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Starkweather plans hit another snag

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Developer Mark Menuck's voyage to restore and use the former Starkweather School as part of a new housing development in Plymouth's Old Village hit another snag when planning commissioners this week again postponed approval.

"Right now, it's rainbows and unicorns," Plymouth Planning Commission Chair Jim Mulhern said. "We've got to evaluate the totality of this. We need to know if it can work otherwise the city is left holding the bag."

Menuck of Livonia-based Curtis Building Co. has an agreement with Plymouth-Canton Community Schools to

purchase the former school and the six acres it sits on. He wants a planned unit development agreement to restore the former school for use as apartments and to build 23 single-family homes on the site.

"I will be progressing with the building (Starkweather) simultaneously with the single-family," Menuck said.

For planning commissioners, however, Menuck's sincere intentions weren't impetus enough for an approval this week. The first step for commissioners is to determine whether Menuck's plans are eligible for a PUD, which they said could not be determined based on the developer's current information and preliminary plans.

Seeing the restoration and use of Starkweather as "the linchpin" in the PUD deal, commissioners told the developer they want plans that indicate he can, indeed, make good on his promises. In other words, they want to know that financially it will work so Menuck sticks with his proposal and the school is not only restored, but used.

"They need to feel comfortable the homework has been done," said John Buzuvis, Plymouth Community Development director. "They want the necessary assurances by him and surety that will cover this."

In a couple of cases, particularly once the recession hit in the mid-2000s, projects in Ply-



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Developer Mark Menuck failed to receive preliminary planned unit development approval for his plans to restore and use the former Starkweather School as an apartment building.

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TOP STUDENTS HONORED



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In the 30th anniversary of the Observer & Eccentric's Academic All-Stars program, the 2015 All-Star students were honored Friday at a breakfast at Madonna University in Livonia. Members include Sean Carey, Kristen Gallett, Benjamin George, Andrew Gobis, Maxwell Hermelin, Iris Huang, Vineet Jammalamadaka, Anselm Jia, Aniruddha Kappagantur, Grace Milton, Shantam Tavan, Safia Sayed, Arthur Shi, Christopher Szymczak, Natalie Utley, Kathryn Wallace, Victoria Whydell, and Kevin Xu. Students were lauded for academic achievement, as well as their school and community involvement.

Woman hurt in Plymouth hit-and-run

Police are seeking the public's help in finding the driver of a car that struck a pedestrian, leaving her hospitalized, on Main Street in downtown Plymouth late Thursday afternoon.

The accident occurred about 5:40 p.m. on Main at Penniman, said Detective Lt. Jamie Grabowski of the Plymouth Police Department. The victim was crossing Main in the crosswalk, with the walk light, when the driver, turning north on Main from eastbound Penniman, struck her and fled the scene, Grabowski said.

The victim, in her early 30s, was taken by Huron Valley Ambulance to a local hospital, where she was being treated for non-life-threatening injuries, Grabowski said. The victim was still in the hospital Friday morning.

The vehicle was a dark four-door sedan, possibly a newer-model Lincoln, with a partial license plate of BD6, Grabowski said.

There was no description of the driver. Police are trying to gather any video from the area that might be helpful in the investigation.

Anyone with information about the driver or the vehicle is asked to call Grabowski at 734-453-1234, ext. 272, or Detective Josh Carroll, ext. 258.

- By Matt Jachman

Planning ahead — really ahead

Eighth-grader nabs college scholarship for neurosurgery studies

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Eighth-grader Chetana Ghantasala already has a career path mapped out. Now she has a college scholarship to help her on the way.

Chetana, who is set to graduate from Plymouth Scholars Academy, learned Friday morning that she had won a

\$5,000 college scholarship through the National Heritage Academies' CollegeBound program. Only four students among the 80 NHA schools in nine states were picked judged on academics, community service and an essay about their school's moral focus curriculum.

The award, revealed during an all-school assembly Friday morning, was a surprise to Chetana and her parents, who were there as well. Students and teachers cheered the announcement.

"I didn't expect this. I'm so happy," Chetana said after

being presented with a giant check symbolizing the scholarship.

Chetana — everyone calls her by her nickname, Sai — plans to attend the University of Michigan and wants to become a neurosurgeon.

First comes high school, though; she'll be attending Canton Preparatory High School. Chetana, her parents and a sister, 4, and brother, 2, live in Livonia.

She has been attending Plymouth Scholars since the sixth grade.

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MATT JACHMAN

Chetana Ghantasala (behind check) celebrates her scholarship with family members Friday morning at Plymouth Scholars Academy. From left are her father Sastry, brother Medhansh, 2, and mother Suvarna. At right is Cathy Henkenberns, a regional director of school quality for National Heritage Academies.



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In focus: Start-up high school wins grant for film making

By **Matt Jachman**
Staff Writer

New School High, a teacher-run public charter high school set to open in Plymouth Township for the 2015-16 school year, has won a \$100,000 state grant to buy film making equipment.

The money will come from the Michigan Department of Education. School leader Cyndi Burnstein said it will be used to buy top-of-the-line digital cameras, editing and screen-writing software and basic gear like lighting and clapperboards.

Burnstein said having a film making program at New School fits with its philosophy of project-based, collaborative, cross-disciplinary learning.

"We strongly believe in hands-on activities.

This equipment will allow us to marry art as well as technology," said Burnstein, a retired Salem High School English teacher.

Burnstein said film making requires skills in several areas — math, technology, language arts, social studies and physical education — that make it a good vehicle for teaching in many subjects.

Hollywood screenwriter

Burnstein's husband Jim is a Hollywood screenwriter and head of the screenwriting program at the University of Michigan. Cyndi Burnstein plans to have him and other industry professionals visit the school to share their talents.

"It's amazing how many of them have said, 'I'd love to come and help out,'" she said.

New School High, chartered by Central Michigan University, will open this fall with a maximum of 125 students, most of them ninth-graders, but also up to 25 10th-grade transfer students. The idea, Burnstein said, is to add a freshman class each year until it has all four grades; the school will have a maximum of 400 students.

New School, Burnstein said, is built around the latest research in educating high school students.

There will be individual lesson plans, an emphasis on project-based learning over memorization, health and wellness education for all four years and later start times, among other departures from traditional high school programs. The school will have no tuition, entrance examinations or grade prerequisites.

New School board member Joanne Lamar, a former Plymouth-Canton Community Schools trustee, is excited about the school's inaugural year — and about Cyndi Burnstein's leadership.

"I always knew she always had good, creative ideas and she was always thinking about different ways to do things," Lamar said.

Even the school's physical environment, Lamar said, will be more conducive to conversation and collaboration than classrooms in a traditional high school focused on rote learning.

"I've learned from working in diverse settings that that's a great way to learn," Lamar said.

New School will be leasing space in the education wing of the Risen Christ Church for its

debut year. Burnstein said the school will initially have five classrooms, two larger, more flexible spaces and a gymnasium.

Small class sizes

Although its collaborative approach sometimes calls for different configurations, Burnstein said, what would be thought of as the more-or-less "traditional" class at New School should have about 15 students in it, maybe a few more if enrollment goals are met.

"I think we can definitely keep it between 15 and 20," she said.

Burnstein said she's been encouraged by the amount of interest families have shown in the school and by the diversity those families represent in terms of geographical locations and prior school background. "Apparently the idea of our school really cuts

across a lot of segments" of society, he said.

New School officials also plan to look for help — and opportunities — from parents, businesses and the community at large.

"There'll be a lot of collaboration with people in the community," Lamar said.

New School is planning its next open house for 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday. The school is in Risen Christ Church, though not affiliated with the church, at 46250 Ann Arbor Road.

More information is available on the school website, newschoolhigh.org, on Facebook or by emailing Cyndi Burnstein at cburnstein@newschool-high.org.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Meet the supervisor

Plymouth Township Supervisor Shannon Price plans regular public office hours at township hall to give residents a chance to meet him, discuss their concerns or just say hello.

Price will hold his next public office hours in the clerk's office conference room, on the first floor of township hall, from 10 a.m. to noon Friday, June 5.

Development hours

Plymouth's Community Development Department is extending its hours to provide better service during the construction season.

Beginning Tuesday, May 26, the office will be open from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for contractors, builders and residents to apply for and pick up building, mechanical, plumbing and electrical permits. The office currently opens at 8 a.m.

The Community Development Department is on the second floor of Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main. The phone number is 734-453-1234, ext. 232.

Rescue the Rouge

Plymouth Township is participating in this year's Rouge Rescue, a yearly effort throughout the Rouge River's watershed to improve the health of the river. The township's event is 9-11 a.m. Saturday, May 30, at Plymouth Township Park.

Volunteers, working through the township's Division of Public Services, will be enhancing areas surrounding the park's fishing pond with native plants. Call 734-414-1452 for more information.

— By Matt Jachman

SCHOOL

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mouth hit long-term and, in some cases, permanent snags — even though city officials were assured otherwise by developers.

Menuck is expected to return armed with additional information. It's likely the PUD review won't be back on the agenda next month because the deadline for the June meeting is Tuesday, May 19, Buzuvis said.

"It's got to be airtight," Buzuvis added.

A PUD would give Menuck and planning commissioners leeway in some areas, such as setbacks in the portion where the single-family homes will be built. While Menuck this week provided more answers to commissioners' previous questions, they remain adamant that they want something on paper that assures them Starkweather will be restored and used.

In an attempt to satisfy commissioners' doubts, Menuck introduced a historical restoration architect, who has studied Starkweather, to



The former Starkweather School has two entrances.

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talk about the building's potential. A similar project came in with a completed tab of about \$2.1 million, architect Tom Dowling told the planning commission, offering a list of necessary repairs.

"There is a way to do these," Dowling said, adding that it is a costly mistake to gut the interior.

"There are all sorts of ways we are going to cost-cut this building," he

said.

Commissioner Joe Philips, however, wants that on paper. "I can't claim to remember everything you said. There are so many branches to this project," he said. "In all sincerity, if you try to get financing with what you gave us, you wouldn't get funding."

Menuck disagreed: "I need the building (for the PUD). I think we all need to work together."

He told the commis-

sion that when he receives preliminary PUD approval, he will provide more detailed plans.

"Let's see if I am eligible (for a PUD) and then I will do a budget," he said.

Commissioners weren't buying it. "My biggest thing is that it doesn't make sense financially," Commissioner Conrad Schewe said.

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"I'm so thankful to them," she said of the school. "They won this just as much as I did."

Scholarship competitors were required to choose from among three topics when writing about the moral focus curriculum. Chetana wrote about how technology is having an affect on morals.

"Our morals are being changed," she said. "People aren't able to make their own choices." NHA schools stress positive values in their programs, calling it the moral focus curriculum.

Plymouth Scholars Principal Jaclyn Jeffrey told students the schol-



MATT JACHMAN

Mathematics teacher Mel Morris (right) congratulates Chetana Ghantasala on her \$5,000 college scholarship Friday morning. The Plymouth Scholars Academy student was one of four scholarship winners among eighth-graders at 80 National Heritage Academies schools to be chosen for the award.

arship was a "big deal" for the school. Combined

with the fact that the current school year is

the first in which Plymouth Scholars has had an eighth grade, she said, the award says a lot about its program.

"This is a tremendous example of what it means to be a scholar at Plymouth Scholars Academy," Jeffrey told the assembly.

Chetana's parents, Sastry and Suvarna, said they were especially thankful to Jeffrey and to teachers Kim Anderson and Mel Morris for helping their daughter.

The scholarship competition was promoted directly to families by the Grand Rapids-based NHA and was not mandatory for eighth-graders.

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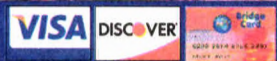
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Local Madonna students win awards at international math contests

Nine Madonna University students were recognized for their participation in two international math contests, pitting their real-world problem-solving skills against students from all over the globe.

One team, made up of students Stephanie Mackley (Canton), Jonathan Morgan (Northville) and Catherine Sulich (Southfield), received a "meritorious winner" award in the Interdisciplinary Contest in Modeling.

Two teams participated in the Mathematical Contest in Modeling: Catherine Crombez (Livonia), Stephen Lisius (Redford) and Yang Zhang (Plymouth/ Urumqi, China) received "honorable mention;" Lauren Finger (Plymouth), Rachel Head (Plymouth) and Caleb Schumake (Belleville) earned "successful participant" status.

Susan Toma, Ph.D., assistant professor of mathematics at Madonna University, acted as faculty adviser and prepared the students through a series of problem-solving workshops.

"The mathematical contest

in modeling was a valuable experience for our Madonna students as they applied their analytical, computing and research skills to a real-world problem in a teamwork setting," she said. "I am truly proud of their motivation, hard work and incredible achievements."

Morgan, a math major, said the contest was "quite the learning experience."

"It gave me the opportunity to see how we can use math to solve real-world problems," he said. "It was also an eye-opening experience in how difficult solving these problems can be. The challenge my team chose was an actual international problem that the world has yet to solve."

"The ICM taught me and my team how to think critically," he added. "We probably tried 100 different approaches and learned 100 different ways how not to go about solving problems, but in the end, our mistakes are what made it such a powerful learning experience for us."

Crombez agreed with the value of the contest: "Partici-

pating in the MCM competition gave me a chance to apply the knowledge I have gained at Madonna to a situation outside of the classroom," she said. "I think this is an important opportunity for any student, as it provides a different outlook on education, teamwork, and research skills that cannot always be addressed directly in a classroom setting, but are still important for career preparation."

The international contests for college undergraduates are given annually by the Consortium for Mathematics and Its Applications, an "award-winning non-profit organization whose mission is to improve mathematics education for students of all ages" (www.comap.com).

The Interdisciplinary Contest in Modeling is designed to develop and advance interdisciplinary problem-solving skills as well as competence in written communication, while the Mathematical Contest in Modeling stimulates and improves problem-solving and writing skills in mathematics. There were 2,137 teams



Caleb Schumake (from left), a double major in mathematics and computer science, works in the background as Rachel Head, a computer science major and mathematics minor, and Lauren Finger, a mathematics major and chemistry minor, work on a problem for the Mathematical Contest in Modeling.

that participated in the ICM worldwide, 45 of which were from the U.S., and 15 percent were Meritorious Winners, including the team from Madonna. Of the 7,636 teams that participated in the MCM, 418 were U.S. teams, 31 percent received Honorable Mentions and 57 percent were Success-

ful Participants.

The contests took place in February with Madonna students working in classrooms and computer labs on campus. This was the first year Madonna students participated. Winners were announced last month.

Send us your prom photos; enter contest to win gas card

It's almost time for the prom and the *Observer* wants to print some of the photos seniors will take at the events.

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STUDENT ACHIEVERS

Graduated

Canton residents Lindsay Antess, Mary Winther and Thomas Zahari and Plymouth residents Abigail Dalton, Luke Johnson, Catherine Koloian, Madalyn McLean, Adam Payne and Jillian Somerville, were awarded degrees May 3 from Hope College.

Making history

Two Plymouth-Canton Community Schools students were among 91 who received \$71,000 in scholarships, tablets and eReaders in Kroger's annual "I Can Make History" competition.

Aria Mason of Discovery Middle School and Salem student David Mason III re-

ceived awards in April.

All entries addressed one of two themes: Tell us about any African American past or present and why you want to be like that person or How are you making history in your community/neighborhood?

Scholarship winners

Two Plymouth-Canton students were among 20 students who were awarded scholarships by Plymouth-based Community Financial Credit Union in collaboration with the Community Foundation of Plymouth and the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation.

Margaret Dunning Scholarship winners included Christine Kardel of Canton and Lauren Conley of Ply-

mouth.

Community Financial scholarships are part of an annual essay and recommendation-based program.

Presents at Albion

Eric Guindi co-presented a research/scholarship project titled "Albion Accelerator Projects: Makerspace" during a two-day celebration of student research, scholarship and creative activity at Albion College's Elkin R. Isaac Student Research Symposium.

Guindi is majoring in finance and minoring in business and organizations. He is the son of Sandra Wilkinson of Plymouth and Robert Guindi of Northville. He is a graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School.

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Canton girl among Make-a-Wish children honored at walk

Alyssa and Katlyn have much more in common than being teenagers.

They are fighting illnesses that few children face. Alyssa, 14, of Canton was diagnosed with a brain tumor and Katlyn, 15, of St. Clair has received a heart transplant.

The girls were honored earlier this month during Make-a-Wish Michigan's 17th annual Walk for Wishes event at the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak.

This year's event raised more than \$445,000 and drew a record-shattering 4,500 walkers. One of the corporate sponsors, Planet Fitness, has a location in Canton and helped support Alyssa and Katlyn.

Alyssa's wish of a bedroom makeover was granted by Make-a-Wish Michigan. The room was designed in purple and sparkles, which she loves.

Katlyn, who loves cheerleading and shop-

ping, had her wish to go to California granted by Make-a-Wish, allowing her to enjoy a visit to the beach while she was there.

Their wishes were sponsored by Planet Fitness, which made a \$25,000 donation during the event and raised even more money to help the cause.

The girls and other children were involved as Walk for Wishes occurred at the Detroit Zoo, helping to raise money to grant even more wishes.

Planet Fitness franchisee Chris Klebba called the girls "amazing examples" of how Make-a-Wish makes a difference in lives. The company had nearly 300 members on its event team.

