

"I can't do it," Veri said of the varsity job. "This program needs a lot of time. I own my own business. I have four kids and three of them play hockey. I don't have the time to commit."

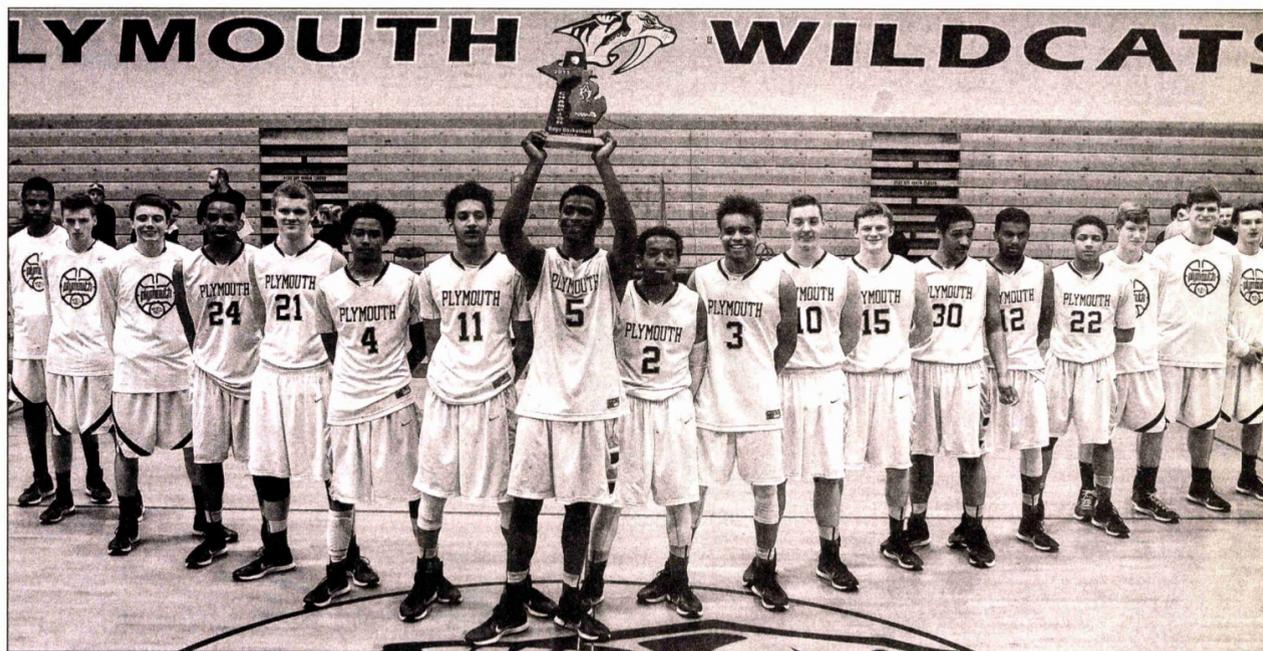
Veri said he plans to return to his old coaching position.



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Catholic Central interim boys hockey coach Danny Veri never wanted to be the center of attention.

District champions!



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Plymouth's Deji Adebisi (No. 5) hoists the boys basketball Class A district trophy, first in school history, following the Wildcats' 47-46 win Friday night over Northville. Other team members, listed alphabetically, include Jeremy Abraham (No. 12), Randall Aikins (No. 2), Cameron Anstess (No. 10), Brennan Brooks (No. 21), Frank Brown (No. 30), Pete Carravallah (No. 15), Brent Davis (No. 3), Julian LeDoux (No. 22), Khalil Newell (No. 24), Josh Reynolds (No. 11) and Armani Tate (No. 4). The head coach is Mike Soukup, assisted by Ryan Ballard, Jon Schneider and Carl Sumpter.

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PERFECTION!

Canton junior varsity completes unprecedented 20-0 season

If past performance is indicative of future results, the next wave of varsity girls basketball players at Canton High School should be top-notch.

The Chiefs junior varsity team recently finished its undefeated 20-0 season with a 38-18 win over Lakeland.

Coach Rob Heitmeyer credited "team effort" for the successful season.

"This group of student-athletes really bonded well together as a team and gave an outstanding effort every practice," Heitmeyer said. "Their intensity and willingness to learn translated to a lot of game-day successes."

"JV basketball is about player development and preparing young players to be ready to succeed at the varsity level. It is exciting to think about what this group is capa-

ble of accomplishing at the varsity level in the years to come."

A few season highlights include wins over very talented programs such as Bloomfield Hills Marian, Farmington Hills Mercy, Dearborn Divine Child, Grosse Pointe South, Northville, Novi, Livonia Stevenson, Lakeland and Plymouth.

Spearheading those victories was a solid defense, something Heitmeyer has preached throughout his coaching career, which also included a stint at Salem.

"I'm truly blessed to have been on staff with hall of fame-caliber coaches Fred Thomann, Bob Blohm and Brian Samulski and learn from the best how to defend against any offense," Heitmeyer said.

The 2014-15 JV Chiefs allowed a stingy average of 21



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Canton's junior varsity girls basketball team recently completed an undefeated season. Team members include (from left): Shamyia Butler, Abby Heyde, Ashley Criscenti, Lila Pita, Carli Vaughan, Brooke Posada, Marissa Templeton, Raquel Church, Samantha Mattern, Alaina Heitmeyer, Abby Sokol and Lauren Plave. The team was coached by Rob Heitmeyer.

points a game.

On the offensive side of the ball, the team averaged 46 points a game. It had a balanced scoring attack, which revealed the depth and unselfish nature of the 12-person roster.

"This team shared the ball very well, worked to be patient with the ball and always looked to distribute the ball to the next open player," Heitmeyer said.

The team's depth and balanced offense were put to the test when Marissa Templeton and Shamyia Butler were called up to varsity for the last four games of the season.

Members of the squad included Templeton, Butler, Raquel Church, Ashley Criscenti, Alaina Heitmeyer, Abby Heyde, Samantha Mattern, Lily Pita, Lauren Plave, Brooke Posada, Abby Sokol and Carli Vaughan.

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kup said.

Miscues costly

While his players filed silently out of the locker room, Soukup summed up why their season was over.

"Our own mistakes were more of our undoing than anything else tonight," said Soukup, whose squad finished with a sparkling 16-7 mark - the most wins in program history.

Daniels, the Holly senior guard who wears "0" on his uniform, was anything but right from the opening tip-off. He began the proceedings with three treys in the first 3:30 of play.

That stretch of long-range accuracy put Holly up 11-8, offsetting early buckets by Plymouth seniors Deji Adebisi (six points), Aikins (20 points) and Reynolds (21 points).

"If there's a better guard in the state, I want to know who it is," said Baylis, whose team was scheduled Wednesday to face Walled Lake Central in the regional final. "This guy shows up at every big game; he's been 27-plus."

Almost as tough for Plymouth was Holly junior guard Ian Hodges, who scored 19 points.

"The Daniels kid is tough, he's double-tough, and the Hodges kid hurt us tonight for 19," Soukup said. "We knew if we controlled both of them, we'd have a puncher's chance."

