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# Plymouth DDA board: No new parking, no new liquor license

**Matt Jachman** Staff Writer

Plymouth's Downtown Development Authority is urging the city commission not to follow through with plans to allow another alcohol-by-theglass license downtown.

With a voice vote Thursday,

the DDA board passed a resolution asking the commission to halt the plan to raise the downtown liquor license cap, by one license, until what board members characterized as a downtown parking shortage is addressed.

"I am not in favor of it (raising the cap). I'll come out and

say it," said board member Michele Potter, who was the first to raise the idea during Thursday's regular DDA meet-

"Given the parking situation as it stands, we need to resolve that before we raise the cap even by one," added Potter, a former city commission mem-

"To lift the cap is a major mistake," said Frank Yaquinto, a downtown restaurateur and DDA board member.

The DDA board's resolution is not binding on the commission, but advisory. Some city commission members, however, indicated it could carry

weight as they discuss Monday an amended alcohol management ordinance that would raise the downtown cap from 14 to 15 licenses.

"I think we're going to have a robust conversation about that," said Commissioner Oli-

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# Family, homeless shelter form bond from news article

**Darrell Clem** Staff Writer

A Canton family first heard of a Westland-based homeless shelter when the Observer published a story in 2008 about a struggling mother and her three children.

They have been helping the shelter ever since.

"This is the power of jour-nalism at its finest," Doug Adams said.

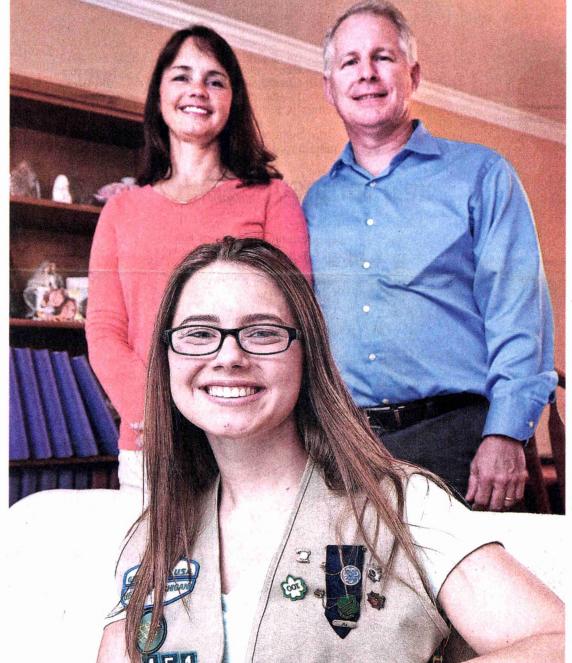
Sitting in their Canton home, Adams, wife Kim and daughter Megan described how one newspaper article made a difference in their lives and the Samaritas Home and Community Campus in Westland, formerly the Wayne County Family Center.

Every Christmas, the family gets a wish list for a family living in the shelter and buys gifts such as clothing, books, gift cards, dolls and toy trucks. Whenever their church, Resurrection Parish, has events such as Bible

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Megan Adams holds the poster that documents her project at the homeless shelter.



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Megan Adams, with parents Kim and Doug Adams, is earning her Gold Award after a newspaper article years ago prompted the family to become involved in a homeless shelter.

# **Durham** bus monitor charged with sexual assault

Joanne Maliszewski Staff Writer

A Plymouth-Canton Community Schools bus monitor, employed by Durham School Services, pleaded not guilty Thursday to two felony sexual assault charges against a minor in 35th District Court in Plymouth, following his arrest by Northville Township Police.

Both Plymouth-Canton and Northville school districts

contract with Durham for bus services. But the alleged sexual assaults did not occur with children in either of those districts. The reported incidents did oc-



cur in Northville Township, Lt. Paul Tennies said.

Rocky Perillo, 46, a Plymouth Township resident, faces one count of criminal sexual conduct first-degree and one count of criminal sexual conduct second-degree with a person under 13 and defendant over 17, according to the 35th District Court. He was arrested Wednesday by

Northville Police. The first-degree count carries a 25-year minimum prison sentence, while the seconddegree count carries a 15-year

prison sentence. Perillo could face additional charges. "We have other open investigations. When people heard we had arrested him, a

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# Conzelman completes Clerks Institute training, seeks re-election



Conzelman

**Matt Jachman** Staff Writer

Nancy Conzelman has joined the ranks of Michigan's certified municipal clerks.

Conzelman, Plymouth Township's clerk since November 2012, recently completed 120 classroom hours with Michigan Municipal Clerks Institute, sponsored by the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks and Central Michigan University.

Attended by dozens of Michigan city and township clerks — there were nearly 130 participants in the last week-long session Conzelman attended — the MMCI went over topics that pertain to the job of clerk: records management, elections administration, Freedom of

Information Act administration, open meetings, public notices and publications, creating meeting agendas and more.

Conzelman was familiar with these duties, but the training is designed to enhance clerks' skills, offer professional development and help clerks build relationships with others across the state with similar responsibilities.

Such networking, she said, was for her a vital part of the institute.

"That's probably just as important as any skills training or professional development," Conzelman said during a recent interview. In talking with other clerks, she added, she learned many face similar issues.

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### DeHoCo funding

Gov. Rick Snyder on Tuesday signed legislation, introduced by Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, that will provide up to \$4 million to begin tearing down dilapidated prison buildings at the former Detroit House of Corrections in the area of Five Mile and Beck.