Make-a-Wish President and CEO Karen Davis said in a press release that the organization is "truly grateful" that Planet Fitness sponsored Alyssa and Katlyn.



Alyssa, Katlyn and Planet Fitness franchisee Chris Klebba speak with a television reporter during a Make-a-Wish event. The girls had their wishes granted after Planet Fitness sponsored them.

Plymouth High takes second place in safe driving campaign

Plymouth High School took second place in its division for the school's Strive For a Safer Drive distracted driving campaign. The school has been recognized four years in a row and won first place in 2012 and 2014.

Monroe County's Ida High School took top honors in its division for the school's Strive For a Safer Drive distracted driving campaign. The first-place selection recognizes the outstanding efforts of Ida High School students in educating their classmates about safe teen driving.

The campaign, presented by AAA Michigan, Ford Driving Skills for Life and the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning, provides funding and resources to help teens talk to teens about safe driving with the goal of reducing traffic crashes, injuries and fatalities among Michigan's most inexperienced drivers. The top schools are selected based on creativity, execution and compliance with the S4SD participation requirements.

Students from participating schools will

attend a free hands-on driving clinic with professional driving instructors Friday at the Ford Dearborn Development Center.

As part of the campaign in the 2014-15 school year, 35 Michigan high schools in counties with the highest number of teen traffic fatalities and serious injuries each received up to \$2,000 for students to create peer-to-peer traffic safety-related campaigns. The students conducted activities for five months before submitting a final report.

Salem senior earns Community Choice Foundation scholarship

A Salem High School student has been awarded a \$5,000 scholarship through the Community Choice Foundation Scholarship Program.

William Lu is among 20 high school seniors who won collectively won \$100,000 in scholarship for pledging to attend college in Michigan and committing to giving back to the state by building his career here.

Lu is a volunteer with the Plymouth Cantonese Chinese Learning Center and plans to study mechanical engineering at the University of Michigan this fall.



Lu

Now in its seventh year, the Community Choice Scholarship Program is one of the largest scholarship programs in the credit union industry, both in Michigan and nationally, and has awarded more than \$700,000 in scholarships to 140 students in metro Detroit since it began in 2009. The program is designed specifically to keep Michigan's young talent in the state.

"All 20 Community

Choice Foundation Scholars have one important thing in common: a commitment to Michigan and giving back," said Robert Bava, president and CEO of Community Choice Credit Union. "They're already making a difference and will undoubtedly play a vital role in the future of our state."

An awards ceremony featuring Brandon Roux of WDIV-TV (Channel 4) as the master of ceremonies and three-time Olympic swimmer Peter Vanderkaay as the keynote speaker was held May 6 at Glen Oaks Golf Club in Farmington Hills.

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One year later, family seeks answers in hit-and-run death of bicyclist

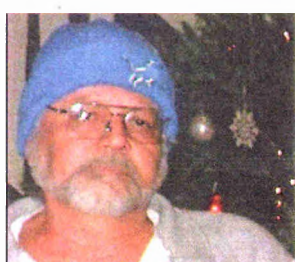
By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Dennis Ryan was a legend in Livonia growing up, according to his brother Dale.

A graduate of Franklin High School, he kept an eye out for others. He was also a frequent visitor to his son, who has a disability and lives in Livonia. He helped take care of his parents when they were aging and ill and had a way with others.

"He was always protecting people," said Dale Ryan, who lives in Plymouth. "He had this natural wit."

Dennis Ryan's life was cut short almost a year ago. He was struck by a car while riding his bicy-



Dennis Ryan

cle back to his brother's home near Five Mile and Haggerty at about 9:30 p.m. May 19, 2014, at Schoolcraft and Newburgh. He died after being taken to the hospital.

Police said last year Dennis Ryan was riding eastbound on Schoolcraft when he was struck by a hit-and-run vehicle going

southbound on Newburgh.

No one has been charged in the case. Police, Crime Stoppers of Michigan and his family continue to search for anyone with information regarding the incident. No description of the vehicle that struck him was available at that time.

Crime Stoppers set up a \$2,500 reward for information leading to the arrest of someone involved in the case last fall. Now, Dennis Ryan's family is upping that amount to \$10,000 in the hopes that will entice someone to come forward with information.

Sgt. Joe Boitos of the Livonia Police Department said he's still hoping



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Brothers Austin (left) and Dale Ryan talk about their brother Dennis, who was killed last year by a hit-and-run driver in Livonia.

to solve the case. "There was only one tip received through Crime Stoppers that didn't pan out," he said. "At this time, we have no leads that we can pursue."

Those with information can contact the Livonia Police Department at 734-466-2470 or anonymously through Crime Stoppers by calling 800-SPEAK-UP, through the agency's website at 1800speakup.org or by texting "CSM" and the tip to 274637.

Austin Ryan, another one of Dennis's brothers who lives in Northville Township, said he hopes someone comes forward who may have heard from someone who was involved that night and feels guilty about it.

"I think an eyewitness would have come forward by now," said Austin Ryan, with whom Dennis lived at the time. "Our best angle is to hope that somebody was try-

ing to get something off their chest."

'Somebody ran him over and left him to die'

The area where Dennis Ryan was hit was under heavy construction during that time, as the Michigan Department of Transportation was reconstructing I-96 between Telegraph and Newburgh. The Newburgh bridge had only two lanes open on it because of the construction, but police said at that time they were not sure that played any role.

Austin Ryan said they were told the MDOT cameras that are usually on near that intersection were turned off; he believes if they were on they may have caught what happened on tape.

"It was all shut off because of the construction, which doesn't make any sense whatsoever," Austin Ryan said.

Dale Ryan said police told them they interviewed a supervisor working on the freeway reconstruction, though that individual told police he did not see anything that night.

Police told the family they interviewed someone who ran over the bicycle, an older burgundy 10-speed, though there was no indication Dennis was on it when the vehicle hit it.

Though it was later determined Dennis Ryan had some alcohol in his system, Austin Ryan said, it doesn't change the fact he was hit by a car and that driver then fled.

"It doesn't lessen it in our mind. Somebody ran him over and left him to die," Austin Ryan said. "There was a crime committed, as far as I'm concerned."

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Secretary of State rides in to Schoolcraft College to spread motorcycle safety awareness

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

The first Friday in May was a perfect day for Cheryl Hawkins to hop on her motorcycle and ride to work.

The dean of liberal arts and sciences at Schoolcraft College joined Secretary of State Ruth Johnson and about 40 other motorcyclists for a ride the first week of May from the Motor City Harley Davidson dealership on Grand River in Farmington Hills to the college's main campus in Livonia.

Hawkins said touring Michigan on a motorcycle is a great pastime of hers, as long as it's done safely.

"There's no better way to see the state than riding," she said. "But with that comes the responsibility. Safety is first."

The ride was the kick-off for Motorcycle Awareness Safety Month, a time when more riders are out on the roads.

Johnson said nearly 500,000 people have the motorcycle endorsement on their driver's license, indicating they have taken safety classes and can operate a motorcycle safely.

"Michigan has required a motorcycle endorsement on their driver's license since 1969," said Johnson, an avid motorcyclist. "It means you know the rules, you have the skills to be a licensed rider, which is so important."

She said 84 percent of motorcycles in 2004 in the state were operated



Michigan Secretary of State Ruth Johnson arrives at the Schoolcraft College campus.

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by those with an endorsement. It's those other riders without one, Johnson said, that can cause problems on the roads.

"It was the other group of drivers, the 16 percent who don't have their endorsement, who were involved in 60 percent of all motorcycles

crashes," she said. "That's truly a big red flag."

The first 9,000 people who take the basic rider course will be offered a "high visibility" vest, a neon-yellow vest designed to make riders more visible. Those vests are being supplied through the help of a

federal grant through the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning.

Her agency has recently begun launching a new online component to motorcycle safety training classes to complete basic information online. The program is expected to be available to motorcyclists across the state.

Vince Consiglio, coordinator for the Metro Detroit Motorcycle Safety Consortium and president of ABATE of Michigan, said seeing the number of motorcyclists dying in accidents go down last year was a positive step.

Statistics show 107 people died in 2014, down

from 128 in 2013.

"Last year was the second-lowest fatality rate (the last 10 years)," said Consiglio, a Milford resident. "We're happy that it's going down."

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Seat belt enforcement effort runs through end of month

By Philip Allmen
Staff Writer

Police agencies across the state are using federal grant money for increased seat belt enforcement zones this month.

The Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning states research shows that when seat belts are used properly, the risk of being killed in a crash is reduced by nearly 45 percent. But seat belt usage has been on the decline in recent years. Michael L. Prince, OHSP director, said most motorists in Michigan obey the seat belt law. In 2009, compliance was at 98 percent. By 2014, it dropped to 93 percent. He said every percentage point increase in belt use means 10 fewer traffic deaths and 130 fewer injuries each year.

"Wearing a seat belt is

the easiest, most effective way to save your life in the event of a traffic crash," Prince stated in a release.

Wearing a seat belt is a no-brainer for Shirley Aubochon, who was out shopping at the New Hudson Walmart earlier this week. While state law requires she wear a seat belt when cruising around town, that's not the driving force behind buckling up.

"There's some dangerous people out there driving," the 62-year-old Lyon resident said, adding that several of her friends have been in bad accidents caused by another driver. "I've never been in an accident and I hope I never am. But, you know, better safe than sorry."

Last year, the Michigan State Police reported that 188 people who died

in traffic accidents were not using a seat belt. State, county and some local police departments will participate in the seat belt program.

During last year's Click It or Ticket enforcement, 7,767 seat belt and child seat citations were issued. Twenty people were killed in traffic crashes during the 2014 Memorial Day holiday. Of those, seven were motorcyclists and nine were vehicle occupants, one of whom was not wearing a seat belt.

Michigan law requires drivers, front seat passengers and passengers 15 and younger in any seating position to be buckled up.

"Michigan law enforcement will be out strictly enforcing the state's seat belt law over the next couple of weeks," Prince said.



Neela Lawes, 6, gives Click It the Cricket a high-five during the Michigan State Police's 98th birthday celebration April 23.

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Olympia boss to detail new Detroit arena project at luncheon

Local business leaders are planning to gather Wednesday in Livonia to hear from one of the key people overseeing construction of a new arena for the Detroit Red Wings and other developments coming to Detroit.

Tom Wilson, president and CEO of Olympia Entertainment, will speak at an 11:30 a.m. luncheon at Laurel Man-



Wilson

commerce.

Wilson represents the Illitch family organization that is leading this significant redevelopment that will produce

or for members of the Livonia, Westland, Plymouth and Canton chambers of

the new arena, scheduled to open sometime in 2017, and surround it with a new entertainment and housing district. The overall effort will connect existing and new developments in downtown and midtown Detroit along Woodward Avenue with five walkable, mixed-use neighborhoods.

In all, according to Illitch organization re-

ports, the entire project is expected to generate at least \$1.8 billion in total economic impact, 8,300 construction and other spin-off jobs and 1,100 permanent jobs. The overall goal is to build a one-of-a-kind venue for hockey, music, entertainment and community events, surrounded by modern housing geared for those who want to live in an urban

environment.

Wilson plans to provide pictures and descriptions of all components of the entire development district and will answer questions from the audience.

Seats are still available for this luncheon at Laurel Manor, located on Schoolcraft Avenue, just west of Newburgh Road. Admission is \$30 for members of either

chamber or \$40 for the general public. For more information or to reserve seats, contact your local chamber: the Livonia chamber at 734-427-2122, the Westland chamber at 734-326-7222, the Plymouth chamber at 734-453-1540 or the Canton chamber at 734-453-4040.

Health & Fitness Day targets area seniors

Bobbie Pummill admits she would be unable to present the Plymouth-Northville Health & Fitness Day without the help of Plymouth Community United Way, Northville Senior Adult Services and Plymouth Cultural Center staff.

Coordinating nearly 40 vendors for the health fair is no easy task, according to Pummill, director of Plymouth Community Council on Aging, which is partnering with the nonprofits to make the event possible. Fitness and healthy cooking demonstrations, blood pressure screenings and hearing tests, refreshments, raffles and giveaways take time to schedule so that everyone is in place when the 300 expected visitors arrive.

This year the free event takes place 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, May 28, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street.

"There's so many resources there," Pummill said. "Fitness is important when you get older, staying fit and staying healthy."

"We'll have free Wii bowling and shuffleboard. The Independence Village chef will be cooking healthy foods. Miller Vein is offering free vein erase treatments and the Hearing Center of Excellence will be doing hearing tests."

Although two of the partners organizing the health fair focus on senior citizens, the event is open to the public.



Irene Jarrell, president of the Senior Club of Plymouth, has her pulse taken during a previous Health & Fitness Day.

"It's not for seniors only. Anybody can come. We're inviting everyone. It's going to be a lot of fun," Pummill said. "We'll have hot dogs in the afternoon and bagels and bananas in the morning and free popcorn. They can participate in fitness classes."

The Plymouth YMCA presents a Silver Sneakers Fitness and Yoga Class 10-11:30 a.m., with chair exercises following at from noon to 1

p.m. This is the second health fair the Plymouth Community Council on Aging has partnered with Plymouth Community United Way.

"This is a great opportunity to bring the community together to experience healthy living ideas," said Marie Morrow, Plymouth Community United Way president. "It's one of the many ways Plymouth Com-

munity United Way partners with agencies to impact health and stability, one of our focus areas."

Plymouth Community United Way serves not only Plymouth, but Canton, western Wayne County and Northville. For information about the health fair, call Northville Senior Adult Services at 248-349-4140 or Plymouth Community Council on Aging at 734-453-1234, ext. 236.

Have a cup of coffee with a Canton cop

The Canton Police Department has scheduled Coffee with a Cop from 10 a.m. to noon Friday, June 5, at Sky Zone Indoor Trampoline Park, 42550 Executive Drive. And for the kids, they will be permitted to jump during event for \$5 with staff supervision provided.

These on-going sessions are open to the public and provide a unique opportunity for community members to ask questions and learn more about the department's work in Canton's neighborhoods and business districts.

The majority of contacts law enforcement has with the public happen during emergencies or stressful situations. Those situations are not always the most effective times for relationship building. Coffee with a Cop breaks down barriers and allows for relaxed one-on-one interaction.

The Canton Police Department is holding multiple sessions throughout the community this year. If you have a business or organization interested in hosting a two-hour session of Coffee with a Cop, contact the police department at 734-394-5401.

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Livonia youth coalition gets new leadership team

For three years, Karen Bonanno watched and learned as Katie Olex steered the Livonia Save Our Youth Coalition as the group's executive director.

Now Bonanno, formerly the coalition's program director, has replaced Olex as executive director and is applying the lessons she learned and praising Olex for the success of her stint leading the coalition.

"Katie took on the job when we received (funding) from SEMCA," Bonanno said. "She legitimized the coalition and understood what the mission meant within the community."

One of Bonanno's first orders of business: replacing herself. She's done that, hiring Martha Kaczala as the coalition's new program director.

Kaczala came to the coalition as community outreach specialist for the Southeast Michigan



Executive director Karen Bonanno (left) and program director Martha Kaczala form the new leadership team of the Livonia Save Our Youth Coalition.

Community Alliance, where she was "well aware of the reputation" of the Livonia Save Our Youth Coalition.

When Kaczala, a Plymouth Township resi-

dent, got the chance to work for the LSOY, she took it.

"I believe strongly in what the (LSOY) coalition does," Kaczala said. "If I can support their

mission in any way, I'm happy to do so."

The coalition's mission is to educate and empower the community regarding the health and safety of young people,

with a focus on substance use disorder prevention.

As program director, Kaczala will coordinate events such as the coalition's biggest fundraiser, the Livonia Run to Save Our Youth, which is coming up in June. She will also provide technical assistance and perform a variety of "behind the scenes" tasks essential to running the coalition.

Bonanno believes Kaczala fits right in.

"Martha brings a commitment to the community, with a foundation of knowledge that fills a gap within the coalition," Bonanno said of Kaczala, who is a certified prevention specialist. "(Kaczala's certification) gives weight and meaning to our mission. It gives us credibility."

Bonanno recognized the coalition has a core of strong partners - The Livonia Police Department, Livonia schools and a variety of civic

organizations - and hopes to expand the group's reach outside Livonia's boundaries.

"We've been expanding that partnership to the greater area," she said. "We share the same mission with those communities. Substance abuse issues are everywhere. By partnering with these communities, we can strengthen the message. I'm excited."

The Livonia Save Our Youth Coalition is led by its 2015 Board of Directors, including Jerry Kwas, Robert Douville, Mark Menestrina, John Tait, Jason Schwartz, Susan Nicholas, Diane Montes, Mary Olex and Caryn Epps.

Livonia Save Our Youth's general meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month and are open to the community.

Check the website www.livonia.saveouryouth.org, for meeting dates and times.

Portion of Ford Road named for firefighter Brian Woehlke

Gov. Rick Snyder made it official Wednesday, naming a portion of Ford Road after a fallen Wayne-Westland firefighter.

Snyder did a ceremonial signing for House Bill 4985, as its sponsor, state Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, watched. The bill, now Public Act 439 of 2014, passed both the House and Senate and Snyder signed it into law.