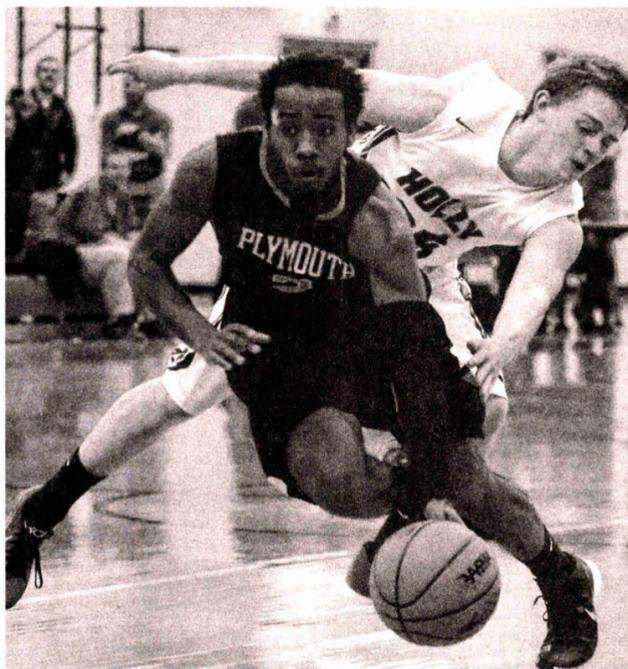
"Just didn't get it done on either tonight, so that's why we're in the situation we're in."

Holly enjoyed a 20-16 edge after the first quarter and maintained a 32-27 halftime advantage.

In the see-saw third quarter, the Bronchos broke out to a 41-32 lead thanks to a Daniels triple with 5:30 to go.

Plenty of fight

The Wildcats stormed back, however. Junior Brent Davis (six points) tallied a bucket and



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Pushing the ball up the floor Monday night is Plymouth senior Randall Aikins (front). Chasing him is Holly's Adam Tooley.



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Launching a long-range jumper for Plymouth is senior Josh Reynolds.

Reynolds skied to the rim for a layup-and-one to cut the deficit to 41-37.

Reynolds would keep coming up big for Plymouth, connecting on a trey (following a hustle play by Adebisi to dive to the floor for a loose ball) and then hitting a leaver in the final minute to make it a 48-46 Holly advantage entering the fourth.

A Holly giveaway to start the final quarter gave the Wildcats a chance to take their first lead since the start of the game and Reynolds took advantage, sinking a 3-ball from the left corner. That put the Wildcats ahead 49-48 with 7:31 remaining.

Chipping in with a layup was junior Pete Carravallah (off a beautiful long-range dish by Aikins) that made 51-48. Carravallah scored five points in the game.

With about five minutes left, the Wildcats went up 55-50

when Reynolds connected on a triple. That trey was made possible by Adebisi's defensive rebound and full-court pass to Davis, who fed the ball over to Reynolds in the left corner.

However, the Bronchos would not be denied. In perhaps the key sequence, with Plymouth still up 57-54, Daniels took - and made - yet another trey.

His seventh and most-important triple of the game made it 57-57 and sent the Holly home crowd into a frenzy.

A few minutes later, fans would have more to cheer about, namely a chance to cheer the Bronchos on in the regional final.

Well-earned kudos

Conversely, Plymouth fans who made the journey to Holly High School could only applaud their Wildcats at the end of an outstanding season.

Their coach eagerly did the same.

"What a great job these guys have done," Soukup said. "These seniors will always be remembered for the first district championship in school history, first conference championship, most wins in program history."

"Really big things, you can't take that stuff away from them."

One of the seniors, Aikins, tried to sum up what it meant to be part of that trailblazing team.

"It's been a great year here," Aikins said quietly. "If I had a second chance, I'd definitely do it all over again right from the start."

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MHSAA BOYS SWIM STATE FINALS

Shamrocks' Walsh sets pair of new state records

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Jack Walsh not will only go down as perhaps the greatest swimmer in Novi Detroit Catholic Central history.

He also is among the state's elite following the Division 1 boys swim state finals Saturday at Eastern Michigan University's Jones Natatorium.

The senior established two state records and was a member of two relay teams that placed while leading the Shamrocks to an eighth-place showing in the team standings with 134.5 points.

Walsh, who plans to continue his swimming career at Stanford University, defended his 100-yard backstroke crown with a Division 1 record time of 48.48.

In the 200 individual medley, Walsh established an all-classes record with a clocking of 1:47.26, eclipsing the mark of 1:47.47 set last year by Livonia Stevenson's Nick Arakelian. Walsh was the runner-up in 2014.

"It was definitely exciting," said Walsh, who is headed this week to the USA Swimming Junior Nationals in Orlando, Fla. "I was racing Nick (Arakelian) last year when he set that



Walsh

record, so that was one of the things I was kind of aiming for this year."

Walsh also teamed with Matt Loniewski, Christopher Vela and Grayson Arnold for a third in the 200 medley relay (1:34.17) as well as a fifth in the 400 freestyle relay along with Arnold, Loniewski and Jonathan Lee.

While Walsh was personally responsible for 55 of CC's 134.5 points, the Shamrocks also racked up 27 points in the 100 breaststroke, led by Loniewski, who placed fifth (58.22); Daniel Long, ninth (59.66); and Lee, 13th (1:00.00).

Arnold also contributed a 13th in the 100 freestyle (47.52).

P-CEP RESULTS: The three Plymouth-Canton Education Park teams did not have much to show for the weekend at EMU, with Salem tying for 31st place with two points.

The lone swimmer to place was Salem senior Brendan Wellman, who came in 15th in the 100 backstroke with a time of 54.07.

Plymouth's 200 medley relay team placed 19th at preliminaries. The quartet of seniors Ben Yang, Ryan Heinze, junior Garrett Beauprez and sophomore Michael Wischer registered a 1:40.01 time. Several individuals finished in the top 30 at prelims, including Canton freshman Daniel Mullen (28th, 200 free, 1:48.02), Canton junior Gerard Niemann (25th, 200 IM, 2:01.84; 28th, 100 free, 48.79), Plymouth's Wischer (25th, 50 free, 22.26), Salem sophomore Phillip Collingwood (21st, 500 free, 4:51.01) and Plymouth's Yang (27th, 100 back, 55.82).

Salem had two relay teams finish in the top 30. The 200 medley relay unit of senior Patrick Casey, junior Charles Liu, Wellman and sophomore Noah Fleming took 23rd with a time of 1:41.57.

The Rocks' 200 free relay quartet of Liu, junior Collin Urbacewski, Fleming and senior Brian Kuang registered a time of 1:33.50 to finish 27th.

Placing 24th in the 200 free relay (1:30.66) was Plymouth's tandem of senior Brandon Burger, junior Aniketh Visat, Heinze and Wischer.

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sinking in (it recently was sold to a Flint ownership group), one fan said the atmosphere inside the arena resembled being at an "Irish wake."

Still, the Whalers gave it their best shot to ensure the upcoming Saturday home game against Erie wouldn't be the last one in franchise history.

Both Victor Crus Rydberg and Mathew Campagna tallied a goal and an assist for Plymouth (23-36-4-2) and Yannick Rathgeb also scored.

Countering their production for Saginaw (28-35-2-1) were Tye Felhaber and Jesse Barwell (two goals each).

Tough to recover

The Whalers entered Saturday's game trailing Saginaw by four points (55-51), needing to win both games to have a realistic chance of catching the Spirit for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Western Conference.