Public Act 116 of 2016 will close the state's Urban Land Assembly Load Fund and transfer approximately \$4 million to the Michigan Land Bank Fast Track Fund, which owns the DeHoCo site of about 45 acres. Demolition work is expected to begin this year; according to Heise, more money will be needed for a total cleanup of the site and federal funds are being sought.

The idea, Heise said, is to begin cleaning up the site to make it more attractive for redevelopment. DeHoCo closed 30 years ago and the state ran a correctional facility in the area until late 2004.

### **Volunteers sought** for Rouge Rescue

The city of Plymouth is seeking volunteers for this year's Rouge Rescue in Hines Park.

The Rescue is from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 21. Volunteers will be meeting at the Riverside comfort station. 42401 Hines Drive.

The focus will be on cleaning up the Woods Drive area of the parkway, including picking up trash, woody debris management, removing invasive plants and marking storm drains.

Work gloves and T-shirts will be provided to volunteers.

To sign up, email Greta at gbolhuis@ ci.plymouth.mi.us or Adam at agerlach@ ci.plymouth.mi.us.

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ver Wolcott, who is also the DDA board chair-

### In commission's court

Wolcott was one of four commissioners who voted in March for raising the cap, but indicated Friday that he might not favor the revised ordinance that would formally do that.

"I don't really know how I'm going to land on that," he said. "Both sides make a really, really compelling case.'

Wolcott said he listens to residents, business owners and property owners and will continue to do so before deciding. "I will let my vote speak for itself," he said.

Commissioner Colleen Pobur, who also voted in favor of raising the cap, echoed Wolcott's take on Monday's upcoming meeting.

"I'm sure there's going to be a robust discussion on Monday night," she said.

Pobur is chairwoman of the city's Liquor License Review Committee, which has spent several weeks making changes to the alcohol management ordinance, including establishing criteria to help commissioners decide what business should have the one



Is paid parking in downtown Plymouth's future? Downtown Development Authority members are exploring the idea.

license that would be allowed if the cap is raised.

## 'Point of no return'

The DDA board's resolution came amid a broad discussion Thursday of the downtown parking problem, during which several property and business owners expressed frustration with city officials' progress in solving it.

"We really need to come up with a solution quickly because, I'm going to tell you, we're going to get overloaded," said Jim Courtney, a downtown property owner. "There's a point of no return that we're quickly reaching."

"It's always, 'Yeah, they're working on it," said Stefan Stefanakis, a part-owner of the Greek Islands Coney Island.

Some said a shortage of public parking is discouraging visitors from going downtown and that small businesses are

being hurt.

"These mom-and-pop stores are not going to be able to pay the rent,' Courtney said. Courtney suggested the DDA obtain parking outside the downtown and provide shuttle service for employees at downtown businesses, freeing up public spaces in the downtown for visitors.

Several people business owners and DDA members alike said the city should look at paid parking, perhaps in strategic areas. Officials said they would explore options for paid parking.

### 'Known for no parking'

"The city's missing a lot of money, a lot of money," Stefanakis said. He said visitors would be willing to pay to park in Plymouth because of the downtown experience offered there.

Kerry Pollard, a DDA board member and the owner of Agio Spa Di Reposo, said she was encouraged that paid parking was being con-

sidered. Despite what some view as the city's image when it comes to free parking, "We're not known for free parking, we're known for no park-

ing," Pollard said. Yaquinto, however, said increasing the number of parking spaces should be the main goal, even if paid parking is introduced.

"You're going to create a problem if you don't increase parking inventory," he said.

The board also decided to explore the possibility of shuttle service to non-downtown parking and of reviving a valet parking service that made use of private parking spaces after business hours.

According to a 2011 study, there are about 950 public parking spaces and about 1,400 private spaces downtown. The study's authors suggested partnerships with the owners of private lots to make spaces available when spaces are free or when the businesses those private spots accommodate are closed.

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# **MONITOR**

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new complaint came forward," Tennies said. Plymouth Township Police are investigating the latest complaint stemming from Perillo's work as a home health care provider, Tennies said.

Perillo is expected to return to 35th District Court for a probable cause hearing May 20 and a preliminary exam on the charges May 27.

Northville Township Police ask the public to

contact the department at 248-349-9400 if they have any information regarding the reported incidents

While the sexual assault charges are unrelated to Perillo's work at the district, Plymouth-Canton school and Durham officials released the following statement:

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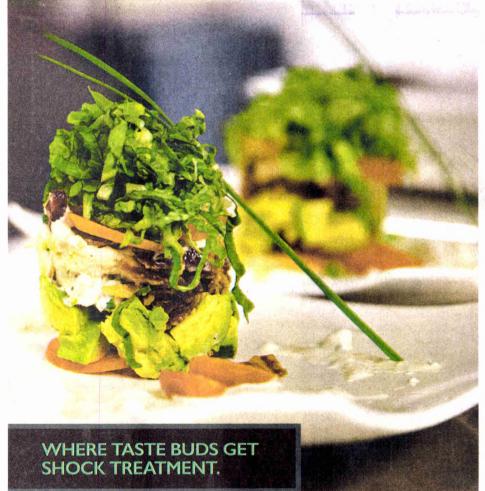
hiring process for bus drivers and monitors. There are many steps taken before employment, this includes drug and alcohol testing and a criminal background check. Monitors and drivers are also fingerprinted which is sent to the state police who forward the information to the district.