PA 439 names a portion of M-153 between Newburgh and Wayne roads as the Firefighter Brian Woehlke Memorial Highway. Woehlke, 29, was killed May 8, 2013, fighting the fire that destroyed Marvaso's Italian Grille/the Electric Stick. Married with a



MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
State Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, holds a copy of House Bill 4985 with Gov. Rick Snyder at a ceremonial bill signing May 12. Also pictured are Wayne-Westland Firefighter David Polite, his son Tyler and state Rep. Julie Plawecki, D-Dearborn Heights.

daughter, he had worked out of the old Fire Station No. 1 on Ford at Carlson. The fire has been ruled an arson and Woehlke's death a homicide.

"I'm proud to be able

to honor Brian Woehlke and his sacrifice. The least we can do for someone who gave his life for his community is to honor his memory," Kosowski said. "I'd also like to

thank Westland Mayor Bill Wild, Fire Chief Michael Reddy, IAFF Local 1279 and the Westland City Council for their help on this legislation."

Kosowski was joined

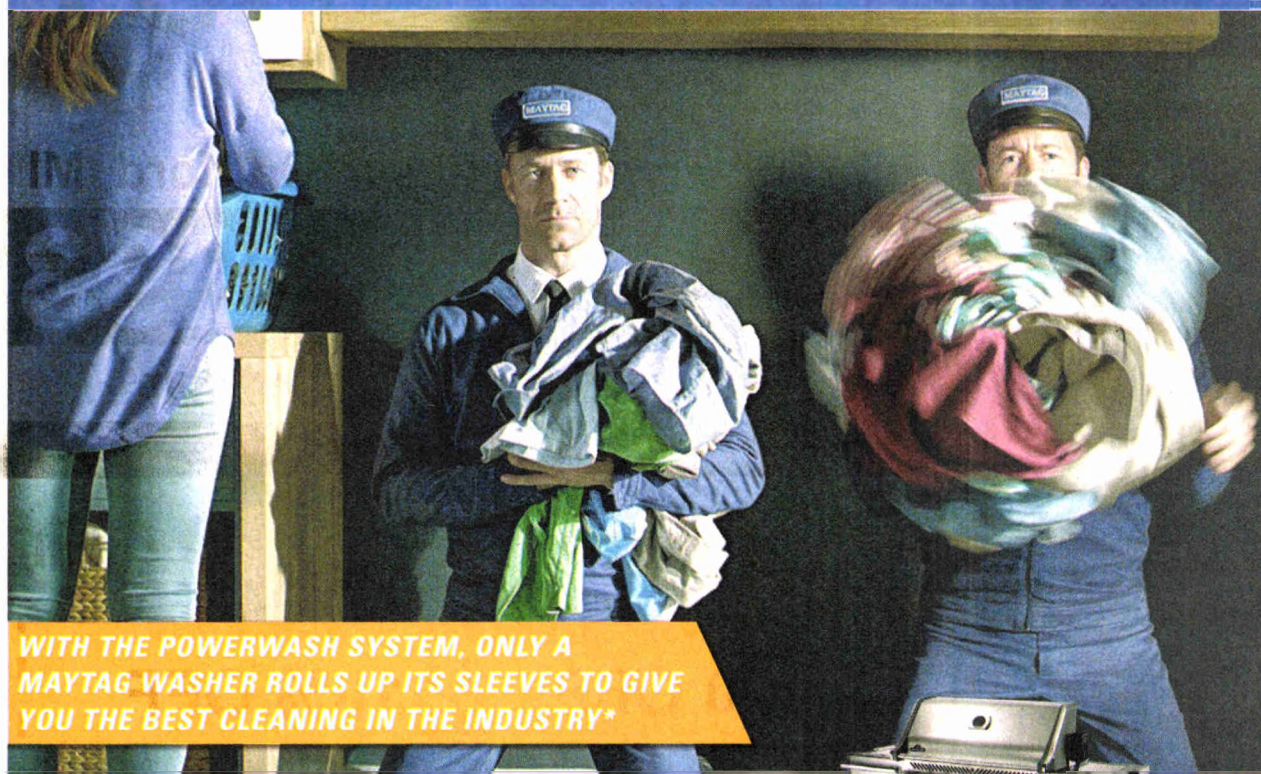
by Wayne-Westland Firefighter David Polite and his son Tyler and fellow state Rep. Julie Plawecki,

D-Dearborn Heights, whose district includes a portion of Westland, at the ceremonial signing.

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Detroit Catholic Central student develops road app

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

The idea for his winning smart phone app came to James Wegienka while driving down a dirt road. Alternating between really bumpy to smooth once graded, he wanted to develop a way in which the county road commission could be told by drivers what roads need fixing.

This idea of developing a "Smart Phone Application to Measure the Condition of a Gravel Road" won him top spots both at his high school, Detroit Catholic Central in Novi, and in the state.

"I wanted it to be easy to use and accessible by everyone," said Wegienka, who is in 10th grade.

It's called the Road Analyzer and it's a smart phone app that gathers data about the condition of a gravel road using the sensors built into a modern smart phone.

"When the app is running and the smart phone is in a car being driven down a road, the app will use the phone's accelerometer to measure the vertical acceleration that the car encounters," Wegienka said. "It uses the phone's GPS to determine the position of the car and measure its speed. It records this data in a file that can be opened with Excel, where it can be analyzed."

He said the app was used to obtain data about three different road conditions: a newly paved stretch of highway that acted as a control, a gravel road that was in good condi-



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Detroit Catholic Central sophomore James Wegienka received top honors in Michigan's high school science fair for his road condition monitoring application. The app, for mobile phones, analyzes unpaved road conditions using the phone's sensometers to measure their worthiness by noting extreme movements as the car passes over them.

tion and one that was in rough condition, in need of being graded.

"By analyzing the data in Excel, a procedure was found that produced a number that correlated with the road condition," he further said of the development/research process.

Dividing the vertical acceleration by the current speed produced a number that matched well with the road conditions. When this number was 0.20 or below, the road was mostly smooth. When the number was over 0.40, the road was mostly in a rough condition.

His idea and work gained a lot of recognition, so much so that it got him first place at the state level. A big honor, he said.

"It was great to be recognized and humbled, as well," he said. "There were so many other interesting projects. It was great to meet the other students and compete against them."

Y's youth service sessions to start

Youth Volunteer Corps of Plymouth is celebrating 10 years of transforming youth through volunteer projects. The youth service program, hosted by the Plymouth Family YMCA, offers volunteer opportunities for hundreds of youth every year.

"Our youth volunteers have accomplished so much in the 10 years YVC has been in the Plymouth community," said Sage Hegdal, executive director of Plymouth Family YMCA. "They have had a profound impact on their community and this service has in turn transformed them."

Teens from Plymouth, Canton and Northville have had opportunities to work for organizations such as the Plymouth Council on Aging, Starfish Family Services, Plymouth Family YMCA, Plymouth Community United Way, Plymouth Community Arts Council, Community Literacy Council and the Senior Olympics.

Teens also have worked on several projects in metro Detroit, including Arts and Scraps, Earthworks Urban Farm, Georgia Street Community Collective, Matthaei Botanical Gardens, Focus Hope, Forgotten Harvest, Gleaners and so many more organizations that have benefited from the important service that teens provide. Teens have also learned how these organizations provide critical services to our local community and how their involvement transforms lives.

"YVC of Plymouth has impacted the youth of Plymouth and the community itself greatly over its 10 years of existence," said David Batey, founder and president of YVC's headquarters in Kansas City. "The program is a great ex-



As part of the Plymouth Family YMCA's Youth Volunteer Corps, Josh Alexander of Canton and Chris Merkel of Plymouth harvest vegetables for Cadillac Urban Garden, which provides access to healthy fruits and vegetables for low-income families.

ample of the impact YVC can have in its community and we are so proud to have them as part of the YVC family."

YVC of Plymouth is celebrating its 10th anniversary throughout 2015 with projects during the school year and a struc-

tured summer volunteer program. YVC is funded by The Wilcox Foundation.

One-week sessions start the week of July 6 and go through Aug. 21. For more information how to get involved, see [ymcdetroit.org/Ply-](http://ymcdetroit.org/Plymouth)

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Youth Volunteer Corps of Plymouth's mission is to create volunteer opportunities to address community needs and to inspire youth for a lifetime commitment to service.

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Speakers

10 - 10:45 a.m.
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12 - 12:30 p.m.
Eating for a Healthy Colon

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Speaker: Allison Spitzley, CDM

12:45 - 1:30 p.m.
Preparing a Healthy Mind

Learn to prepare your mind for aging
Speaker: Mary Jane Favot, MSN, GNP-BC, Gerontology Nurse Practitioner

8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Health Exhibitors

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PLYMOUTH MARKET
Time/Date: 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each Saturday through Oct. 30 (except July 12 and Sept. 6)
Location: In and around The Gathering, downtown Plymouth
Details: Plymouth Farmers Market open
BARK IN THE PARK
Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, May 17
Location: Dog Park on Denton Road, north of Cherry Hill
Details: The Canton Dog Park will host its annual Free Bark in the Park from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, May 17. Attendees and their dogs can enjoy live entertainment, shopping and prize pack giveaways while trying the off-leash park
Cost: Free
CUCKOO'S NEST
Time/Date: 2 p.m. Sunday, May 17
Location: 240 N. Main in Plymouth, near Union Street
Details: One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, a play based on the classic novel by Ken Kesey, caps the 2014-15 season at Barefoot Productions in Plymouth.
Tickets: All seats are \$15. tickets can be reserved by calling the box office at 734-560-1493 or at www.justgobarefoot.com. The theater's box office will be open 6:30-8 p.m. Monday and Wednesday and 12:30-2:30 p.m. Sunday for walk-in purchases.
CARS & CAFFEINE
Time/Date: 8-10 a.m. each Sunday
Location: Parking lot of Biggy Coffee, 44601 Five Mile, Plymouth
Details: Car buffs and enthusiasts are invited to bring them-

selves, their families and their classic or hot-rod vehicles for a weekly gathering for talk and coffee
Cost: Free
VILLAGE ARTS VOLUNTEERS
Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Sunday, May 31
Location: Village Arts Factory, 50625 Cherry Hill Road, Canton
Details: The Partnership for the Arts and Humanities needs volunteers to help prepare the the Village Arts Factory for future renovation and construction. Clean up projects include interior demolition in the Ford Factory and Veteran's Dormitory, exterior landscaping and river clean up.
Contact: RSVP by May 27 to Jill Engel at jengel@partnershipforarts.org or 734-765-7061
JOINT REPLACEMENT SEMINARS
Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 27, and Thursday, June 25
Location: Classroom 10 at St. Mary Mercy-Livonia, 36154 Five Mile
Details: The Center for Joint Replacement at St. Mary Mercy Livonia offers free monthly educational seminars. Expert staff will answer questions, discuss joint pain, joint replacement procedures and available implant options.
Contact: To register, 734-655-2345.
WIDOWED FRIENDS
Time/Date: Various dates in May
Location: Various
Details: Widowed Friends, a peer support group offers the following activities to widowed

men and women in all areas:
 » 5:30-9 p.m. May 20: Dinner/Support/Games at G. Subu's, 20300 Farmington Road (one block south of Eight Mile). Family-style meal is \$20, includes tax and tip.
COFFEE WITH A COP
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Friday, June 5
Location: Sky Zone Indoor Trampoline Park, 42550 Executive Drive, Canton
Details: The Canton Police Department offers sessions open to the public to provide a unique opportunity for community members to ask questions and learn more about the department's work in Canton's neighborhoods and business districts. Kids on June 5 will be permitted to jump during event for \$5 with staff supervision provided.
Contact: 734-394-5401
SHRED DAY
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 13
Location: Plymouth City Hall
Details: Plymouth has partnered with Shred Legal to offer its second annual Community Shred Day. Residents may take in up to 100 pounds of confidential documents to be securely destroyed.
Cost: Free
Contact: City Hall at 734-453-1234 or email to shred@ci.plymouth.mi.us
FLOWERS ARE FOREVER
Time/Date: Noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 20
Location: Plymouth
Details: The Woman's National Farm & Garden Association, Trailwood Garden Club, will host

the annual Flowers are Forever Garden Walk. Several gardens are featured. Complimentary refreshments are offered. Perennial sale and master gardeners are available.

Tickets: \$8 pre-sale; \$10 day of walk; children 12 and younger tickets are half off; babes in arms are free. Strollers are not permitted. Tickets available from Garden Club members, Backyard

Birds on Main Street, Saxton's Power Equipment Center on Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth and Sideways on Forest.
Contact: Kate Kerr 734-455-6867



Time to roll up your sleeves and volunteer to clean up 1-5 p.m. Sunday, May 31, at the Village Arts Factory, 50625 Cherry Hill Road, Canton.



City of Plymouth NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2015 - 2016 PROPOSED CITY BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Monday, June 1 2015, at 7:00 P.M. in Kellogg Park, or in the Commission Chambers of City Hall at 201 South Main Street in the event of inclement weather, for the purpose of discussing and receiving public comments on the proposed 2015 - 2016 City Budget.

Proposed 2015 City Millage Rates

The property tax millage rates proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. The following statements are provided concerning the 2015 proposed millage levies for the City of Plymouth:

- The 2015 tax rate for City operating millage is proposed to be 11.3131 mills, which is .0703 mills less than the 2014 operating tax rate. The City Commission has the authority under the City Charter to set the operating millage rate within the maximum allowed rate of 11.3131 mills, as adjusted by the Headlee millage roll-back formula.
- The 2015 tax rate for debt service millage to fund debt service requirements for the 2008, 2012 and 2014 (refunded 2004 GO bonds) General Obligation and Limited Tax General Obligation refunding bond issues is proposed to be 2.9100 mills, which is .0600 mills less than the 2014 tax rate.
- The 2015 tax rate for City solid waste and recycling millage is proposed to be 1.9200 mills which is the same as the 2014 tax rate.
- The total City millage for all purposes is proposed to be 16.1431 mills for 2015, which is .1303 mills less than the 2014 total City tax rate.

Equalization Factors

Wayne County established tentative 2015 equalization factors of 1.1221 for the residential class of property, 1.0305 for the commercial class of property and 1.0288 for the industrial class of property. Since the City has adjusted assessments for all property classes for 2015 by the proposed factors, all 2015 equalization factors will be set at 1.0000.

2015 - 2016 Proposed City Budgets

The budgets for the various funds of the City of Plymouth are proposed for 2015 -16 as follows:

Revenues		Expenditures	
GENERAL FUND			
Property taxes	\$5,014,460	Administration	\$1,484,880
Licenses & Permits	5,100	Buildings & Grounds	383,610
Federal Grants	-0-	Police Department	3,690,500
State-shared Revenue	858,030	Fire Department	820,840
Sales of Service	730,530	Public Works Dept	701,370
Cemetery Revenue	146,000	Other Functions	149,250
Parking Revenue	69,400	Capital Outlay	197,800
Other Revenue	845,180	Debt Service	61,390
Transfers-In	80,500	Transfers-Out	259,560
REVENUE TOTAL	\$7,749,200	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$7,749,200

MAJOR STREET FUND	
Gas & Weight Tax	\$ 384,270
Contrib & Other	10
REVENUE TOTAL	\$ 384,280
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$ 384,280

LOCAL STREET FUND	
Gas & Weight Tax	\$ 166,030
Contrib & Other	98,270
REVENUE TOTAL	\$ 264,300
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$ 264,300

RECREATION FUND	
Contrib. From G/F	\$ 200,000
Prog. Fees & Other	985,250
REVENUE TOTAL	\$1,185,250
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$1,185,250

WASTE & RECYCLING FUND	
Property Taxes	\$ 836,840
Sales of Service	371,220
REVENUE TOTAL	\$1,208,060
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$1,208,060

OTHER CITY FUNDS		Revenues	Expenditures
Parking Fund	\$ 10	\$ 10	
DDA Operating Fund	\$ 971,500	\$ 971,500	
Building Fund	\$ 346,310	\$ 346,310	
Neighborhood Services Fund	\$ 148,840	\$ 148,840	
Brownfield Re-Development Authority Fund	\$ 401,170	\$ 401,170	
Brownfield Site Remediation Fund	\$ 50	\$ 50	
Drug Law Enforcement Fund	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	
OWI Forfeiture Fund	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000	
Omnibus Forfeiture Fund	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500	
2006 LTGO Cap Imp Bond Debt Fund	\$ 122,800	\$ 122,800	
2008 GO Debt Fund	\$ 543,560	\$ 543,560	
2010 LTGO Debt Fund (DDA)	\$ 232,220	\$ 232,220	
2012 GO Bond & 2002 Refunding Bond Debt Fund	\$ 370,450	\$ 370,450	
2012 W/S Refunding Bond Debt Fund	\$ 257,300	\$ 257,300	
2014 GO/2004 Refunding Bond Debt Fund	\$ 409,600	\$ 409,600	
2015 LTGO Cap Imp Bond Debt Fund	\$ 370,850	\$ 370,850	
Public Improvement Fund	\$ 155,050	\$ 155,050	
Recreation Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 4,050	\$ 4,050	
DDA Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 35,050	\$ 35,050	
2012 GO Bond Construction Fund	\$ 1,927,914	\$ 1,927,914	
2015 LTGO Cap Imp Bond Construction Fund	\$ 1,114,630	\$ 1,114,630	
Water / Sewer Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 150,800	\$ 150,800	
Water / Sewer Operating & Maintenance Fund	\$ 4,539,610	\$ 4,539,610	
Equipment Fund	\$ 820,010	\$ 820,010	
Cemetery Trust Fund	\$ 10,500	\$ 10,500	

Transfers between Appropriations
 As provided in State law, the general appropriations resolution is proposed to allow the City Manager to transfer up to ten percent (10 %) of each appropriation to any other appropriation within each fund, but not from Reserve Accounts nor between funds.