"(Saturday) hurt; that was a big one, it was hard for us to recover from," Plymouth head coach Don Elland said about the OT loss. "The effort's been there. I couldn't be more disappointed that we're missing the playoffs."

"But I couldn't be more proud of the guys, how hard they worked all year. This was not an easy year for a lot of reasons that a lot of people will never know about."

Even Sunday, the Whalers showed plenty of resilience. Saginaw scored twice in the first three minutes, but Plymouth rallied to make it 2-2 before the end of the first on goals by Crus Rydberg and Campagna.

Then came the turning point. Sonny Milano sent the puck in front to Vincent Scognamiglio with about 15 minutes to go in the middle period. Scognamiglio had a chance to put Plymouth in front for the first time, but Saginaw goalie David Ovsjannikov robbed the Whalers forward.

And, epitomizing the "ifs and buts" season the Whalers have endured, the Spirit went



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Ripping a one-timer into the Saginaw net is Plymouth Whalers forward Mathew Campagna (No. 90).

FRANCHISE FINALE

The Plymouth Whalers will host the Erie Otters at 7 p.m. Saturday in the final game in the franchise's 25-year history.

Plymouth did not qualify for the OHL playoffs and thus will skate just one more time at Compuware Arena.

The game against Erie, featuring projected NHL top draft pick Connor McDavid, is sold out.

A pregame ceremony will give fans the chance to say so long to a number of special guests (former players and coaches) from the Whalers' illustrious history.

Longtime coach, GM and president Mike Vellucci is expected to be honored.

right down the ice and scored. Connor Brown buried a centering pass from Kris Bennett.

So instead of Plymouth taking the lead, the Spirit went in front and never looked back.

Saginaw scored again before the end of the second and padded the lead to 5-2 early in the third.

Chance denied

The Whalers gave it one more try to rally when Rathgeb's shot from the left point found the mark at the 10-minute mark of the period. Moments later, center

Cullen Mercer had a short-handed breakaway that would have set up quite a finish had he been able to beat Ovsjannikov.

Instead, the Saginaw goalie flagged down Mercer's bid. That effectively took the air out of the Whalers' balloon. For the only time since the franchise moved to Plymouth, there will not be a playoff berth.

"That's something that's going to haunt me for a bit here," Mercer said, taking a break from the post-game skate with Whalers fans. "I tried to put it over his glove. If that would have went in, it could have been a bit of a different game there."

Still, Elland made sure to praise his team during a post-game interview in the empty locker room (the players were out skating with fans). He pointed out the 240 games lost to injury, far above the league average of about 90.

All season, key players were sidelined.

"You don't ever want to make excuses," Elland said. "But the fact we got this far into the year before we were eliminated says a lot about these guys."

"A month ago, two months ago, we could have cashed it in."

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Guilford (28-3) grabbed it right back, however, and never trailed again.

Top scorers for Guilford were JaLisa Davis (15 points) and Nyla Allen (14 points).

For the Lady Ocelots, Wayne Memorial product Ashley Bland and Jessica Parry each scored nine points.

Schoolcraft was scheduled to play Wednesday against either Johnson (Kan.) County CC or Southeast (Neb.) CC.



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Schoolcraft College's Jessica Parry takes the basketball to the rim during Tuesday's NJCAA first-round game against Guilford.

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Sealed bids for the Plymouth Canton Community Schools' Construction Bid Package 5C, consisting of: Media Center Upgrade Projects – Bid Division 118: Carpeting -- **REBID** will be received at the office of Mr. Patrick Briggs, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Operations, Plymouth Canton Community Schools, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 until **1:30 P.M., local time on Thursday, March 26, 2015** at which time they will be opened, read publicly and tabulated.

Bids received after this time and date will be returned unopened.

Faxed or e-mailed proposals will not be accepted.

This Project will consist of a sealed bid for the following Bid Divisions of work:
118: Carpeting - **REBID**

Bidding documents prepared by TMP Architecture, Inc. are available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335; the Dodge Plan Room, Construction Association of Michigan (CAM), Reed Construction Data, and Builders Exchange, Lansing.

Bid Documents are available via the following:

- Bidders may obtain one (1) set of 1/2 size bidding documents by contacting the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, at (248) 427-8400.
- Bidders may download bid documents from Gradebeam.com by contacting the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, at (248) 427-8400 to obtain log in information for access to the project documents.

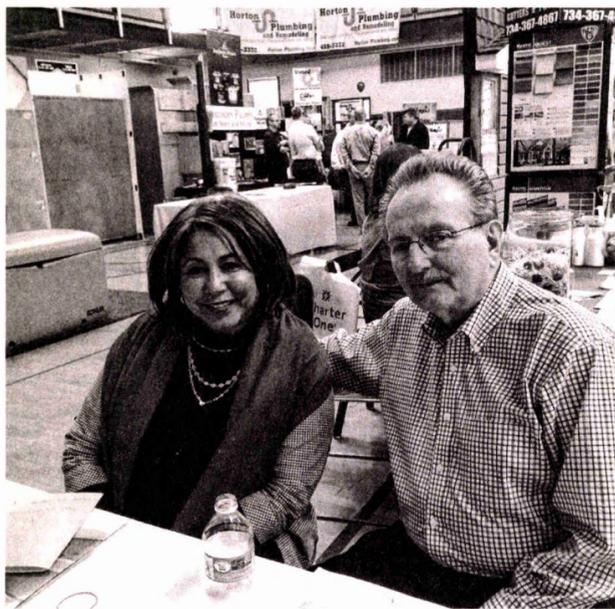
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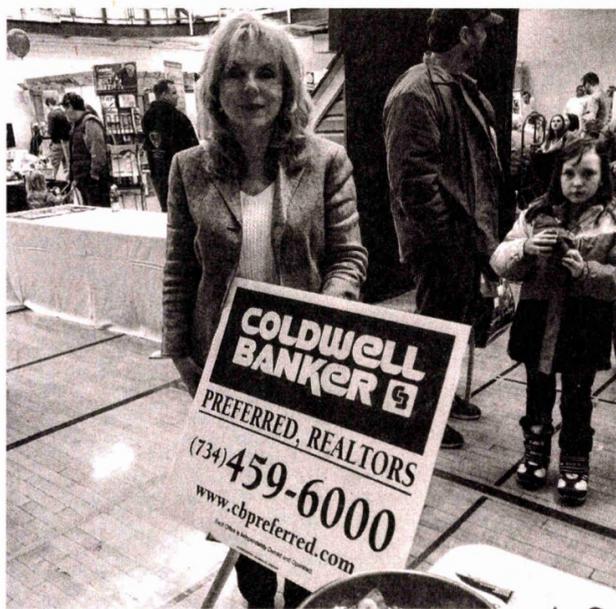
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Realtors Noel and Lee Bittinger are The Bittinger Team of Canton.



Realtor Terry Lewiston is with Coldwell Banker Preferred. The Canton resident was at the Canton Home Improvement Expo.

Realtors find Home Improvement Expo a win-win for business

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Realtors were out in full force at the Canton Home Improvement Expo Saturday and Sunday, March 7-8.

Noel and Lee Bittinger of Canton are The Bittinger Team. "We live and play here," Noel Bittinger said of Canton, where they've worked together in real estate 31 years.

"It's picking up really nicely," husband Lee said of the market, now a seller's market with limited inventory. She added, "The inventory has been low since probably January of last year."