"The employee involved, who worked as a special-needs bus monitor, has been placed on unpaid leave pending the outcome of the investigation. The investigation is not related to the per-

son's employment with Durham School Services, and the charges are not in relation to students of or affiliated with Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. The alleged incidents were not reported until after the employee was hired by Durham and, therefore, did not show up on his background check.

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# Proposed school budget: class size increases, layoffs

Joanne Maliszewski Staff Writer

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district officials are working with a \$155.2 million balanced budget for 2016 that proposes class size increases in upper elementary, middle and high schools, leading to teacher layoffs.

Interim Superintendent Monica Merritt has presented the school board with a balanced budget from a starting point of a \$3.7 million deficit. As presented, the budget is still up for discussion. The proposed budget is to be publicly reviewed May 24 by the board. A public hearing is set for June 14 and budget adoption will be June 28.

"We took all recom-mendations," Merritt said, referring to district administrators and individual school building officials.

The originally estimated \$3.7 million deficit was whittled to \$1.5 million, with administrators and building officials further reducing items to reach a balance.

As of now, the proposed budget includes

class size increases and corresponding teacher layoffs, an increase in the number of

Merritt

plant engineers for maintenance of the buildings and an increase in support staff in the elementary schools.

'We had wild cards – ideas on how to reduce. And we had items that had to be included for academics," Merritt said.

To balance the budget, which includes a total \$2 million salary increase for members of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Association, administrators unanimously agreed to increase class sizes. Proposed for the 2016-17 school year are the following class size guidelines:

» No change in class size for kindergarten or first grade.

» Increasing the plus one flexibility by one in the 26-student classrooms for second grade.

» Increasing the plus one flexibility by one for the 29-student classrooms in the third grade.

» Increasing the plus one flexibility for the 30-student classrooms in the fourth and fifth grades.

» Increasing the 30.25student classroom in sixth through eighth grades to 31.25.

» Increasing the 31student classroom in ninth through 12th grades

"We need to maintain the current class sizes in the lower elementary (kindergarten and first grade)," Merritt said. "There is research behind this.'

An increase in the class sizes, however, will mean a proposed reduction of 18.9 full-time equivalents in the teacher ranks, according to the proposed budget.

'We took a different approach with this budget," Merritt said. "We built it from the bottom up. We asked, 'What is the need?"

The financial plan, however, includes an increase of hours for elementary school paraprofessional support staff and the return of three plant engineers in the elementary schools.

The proposed bal-

"We took a different approach with this budget. We built it from the bottom up." **MONICA MERRITT** 

anced budget is based on conservative estimates for student enrollment of 17.355. That includes 250 seats for the recently

approved School of Choice program. As of a week ago, the district had some 334 applications for School of Choice, meaning the district will be required to hold a lottery for the seats, according to officials.

"We wouldn't increase class size to accommodate School of Choice," Merritt said.

Last year, Merritt said, the district received 188 applications for School of Choice with 122 enrolling in Plymouth-Canton schools.

The School of Choice program and ongoing efforts to boost enrollment result in additional revenue for the district, based on the state's perpupil foundation allowance. According to Gov. Rick Snyder's 2016-17 budget proposal, P-CCS could receive \$120 more per pupil, increasing revenue by an estimated \$1.6 million.

Pam Anstey, interim assistant superintendent of business and operations, presented the budget's key points to the board in late April.

In addition to there being no "sacred cows" in tightening expenditures, Anstey said the budget is based on conservative estimates. For example, although money is expected from the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, those funds were not built into the budget. It also reflects property tax revenue as accurately as possible because there is not a 100-percent collection of the monies. As another example, the pay-to-play revenues from sports and activities participation was overprojected last year because, again, collection was not 100 percent. These potential revenues do not show an over-projection this year, Anstey

Also included in the proposed budget are expenditures for five additional and required school days, as well as employee furloughs and a \$150,000 credit from Durham transportation services.

The proposed budget, Anstey said, is based on data, "not just slash and burn." It also was developed with an eye on what is the new normal for state aid and other revenues. "We did not cut without a plan," she add-

The proposed budget is balanced, Merritt said, if all parts fall into place as expected. But a Plan B may be necessary depending on any state action, particularly with the state aid revenue.

She told the school board that the proposed budget is just the beginning and she and administrators are open to more discussion and more possible reductions. "We need to stabilize our district," Merritt said. "I know we can get through this together.'

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# CONZELMAN

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"Things that you consider to be large challenges may not be all that unique," she said.

Running elections is perhaps the biggest job of a clerk's office there have been seven elections in the township during Conzelman's tenure — and clerks also get trained in election administration through the Michigan Secretary of State's office's election officials accreditation program.

"Every aspect of running an election is regulated by law," Conzelman said.

Those laws, she added, are often subject to legislative tinkering and, "they tend to change the laws right before an election."

Understanding the legal aspect of running elections fits with Conzelman's earlier training; she has a law degree from Wayne State University and spent nearly 20 years as a corporate attorney.

## **Re-election bid**

"I never thought about running for office," until she was approached in 2012 about seeking the clerk's job. "I just decided I'd try it."