Copies of Proposed Budget Available
 A complete copy of the 2015 - 2016 City Budget is available for public inspection at the City Clerk's office during regular business hours, and also at the Plymouth District Library during its regular hours of operation.

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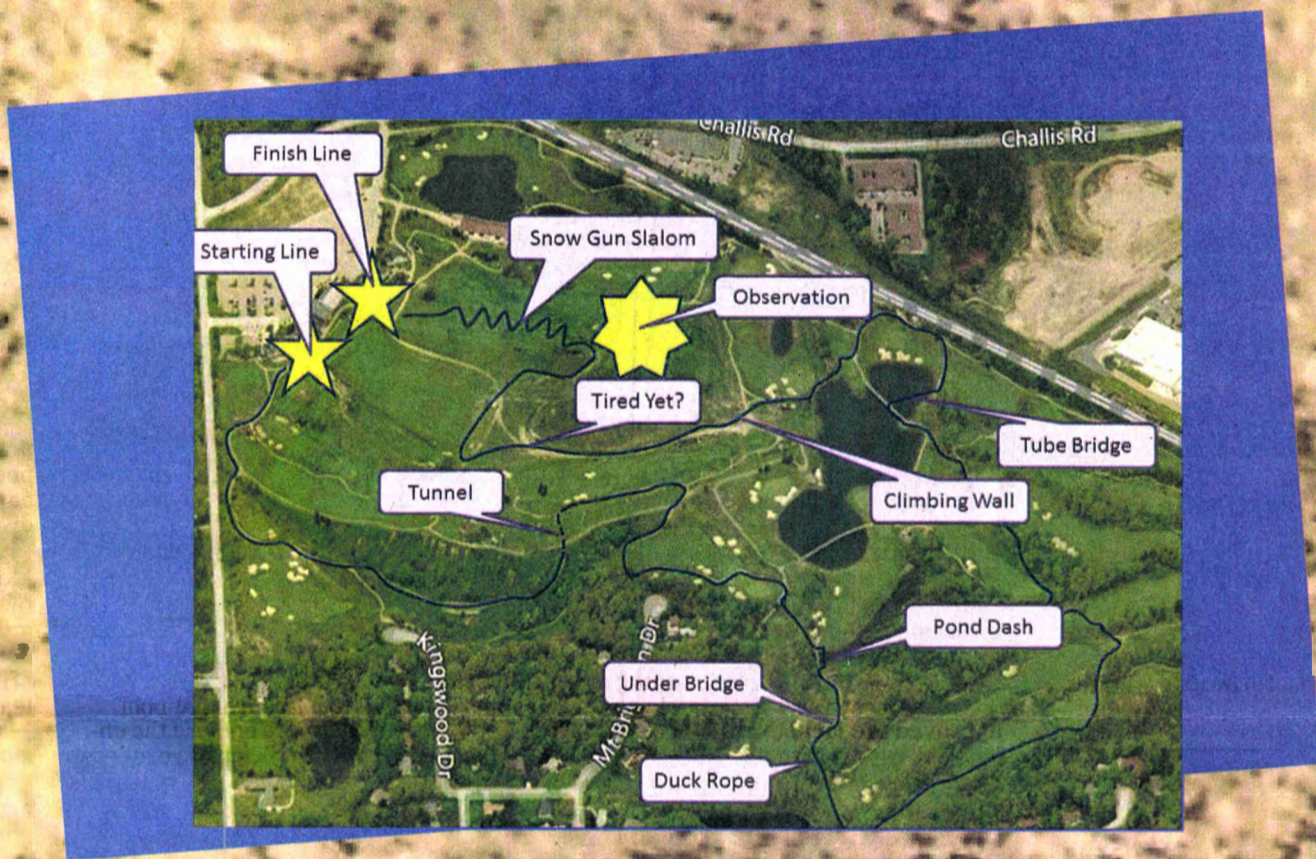


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CANTON CUP PREVIEW

Buzz building for 33rd annual Canton Cup tourney

Canton to be transformed into soccer mecca

By **Tim Smith**
Staff Writer

Memorial Day weekend doesn't just mean backyard cookouts or trips to the lake, especially not in Canton.

It also means another Canton Cup soccer tournament is about to take over the community.

This year is no different, with hundreds of youth teams from Michigan, surrounding states and Ontario headed to Independence Park and several other locations in the township — all featuring soccer fields niftily prepared by Canton Leisure Services workers.

Action at the Canton Soccer Club's 33rd annual tournament starts promptly at 5 p.m. Friday, May 22, and continues through Sunday, May 24, when finals are played and medals dispensed.

"The tournament itself, this year we stayed steady," said Darryl Noel, in his fifth year as Canton Cup tournament director. "We're at 650 teams again this



Noel

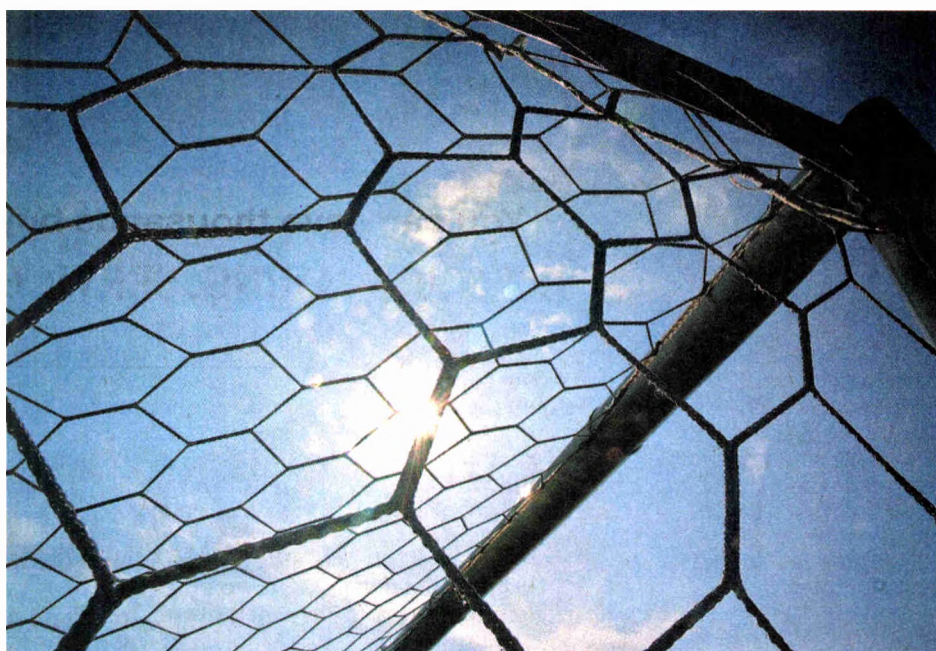
year, which is a good number for us.

"People are coming in from Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Ontario and Michigan. So again we'll draw between 30,000 and 40,000 people."

Repeat business

Noel, a Canton resident and the ultimate soccer dad (he and wife Patty have three kids either playing or working the tourney), estimated that there will be just fewer than 10,000 young boys and girls populating the many fields during the weekend.

Among those players will be 14-year-old Julia Noel and 12-year-old Tyler Noel; older daughter Nicole Ineich, 21, will keep busy helping people at the registration tent.



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Soccer players of all ages will be all over Canton during the Memorial Day weekend. There are about 650 boys and girls teams gearing up for the three-day Canton Cup.

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KLAA SOUTH BASEBALL SHOWDOWN

SWEET SWEEP

'Cats overcome adversity to put clamps on division title

By **Tim Smith**
Staff Writer

In both ends of Wednesday's doubleheader, Plymouth's varsity baseball team dealt with adversity and a competitive bunch from Livonia Franklin.

Needing a sweep against the second place Patriots to outright clinch the KLAA South Division championship, the Wildcats overcame any and all obstacles that were thrown at them — and in one case thrown over the third baseman's head on a wild pickoff play — to win 7-1 and 8-6.

A gutsy performance by senior starting pitcher Kevin Anthony helped Plymouth win the opener and the Wildcats held on after a furious Franklin comeback to prevail in Game 2.

"I'm proud of our seniors and a few juniors who have won back-to-back division titles," noted Plymouth second-year head coach Jason Crain, whose team improved to 20-8-1 overall and 11-3-1 in the KLAA South. "They have set a precedent that future classes will be measured by."

"We preach that they need to compete on every pitch, and our team veterans have led that charge, and it showed today in the face of adversity."

Crain praised Anthony's strong game for helping set the tone.

"Great senior pitcher, great leadership, composed player, that's why he's starting a game like this," said Crain between games. "He's our number one, and he's great."

White knuckles

The Wildcats nearly let the clincher slip through their mitts, however.

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ED WRIGHT

Plymouth senior Kevin Anthony delivers a pitch during the Wildcats' 7-1 victory over Livonia Franklin in the first game of Wednesday's KLAA South Division doubleheader.

D1 TRACK REGIONAL

Wildcats experience highs and lows

Plymouth girls lose regional after relay DQ'd

By **Tim Smith**
Staff Writer

A little inadvertent nudge around the outside edge of the track at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Friday night changed everything as far as Plymouth's varsity girls track and field team was concerned.

Moments after Wildcats head coach Ricky Styes and his jubilant athletes were celebrating what appeared to be a regional championship, they were heartsick after finding out officials disqualified their 1,600-meter relay team.

With the ruling, Livonia Churchill captured the Division 1 team trophy with 119 points, seven ahead of Plymouth. In third with 111 points was Salem.

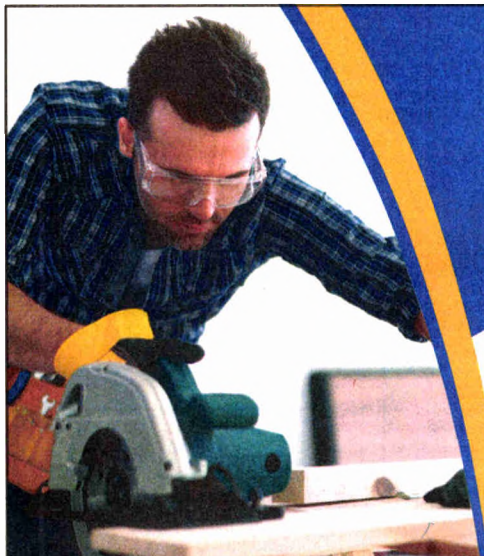
Plenty of Plymouth athletes still qualified for the May 30 individual state finals; making the cut were the

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Ryen Draper of Plymouth finishes first in the 200 dash Friday.



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BOYS GOLF



PLYMOUTH GOLF

The Plymouth varsity boys golf team captured Monday's Dearborn Elite Golf Tournament. From left are senior co-captains Andrew Lloyd and Conner Zydeck; sophomores Justin Kapke and Jack Boczar; junior Kyle Kozler.

'Cats clinch, then capture tourney

Plymouth's 307 tops field at Dearborn CC

By **Tim Smith**
Staff Writer

Just three days after a stellar performance from medalist Andrew Lloyd sparked Plymouth to a KLAA South Division-clinching victory over Canton, the Wildcats won a prestigious event.

On Monday at Dearborn Country Club, Plymouth's varsity boys golf squad won the Dearborn Elite Golf Tournament.

The Wildcats blew away a strong field with a team score of 307 with three Plymouth golfers finishing in the top 10.

Sophomore Justin Kapke tallied a 74, while sophomore Jack Boczar and junior Kyle Kozler each registered 76s.

Also scoring well were senior team captains Lloyd and Conner Zydeck.

» On Wednesday, Plymouth kept rolling with a 145-154 victory over Northville at par-35 Fox Hills to improve to 6-0 in the

KLAA standings.

Leading the Wildcats to victory were Boczar and sophomore Joe Fontana, each registering even par 35s.

Helping the cause with a 36 was Lloyd, while Kozler and junior James Baldwin (39 each) and Kapke (40) also had solid efforts.

Canton nipped

The visiting Chiefs dropped a 158-162 match to Northville on Thursday at par-36 Northville Hills Golf Course.

Canton senior co-captain Noah Lindlbauer shared medalist honors with the Mustangs' Abhi Alluri and Jacob Pierce.

Also scoring well for the Chiefs were Donnie Trosper (40) and Suhas Potluri (41).

Other Canton finishers were Chris Doolley (43), Hunter Schlampp (45) and Philip Conrad (46).

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top two finishers in each event, along with any athletes meeting the qualifying standards.

"We had a lot of girls do special things today," Styes said. "I think they got something taken away from them today that they earned outright. But unfortunately, that's part of sports sometimes."

"They said they were running side-by-side and they came around the corner a little wide. That one girl impeded another girl. I think that's tough."

The turn of events did not take away from some of the sterling showings by Plymouth runners such as Ryen Draper and Jewel Davis — who ran the final two legs of the 1,600 relay.

"Both of them broke a school record today," Styes said. "Ryen broke the school record in the 200 (first, 25.45), Jewel broke the school record in the 400 (first, 57.52)."

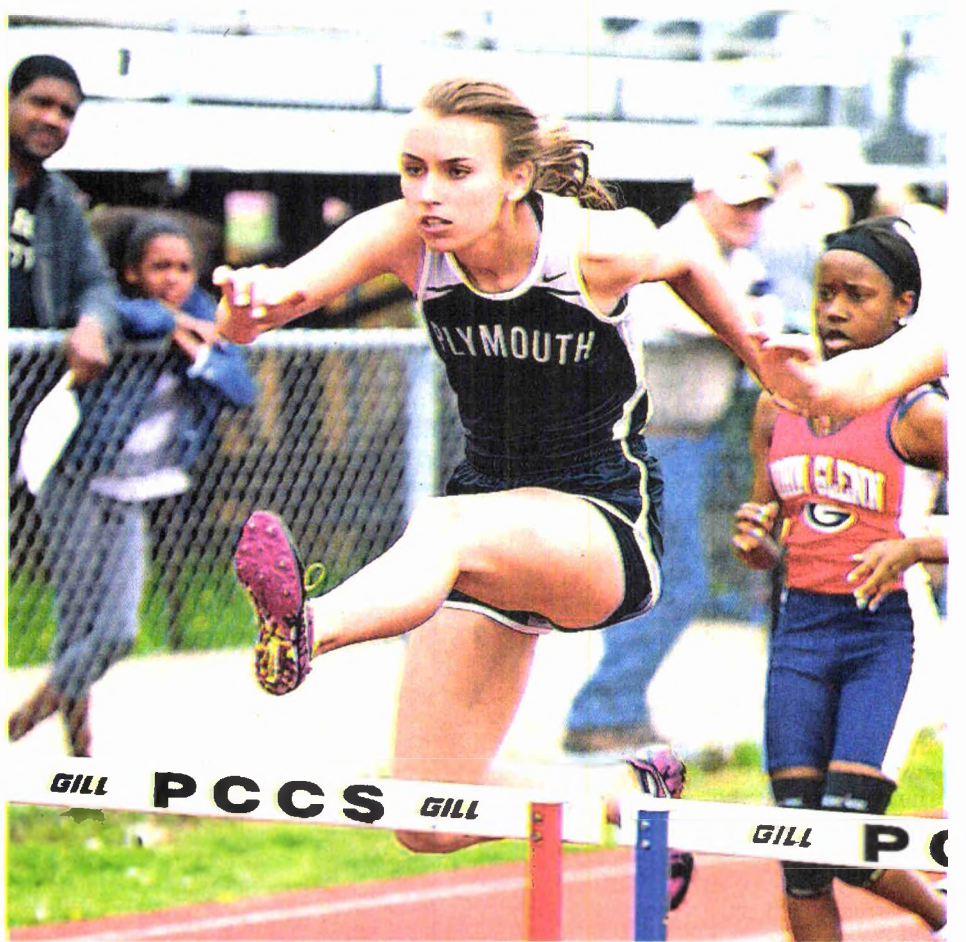
Other Plymouth qualifiers included pole vaulter Kayla Janevski (10-10) and high jumper Katherine Harris (5-3).

Draper also won the 100 dash with 12.52, while the 800 relay team of Anna Lukens, Faith Washington, Jewel Davis and Ryen Draper finished first in 1:44.96.

Salem's Lauren Arquette qualified in the 1,600 and 3,200 runs. The Rocks also qualified in the 400 relay and, because of the Plymouth DQ, won the 1,600 relay.

For two-sport runner Arquette, it was a thrill to qualify for the finals in track because she "missed all-state in cross country by just a couple places. So I was really determined to just make this track season the best that I could."

Canton senior thrower Emily Meier also is going to Rockford, winning in the shot put with a Park record of 43-8 while taking second in the discus.



THOMAS BEAUDOIN

Plymouth's Aleah Rogalski competes in the 100 hurdles Friday.

Rockets surge

The boys regional also had a thrilling finish, as Westland John Glenn rallied in the late stages to overtake Livonia Churchill, 104-103.

With two events to go, the Chargers were up, 95-81.

"I wasn't too much focused on that (team score)," Rockets head coach Jason Dixon said. "I stayed focused on my team, focused on what we came here to do and that's put up great performances."