The couple handled short sales through the recent recession. "That was the market," she recalled of 2007-11. "We've weathered a lot of markets in 31 years."

What she tells sellers is "first and foremost is to make it as showable as possible."

That means, for example, on a higher-end home replacing Formica countertops with granite, "things we know are going to help get the best dollar possible."

They've been working together a long time, with Lee noting, "The real estate business is not marriage-friendly," with long hours and unpredictability. "The fact that we're both in it we understand it," he said, and that's strengthened their marriage.

"The market is still appreciating," Noel Bittinger said, which means fewer deals for buyers now. The Bittings focus on Plymouth-Canton-Northville, which was less hit in housing by the recession.

"Everything got hit all over," he said. "Those communities seemed to recover."

Nearby at the Expo was Terry Lewiston of Canton, a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Preferred. She's got 14 years

in the business, and was doing well at the Expo, including describing ways to upgrade homes to help them sell.

Lewiston was also giving out information on area home values, which are increasing, such as 3 percent in Canton for the year 2013 to 2014.

"Westland actually came up 7 percent," Lewiston said. The top price point average for 2014 was Northville at \$506,505, compared to \$256,690 for Canton (Plymouth-Canton schools, with \$223,117 in Wayne-Westland or Van Buren schools). Plymouth and Plymouth Township rose 5 percent in sale price average, with the 2014 price point at \$306,529.

Livonia rose 4 percent, with a 2014 price point of \$179,782. Westland's 7 percent was recorded in the Wayne-Westland school district, with price points of \$138,974 in Wayne-Westland, and \$145,584 in the

Livonia district portion of Westland, according to the figures shared by the firm at the Expo.

Lewiston was joined by assistant staffer Julie Ertman of Plymouth at the Coldwell Banker Preferred booth. "I did a lot of leasing" during the recession, Lewiston said. She also handled short sales, as well as transferrees leaving Michigan.

"I dealt with relocation. Now we have transferrees coming to Michigan. I would say a lot," said Lewiston, agreeing her work is now more pleasant.

The Canton Home Improvement Expo is sponsored by Canton Township, the Canton Chamber of Commerce and O&E Media.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 20-24, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
32780 Eastlady Dr	\$405,000
16000 Hummel Dr	\$280,000
32444 Sheridan Dr	\$415,000
30255 Woodhaven Ln	\$610,000
BIRMINGHAM	
268 Abbey St	\$469,000
1628 Graefield Rd	\$120,000
1336 Humphrey Ave	\$509,000
615 Oak Ave	\$420,000
751 S Bates St	\$320,000
1808 Stanley Blvd	\$225,000
650 Wallace St	\$468,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
150 E Long Lake Rd Apt 9	\$135,000
381 Keswick Rd	\$1,318,000
1735 Tiverton Rd Unit 12	\$165,000
100 W Hickory Grove Rd	\$60,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
1725 Beechwood Way	\$595,000
3039 Berkshire Dr	\$944,000
2756 Brady Dr	\$235,000
1001 Forest Ln	\$300,000
2329 Heronwood Dr	\$810,000
1679 Hoyt Tower Dr	\$340,000
1997 Klingensmith Rd	\$87,000
Unit 53	
1641 Lone Pine Rd	\$546,000
7470 Pinehurst Cir	\$450,000
3673 Quail Hollow Dr	\$350,000
1775 Schoenith Ln	\$815,000
3623 W Bradford Dr	\$330,000

42160 Woodward Ave Unit 37	\$94,000
42160 Woodward Ave Unit 88	\$128,000
6065 Worlington Rd	\$463,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
5510 Bridge Trl E	\$375,000
1720 Carriage Hl	\$410,000
5565 Deerwood	\$730,000
1785 Medler Rd	\$95,000
1849 Point St	\$75,000
2065 Winston Dr	\$414,000
FARMINGTON	
23720 Ely Ct	\$145,000
32116 Leelane	\$165,000
22624 Power Rd	\$127,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
28636 Alycekey St	\$173,000
29448 Arlington Way	\$325,000
21419 Averhill St	\$103,000
21010 Colwell St	\$33,000
36219 Crompton Cir	\$299,000
29304 Earth Ln	\$600,000
23197 Elmgrove St	\$190,000
30157 Fiddlers Grn	\$229,000
30579 Fox Club Dr	\$331,000
31525 Franklin Fairway St	\$463,000
23815 Glencreek Dr	\$180,000
28642 Grayfield Dr	\$170,000
32349 Hull Ave	\$154,000
29684 Kenloch Dr	\$382,000
21924 Leyte St	\$156,000
39387 Lilly Ct	\$325,000
23460 Middlebelt Rd	\$123,000
29784 Minglewood Ln	\$172,000
20813 Ontaga St	\$105,000
28515 Quail Hollow Rd	\$180,000
34695 Ramble Hills Dr	\$690,000
21602 Roosevelt Ave	\$164,000
38437 Saratoga Cir	\$190,000
30464 Sunderland Dr	\$259,000

29850 W 12 Mile Rd Apt 506	\$50,000
32013 W 12 Mile Rd Unit 305	\$45,000
FRANKLIN	
30765 Roberts Dr	\$500,000
HIGHLAND	
826 Gleneagles	\$525,000
3964 Hillcrest	\$280,000
2375 Lakeside Dr	\$195,000
3210 Lakeview Dr	\$380,000
4002 Loch Dr	\$260,000
1085 N Park St	\$102,000
1315 Plover Dr	\$264,000
2710 Vero Dr	\$899,000
MILFORD	
510 Caroline	\$145,000
1059 Deep Valley Dr	\$373,000
1755 Kurtz Dr	\$360,000
1352 Rowe Rd	\$245,000
336 S Garner Rd	\$284,000
531 W Huron St	\$75,000
1335 Yosemite Valley Dr	\$297,000
NORTHVILLE	
23139 Chelsea Ct	\$125,000
21765 Cumberland Dr	\$215,000
20720 Taft Rd	\$118,000
21122 W Glen Haven Cir	\$137,000
NOVI	
21880 Arbor Ln	\$200,000
22725 Denby Ct	\$464,000
50567 Glades Ct E	\$100,000
51072 Glades Ct W	\$100,000
26669 Island Lake Dr	\$341,000
23600 Meeting Hall Ln	\$114,000
23801 Nilan Dr	\$210,000
178 Penhill St	\$265,000
24855 Reeds Pointe Dr	\$510,000
2465 Shawwood St	\$215,000
41655 Sleepy Hollow Dr	\$229,000
22840 Vasilios Ct	\$610,000