The clerk's position is

"way more interesting and fun than I ever imagined," said Conzelman, who is seeking a second term four-year term in this year's township elec-

"One of the great joys of this job is talking to residents every day when they come up to the counter," she said later. There can be dozens of visitors to the office on a typical day and even hundreds a day in an election season, she said.

"Most of the people who come to the counter are very happy with things going on in Plymouth Township," she added.

Conzelman said she wants to continue being

part of what she said has been excellent management of the township that many past Boards of Trustees have demonstrated.

The township's 4-mill property tax rate (\$4 for every \$1,000 of a propertv's taxable value) is "becoming our brand" and is a fact that often surprises leaders from other communities, Conzelman said.

"They're always floored by that," she said. "I don't think that happens by accident. It takes a lot of planning and careful execution."

The 4-mill tax rate is the lowest of any community in Wayne County. 'My focus has been

improvements but not raising taxes," Conzelman said Conzelman and hus-

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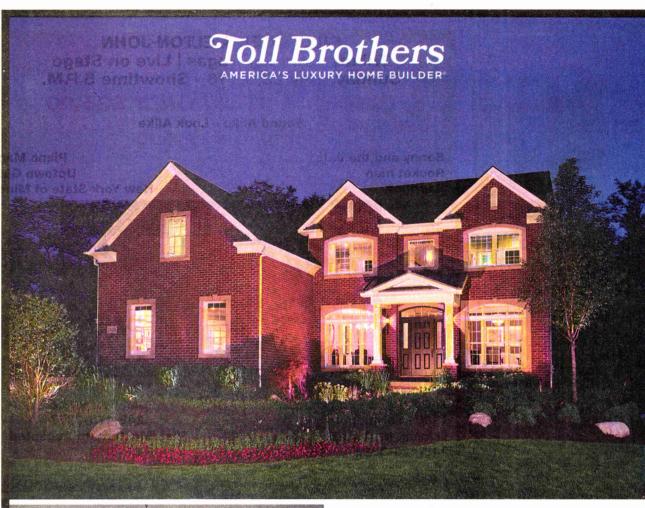
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band Steve O'Connor have three sons: Andrew, a high school junior; Peter, a junior at Michigan State University; and Scott, an engineering Ph.D. student at MSU

She is being challenged in the August Republican primary by Jerry Vorva, a semiretired real estate agent and former state representative who moved to the township last year.

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# Bentley Elementary celebrates its diversity

Bentley Elementary School students, teachers and parents know how to celebrate their diversity - with food, dance, song and plenty of fun.

"I love how families are celebrating all cultures together – promoting diversity and understanding," said Bentley teacher Janie Riegal, who organized the event.

The Bentley Cultural Showcase gave students and their families a chance to show off and share their cultures and what makes them special and unique. Consider that at Bentley 31 languages are spoken, which made the event especially appropriate for the more than 250 guests who attended.

'Bentley is one of the most culturally diverse elementary schools in our district. We're celebrating and recognizing all the backgrounds that make our school so very, very special to this community," said Cheryl Zuzo, a Bentley teacher.

The evening included a scavenger hunt around the school. Teachers also had displayed information on a bulletin board about the countries represented by the diverse

student population at Bentley. "This is a beautiful night!" a Bentley parent said during the

**Bentley** students pose in their native attire.

scavenger hunt.

Ivory D. Williams, president of the Detroit Association of Black Storytellers, provided entertaining, interactive stories for youths and adults. And there were crafts galore, including rain stick, Henna art, mini-puppets and flags of the representative countries.

The celebration festivities included songs and dance by Bentley students. And then there was the food - a centerpiece of any celebration that can span across diversity. Food sampling was donated by Bentley families, while National Honor Society middle and high school students jumped in to help with crafts and food. The Bentley PTO financially supported the event and helped plan the celebration.

'This night was awesome!" parent and Australia native Renee Budden said.

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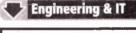
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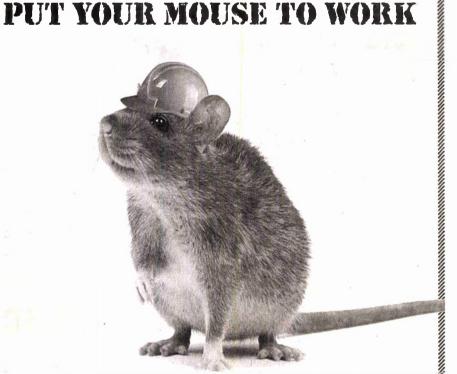
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# Credit union pitches in to help arts project

An effort to create the Village Arts Factory from an old Henry Ford factory site in Canton's Cherry Hill Village has gotten another boost.

A 36-member team from Community Financial Credit Union some from as far away as Gaylord — recently spent hours working at the site. CFCU also donated a \$5,000 check to the Village Arts Factory project, spearheaded by the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities.

"This was a great day and a fun way for our leadership team to work together and give back to the Canton community, said Natalie McLaughlin, CFCU community relations manager. "We were pleased to be a part of this important project for the region.

The vision for the Village Arts Factory is to become an educational art consortium providing a variety of indoor and outdoor art instruction, including involvement from high school students, business and art entrepreneurs. Art courses and events will be offered in classroom settings for students and veterans - a nod to veterans who once worked at the Henry Ford factory. Efforts also will be focused on inviting medical, professional, aspiring and recreational artists of all ages and

cultures to participate.