"I always told them if they compete with the other teams, then the fast times and trophies and medals and awards will come right with it."

Dixon said one of the key reasons for the late turnaround was the showing of alternate David Graham in the final event.

"I had one of my best guys (Kenyatta Mason)

sit out of it because of an injury," Dixon said. "So I put in an alternate (Graham), so for them to still pull out a performance like that was amazing."

Even though the Rockets edged Churchill, it was still a good day for the Chargers, head coach Rick Austin said.

"We had Shakur Lockett, an exceptional athlete, he won the long jump today," Austin said. "Not his best jump of the season (20-10½), he broke our school record (earlier this year) at 21 feet, 10 inches. But he jumped well enough for first."

"And our (3,200 relay) team finished first today; those kids have been performing well all season long."

Also qualifying for the Chargers was Jamal Allen in the 800 run and the 800 relay.

Finishing in third through fifth were the Park teams, with Salem third (81), Canton fourth

(75) and Plymouth fifth (64.5).

"I'm happy with today," Salem head coach Steve Aspinall said. "We qualified our shot putter, Jannik Schmitt (second).

"And in the (1,600), Chaz Jeffress was third, but met the additional qualifier and ran a new lifetime best."

Aspinall also cited the 4001 relay team of Andrew Davis, Freddie McGee, Jacob Miller and anchor VerShawn Patrick, regional champs with a time of 43:06 — just short of Salem's record (43.02).

Patrick crossed the finish line with a flourish to cap off the victory.

"I was pretty sure we had it," Patrick said. "It was a little scary, but I didn't see him in my peripheral (vision). It feels awesome to win."

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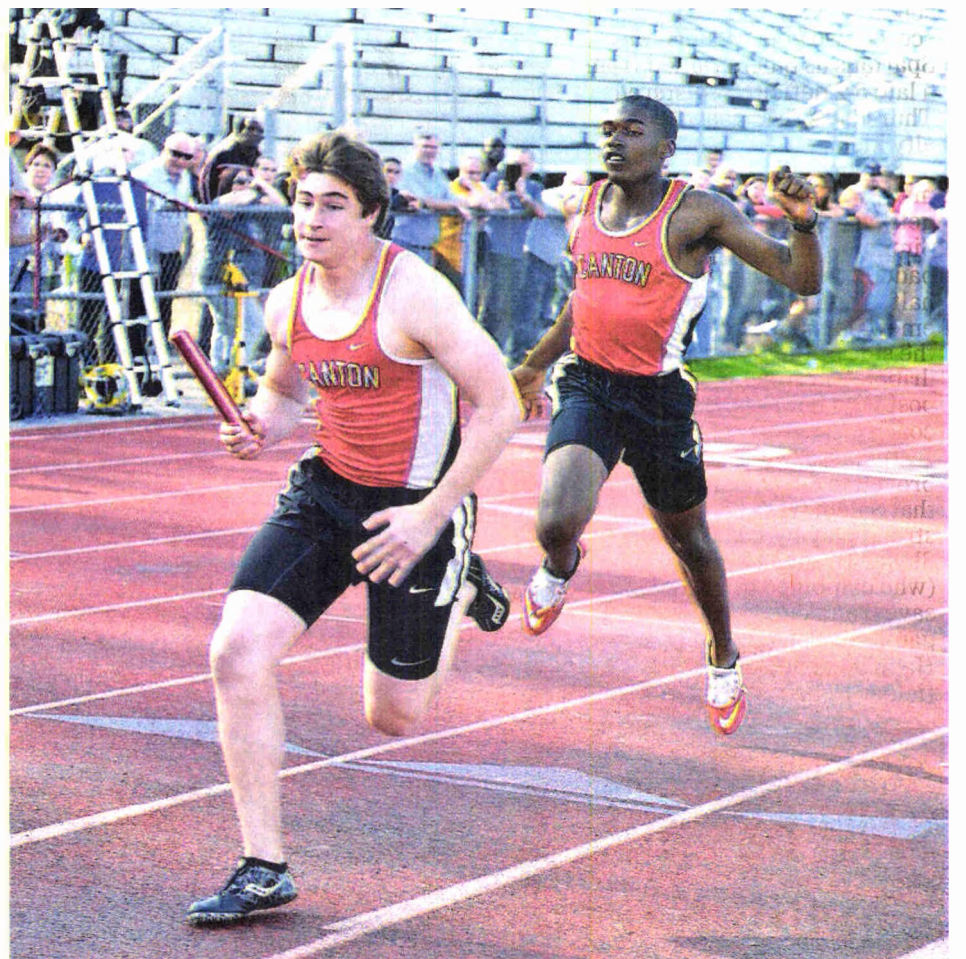
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Canton's Jake Mallad (front) takes the handoff from Dirk Thornhill in the 800-meter relay.

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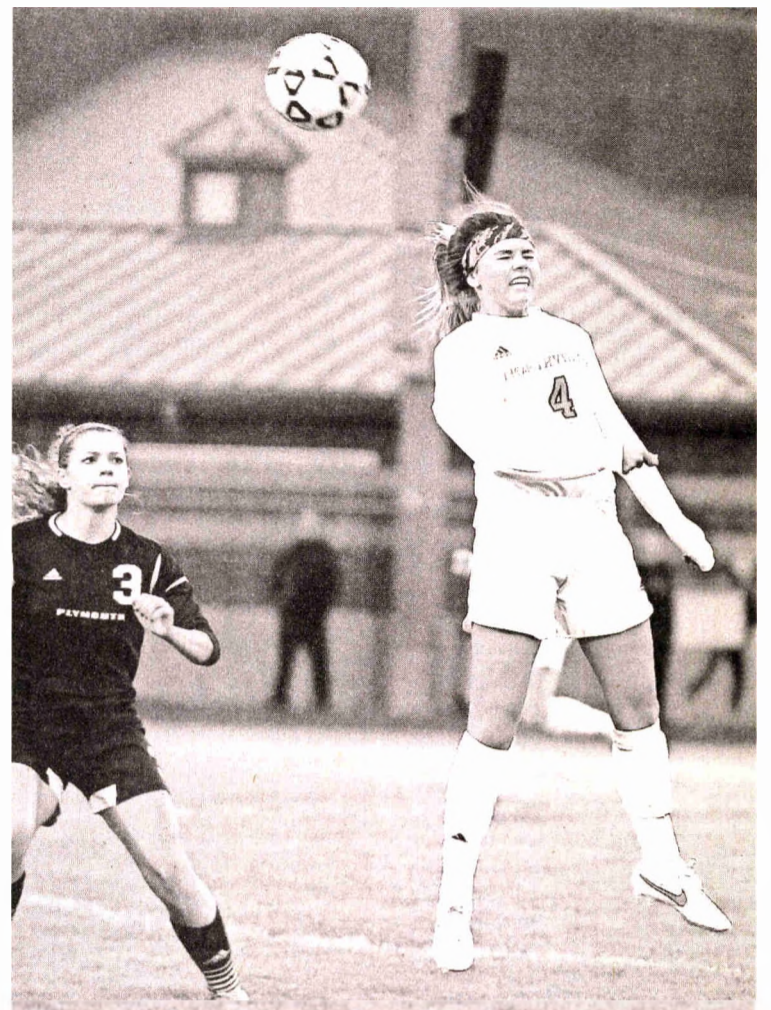
Header by Park sends Northville to KLAAs final

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

You could say Sarah Park takes a cerebral approach to the game of soccer. And the junior midfielder from Northville literally used her head as she tallied the game-winning goal with only 17:20 remaining to give the host Mustangs a 1-0 victory over Plymouth to repeat as KLAAs Kensington Conference girls champions. Northville coach Eric Brucker made a last-second switch and sent Park toward the box area just before Morgan Gozdor's corner kick was launched. "I think that was our third or fourth corner kick, one went out of bounds, one came too short," Brucker recalled. "She (Gozdor) played by far the best corner into the night and Sarah is one of the two people that clearly know how to play the ball out of the air with her head. She was in the right place, right time, got in that back side and their goalie (Julia LaFlair) never had a chance." Park, who wears a knee brace, suffered a torn ACL in

March of 2014. And although she has scored on headers in club soccer before, this was her first for the Mustangs. And it proved to be a big one. "It was a good ball by Morgan (Gozdor), it was really perfect," Park said. "He (Brucker) usually sends me out for headers because I like to use my head more than other people." With the victory, Northville improved to 12-3-4 overall. "It was great to defend our conference title," Brucker said. "Plymouth is an outstanding team. In the last 11 games they're 9-1-1, so hats off to them and getting to be a part of this, so now we'll see what we have next." The Mustangs will face Brighton, which captured the Lakes Conference title Thursday night with a 1-0 win over Walled Lake Northern. (The Association championship is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 20 at Northville's Holzer Field.) Plymouth, which won the KLAAs South Division title, slipped to 9-6-1 overall. The Wildcats were also shut out by Northville in a March 30 matchup, 2-0. And although they were blanked again, the Wildcats' two best scoring chances came in the final 26 minutes as Kelsey Melnick's long free kick

grazed the crossbar, while Kathryn Gordon's point-blank shot from the left wing sailed just wide. And Northville senior goalie Emily Maresh stood tall throughout the 80 minutes of play by making five saves on the night. "We created opportunities, but we didn't capitalize on them," Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich said. "The first half I thought we created quite a few more than in the second half, but it was a pretty even game. We just didn't make the breaks happen for us." Park's game-winning header could only be categorized as a defensive breakdown by the Wildcats. "We didn't mark her well," Neschich said. "That was our one mistake back in the defensive end because we were really limiting their scoring opportunities." Plymouth, meanwhile, will play 7 p.m. Monday at home against Walled Lake Northern in a battle of divisional champions in the consolation round. "We've had a good season up to this point," Neschich said. "We struggled at times getting the ball into the net. We've been playing pretty good and I think we're playing well going into districts."



Northville's Maddy Westenberg (right) goes airborne for the header in front of Plymouth's Olivia Janke in Thursday's Kensington Conference final. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

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PREP GIRLS SOCCER

Salem kickers gaining steam

Rocks notch 3-0 win over John Glenn

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

On the heels of Tuesday's dramatic 5-5 tie against Livonia Stevenson, Salem's varsity girls soccer team registered a 3-0 win Thursday over visiting Westland John Glenn in a Kensington Conference crossover. One of Tuesday's heroes, senior Hayley Rogers (who scored two goals against the Spartans as Salem rallied from a late 5-2 deficit), registered Thursday's first goal on a penalty kick. Senior Katie Latack then made it 2-0 before halftime, getting on the end of a Caroline Simko corner kick. The Rocks padded their lead in the second half, when Marissa Martin emerged from a scrum along the side of the 18-yard box, dribbled in front and went near post with her shot, Salem head coach George Tomasso said. Tomasso, whose team improved to 5-6-4 overall, added that Salem was sparked by strong play by goalkeepers Skylar Brant and Jillian Yuhas (who combined to make nine saves) and cited excellent games by senior defender Hannah Giaier and senior midfielder Rebecca Jacobs.



Salem senior Hayley Rogers (No. 24) has had a clutch week for the Rocks, scoring twice in a 5-5 tie against Livonia Stevenson and following that up with a goal against Westland John Glenn. MICHAEL VASILNEK

"They had outstanding performances, they really uplifted the team," Tomasso said. Next up for the Rocks is Monday's KLAAs crossover against No. 7 Howell, with Division 1 districts at John Glenn to begin Tuesday, May 26. tsmith@hometownlife.com Twitter: @TimSmith

GIRLS LACROSSE

Offense leads Rocks, 'Cats

Salem comes from behind to top Waterford United and win 4th straight

Salem's varsity girls lacrosse team won its fourth straight game with Wednesday's 11-7 victory over Waterford United.

The Rocks (8-8 overall) fell behind 5-3 in the first half but roared back to take a 6-5 lead into halftime following markers by Colleen Shortal, Leah Tardiff and Andi Marthaler. Goals early in the second half by Kayla Goleniak and Natalie Branum helped Salem go up 8-5 and the Captains could never regain control after that.

Tardiff had an outstanding game, with five goals and an assist. Jocelyn Longe tallied two goals. PLYMOUTH 16, FARMINGTON 10: This victory Wednesday gave Plymouth its program-record 11th win of the season. The balanced attack was led by Natalie Nowicki with five goals and an assist while Marissa Cirino and Cathryn VandenBosch chipped in with four and three goals, respectively. Also scoring for the Wildcats were Michelle Burke (two goals), Gretchen Schoen and Cierra Steiner (one goal each).

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"It still continues to be the high-quality teams," said Noel, during an interview last weekend inside Compuware Arena. "We have a lot of repeat business coming in. About 60 to 70 percent of our teams are returning, which is good to see." "It tells us we're doing the right things again." Boys teams will compete in U8-U19 divisions, while girls will participate in U8-U14 divisions; older girls are ineligible to take part due to the concurrent high school season, Noel added. "We'll have the Ohio Strikers, the Power Academy from Toronto," Noel said. "The Chill will bring over 30 teams from Lansing. We'll have the Plymouth Reign, Novi Jaguars, (Livonia) AC Milan. We're drawing from pretty much all the local clubs." Of course, a large contingent from Canton Soccer Club's own Canton Celtic program will participate, he added.

CANTON CUP AT A GLANCE

- What:** The 33rd annual Canton Cup. The event, hosted by the Canton Soccer Club, is considered the largest youth soccer tournament in the Midwest.
- Who:** About 650 teams from Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Indiana and Ontario will take part. Boys (U8-U19) and girls (U8-U14) will compete in elite, premier, select and recreational divisions.
- When:** Beginning 5 p.m. Friday, May 22, through Sunday, May 24.
- Where:** Five locations within Canton, including Independence Park (tournament headquarters), 1898 Denton Road. Other venues include Heritage Park (1010 S. Canton Center Road), Plymouth-Canton Educational Park (8415 N. Canton Center Road), Griffin Park (500 N. Sheldon Road) and Flodin Park (43399 Saltz Road).
- App for that:** For the first time, there is a free, smartphone app available at Androids, iPhone and Windows. All information that can be found on the Canton Cup website can be found on the app.
- Charities:** There will be two Canton Cup charities in place. Tournament director Darryl Noel said the families of Seamus Rustin and John Bieniewicz each will receive \$1,000. Rustin was a Wasa FC coach who suffered a fatal heart attack following a practice earlier this year; Bieniewicz is the adult soccer referee who died after being punched in the head in 2014.
- Bucks:** At noon on Saturday, May 23, the Michigan Bucks will square off against K-W United in a semipro soccer match on Field 3 at Independence Park. Admission is free.
- Website:** Go to www.cantonicup.net.



Here is the logo for the 33rd annual Canton Cup soccer tournament.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

MU baseball season ends in 8-6 NAIA tourney loss

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

It was two-and-done for the Madonna University in the NAIA National Baseball Championship opening round held in Bellevue, Neb. The Crusaders, who dropped their tourney opener Tuesday to Mayville State (N.D.), 6-2, couldn't stand prosperity on Wednesday as they failed to hold a 6-2 advantage through the top of the seventh as William Woods (Mo.) rallied for five runs in the bottom of the seventh and one in the eighth for an 8-6 triumph. Konrad Kemper, who went 3-for-3, crushed a 3-run homer over the left field fence off Madonna reliever Dylan Cooper to key the 5-run uprising and give the Owls (39-13) the lead for keeps, 7-6. Nick Spagnola, who went 3-for-5, added a solo homer over the center field fence in the eighth off MU reliever Patrick Wierimaa to provide William Woods a two-run cushion. William Woods' Dylan Hastings, who worked the final four innings in relief allowing

one run on two hits and a walk, earned the victory. Hastings, who struck out four, got out of a ninth inning jam as the Crusaders left runners stranded at first and third base. Madonna, which ends its season at 37-17 overall, out-hit the Owls 12-11 as Levi Lar-mour led the way going 3-for-5 with an RBI. Taylor Grzelakowski also went 2-for-5 with an RBI, while Logan Brennan contributed two hits. Shane Dokey and Ryan Lambrecht each knocked in a run. MU starter Evan Piechota (Livonia Stevenson) went the first six innings and did get the decision. The right-hander allowed four runs (three earned) on eight hits and three walks while striking out three. Cooper, who took the loss, was charged with three earned runs on two hits in two-thirds of an inning. Madonna was making its fourth appearance in the NAIA tourney since 2009 and for the second time in the last three years under coach Greg Haeger, who completed his 19th season. bemons@hometownlife.com

Canton Cup games might actually begin Friday evening, but the tournament doesn't really "officially" get going until Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy (the original tourney director) gives a short speech at noon Saturday, followed by a military flyover and the Michigan Bucks semi-professional soccer team's game against K-W United from Ontario's Kitchener-Waterloo region.