SOUTH LYON	
412 Cambridge Ave	\$160,000
24842 Carriage Ln	\$73,000
22850 Chubb Rd	\$225,000
26100 Daria Cir W	\$281,000
116 Eagle Way	\$212,000
24080 Griswold Rd	\$265,000
948 Hearthside St	\$170,000
1168 Shetland Dr	\$283,000
52905 Trailwood Dr	\$525,000
58618 Winnowing Cir S	\$76,000
58648 Winnowing Cir S	\$77,000
58767 Winnowing Cir S	\$98,000
SOUTHFIELD	
27140 Aberdeen St	\$169,000
27615 Aberdeen St	\$150,000
27299 Apple Blossom Ln	\$88,000
29050 Brooks Ln	\$65,000
28449 Everett St	\$53,000
26484 Franklin Pointe Dr	\$61,000
27106 Marshall St	\$124,000
23185 Morningside St	\$245,000
15662 Mount Vernon St	\$99,000
19418 Nadol Dr	\$94,000
29446 Somerset Dr	\$155,000
21549 Virginia St	\$203,000
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9562 Carol Ct	\$218,000
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10386 Cedar Island Rd	\$240,000
4805 Cuthbert Rd	\$265,000
910 Pembroke Dr	\$406,000
8365 Pontiac Lake Rd Apt 1	\$58,000
10357 Riverwood Ct	\$50,000
350 Rosario Ln	\$250,000
60 S Hulbert St	\$170,000
9426 W Shady Grove Ct	\$263,000
8786 Woodshire Dr	\$185,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 10-14, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
2321 Arcadia Dr	\$135,000
43586 Champlain Ct	\$145,000
2160 E Roundtable Dr	\$198,000
46301 Gainsborough Dr	\$228,000
46400 Glengarry Blvd	\$363,000
47023 Glenhurst Dr	\$269,000
50020 Hancock St	\$306,000
42088 Hancock Rd	\$245,000
3992 Hunters Cir W	\$112,000
45506 Michfield Dr	\$210,000
45447 Muirfield Ct	\$377,000
843 Reagan St	\$267,000
45066 Rector Dr	\$177,000
3185 River Meadow Cir	\$230,000
43970 Saltz Rd	\$170,000
44266 Sheridan St	\$216,000
44739 Twyckingham Ln	\$147,000
2101 Vine Way Dr	\$85,000

GARDEN CITY	
31773 Balmoral St	\$50,000
29046 Block St	\$46,000
33031 Brown St	\$99,000
33511 Brown St	\$104,000
6694 Harrison St	\$83,000
32555 Leona St	\$58,000
580 Lytle Pl	\$98,000
LIVONIA	
15069 Auburndale St	\$34,000
30446 Barkley St	\$150,000
19444 Brentwood St	\$52,000
35030 Elmira St	\$143,000
11720 Farmington Rd	\$130,000
11141 Garden St	\$150,000
9031 Hanlon St	\$145,000
15081 Houghton St	\$135,000
14035 Ingram St	\$167,000
8964 Lamont St	\$123,000
35711 Minton St	\$167,000
9219 Newburgh Rd	\$199,000
36228 Northfield Ave	\$128,000
27447 Oakley St	\$174,000
19998 Purlingbrook St	\$214,000
38754 Reo Ct	\$260,000
NORTHVILLE	

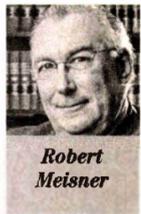
48564 Seven Mile Rd	\$386,000
475 River St	\$155,000
19776 Scenic Harbour Dr	\$275,000
39828 Village Run Dr	\$310,000
49564 Waterstone Estates Cir	\$575,000
302 Yerkes St	\$225,000
PLYMOUTH	
50581 Beechwood Ct	\$213,000
835 Deer Ct	\$207,000
50600 Graefield Cir	\$354,000
8903 Manton Ave	\$250,000
51137 Plymouth Valley Dr	\$650,000
46077 Quail Ridge Dr	\$323,000
11745 Wildwing Rd	\$332,000
REDFORD	
15016 Beech Daly Rd	\$33,000
16910 Beech Daly Rd	\$47,000
11731 Centralia	\$45,000
11399 Columbia	\$85,000
20548 Delaware Ave	\$35,000
17693 Gaylord	\$64,000
19342 Kinloch	\$32,000
17394 Norborne	\$106,000
18807 Norborne	\$75,000
14233 Seminole	\$50,000

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11424 Virgil	\$59,000
25200 W Six Mile Rd	\$146,000
26442 W Six Mile Rd	\$70,000
25110 W Chicago	\$110,000
19443 Woodworth	\$30,000
WAYNE	
36828 Greenbush Ct	\$105,000
3116 Rivers Edge Dr	\$160,000
WESTLAND	
32668 Avondale St	\$105,000
211 Carson Dr	\$127,000
450 Carson Dr	\$144,000
35952 Central City Pkwy	\$47,000
27512 Eton St	\$30,000
35522 Fernwood St	\$98,000
33204 Hiveley St	\$60,000
39097 Huron Pkwy	\$187,000
35122 June Dr	\$43,000
7304 Manor Cir	\$92,000
7471 N Farmington Rd	\$185,000
1697 Rose Ln	\$145,000
2200 S Harvey Ave	\$130,000
1174 Shoemaker Dr	\$45,000

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 - 16 More populated (hyph.)
 - 18 "Time in a Bottle" singer
 - 20 Canyon edge
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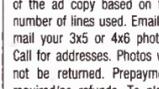
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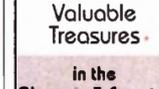
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EWTN's 'cooking priest' will lead mission in Livonia

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

The Rev. Leo Patalinghug, known for his Grace Before Meals movement to strengthen families and relationships through family meals, will lead a three-day mission, "Finding God in Lent," at St. Michael the Archangel in Livonia.

But don't expect him to whip up any recipes as he does on his Grace Before Meals webisodes, his EWTN show, *Savoring our Faith*, or in his books, notably his *Grace Before Meals Cookbook*.

Patalinghug, a Catholic priest, will talk about "Finding God through the Communion of Saints," 7 p.m. March 22, "Finding God through His Mother," 7 p.m. March 23, and "Finding God at the Lord's Table," 7 p.m. March 24, at the church, 1141 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road.

"Usually during Lent I go deeper in spiritual thoughts," Patalinghug described his upcoming mission during a recent phone interview. He said attendees "come from all over" to attend his programs. "It gives them a chance to dialogue and learn and laugh. It's a revival but without all the screaming and talking about hell."

Patalinghug, whose full-time work is evangelizing, likes to "think outside the box" when reaching out to listeners. He said his missions are filled and often only standing room is available.

A native of the Philippines, he was raised in Baltimore-area in Maryland, and honed his cooking skills while attending the seminary at the North American College in Rome. He's a member of a community of consecrated life called Vol-



The Rev. Leo Patalinghug will lead a mission March 22-24 at St. Michael the Archangel in Livonia.



The Rev. Leo Patalinghug's Grace Before Meals promotes the importance of families dining together.

untas Dei, a Secular Institute. Through his television show, books and missions, he strives to use food, faith and fun to bring families together.

"The idea of becoming a chef is that I love food and making people happy. As a priest I'm responding to God's call," he said. "What do priests do? Feed the people.

We're touching people's hearts and minds."

Patalinghug co-hosts a radio show, *Entertaining Truth*, on Sirius XM Radio and has a background as a parish priest, a black-belt martial arts instructor, a restaurant critic and choreographer for a break-dancing troupe. He even beat Bobby Flay in the Food

Network's *Throwdown with Bobby Flay*.

The mission at St. Michael's is free. An informal reception will follow each presentation in the school cafeteria. Child care will be available by reservation only

at www.livoniastmichael.org. For more information, call the parish office at 734-261-1455, Ext. 200 or 207, or see the parish website at www.livoniastmichael.org.