CFCU volunteers on a recent Thursday rolled up their sleeves to secure and add plywood to windows at three buildings on the site. They pulled up nails from factory wood floors, installed door pad locks, put up no-trespassing signs, installed driveway posts and chains, picked up loose debris and trash, trimmed bushes, cut down tree seedlings and pulled up weeds.

The effort also received support from Rizzo Environmental Services, Mans Lumber & Millwork and Home

"Canton is a vibrant, active community. The Community Financial leadership team was honored to be able to help the Village Arts Factory move closer to completion," said Gary Bigos, Canton branch manager for CFCU.

Partnership officials welcomed the credit union's involvement and financial donation.

'Community Financial Credit Union has been a consistent community partner for our nonprofit organization with their grant contributions and event sponsorships," said Jill Engel, the partnership's executive director. "We were delighted to be selected for their leadership team to spend a half-day contributing



Community Financial Credit Union gave the partnership a \$5,000 check — this one symbolic — for the Village Arts Factory project.

their time and talents to a list of tasks needing to be accomplished at our Village Arts Factory location. We look forward to seeing many of them again for another volunteer day."

It was part of the credit union's Thumbs

Up for Charity campaign. "I am thankful that the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities was a recipient of \$5,000 from the Community Financial Credit Union's Thumbs Up for Charity contest,"

said Marion Rozum, Partnership board member. "Those who give back to the communities they serve should be rewarded with our patronage. Thumbs up to CFCU.

The latest effort comes as Engel cited other projects including windows being refurbished Zero-Day (veterans receiving a paid apprenticeship) and tree stumps removed by Michigan Tree and Stump, among other projects.



Work continues on the Village Arts **Factory** 

Kelsey Wilkins, a 12th-grader at Salem High School, won a contest designing a new logo for Friends of the Canton Public Library. She is shown here with the logo and Tony Vassallo, a computer graphics and design I teacher, who asked students to join the competition.



# Friends logo contest winner announced

Friends of the Canton Public Library had a contest for students to draw a new logo for the volunteer group.

Kelsey Wilkins, a 12thgrader at Salem High School, won the contest and a \$100 check for her efforts. She entered the

contest after Tony Vassallo, a computer graphics and design I teacher, asked students to join the competition.

The Friends group has released a photo showing the new logo. Wilkins was honored at a Friends board meeting.



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# Students show kindness, deep thought in Rotary essay contest

**Julie Brown** 

Vacha Shah, an eighthgrader at East Middle School, wrote an essay on bullying for a contest of the Rotary Club of Plymouth based on her school experience.

"I don't know her situation," Vacha said of her classmate who had bullied her. Vacha found showing kindness to her bully helped them both.

"Thinking through my actions was the most helpful," she told a roomful of Rotarians and guests Friday, May 6, at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Student winners of the club's Four-Way Test Essay Contest were lauded at lunch, with parents, other family, teachers and principals present. Both first-place and second-place students were honored.

The contest focuses on Rotary's test of things we think, say or do: Is It the Truth? Is It Fair to All Concerned? Will It Build Goodwill and Better Friendships? and Will It Be Beneficial to All

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She called on the students "to build strong communities for generations to follow.'

Justin Crouch, an eighth-grader at Pioneer Middle School, also was called forward to read his essay. Justin didn't have a copy, but did an admirable job ad libbing.

West Middle School winners are: Amy Krompatic and Amelia Krupka, sixth grade; Stephen Burnham and Rachel vanRuiten, seventh grade; and Abigail Finn and Caitlin Donnelly, eighth grade.

Discovery Middle School winners are: Balinda Kibalama and Serenity Sturman, sixth grade; Colin McAuliffe and Ashley Wenzel, seventh grade; and Calle

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Faerber and Lexi Villarini, eighth grade.

All Saints Catholic School winners are: Arianna Lepre and Juliana Santillan, sixth grade; Sophia Baugh and Olivia Masters, seventh grade; and Ashley Doyle and Cordelia Householder, eighth grade.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic School winners are: Haley Manno and Emerson Laser, sixth grade; and Christopher Czaplicki and Mary Bianchi, eighth grade. (There were no seventhgrade entries from OLGC.)

Pioneer Middle School winners are: Claire Stelmaszek and Nirja Rai, sixth grade; Seth Lynn and Marissa Rojas, seventh grade; and Justin Crouch and Connor Moore, eighth grade.

Liberty Middle School winners are: Layla Jeffries and Olivia Jovanovski, sixth grade; Tyler Laski and Justin Pronyk, seventh grade; and Abigail George and Emerald Kreh, eighth grade.

East Middle School winners are: Jaden Williams and Ania Singh,

second language. Tutors

sixth grade; Katherine Bednarz and Lillian Kehoe, seventh grade; and Vacha Shah and Aparna Reddy, eighth grade.

First-place winners received \$100 Barnes and Noble gift cards, second-place winners \$50 cards to the bookstore. "You are all very wonderful people with which to work. I would like to say I don't do this by myself," said Rotari-an Carol Saunders, who was assisted in the event by her co-chair, Tony Bruscato, and others.

"David Campbell is the guiding light behind this," Saunders said of the Rotarian who started the competition, now in its 18th year. This year drew 1,318 essays, with Saunders noting, "You folks are prolific writers."