Bucks are back

The Memorial Day festivities and Bucks game will take place on Field 3. "We generally get between 2,000 and 3,000 people," for the game, Noel said. Young players typically take time out between their own games to stop over and watch the high-quality, high-tempo action. Admission is free, compliments of the Canton Cup organizing committee. Independence Park (located south of Cherry Hill and west of Denton roads) continues to be the tournament's main attraction — with non-stop games as well as a carnival atmosphere complete with elephant ears, corn on the cob and much more to eat and drink. But other locations will be bustling with activity, too. Those include Plymouth-

teams and players' families navigate the game schedule (each boys and girls division features white, green, blue, red, orange and gray brackets) and all other aspects of the tournament. "We've teamed up with a company out east, and they helped us develop this, using our website (www.cantonicup.net) as a base and being able to grab this information," Noel explained. "We find it a lot easier for people to get scores; people can get their (game) schedules updated right away. "They can get directions to hotels and local restaurants, get vendor maps, the rules, tiebreakers. Everything is on the app." Yet an app is not required for people to soak up the soccer excitement. As far as Noel is concerned, the sport itself keeps getting stronger and stronger with each year. "The generation of players that started out 15, 20 years ago are now having children," he said. "So they're getting their sons and daughters into soccer, and you're starting to see what baseball, football and the other traditional sports have benefited from for years. "You have that tradition of soccer that's taking hold." So is another tradition — the Canton Cup. tsmith@hometownlife.com Twitter: @TimSmith_Sports

PREP BASEBALL

Late rally helps Rocks get past Chiefs

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

John Wright returned to his old stomping grounds Thursday for the first time as Salem's varsity baseball coach.

The experience was one to cherish for Wright and his squad.

The Rocks scored four times in the top of the seventh to break a 2-2 tie and defeat Canton 6-2. Moreover, junior pitcher Eric Scott threw a complete game victory in the Kensington Conference crossover.

"It's awesome for me," Wright said. "Coming from Canton it's great to win the first time we get to play them."

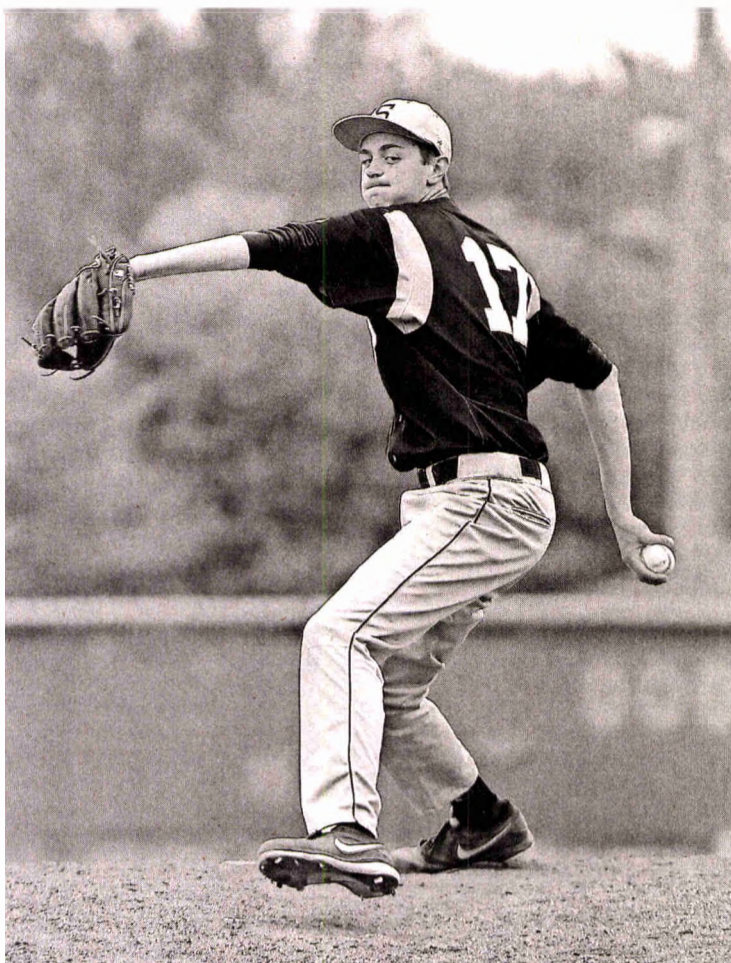
Things got a bit tense for the Rocks, however. After Salem went up 2-0 thanks to single runs in the second and sixth innings, the Chiefs scored twice in the bottom of the sixth.

"We gave up three errors in the sixth and got them back in the game," Wright said. "He (Scott) was cruising pretty good. But what a job to come back."

However, Canton head coach Mark Blomshield said Aaron Miller's gapper to right-center officially was ruled a base hit to spoil Scott's no-hit bid.

"He was running back in the gap," noted Blomshield, in a text message. "(Ball) hit tip of glove."

Victimized by the onslaught was Canton pitcher Noah Spencer, usually a starter who was brought in to open the seventh. Starting and going five innings was Nick Sprosek, with Mitchell Zeleznak pitching the sixth.



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO
Salem pitcher Eric Scott delivers the baseball toward a Canton batter on Thursday. Scott no-hit the Chiefs.

"He (Spencer) hasn't pitched since last week, he needed a bullpen," explained Blomshield.

Salem (15-8) started the winning rally when Griffin Shminski led off with a single, followed by one off senior shortstop Josh Penn's two hits.

Penn's keystone partner, second baseman Erich Payne, brought home Shminski with

another hit and the Rocks made it 4-2 when senior third baseman Brandon Gillen doubled.

Capping the surge with a two-run hit to right was junior Alex Nicholson.

Scott hit the first Canton batter in the bottom half, but then retired Justin Dolney and Cody Zidzik on popups before fanning Noah Spencer to end

the game.

The lanky Salem pitcher smiled when asked about his offense-stifling performance.

"I looked up at the scoreboard in the fifth inning and I noticed I had a no-hitter so I was like, I might as well try to get it," Scott said.

He admitted not having his best stuff until the latter stages, but pointed to his middle infielders as always having his back.

"I'm really confident with my two guys up the middle, Josh Penn and Erich Payne, they always turn the double plays for us," Scott said. "I know if I get them a ground ball with a guy on first it's always a double play."

According to Blomshield, whose team dropped to 16-12, the defeat continued a season of inconsistency.

Last Saturday, the Chiefs mercied the top-ranked team in the state, Bay City Western, by an 18-4 score. Earlier this year, they topped No. 2 Saline.

Yet games like Thursday happen too often for Blomshield's liking, especially with the Division 1 pre-district game against Westland John Glenn less than two weeks away.

"We need to start hitting the baseball again," Blomshield said. "We've just been up and down all year. We'll win five games and lose four. Just inconsistent and we're still making some young mistakes."

"We just got to find out if we have that fire or not. If we have the fire we can play good, if we don't we're pretty ordinary."

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PREP SOFTBALL

Seniors spark 'Cats to 5-0 win

Plymouth keeps rolling with wins over Lions, Pats

By Tim Smith
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Plymouth's big season continued strong with a 5-0 Senior Day victory over South Lyon.

Spearheading the KLAA crossover varsity girls softball victory were seniors Rachael Ring, Caylin Waters, Mikayela Marciniak, Brittney Miller and Alex Rakovitis.

"All seniors started and contributed in difference-making ways in the game," Plymouth head coach Lauren Delapaz said.

Marciniak threw a shutout, striking out 13 batters and knocking in two runs at the plate.

Outfielder Waters made a clutch sliding catch in the fifth inning. Ring contributed a perfect sacrifice bunt and a hit, Miller went 2-for-3 with a run and RBI and Rakovitis ripped an RBI hit in the third to make it a 2-0 game.

Also having a strong game was outfielder Rachel Zerona, who went 2-for-3 and scored three times.

PLYMOUTH 11-1B, FRANKLIN 5-2: The first-place Wildcats, who are 19-0 overall and 16-2 in the KLAA South Division, spanked host Livonia Franklin in Wednesday's doubleheader.

In Game 1, freshman pitcher Jenny Bressler struck out 10 and went 3-for-5 on offense. Coming up with the key hit was Miller (2-for-3), with a grand slam to left to make it a 6-0 lead.

Ring (3-for-4, double) and Cali Jones (3-for-5) also swung productive bats.

The nightcap was an 18-hit affair for Plymouth, with Bressler clearing the fence in center for her first varsity homer. Bressler went 3-for-3, also doubling. Miller and Jones went 3-for-4 and 2-for-3, respectively. Marciniak and freshman Jessica Tucci each went 1-for-1 with four walks.

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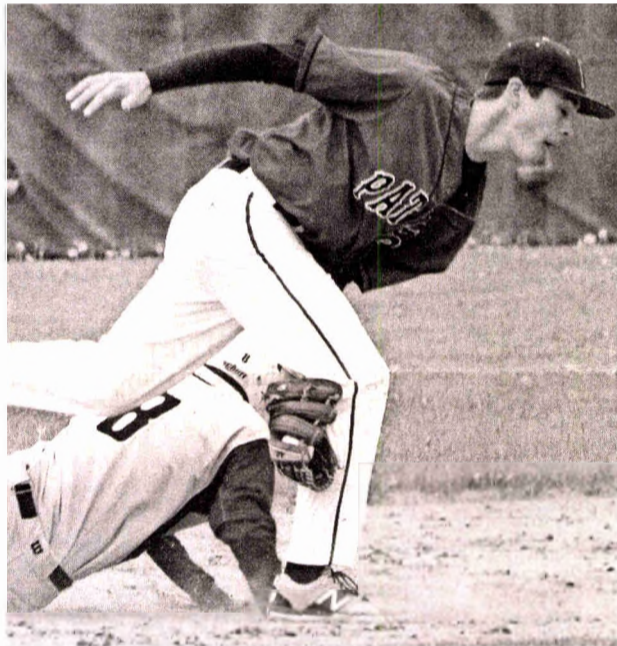
After building an 8-0 lead (with a three-run homer to left by senior Patrick Downing the key blow), Plymouth committed a string of errors in the fifth behind starting pitcher Cameron Stella and reliever John Kochan that somehow closed the gap to 8-6.

With the bases loaded and Franklin (17-12, 9-7) one swing away from taking the lead, Crain brought in junior Owen Spryszak and he came through when he got Joe Chinavare to strike out swinging.

Spryszak subsequently pitched two scoreless innings to wrap up the victory and the division and help teammate Stella (who blanked Franklin in the first four innings) hang a W on his personal ledger.

Several Plymouth batters had multiple hits in the nightcap, with senior first baseman Seth Hubbard hitting a pair of run-scoring doubles.

Another clutch hit was delivered by Jared Merandi (2-for-4, one RBI) while Downing (2-for-4,



ED WRIGHT
Franklin shortstop Kolby Dewhirst tags out Plymouth's Andrew Hejka (No. 8) during Wednesday's twinbill opener.

two runs, three RBIs) and Andrew Hejka (2-for-4, two runs, RBI) also came through in key opportunities for the Wildcats.

Plymouth got off and running in the first with a 3-spot against Franklin pitcher Mitchell Gonyaw. The leadoff batter, Hejka, struck out. But the catcher dropped the ball and Hejka beat the throw to first.

After one out, Downing singled and Hubbard ripped a double to center to plate two runs. Merandi followed with an RBI knock to left.

For a while, it looked like Plymouth would romp, scoring four more times in the fourth to go up 8-0.

A double by junior Evan Claggett got it started and he scored on

Hejka's second hit of the game.

After junior Pete Carravallah reached on a perfect bunt to put two runners on base, Downing launched a home run over the left-field fence, between the 315-foot marker and scoreboard.

But with the Patriots sending 12 batters to the plate in the fourth, the homer wound up providing the slim margin of victory for Plymouth.

Turning point

As for the opener, it might have hinged on an umpire's ruling. Anthony enjoyed a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the fourth before loading the bases.

He promptly unloaded them, or so it seemed, when he airmailed a pick-off attempt over the head of third baseman Kyle Wolter.

But umpires immediately sent two of the Patriots back to their bases because the ball rolled under the fence along the third-base side of the field.

That enabled Plymouth to still lead by a run and Anthony then buckled down to retire Kyle Wollam on an infield grounder.

"I saw the kid taking a really big lead earlier in the inning, so I thought I'd try a pick move," Anthony said. "And I guess I short-armed it and threw it away. I just happened to get lucky that it went out of bounds or it was three runs that scored."

Anthony, who struck out five in six innings, giving up just one unearned run and four hits, credited his longtime battery mate — senior catcher Andrew Jossey — for helping him navigate through the trouble spot.

"I locked down and

dug deep to battle out and get these guys out. They're a good team," Anthony said. "Me and Joss have been playing together since we were 9 years old, so it's nice to have somebody I've been playing with for forever."

"He knows what kind of game I pitch and what kind of pitches I like to throw in those types of spots. He helps me out, having a senior leader back there to really control the game."

The friends began playing together in the Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association and continued teaming up with the Canton Cardinals travel team.

"He's been catching since he was 9, and I've been pitching with him since almost every year we've been on the same team," said Anthony, noting that he helped keep the Patriots off balance Wednesday with an arsenal featuring fastballs, curves and changeups.

Great feeling

Anthony smiled about giving his team a chance to nail down the division, which it did later in the evening.

"There's nothing like pitching a big game like that," he said. "Helping my team get the win, it's the greatest feeling."

Among Plymouth batters contributing to the Game 1 attack were Claggett (2-for-4, two runs), Carravallah (1-for-2, run, RBI), Downing (1-for-4, run, RBI) and Hubbard (1-for-3, RBI).

Taking the loss for Franklin was pitcher Adrian Reed, who matched zeroes with Anthony through three innings.

In the fourth, Downing singled to center and

Stella (who played shortstop in the opener) walked. With one out, Wolter lined a sacrifice fly to right to score Downing; the second run came in on an errant throw.

Another Game 1 unsung hero for Plymouth was senior leftfielder Cory Burnette.

With a Franklin runner on second and two outs in the third, Reed sent a soft liner to left that Burnette raced in to snag with a dive — keeping the game 0-0.

Later in the game, Burnette helped keep the Patriots at bay with a pair of running catches.

"Cory is a phenomenal player out there; he made some great plays," Crain said. "He dove forward and made a couple running back towards the fence. Actually battled at the plate a couple times too, found his way on base."

Crain said he was proud of the way his team dug deep to close out the opener after Franklin's wiped-out runs in the fourth. Plymouth players, perhaps relieved to still be up 2-1 instead of down a run, scored three times in the fifth to break it open.

"This is the type of day you live for, to play baseball and get in a game like this," Crain stressed. "Play against a good team and compete. You have to play and you have to win these types of games if you want to be a great team, and that's what we aspire to be."

The next step to greatness for the Wildcats is the Kensington Conference title game Monday at KLAA Central championship Northville.

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**INVITATION TO BID
FIRE ALARM SYSTEM REPLACEMENT
At NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

The Board of Education of Northville Public Schools is accepting Prime Contractor firm bids for all labor, materials, equipment and all other services to complete the electrical fire alarm system replacement work at the above referenced schools; located in the Northville Public Schools.

Plans and specifications as prepared by Peter Basso Associates, Inc. may be downloaded via PlanWell and are available for review at the office of the George W. Auch Company, 735 S. Paddock Street, Pontiac, MI 48341 248.334.2000, on or after **May 15, 2015**. Bid Package consists of Instruction to Bidders, Proposal Forms, General and Supplementary Conditions, drawings and pertinent trade specifications. Contact Scott Oswald or Shawn Debo for download instructions.

Your proposal will be accepted **NO LATER THAN 2:00PM, JUNE 1, 2015 TO: NORTHVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION-ROOM 307, 501 WEST MAIN STREET, NORTHVILLE, MI 48167**. Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:00 P.M., June 1, 2015 at the Northville Board of Education-Room 104, 501 West Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

A pre-bid walk through is scheduled for Wednesday May 20, 2015 @ 10:00 am beginning at Northville High School main entrance lobby, 45700 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI. 48168. This meeting is not mandatory but highly recommended.

All contracts to be entered into by the Northville Public Schools must and will comply with the equal opportunity laws of the State of Michigan.

All bids must be submitted on the forms provided in the bid packet.

All bidders must provide familial disclosure in compliance with MCL 380.1267 and attach this information to the bid proposal. The bid proposal will be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Northville Public Schools, Board of Education or the Northville Public Schools, Superintendent. The District will not accept a bid proposal that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

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James Mazurek, Secretary
Northville Public Schools, Board of Education

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
THURSDAY JUNE 4, 2015
6:00 P.M.**

PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, June 4, 2015 commencing at 6:00 p.m., to consider:

- Application 1526, 9334 Marilyn, R-1: is requesting one variance to allow a six (6) foot vinyl fence on the south & east lot lines of Parcel A and a portion of the south & north lot line of lot 18 of the rear yard, whereas a four (4) foot fence height is the maximum allowed. *The variance requested is two (2) feet of fence height.*
- Application 1527, 9318 Marilyn, R-1: is requesting one variance to allow a six (6) foot vinyl fence on the south, west & east lot lines of the rear yard whereas a four (4) foot fence height is the maximum allowed. *The variance requested is two (2) feet of fence height.*

The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

For further information contact Plymouth Township Building Department 734 354-3210.

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NEW ORGANIZATION FOSTERS COLLABORATION IN THE ARTS

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

PAPA Weeze is bringing creative individuals together for mentoring, collaborative events, career opportunities and new projects.

Think of it as a matchmaker for the arts.

"The part of art that always intrigued me is that it can't happen without so many forms of art working in collaboration, with everyone coming together to make one solid piece," said Barbie Weisserman, founder of PAPA Weeze, a new organization dedicated to helping artists produce their works for "public consumption, enjoyment, education and personal expansion." That includes artists involved in theater, film, fashion, writing, composing, musicians, directors, dancers, choreographers, photographers, sculptors, painters, performance artists and more.