RELIGION CALENDAR

MARCH CAREER NIGHT

Time/Date: 6 p.m. March 19
Location: Concordia University, 4090 Geddes, Ann Arbor, and 22720 Michigan Ave., Dearborn
Details: Prospective students will have the opportunity to talk with admission counselors to learn more about admission requirements, financial aid, program and degree options. They also can tour the campuses

Contact: cuua.edu/career; 734-995-7300

CHURCH MISSION

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. March 22-25
Location: St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, located at West Chicago Road and Inkster Road, Redford
Details: Sponsored by the clustered parishes of St. Robert Bellarmine and St. John Bosco, topics include "Jesus, How Do

We Come To Know You?" March 22; "Come, Follow Me," March 23; "Reconcile and Forgive," March 24; "Become A People of Purpose," March 25. Reconciliation will be offered March 24

Contact: 313-937-1500

CONCERT

Time/Date: 8 p.m. March 19-21
Location: Trinity in the Woods, 26880 La Muera, Farmington Hills
Details: "A Call to Peace," with

reception to follow. Tickets, \$10

DETROIT LUTHERAN SINGERS

Time/Date: 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 22

Location: St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 5885 N. Venoy, Westland

Details: *Requiem for the Living*, by Dan Forrest focuses on grace and redemption. Tickets are \$15 general admission and \$10 for seniors and students, 12 and over. Children under 12 are admitted free. Buy tickets online at detroitlutheransingers.com or at the door

Contact: detroitlutheransingers.com

LENTEN SERVICES

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, through March 25

Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 3003 Hannan, Wayne

Contact: 734-728-3315

LENTEN SERVICES

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, through March 25

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Details: Theme is "I Tell You The Truth." Free treats after the service

Contact: 734-968-3523, 313-532-8655

VESPERS

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sunday, March 22

Location: Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 36375 Joy Road, Westland

Details: The fourth of five Vespers services sponsored by The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit. Services conducted by members of the Clergy Brotherhood of St. John Chrysostom of Metropolitan Detroit. The Orthodox Choir of Metropolitan Detroit will sing responses during the service.

Contact: Richard Shebib, at 248-345-9346 or pascha-books@bcglobal.net

APRIL EASTER SERVICES

Location: St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Holy Thursday Mass, 7 p.m. April 2; Good Friday Liturgy, 12:45 p.m. April 3; Easter Vigil Mass, 8 p.m. April 4; Easter Sunday Masses, 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Contact: 734-464-4433; stcolette.net

EGG HUNT

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 4

Location: Crossroads Church, at Sacred Heart Conference Center, 29125 Six Mile, Livonia

Details: For ages 12 and under. Hunt for eggs, win prizes, eat sweet treats, and more. To pre-register, email your child's name and age to info@crossroadsnow.org

Contact: www.crossroadsnow.org or call 248-890-5718

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, April 17

Location: Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: Rent a table or space and sell your own stuff; tables are \$20. Proceeds to Older, Wiser and Loving Senior Group

Contact: 734-453-5464, Ext. 22

SERVICE OF SHADOWS

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Thursday, April 2

Location: Crossroads Church, in the Sacred Heart Conference Center, 29125 Six Mile, Livonia

Details: A Night to Remember includes a Passover meal and a special "Service of Shadows."

Contact: www.crossroadsnow.org or 248-890-5718.

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 734-464-9491

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township

Details: Scripture study

Contact: 313-534-9000

FAITH COMMUNITY WESLEYAN

Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every Saturday

Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome.

Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. last Saturday of the month

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton

Details: No documentation needed

Contact: info@cantoncf.org

FAMILY MEAL

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

Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

HEALING SERVICE

Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month

Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia

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

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

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners

Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

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

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.

Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available

Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday

Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching.

Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.

Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.

Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

First Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays.

Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville

Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5

Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

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BROWN, DYMUNA (DEE)

The world lost a remarkable woman when Dee Brown passed away in her sleep on March 12, 2015 at the age of 96. She was born on June 9, 1918 in Belding, Michigan with the beautiful Irish name of Dymna Amata Byrnes and grew up on a farm with eight brothers and sisters. In 1940, she married James Hill from Lowell, Michigan and started a family of her own. Eventually, they settled in southeastern Michigan. After many years together in Wayne, James passed away. In 1990, Dee married Thomas Brown, a very popular Westland mayor and State Representative.

Dee, who also had the nickname "Dimples", was well known for her sparkling blue eyes, endless energy and zest for life. She loved words, music, gardening and was a devoted Detroit Tigers fan. Dee always looked forward to going to the casino or playing cards with her family. At 96 years old, she still lived independently, drove her own car and surfed the Internet.

Dee will always be remembered with love by friends and family. She is survived by her beloved children, Thomas Hill (Karen), William Hill (Susan), Gerald Hill (Sharon) and Linda Hill-Lindsay (Joe) as well as nine cherished grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. In accordance with her wishes, no funeral is planned. A Mass will be held in her honor at St. Mary's Church in Wayne on Friday, April 10 at 10:30 a.m. An informal Celebration of Life will follow at 11:30 a.m. in Haney Hall at the adjacent St. Mary's School.



CHAPIN, RICHARD E.

Age 84, March 15, 2015, of Livonia. Beloved husband of the late Lois. Loving father of Gary (Mona), Bruce (Jennifer) and Kirk (Julie) Chapin, and Sally (Douglas) Freed. Dear grandfather of David, Scott and Mackenzie, Alyssa and Matthew, Thomas, Amy, James and Kimberly. Dear great-grandfather of Maiya, Jackson, Parker and Liana. Richard was the CEO of Document Processing Systems, a Navy Reservist who served on the USS Grand Canyon, Past President of the Michigan Mortgage Bankers Association, Chairman of the US Olympic Committee Fundraiser and a Board Member of William Tyndale College and Presbyterians Village. He was also a youth sports coach for many years. Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Thursday 2-9 p.m. In state at the Fellowship Presbyterian Church (St. Andrew Episcopal Church), 16360 Hubbard Rd., Livonia, Friday from 10 until Funeral Service at 11 a.m. Memorials may be directed to Fellowship Presbyterian Church. Please share a memory at www.rgrharris.com



McCURREN, MAUREEN ANN (ENGLISH)

Age 42, passed away Sunday, March 15 surrounded by her loving family. She lived life with love, beauty and grace even as she boldly faced breast cancer. Maureen is survived by her husband Rob, daughter Fiona, stepchildren Seamus, Hughie, ZoeAnne, mother Mary English, siblings MaryEllen (Randy) Ritsema, Joseph (Lynn), Daniel (Donna), Michael (Judy), Thomas, Anne (Dale) White, mother-in-law, Paula McCurren, father-in-law, Robert McCurren and sister-in-law, Robyn (Don) Freeman, brother-in-law Nick. Maureen was preceded in death by her father, Robert and brother John. A celebration of Maureen's life will take place on Thursday, March 19 at Misty Farm Events, 8040 ScioChurch Rd. Ann Arbor, MI 48103. A Catholic memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 21 at 9:00 at St. Suzanne church. "The question is not how to survive, but how to thrive with passion, compassion, humor and style." Maya Angleou In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in the name of Maureen to the Cancer Support Community of Greater Ann Arbor 2010 Hogback Rd #3 Ann Arbor, MI 48105

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Mary Poppins flies in on a breeze at Village Theater in Canton

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Forever After Productions will bring Disney's *Mary Poppins* to the stage March 26-29, with two actresses sharing the iconic nanny role.