Essays are scored without readers knowing of the authors, she explained. Added Rotary Club of Plymouth President Russ Jones, "Best of luck to all you students.'

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Canton Public Safety Director Joshua Meier was sworn in Tuesday by township Clerk Terry Bennett.

# Meier sworn in as public safety director

Canton Public Safety Director Joshua Meier has been formally sworn in to his new job.

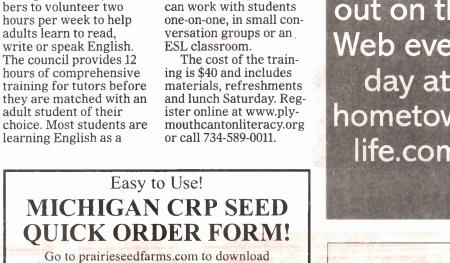
Meier was sworn in Tuesday by township Clerk Terry Bennett during a township board meeting. He was chosen for the job during a competitive internal process.

Meier began volunteering as a Canton police explorer during his high school years and later was hired as a public safety service officer. Meier worked his way up through the fire department as a firefighter/paramedic, deputy chief and fire chief.

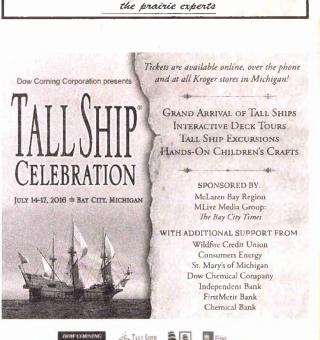
Meier is Canton's first public safety director to have a fire service background. In addition to spending the majority of his 19-year career firefighting and providing emergency medical service, he was a long-standing board member on the department's local fire union. As chief, he continued to develop himself, running all aspects of the fire department while simultaneously serving as chief administrator of the Western-Wayne Urban Search and Rescue Team, vice president of Southeast Michigan's Association of Fire Chiefs and instructing at Eastern Michigan University's Fire Staff & Command School.

As director, Meier will be responsible for planning, administering, budgeting and continually developing the 200-person Canton Public Safety Department, consisting of the police, fire and emergency management divisions.

Meier has lived in Canton his entire life. He and his wife Lisa are now raising their two sons, Jacob and Joey, in the community he has said he is proud to





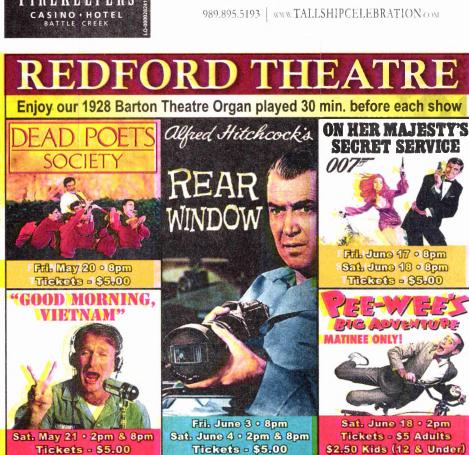


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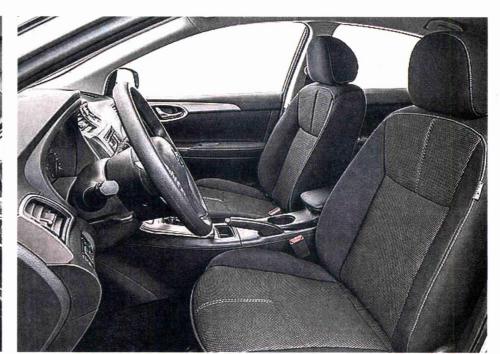
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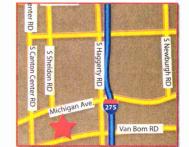
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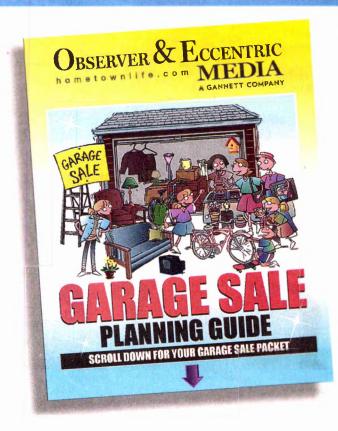
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### HAIR CUTS TO BATTLE **CANCER**

Time/Date: Noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 15

Location: Salon Bella Vi is at 633 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: Salon Bella Vi will offer haircuts and half-hour massages during a fundraiser for a 2009 Canton High School graduate battling an aggressive form of cancer. The minimum donation per haircut or massage is \$20. Alex Berlin was diagnosed with Ewing's sarcoma in his right leg in May 2014, just after graduating from Michigan State University with a master's degree in accounting

Contact: Call 734-667-5701 to make an appointment

## **AUTHOR TALKS**

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday 16 Location: Barnes & Noble, 17111 Haggerty Road, Northville Township

**Details:** Maggie Stiefvater is the No. 1 New York Times bestselling author of the novel "Shiver, Linger, Forever and Sinner." The first book in the "Raven Cycle," "The Raven Boys," was a Publishers Weekly Best Book of the Year and the second and third books, "The Dream Thieves" and "Blue Lily, Lily Blue," were ALA Best Books for Young Adults.