Weisserman of Farmington Hills is a longtime theater professional, with numerous credits in acting, costume design, and producing. She co-founded Two Muses Theatre in West Bloomfield, teaches makeup, costume design and an acting class at Oakland Community College and makes costumes for Mosaic Youth Theatre.

Weisserman, who is married and a mom, quit Two Muses last fall after four seasons with the nonprofit theater.

"Running a theater, doing set dressing and costumes and everything else, got overwhelming, time-consuming. It stopped being fun," Weisserman said. She had toyed with the idea of leaving for a year, thinking the situation might improve. "Then I got an opportunity to fund a movie. That's when I decided this is the direction I needed to go in. I started thinking about what I'd do if I wanted to seriously fund a short film."

Making connections

The idea for PAPA Weeze took shape. The organization, named after Weisserman's late father-in-law, Harold Weisserman, sponsors a few smaller collaborative projects annually, to help fund one larger project every 12-18 months. This year the major project is the short film that Weisserman promised to help fund. The film, *Getting Ed Laid*, is written and will be directed by Deborah Pearl, who wrote and



Barbie Weisserman of Farmington Hills created PAPA Weeze, a new arts organization.



Autumn Hauer, a Michigan State University student, created this award-winning fashion design. Hauer is director of the Stand-Up Fashion event for PAPA Weeze, a new Farmington Hills-based arts organization that brings creative individuals together for projects and events.

BENEFIT FOR THE ARTS ESTATE SALE

When: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 20-25

Where: 28960 Willow Creek, Farmington Hills

What: Vintage clothing, jewelry, hats, accessories, antiques, items of curiosity, theatrical makeup and costumes, furniture, designer clothing, retro, ugly, "what is this" will be for sale. Proceeds from the sale of items will benefit PAPA Weeze and support and fund all forms of art. PAPA Weeze will take donated items for the sale through 5 p.m. May 24.

Contact: papaweeze.org

produced the television sitcom, *Designing Women*, and will star veteran actor Ed Asner. Weisserman and Pearl met when Two Muses produced Pearl's musical last year.

"Deborah needed a place to stay," said Weisserman, who welcomed the playwright into her home. "She was at our house six weeks. We are like soul mates. We have so much in common. She respected me as a producer and I respected her as a playwright."

"One opportunity led to another. We were just having a conversation and she said I'd

like to make a short film while he (Asner) is still around."

Weisserman is executive producer on the project and will take local wardrobe, makeup and continuity professionals with her to California for the shoot in August. A Kickstarter funding campaign has surpassed its \$18,000 goal by more than \$2,000 and as of May 15 had nine days remaining for donations.

Fashion and funny

A series of smaller PAPA Weeze events will give local artists a chance to collaborate

and also will help fund the film. The first, an evening of short plays, was held in March at the Ringwald Theatre in Ferndale. The next event, 6 p.m. June 13, 31440 Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills, will combine fashion and stand-up comedy. Stand-Up Fashion Show will give aspiring and established Michigan designers a chance to show their work. Allie Shapiro of Farmington Hills will supply the comedic commentary. Fine artists also will sell their work in the lobby. The deadline to submit an application for the fashion portion of the event is May 25. Applications for both artist and fashion designers are online at papaweeze.org. Tickets for the fashion show and comedy are \$20, also available online.

In addition to sponsoring

the events, PAPA Weeze through its Jumpstart program helps connect new and aspiring artists with successful professionals. Newcomers get the encouragement and guidance they need to get an artistic career or project up and running.

"I have a high school student who is quite good at playwriting and needs impetus and counseling. I'm having Deborah help," Weisserman said. "I have a friend who always wanted to write a book. Now it's time for her to put her money where her mouth is." She paired her with a professional and plans to help with the editing.

For more about PAPA Weeze visit papaweeze.org. Find information about the film, *Getting Ed Laid*, at Kickstarter.com.

Teen job hunt a combination of common sense, luck

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Aylin Lopez, 18, and Kyra Dickinson, 14, are off to a good start on their summer job search.

"I'm actually looking for anything to do with computers or engineering," said Lopez, who'll graduate this June from Plymouth Canton High School. She's tutored in the past and is headed to the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor this fall to study chemical engineering.

She found a May 13 job search for teens workshop at the Plymouth District Library a good place to start. "I thought it was very helpful," Lopez said. "I'm really excited I got a job lead" from Mary Kelly, the presenting librarian and a staffer at the Lyon Township Public Library.

Dickinson is a ninth-grader at Canton High School who wants to baby-sit. "It was very informational," she said of the program. She learned about filling out job applications and "not what to do and what to do."

"We happen to live in one of the most depressed areas of the country," said Kelly, a South Lyon resident who also works as a substitute librarian at the Plymouth library. In addition, she said, teens must overcome negative perceptions among employers, such as that they're lazy.

"I wouldn't let this stop you. You just have to persevere," Kelly said.

She had practical tips for the more than 20 teens at the evening session, including



Librarian Mary Kelly gave job search advice to local teens, including Plymouth Canton High School students Kyra Dickinson, 14, (center) and Aylin Lopez, 18.

organizing their personal information to make it easy to access. "If there are pictures of you being stupid on the Internet, you want to take them down," Kelly said.

You'll need a unique and professional email for your job hunt, she added, as well as a Social Security number.

Kelly and Barb Dinan, PDL teen librarian, urged the teens to create a list of contacts and references, "anybody that can vouch for your character," Kelly said. "You also want to

let these people know you're looking for work."

Family members generally shouldn't be references, they said, although one teen had worked for his grandfather in a "real" job. Teachers are good references, Kelly said, provided they think well of you.

Teens know technology

"One of the things young people can bring to the table is technology," Kelly said. Teens may know Microsoft Word or Microsoft Publisher; they may

have been baby-sitters, "managing horrible children."

She had the teens go through a printed schedule of their availability, blocking off school time. You need travel time to get to a job, Kelly said, reminding them of Plymouth's frequent trains and delays.

"My kid once had a car accident on the way to work," Kelly added.

She emphasized hard work, along with such "soft skills" as team spirit, communication, empathy and trustworthiness.

How you handle people is key on the job, Kelly said.

"They want reliable and showing up on time," Kelly said of employers. "You want to market those skills that you can handle crazy people."

She covered good manners, professional dress (it's good to dress one level up from the current staff, even when picking up applications) as well as the need for common sense. You should "conform before you deviate," in terms of your appearance when approaching an employer, Kelly said.

"Then let out your pink hair slowly," she added. With time and reading of an employer, teens learn "where can you bend the rules and where can you not."

Other basics include:

» Don't complain.
» Don't use your cell phone at work (parents can reach the business phone in an emergency).

» Don't have your friends stop by at work.

» Delay asking for "favors," such as a night off, until you're more of a known commodity at work.

» Don't involve parents directly in your job search, such as having a mother pick up job applications. Parents can give counsel at home, but teens should appear to be "orphans" to the employer, Kelly said.

"So many people are horrible at this," she said of job hunting, adding applicants should always carry a pen, never asking to borrow one.

TEEN

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Teens can stand out in the labor market, she said, if they're courteous and professional.

Dinan added to make sure in online applications you're actually on the real job site, such as McDonald's. Kelly noted some employers don't obey the law when it comes to hours worked by teens.

"You do not need to instruct anybody in the law," she said of those employers. "If you feel uncomfortable, I say quit and move on with your life."

'A lot of this is luck'

"A lot of this is luck, too," she added. "You have to be in the right place at the right time."

At the workshop, teens covered job applications, including the use of "NA" for "not applicable," on things like military service. That shows they've read the entire application and filled it out completely. Being "convicted" of a crime is what matters, said Kelly, not arrested, although she encouraged avoiding crime.

When asked why you left a job, "You may not write 'The manager was stupid.'"

Kelly and Dinan said schedule conflicts, another job or academics are all reasons you can list for leaving.

The librarians added a date when you'll receive your driver's license is fine to write in. If you've trained workers or been self-employed, such as raking leaves or shoveling snow, that's fine to list.

"I would tell them everything that's relevant, even if it's volunteer work" that's formalized and continuous, Plymouth resident Di-

nan said. Applicants can say "no" on contacting a current employer, for not wanting to jeopardize that relationship. Resumes can be left with potential employers. All job postings and descriptions should be read carefully.

"You never know who is weighing in on the decision," said Kelly, whose daughter had a say in who was hired at the restaurant where she worked. Being polite to all, and spelling correctly and not texting language matter.

Online applications are often frustrating, the librarians noted, so leave yourself lots of time. Save often, and have the basic information readily available. Your public library and its staff can help with online applications for teens and older job seekers, the women added.

"You are about looking neutral and putting your best foot forward," said Kelly, adding never wear flip-flops when job hunting. In interviews, understand the basics of the business (libraries can help here, too), don't talk salary or ask for time off, and communicate your availability.

Some employers will be rude, Kelly said, and rejection can be tough. It must not be taken personally, she concluded.

Teen Lopez, who's headed to U-M for engineering, said the recession hit some jobs for teens, although pizza eateries, for example, continued to hire. Her job goal in her field is different.

"That's definitely going to be something that's going to be harder to get into," she said.

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GARDEN & NATURE



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Garlic mustard pull

Help Friends of Maybury State Park control the invasion of garlic mustard plants, 10 a.m. to noon May 30. Volunteers will meet at the concession building at the park. Bring your own gloves and wear long sleeves and long pants. For more information, call 248-349-8390 or visit friends-of-maybury.org. The park is located between Seven Mile and Eight Mile, west of Beck, in Northville.

Peony sale

Northfield Farms will sell heirloom peonies, 10 a.m. Saturday, May 30, at the peony garden at Nichols Arboretum in Ann Arbor. Call 734-647-7600.

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Garden walk tickets

Tickets are available for the annual Trailwood Garden Club's Flowers are Forever Garden Walk, noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 30, at several private gardens in the Plymouth area. Pre-sale tickets are \$8 and are available at Saxton's Power Equipment Center, 587 W. Ann Arbor Trail, 734-453-6250, Backyard Birds, 627 S. Main, 734-416-0600, and Sideways, 505 Forest, 453-8312. Tickets are \$10 the day of the walk. Tickets for children under 12 are half the adult price ticket. There is no charge for babes in arms. Strollers aren't permitted.

The Friends of the

Development of Greenmead present Livonia's 26th annual Garden Walk 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 27. Tickets are \$10 on day of event or \$9 in advance and are available at Greenmead Historical Park, 20501 Newburgh, Livonia; in community resources on the fifth floor of Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive; Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile; Carl Sandburg Library, 30100 Seven Mile; Alfred Noble Library, 32901 Plymouth Road; and from any of the Friends of Greenmead. The tour will feature five Livonia homes and the Greenmead grounds. All proceeds benefit the restoration of

Butterflies

Roger Sutherland of the Southeastern Michigan Beekeepers Association is the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Southeastern Michigan Butterfly Association (SEMBA), 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, at Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Sutherland will talk about how flowers attract pollinators, how pollinators find and adapt to flowers, and how to plant for pollinators. Parking on Hines Drive or Ann Arbor Trail. Non-members pay \$3. 734-223-5510, or visit www.sembabutterfly.org.

Flower sale

Northville's 28th annual Flower Sale runs 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, May 22, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 23, in downtown Northville. Shoppers will find garden art and accessories in addition to ornamental accent plants, perennials, herbs, annuals, roses, shrubs, exotic plants, and trees from more than 20 local growers and greenhouses. For more information call the Northville Chamber of Commerce at 248-349-7640 or visit northville.org.

REUNIONS

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Help Wanted - Dental

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ENGAGEMENT



Danielle Rae Hans and Nicholas Brian Zink

HANS-ZINK

Danielle Rae Hans and Nicholas Brian Zink announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Kathy and Allan Hans of Maroa, Ill., attended Maroa-Forsyth High School and DePaul University. She is an

emergency physician at Carle Hospital.

Her fiancé, son of Kathy and Marty Zink of Livonia, attended Lutheran High School in Westland and Western Michigan University. He is a flight instructor at Parkland College.

A July 2015 wedding is planned.

ANNIVERSARY



Al and Mary Lou Papcun of Canton

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

Albert and Mary Louise (Costantino) Papcun of Canton marked their 50th wedding anniversary on May 15.

Their romance began soon after Al was introduced to Mary Lou by a close friend and classmate. They were married in 1965 at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Detroit.

The couple has two children, Barbara and David.

Al retired after a 39-year career at Ford Motor Company, where he was employed as an accountant and financial analyst. Mary Lou was a

homemaker, with stints at Wendy's Restaurant and Farmer Jack supermarket after their children began school.

The couple, originally from Detroit's east side, settled in Allen Park, where they lived for 32 years. In 1997 they moved to Canton.

Al sings in the bass section of the choir at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church and is an avid bike rider and walker. Mary Lou enjoys cooking, especially Italian dishes. The couple enjoys opera, classical music and theater, and are proud members of the Italian American Club of Livonia.

ENGAGEMENT



Steven Barben Samuels and Abigail Marie Stonerook

STONEROOK-SAMUELS

Dana and Teri Stonerook of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Abigail Marie, to Steven Barben Samuels, the son of Allen and Olivia Samuels of Ann Arbor.

Abigail is a graduate of Kalamazoo College with a bachelor of arts degree in human development, social relations

and political science. She is employed by the American Cancer Society as community manager of special events for Ann Arbor.

Steven has a bachelor of fine arts degree from the University of Michigan. He is the marketing manager for Masco Cabinetry.

A July 2015 wedding is planned.

BIBLE COLLECTION

Time/Date: Through May 31
Location: Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia
Details: The church is collecting Bibles for Africa through Helping Hands Touching Hearts, a nonprofit organization founded by church members Wayne and Sidney Bonvallet of Farmington Hills. Drop offs may be made any time at the collection box at the main entrance to the church. Follow the Bonvallets at helpinghandstouchinghearts.blogspot.com
Contact: 248-476-8222.

BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, May 17
Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: Pancakes, French toast, ham, applesauce, sausage, scrambled eggs, coffee, tea, milk, juice; \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children, 2-10
Contact: 734-425-4421

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturday, May 30
Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster Road and Middlebelt, Livonia
Details: Tatiana Scavnicky and Mark Watson perform a combination of rock, world beat, mystical and pop. Tickets are \$15 and available through Unity of Livonia Bookstore or by phone
Contact: 734-421-1760

DEMENTIA SERIES

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 27
Location: St. Colette Parish, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: "Aging in Place Successfully" looks at the cognitive symptoms of dementia-related diseases, treatment options and staying in one's home. The program is part of an ongoing series, featuring a team of dementia care specialists and ministry facilitators. Each session is held at a different church in the Northwest Wayne Vicariate
Contact: Nancy at 734-464-4436

FILM SERIES

Time/Date: 11:45 a.m. May 20
Location: Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield
Details: The film, *China Blue*, takes a look inside a blue jean factory in China, where teenage employees work around the clock.
Contact: 248-354-4488; northwestuu.org

LIVING ROSARY

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 20
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: In this candlelit service, a person or small group represents a bead of the rosary and leads the prayer that bead represents
Contact: 734-261-1455

POMEGRANATE GUILD

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday, May 17
Location: Prentis Apartment Community Room, located on 10 Mile east of Greenfield in Oak Park
Details: Nadine Eder will lead a workshop in making a quilted challah cover
Contact: Judy Galperin at 248-661-5337

WIDOWED

Time/Date: 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 17
Location: St. Kenneth Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth Township
Details: Mass, fellowship, light lunch. Helpers needed to assist with the Mass and lunch.
Contact: Pat at 734-895-6246 or Liz at 734-452-9149

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. Bibles available if you don't have one
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

RELIGION CALENDAR

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. Offerory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.
Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@tbosm.com

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners
Contact: 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 after the service.
Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

St. Edith Church
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday
Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows
Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

St. Michael Lutheran Church

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

Steve's Family Restaurant

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

SONG CIRCLE

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

SUPPORT

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

Connection Church

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

Detroit World Outreach

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

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

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

Merriman Road Baptist Church

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

Fireside Church of God

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

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St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

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

St. Thomas a'Becket Church

Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton

Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly
Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322

Unity of Livonia

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia
Details: Overeaters Anonymous
Contact: 248-559-7722; www.oa.org for additional information

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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

THRIFT STORE

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

Way of Life Christian Church

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

TOUR

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

WORSHIP

Adat Shalom Synagogue
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Sunday; and 6 p.m. weekdays
Location: 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills
Contact: 248-851-5100

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SANBURY, PATRICIA (WILHELM)
 Age 77, May 9, 2015 of Hubbard Lake, formerly of Plymouth. Preceded in death by parents Wanda and Joseph Wilhelm and son Douglas. Beloved mother of Annette (Chris) Torga, Craig, Lynton and Brent (Lisa). Grandmother of four. Dear sister of Larry (Peg) and Roger (Nancy) Wilhelm and Susan (Gordon) Lampman. Memorial information available at: www.grdewitt.com



STREIFF, THOMAS
 Birmingham resident Thomas Philip Streiff, 85, passed away in his beloved home surrounded by his family on Saturday, May 9, 2015. Survived by his wife of 54 years Patricia Streiff, three daughters: Laura (Streiff) Boucher and son-in-law Ed Boucher, Elaine Streiff, and Karen (Streiff) Eberhart; nine grandchildren and extended family. Mr. Streiff retired from General Motors after 30 years of dedicated service. An avid outdoorsman with a passion for fishing, skiing and golf, he was a 20 year, nationally ranked ski patrolman; selected to the 1980 Lake Placid Olympic volunteer team. He was a captivating storyteller including tales of his travels to Alaska. He enjoyed photography, woodworking, and collecting antique fishing lures. Tom loved and cherished his family above all else. He will be missed and remembered forever as a gentleman, an outstanding husband, and family man. Donations may be made to the local Leader Dogs for the Blind at www.leaderdog.org. A memorial is being planned.