Kari Schoen of Plymouth and Sophie Szczotka of Canton will take turns playing Mary Poppins in the musical that features a cast of more than 40 young actors, ages 6-16. The show is at 7 p.m. March 26-27 and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. March 28-29 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton.

"We double cast. There are so many students in the Plymouth-Canton area who are so excited about theater and are very talented. Because we're an educational theater company, we want to give as many kids the opportunity to be in roles to promote learning and growth for them," said Brandon Waldemayer, a Canton resident and director of the show.

The company often double casts lead roles and sometimes creates two separate casts, depending on the number of youngsters that audition. Double-cast lead actors participate in chorus parts during performances when their counterpart is on stage. Waldemayer said that reinforces the idea that "everyone is important," whether playing a major role one night and a chorus part the next. He also encourages lead players to "make the character your own."

"I'd never want them to feel they need to mimic each other. You look at the story, the direction and you make Mary Poppins your own," he said. "Kari and Sophie are not extremely different but there are subtle differences. I think with Sophie, her attitude is a bit more mature and serious, not that she isn't fun, but she has a serious, down-to-business attitude. Sophie is older than Kari. Kari has more playfulness to her Mary Poppins."

Disney's *Mary Poppins* is Waldemayer's fifth production



Kari Schoen (left) and Sophie Szczotka portray Mary Poppins March 26-29 at the Village Theater in Canton.

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as a director at Forever After Productions, a youth theater for ages 6 through college students. Waldemayer, 20, an Eastern Michigan University junior studying public administration, and children's literature/children's theater, also recently performed in *A Christmas Carol* and *Fiddler on the Roof* at Forever After Productions. The 2012 Salem High School graduate works as a house technician in the school's theater. *Star Search*, a play he wrote and submitted to EMU's one-act festival was staged twice this month, first as a drama and then as a comedy. He said he's drawn to Forever After Productions because it has "a great sense of community and family."

"I haven't found that anywhere else. They (students)

really want to learn. It's not just about being on stage and being the star. It's a unique group."

Waldemayer said fans of the movie, *Mary Poppins*, will recognize favorite songs and characters in the staged musical version. They'll also see special effects, such as Mary Poppins' magic carpet bag and an umbrella that helps her drift along with the breeze.

"I think what is special about Mary Poppins is that it is such an iconic story that has been reinvented as a (stage) musical," Waldemayer said. "There are a lot of new songs and characters. The dancing is challenging. And we do a nice job."

Tickets are \$17 and can be purchased at www.iheartforeverafter.com or by calling 734-547-5156.



Brenden Kaiser (left) as Michael Banks, with Kari Schoen as Mary Poppins, Courtney Perttula as Jane Banks and Lloyd Platis as Bert, in "Disney's Mary Poppins."

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ANIMALS

DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily

Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

Details: Admission is \$14 for adults 15-61, \$10 for senior citizens 62 and older, and for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is \$5. Detroit Zoological Society members get free admission and parking

Contact: 248-541-5717

ARTS AND CRAFTS

GALLERY@VT

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during public events, through March 31

Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: "Narrative Quilts: Works by Pauline Parker," is a solo show of wall hangings and watercolors

Contact: 734-394-5300; cantonvillage-theater.org

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, through March 28

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: "The mystery lesson," paintings by Kate Paul

Contact: 248-344-0497

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Friday, March 20

Location: 774 Sheldon Road, Plymouth

Details: Drawn To The Night is an unstructured, open life drawing event for artists of all ages to practice drawing the human form. The monthly event features costumed models in a themed set with timed poses. This month's theme is yoga and will feature Rachel Koelzer. Bring your own art supplies and a camera to capture short poses to help complete your work. \$10 at the door; \$5 for students

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Details: The Festival is accepting Michigan-made or Michigan-themed short



SUBMITTED

Rachel Koelzer will strike yoga poses March 20 for artists at Drawn To The Night, a monthly life drawing event in Plymouth.

films, less than 20 minutes. Entry form is available at northvillearthouse.org/special-events/reel-michigan/.

Contact: reelmichigan@gmail.com

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Time/Date: Drop off pieces March 30-31; exhibit runs through April 30

Location: 774 Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: Sixth annual Open Juried Exhibit is for artists, 18 and older. They may submit 2-D works and hangable 3-D art along the theme of duplicity, such as two of a kind, two media, two artists on the same canvas, two points of view, an object reflected, a dynamic duo, seeing double, a duet. Entry fee for up to two pieces is \$25 per artist. Entries may be dropped off at the council or emailed.

Contact: lisa@plymoutharts.com; 734-416-4278

THREE CITIES ART CLUB

Time/Date: Submission deadline is March 21; art show reception is Sunday, April 19

Location: Art will be displayed at Westland Library meeting room, 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland

Details: The club seeks original art work, including oils, watercolors, acrylic, pastels, collage, photo art, pottery and more. Submit up to three entries for \$30; \$5 for each additional piece.

Submit photos for judging on CD or flash drive. Download an entry form at threecitiesartclub.org.

Contact: Marilyn Meredith at 313-231-3939

FILM

MJR CINEMA

Time/Date: Saturday-Sunday through March

Location: Westland Grand Digital Cinema 16, 6800 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Free children's film festival with *Night at the Museum*, March 21-22, and *Book of Life*, March 28-29. Tickets are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Free for children 12 and under; parents pay \$1. Call theater for show times

Contact: 734-298-2657

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday, March 20; 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 21-22; 7 p.m. Thursday, March 26

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: *Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb*; admission \$3

Coming up: *Selma*, 7 p.m. and 9:25 p.m. Friday, March 27; 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 28-29; 7 p.m. Thursday, April 2

Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penn-theatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. March 20, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. March 21

Location: 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Avenue in Detroit

Details: Three Stooges Festival; \$5

Contact: 313-898-1481

HISTORY

KELSEY MUSEUM

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through May 3

Location: 434 State St., Ann Arbor

Details: "Death Dogs: The Jackal Gods of Ancient Egypt," will explore the mysterious ancient Egyptian jackal-headed gods associated with death and the afterlife. The exhibition features approximately 40 artifacts, some never before displayed and many coming from University of Michigan excavations in Egypt, along with archival photographs and explanatory graphics.

Contact: 734-764-9304

EASTER FUN

Ready to meet the Easter Bunny and hunt for eggs? Here's a sampling of local events.

Easter Bunny

» Visit the Easter Bunny 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, through April 4 near the food court at Laurel Park Place, 37700 Six Mile, Livonia. All children who visit will receive a coloring sheet with offers from mall stores. Visit free. Professional photo packages start at \$22.

» The Easter Bunny holds court 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, through April 4, at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 W. Warren Road, Westland. Photo packages start at \$22.

» Bunnyville runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 3-4, at the

Detroit Zoo,

located at

Woodward

and 10 Mile,

Royal Oak.

Bunnyville

will include a

golden egg

hunt, the

Jelly Bean

Jamboree,

Funny Bunny

Games,

springtime

crafts, photo

opportunities

with the

Easter Bun-

ny, zookeeper

talks, treats

and live

entertainment.

Bring a canned

food

item and get a

reduced admissions

price of \$8, parking

not included. For

more information,

call 248-541-5717

and press 9.