### **PHILHARMONIC TOONS**

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. May 21 Location: Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex, 650 Church Street, Plymouth

Details: The Michigan Philharmonic performs "Toon Tunes & Tales." The concert features music of cartoons and animated films. Music from other cartoons such as "The Jetsons" and "The Flintstones" will be featured, along with contemporary favorites like "The Simpsons" and "Family Guy" in addition to great movie music from "Fro-zen," "American Tale," "Despicable Me" and more.

Contact: For tickets, contact 734 451-2112 or go to www.michiganphil.org.

### **PICKLEBALL**

Time/Date: Beginning Monday, May 9

Location: Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex, downtown

Details: The Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex and Z-Spot Fitness will offer pickleball Cost: \$5 per hour for each person who plays. Cash and checks only will be accepted.

Contact: For more information, go to www.plymouthparc.com or call 734-927-4090

### **GIRLS NIGHT OUT**

Time/Date: 5-9 p.m. Wednesday, May 18

Location: Canton Chamber of Commerce office, 45525 Hanford, Canton

**Details:** The Canton Chamber of Commerce's third annual Girls Night Out begins at the office where women will receive their shopping bag with goodies and a list of participating businesses. They can go to any of the destinations for refreshments, discounts and special gifts. Everyone will head to Fellows Creek Golf Club to close the evening with socializing, drink specials, light refreshments and door

Cost: Registration is \$20 per person. A limited number of spaces are available. Call the chamber office at 734-453-4040 or register online at www.cantonchamber.com

### **SEEKING NOMINATIONS**

Time/Date: Monday, May 16, deadline for nominations

Details: Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle is seeking nominations for local philanthropists who have made a difference in the Canton and Plymouth communities. Those selected will be honored and featured in a video presentation Friday, Oct. 21, at the Giving Hope 10th anniversary celebration at Laurel Manor. All nominees will be named to the Giving Hope Honor Roll. Eligible are neighbors, friends, relatives, youth or a business that deserves recognition for making a difference in Plymouth and Canton Contact: Send nominee's name, address, daytime phone contact, along with a short narrative about why the individual, couple, family or student deserves this honor, to givinghopewgc@gmail.com with a subject line of GIVING HOPE HONOR. Nominators should also provide contact information

### **ENCHANTED SLEEPING BEAUTY**

Time/Date: May 15 Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton

Details: Spotlight on Youth sings their way through an enchanting musical version of "Enchanted Sleeping Beauty," a spin on the old classic tale

Cost: Tickets are \$12 Contact: For tickets, call 734-394-5300 or 734-394-5460 or online at www.canton-mi.org/ villagetheater

# **JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL**

Dates: Through May 19 **Details:** The Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit presents the 18th annual Lenore Marwil Jewish Film Festival at the Berman Center for Performing Arts, 6600 W. Maple, in Bloomfield Hills

Cost: Tickets are \$12 for individuals; a matinee pass (good for five screenings of 2 p.m. shows only) is \$40 for JCC members and \$45 for non-members; and a patron pass (includes two tickets to every film plus the patron night reception May 9) costs

Contact: For inquiries and group sales, call 248-661-1900 or go to www.jccdet.org/filmfest

### **TALK BONES, JOINTS** Time/Date: 6-7 p.m. Tuesday,

Details: Arthritis is the nation's number one cause of disability. Nearly 53 million adults have doctor-diagnosed arthritis that's one in five people over the age of 18 (Arthritis Foundation). Join in with Providence Park Hospital staff to learn about bone and joint issues, with a focus on the shoulder joint. Presented by Mark Shreve, M.D., free at the Providence Park Hospital-Southfield Campus, Fisher Auditorium. Register by calling 888-751-5465

### **MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**

Time/Date: 9 a.m. Monday, May

Location: Plymouth, Main Street **Details:** The Plymouth Lions Club, American Legion Post No. 391, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 6695 and the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter No. 528 are planning the 2016 Plymouth Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony

Contact: If your organization is interested in marching in the parade, contact Lee Ekholm at 734-812-8724

### **DEMENTIA WORKSHOP**

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon each Wednesday through May 25 Location: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi

Details: The Area Agency on Aging 1-B and the Alzheimer's Association-Greater Michigan Chapter host free educational workshops for families caring for someone with a dementiarelated illness, such as Alzheimer's disease. The Creating Confident Caregivers program is a six-week workshop series

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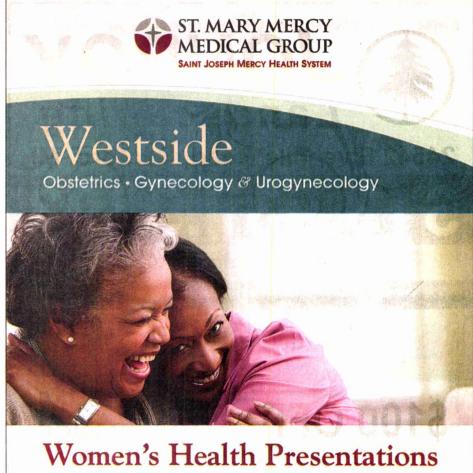
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# **SHELTER**

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school, they deliver leftover food to the shelter, Kim Adams said.

This Sunday, Megan is set to receive the Girl Scouts Gold Award the organization's highest achievement - after she led a 17-member team to renovate two rooms at the shelter.

"I think it was a nobrainer because everyone there is so welcoming and the families are so nice," she said.

Megan, a Canton High School senior, raised \$1,770 in donations for her project. Her team painted the two rooms blue and brought in new bedding, pillows, framed pictures and nightstands. One room got a new screen so the window can be opened for fresh air.