May you find peace in your time of sorrow.

WILSON, BRIAN LEE
 Age 43, of Redford, Michigan, passed away on Friday, May 15, 2015 in Mio, MI. Brian was the beloved high school sweetheart and husband of Robin Wilson; the beloved father of Jesse Lee Wilson and Zackery Delano Wilson; dear brother of Rosemarie Catterson, Jamie Wilson, Robin Wilson, Ross Davidson, and Ryan Davidson; dear son-in-law of Pat & Jack Davidson; and dear uncle of several nieces and nephews. In accordance with his wishes, cremation has taken place. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Arrangements by Lashley Funeral Home, Mio, MI.

Don't Fry Friday raises awareness of sun overexposure, cancer risk

Don't Fry Friday is set for May 22.

It's the day the National Council on Skin Cancer Prevention encourage everyone to protect their skin outdoors while enjoying the Memorial Day weekend.

The sun safety awareness day aims to reduce rising rates of skin cancer from overexposure to the ultraviolet (UV) rays of the sun.

The American Cancer Society estimates that one American dies every hour from skin cancer. Skin cancer is highly curable if found early and can be prevented. The National Council on Skin Cancer Prevention says everyone should "Slip! Slop! Slap!... and Wrap" — slip on a shirt, slop on broad spectrum sunscreen of SPF 30 or higher, slap on a wide-brimmed hat, and wrap on sunglasses before going outdoors into the sun. The best way to detect skin cancer early is to examine your skin regularly and recognize changes in moles and skin growths.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia will offer free skin cancer screening at its annual Healthy Aging Conference, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 6,

at the hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan. Register by calling 734-655-2929 or visit stmarymercy.org/healthyagingconference.

"Overexposure to the sun can lead to sunburn, premature aging of the skin, wrinkling or skin cancer," said Ramesh Mohindra, M.D., FACP, oncology and hematology physician, St. Mary Mercy Livonia. "It is important for people of all ages and all skin types to protect themselves from the sun. Skin cancer is preventable."

The hours between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. are the most hazardous for exposure to ultraviolet rays. The sun's rays can be harmful to everyone, but individuals with pale skin, multiple or unusual moles, weakened immune system or who have experienced severe sunburn in the past have an increased risk for skin cancer. St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers these protection tips:

» Always use sunscreen with sun protective factor (SPE) 35 or higher. Wear sunscreen even when you are under an umbrella or sitting in the shade.

» Sunscreen wears off. Ap-

ply sunscreen again if you are in the sun for more than two hours, after you swim or sweat.

» Check your sunscreen's expiration date. Sunscreen without an expiration date has a shelf life of three years. However, if your sunscreen bottle has been exposed to high temperatures, the shelf life is even less.

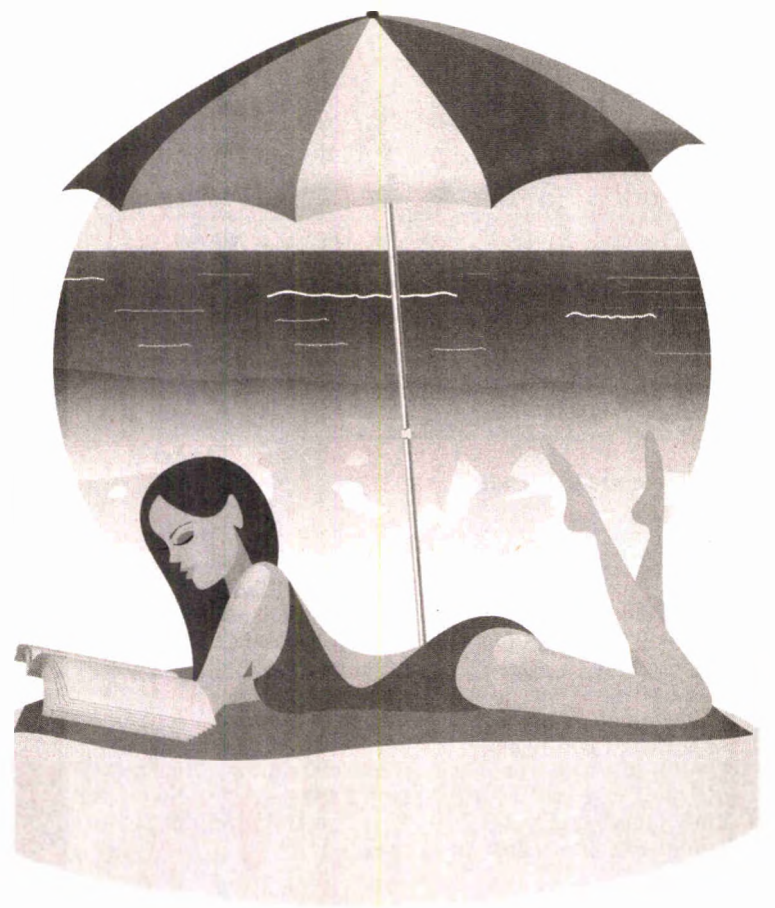
» Wear loose-fitting, long-sleeved shirts and long pants made from tightly woven fabric for the best protection from the sun's ultraviolet rays. Wet clothing offers much less protection from ultraviolet rays than dry clothes.

» Wear a hat with a wide brim to shade your face, head, ears and neck.

» Wear sunglasses to protect your eyes from ultraviolet rays and reduce the risk of cataracts.

» Seek shade under a tree or umbrella as much as possible.

» Be vigilant of changes to your skin, such as a new growth, a sore that does not heal or a change in a mole. These could be signs of skin cancer, and you should consult your physician.



MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Blood drive

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will hold a blood drive 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, May 18, in the North Auditorium at the hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or visit redcrossblood.org. Walk-ins also are accepted.

Celiac support

The Tri-County Celiac Support Group sponsors a 5K Walk/Run Sunday, May 17, at

the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe. Registration at 8 a.m. Runners start at 9 a.m. and walkers at 9:30 a.m. Gluten-free food samples, raffle prizes, trophies for top runners and more. Proceeds go to the Center for Celiac Research. For more information, contact April Kretchman at kretchmanaj@gmail.com or call 586-202-5586

Cerebral aneurysm/stroke

Cerebral Aneurysm and Stroke Club meets 7:30 p.m. May 19 at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. Mary Rini, OTR/L, PYT-C senior occupational therapist will present meditation for stress management and modified chair yoga for stroke survivors. The group meets in the dining room at the Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit; 734-458-3381.

Diabetes management

The St. Mary Mercy Livonia Diabetes Support Group offers a free educational seminar, "Managing Diabetes: The Next Step," 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 10 in the North Auditorium of St. Mary Mercy Livonia, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. JoAnn Henderson-Collins will share information about diabetes self-management and insulin based on formal training and her experiences. For more information, call 734-655-8950.

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Hadassah Greater Detroit presents Heart Throbbing Woman's Heart Health Symposium, 10 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Thursday, May 28, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham. Attendees will learn about the warning signs of heart disease for women, new CPR techniques, defibrillator use and mindful thinking. Cost is \$45. Register at Hadasah.org/events/whh. 248-683-5030.

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It goes without saying that college is a place where learning happens. However, many of the most important lessons professors impart to their students don't show up on final exams. Here are some examples of lessons professors have taught students that have affected their professional career.

Making a difference

"Computer science Professor Paul Pauca and I met when I was a graduate student at Wake Forest. In his software engineering class, I was part of a group that created an iPhone application to help Paul's son, Victor, communicate. Victor has a rare genetic disorder called Pitt-Hopkins Syndrome, which affects his fine motor skills. Our application, Verbal Victor, transformed an iPhone, iPad or iPod into a 'touch-

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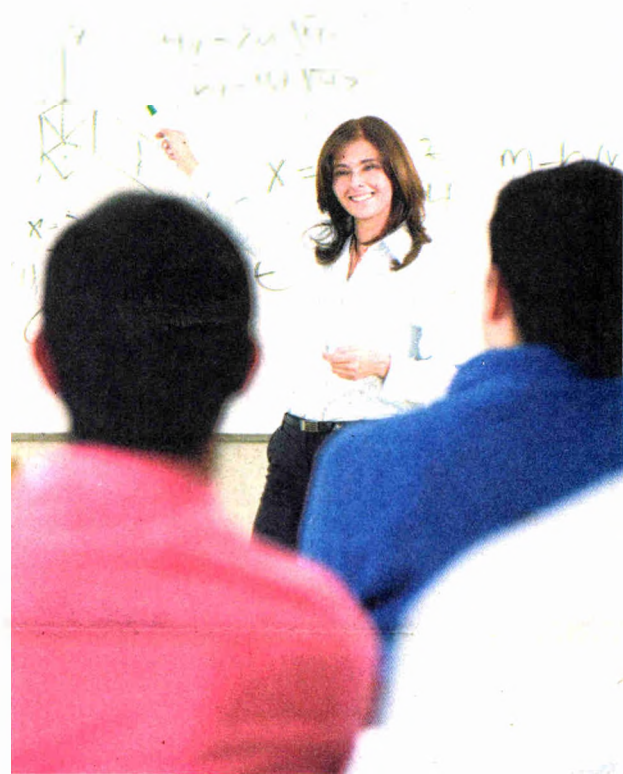
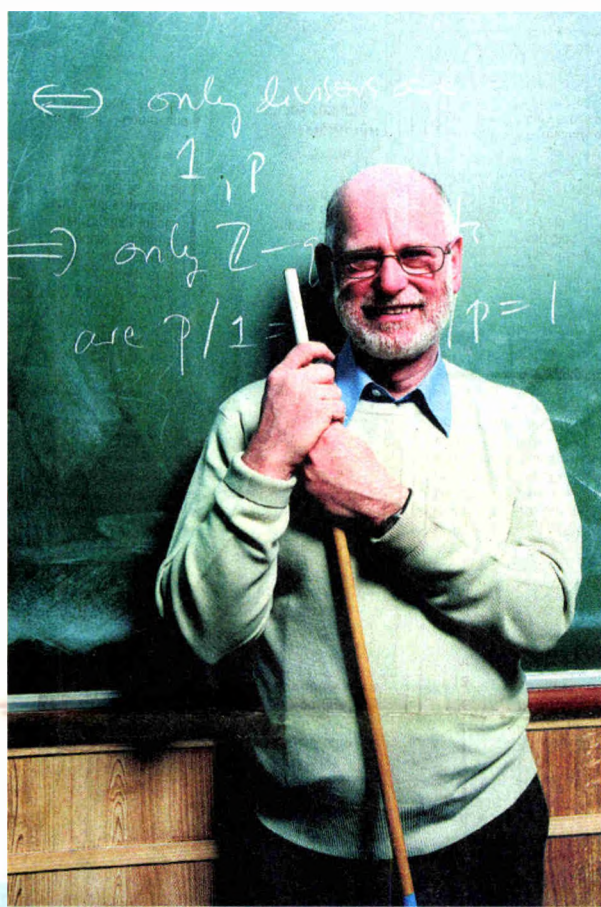
"One of my professors who, though she was older, was one of the 'new kids on the block' and thus low on the tenure totem pole, advised me to make my career fit into my life, not make my life fit my career. She was a mother of seven children who went back to college when her youngest child began school.

"I took her advice, though it decimated my academic career. I got married, had three children and jealously watched my colleagues accept full-time academic positions all over the world while I changed diapers and arranged play dates. Occasionally, when I was between children or



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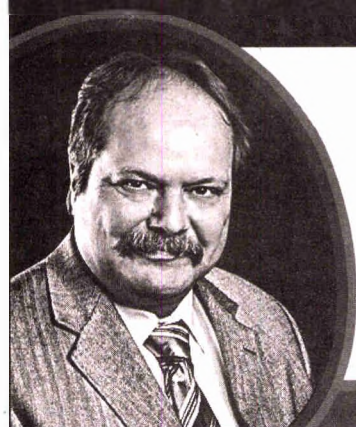
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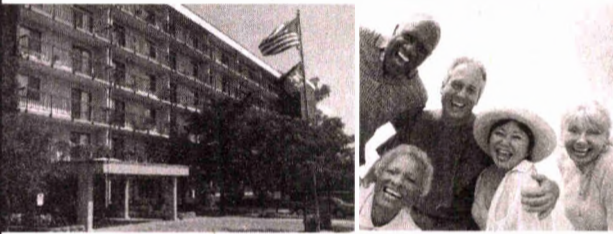
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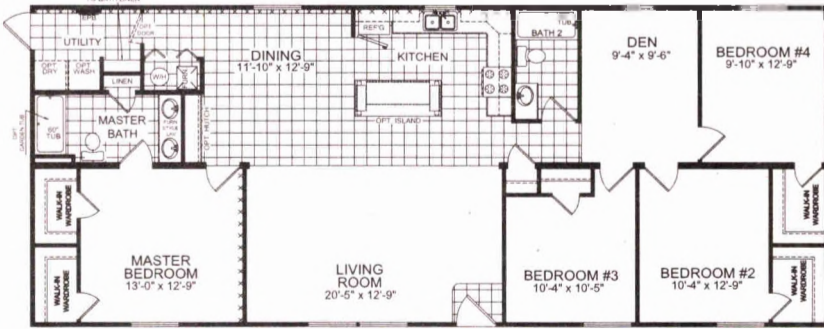
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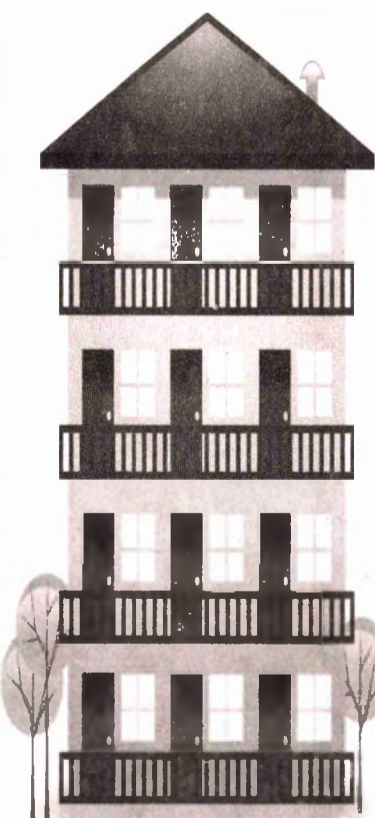
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2015 Lincoln MKZ is 'attracting next generation of luxury car buyers'

The 2015 Lincoln MKZ continues to represent the road ahead for the Ford Motor Co., said Steve Hunsinger, sales manager at Jack Demmer Lincoln in Dearborn.

"With its design, performance and technology, the MKZ is attracting the next generation of luxury car buyers," he said.

Those customers enjoy a wide range of standard features, plus three power train options:

» The standard 2.0L EcoBoost I-4.

» The available 3.7L Ti-VCT V6 engine.

» The Lincoln MKZ Hybrid, which offers the third-generation 2.0L Atkinson-cycle I-4 gas engine.

The 2015 Lincoln MKZ competes head-to-head in the luxury mid-size sedan market with brands like the Acura TL, Cadillac CTS, Infiniti Q50 and Lexus ES 350, while the Lincoln MKZ Hybrid contends with vehicles like the Infiniti Q50 Hybrid and Lexus ES 300h.

"There are many standard features on the MKZ that aren't offered on many of the competitive models," Hunsinger said.

"One of the most intriguing features of the MKZ is the push-button transmission, which is on the dashboard, alleviating the center console shift and offering a more open feel to the cabin of the vehicle," Hunsinger said.

The 2015 MKZ incorporates the new Lincoln design language of "elegant simplicity."

Exterior design features include:

» Adaptive LED auto headlamps.

» Auto high beams.

» Body-color exterior door handles with



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chrome insert.

» Configurable daytime running lamps (available with select and reserve equipment groups).

» LED tail lamps and light-pipe driving lamps.

» Split-wing grille with chrome surround.

» Pedestal-mounted heated side-view mirrors with integrated turn signals, blind spot mirrors and security approach lamps.

» Power up/down deck lid (available).

» Rectangular dual exhaust with bright tips.

» Retractable panoramic roof.

» Interior design features include:

» 10.1-inch LCD instrument cluster.

» Ambient lighting — customers can choose

from seven different colors (select equipment group).

» Flow-through front console with storage bin, trinket tray and two cup holders.

» Genuine wood appliques.

» Illuminated scuff plates.

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"The luxury and elegant attributes of the MKZ have not gone unnoticed by today's luxury car buyers," Hunsinger said. "The MKZ has done very well with current Lincoln owners, but Lincoln is looking at the big picture of attracting the competitive buyers and converting them to Lincoln owners."

In fact, Lincoln predicts that 45 percent of sales will be to past or current Lincoln owners, while 55 percent of sales will come from "conquest" customers, Hunsinger said.

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