Egg hunts

» 10 a.m. April 2, at Kensington Metropolitan Farm Center, 4570 Huron River Parkway, Milford; 810-227-8917. \$5 (cash only) per child; free for children, 12 months and younger.

» 11 a.m. April 4, in the Maple Beach area, at Kensington Metropark, 4570 Huron River Parkway, Milford; 810-227-8917. \$5 per child; free for children, 12 months and younger. Look for eggs and pose for pictures with the Easter Bunny. Farmer John and the Barnyard Express presents an animal show at 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

» Easter Eggstravaganza includes Easter and spring-themed activities, including egg hunts, 10:30 a.m. to

12:30 p.m. March 28, at Heritage Park, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton; 734-394-5472. \$5 per family. Register on site.

» Youngsters, ages 10 and under, may search for egg beginning at noon, Saturday, April 4, in this free event co-sponsored by Livonia Rotary Club, Busch's Fresh Foods Market and Livonia Parks and Recreation. Register 11:15-11:45 a.m., at the event.

» The Westland Area Jaycees will serve breakfast at 10 a.m., followed by indoor crafts, photos with the Easter Bunny and an outdoor egg hunt for children 2-12 at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 21, at Wayne Ford Civic League, 1661 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Tickets are \$2 for children, 2-12 and \$1 for adults and children over 12. Register at westlandareajaycees.org. For more information, call 734-392-7729 or email VP1@WestlandAreaJaycees.org.

» Plymouth Community Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m. Saturday, April 3, at Plymouth Township Park, 46640 W. Ann Arbor Trail, is free but donations will be accepted. Sponsored by the Plymouth Lions Club.

» An egg hunt, crafts, a movie, treats and the Easter Bunny are part of the fun at Easter Eggstravaganza, 2-4 p.m. Saturday, March 28 at Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City. Tickets are \$3 per child or \$6 for a family of four. They're available at the library. Call 734-793-1830 for more information.

» Pizza & Eggs, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills, includes an egg hunt, goody bag and pizza lunch. Children must be accompanied by an adult. \$7 for residents, \$12 for nonresidents. Register by March 20. Call 248-473-1800 for more information.

Marshmallow Drop

Bring a basket to catch marshmallows dropped from a helicopter, 11 a.m. Friday, April 3, at Nankin Mills Park, Hines Drive and Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Call 734-261-1990 for more information.



HOP INTO SPRING

WITH EASTER DESSERTS

From full-course brunches to simple sit-down dinners, Easter celebrations are a time to enjoy family, friends and the delicious tastes of spring.

However elaborate the festivities, a rich and creamy dessert is the perfect finale to any Easter gathering.

These fresh dessert ideas all feature everyone's favorite indulgence — cheesecake — along with other lively flavors, such as coconut, lemon and blueberry. Desserts this delicious will have your guests hopping up for seconds. For these and other recipe ideas, visit www.creamcheese.com.

Courtesy of Family Features



EASTER MINI CHEESECAKES

Prep time: 20 minutes
Total time: 3 hours, 20 minutes
Servings: 18

1 cup graham cracker crumbs
¼ cup plus 2 tablespoons sugar, divided
3 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
3 packages (8 ounces each) Philadelphia Cream Cheese, softened
1 teaspoon vanilla
3 eggs
1 cup plus 2 tablespoons Baker's Angel Flake Coconut, toasted
54 speckled malted milk eggs (about 9 ounces)

Heat oven to 325°F.
Mix graham crumbs, 2 tablespoons sugar and butter; press onto bottoms of 18 paper-lined muffin cups.
Beat cream cheese, vanilla and remaining sugar with mixer until blended. Add eggs, 1 at a time, mixing on low speed after each just until blended. Spoon over crusts.
Bake 25–30 minutes or until centers are almost set. Cool completely. Refrigerate 2 hours.
Top each cheesecake with 1 tablespoon coconut; shape to resemble bird's nest. Fill with malted milk eggs.
Note: To soften cream cheese, place completely unwrapped package of cream cheese in microwaveable bowl. Microwave on high 10 seconds or just until softened. Add 15 seconds for each additional package of cream cheese.



BLUEBERRY STREUSEL CHEESECAKE

Prep time: 15 minutes
Total time: 6 hours, 45 minutes
Servings: 16

1 ½ cups plus 3 tablespoons flour, divided
1 ½ cups sugar, divided
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
¾ cup cold butter, cut up
4 packages (8 ounces each) Philadelphia Cream Cheese, softened
1 tablespoon vanilla extract
1 cup sour cream
4 eggs
2 cups fresh blueberries

Heat oven to 325°F.
Mix 1 ½ cups flour, ½ cup sugar and cinnamon in medium bowl. Cut in butter with pastry blender or 2 knives until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Reserve ½ cup; press remaining onto bottom of 9-inch springform pan. Bake 25 minutes or until lightly browned.
Beat cream cheese, remaining flour, remaining sugar and vanilla with mixer until well blended. Add sour cream; mix well. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating on low speed after each just until blended. Pour over crust. Top with berries and reserved crumb mixture. Bake 1 hour 25 minutes to 1 hour 30 minutes or until center is almost set. Run knife around rim of pan to loosen cake; cool before removing rim. Refrigerate 4 hours.

Note: You can substitute cream cheese with Neufchatel cheese, or fresh blueberries with 1 (16-ounce) package frozen blueberries. Garnish with additional berries or cinnamon just before serving.



DOUBLE LEMON CHEESECAKE BARS

Prep time: 35 minutes
Total time: 7 hours, 15 minutes
Servings: 16

52 vanilla wafers, finely crushed (about 2 cups)
3 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
4 eggs, divided
4 packages (8 ounces each) Philadelphia Cream Cheese, softened
1 ¾ cups sugar, divided
3 tablespoons flour
1 tablespoon lemon zest
½ cup lemon juice (about 2 lemons), divided
½ teaspoon vanilla
2 tablespoons cornstarch
½ cup water

Heat oven to 325°F.
Line a 13-by-9-inch pan with parchment paper, with ends of paper extending over sides.
Mix wafer crumbs and butter until blended; press onto bottom of prepared pan. Bake 10 minutes.
Separate 1 egg; refrigerate yolk until ready to use. Beat cream cheese, 1 cup sugar, flour, lemon zest, 2 tablespoons lemon juice and vanilla in large bowl with mixer until blended. Add egg white and remaining 3 whole eggs, 1 at a time, mixing on low speed after each until just blended. Pour over crust.
Bake 40 minutes or until center is almost set. Cool 1 hour. Refrigerate 4 hours.
Mix cornstarch and remaining sugar in medium saucepan; gradually stir in water and remaining lemon juice until blended. Bring just to boil on medium heat, stirring constantly; cook and stir until clear and thickened. Lightly beat reserved egg yolk in small bowl with fork until blended; stir in 2 tablespoons of hot cornstarch mixture.
Return to remaining cornstarch mixture in saucepan; stir until blended. Cook 1 minute or until thickened, stirring constantly. Cool slightly.
Spoon lemon glaze over cheesecake. Refrigerate 1 hour or until firm. Use parchment handles to remove cheesecake from pan before cutting to serve.
Note: This lemon glaze can be prepared ahead of time. Cool, then refrigerate up to 8 hours before spooning over individual slices of cheesecake. Garnish with ½ cup blueberries, lemon peel and fresh mint leaves.