Tania James, the shelter's director, said efforts such as Megan's



Megan Adams

ter on Michigan Avenue a better place for families who need a place to

"It makes a huge difference," James said. "It makes the families feel more comfortable in their home away from home until they can find a place to live.

Megan, who has been

garten, devoted well over 100 hours to her project through Girl Scout Troop 41451 of the Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan. She receives her Gold Award along with other girls during a ceremony at Washtenaw Community College.

She already had earned bronze and silver awards and about 100 patches and badges.

During her work at the shelter, Megan recalls three little children peeking inside one room and ultimately pitching in to help. The room with four beds became so popular that the center had a raffle to determine which family got

"It became the best room in the facility, Doug Adams said, adding later that the importance of helping the shelter cannot be overstated. "This is their home. This is their family.

Megan had enough money left over to renomaking twice the impact she had expected.

After Megan graduates from high school, she plans to attend Schoolcraft College for two years and then likely transfer to Central Michigan University. She plans to study early childhood education.

"I want to be a teacher," she said.

Going forward, the family plans to remain involved in helping the shelter. They say it's important to help these families, who have one room to call home - a room made brighter by a fresh coat of paint and new furnishings.

It's an effort Doug Adams attributes to a newspaper story he read years ago — a story he said still makes a difference in his family's lives and the homeless shel-

"We had never heard of this place," he said.

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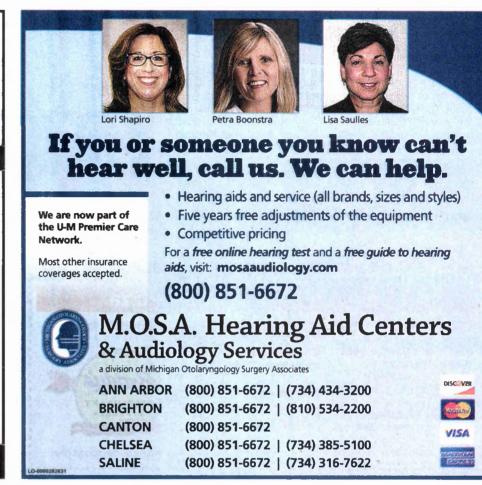
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# Canton High grad's band prepares new album and tour

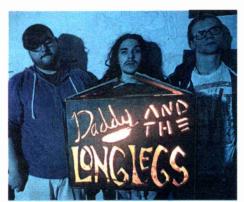
**Danielle Alexander** Staff Writer

Canton High School 2014 graduate Aaron Hernandez and his new band Daddy and the Long Legs are plotting a new full-length album and planning a tour.

"I have high hopes for the band this summer and fall," said Hernandez, who is more widely known by his stage name "Marco Aziel." "We have been rehearsing day and night, but I am confident in the band's sound."

Hernandez participated in February Album Writing Month, where he succeeded in writing 14 songs in less than a month; in fact, he accomplished this goal in only 12 days and then recorded all 14 in one night, except for a few drum tracks and guest performances, which were captured earlier that week.

These songs comprised the album "I Wrote This To A Ghost," which came out with a release show Feb. 27 at the Plymouth Coffee Bean, only two days after



Anderson, Aaron Hernandez and Collin McCov have recently become Daddy and the Lona Legs, a band with a new album and tour.

the all-night recording session at his rehearsal studio in Redford.

"I had a weird revelation and I had no idea I was going to be able to do that," Hernandez said, laughing. "It was a major confidence boost.

In addition to Hernandez, members of Daddy and the Long Legs include Travis Anderson (bass and vocals) and Collin McCoy (drums), also known as the "The Long Legs.'

This summer, Daddy and the Long Legs will be performing June 5 at June Jamboree at The Crofoot Ballroom in Pontiac and June 11 at Summerween at Airway Lanes Lounge in Water-

Hernandez said he would classify the music as "emo punk" or "pop punk," which is similar to indie rock. Many of the songs he wrote during FAWM are now played by the band.

For more information about Hernandez and Daddy and the Long Legs, go to www.marco aziel.com.

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# Plymouth library hosts St. John Mandel for Great Michigan Read

The Plymouth District Library has been selected to host bestselling author Emily St. John Mandel at 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 18.

The Great Michigan Read, a statewide onebook reading initiative sponsored by the Michigan Humanities Council. selected St. John Mandel's book, "Station Eleven" for 2015-16. The Great Michigan Read aims to connect residents statewide with a deeper understanding of the state, society and humanity.

'Station Eleven" is the story of the Traveling Symphony, a troupe of Shakespearean actors and orchestral musicians traveling the shores of the Great Lakes in a post-apocalyptic Michigan. St. John Mandel explains how "Station Eleven" became a Michigan story

'When I first visited the Michigan lakeshore on a book tour in 2010, I liked it so much that I decided I wanted to set

NATIONAL BEST SELLER STATION ELEVEN EMILY ST. JOHN MANDEL

"Station Eleven" author Emily St. John Mandel will discuss her novel Wednesday at the Plymouth District Library.

my next book there and I've taken every possible opportunity to return to the area since then," she said.

The Traveling Symphony strives to maintain their humanity in the altered landscape of a world where 99 percent of the population has been wiped out by a flu pandemic, it operates

under one credo: "Survival is insufficient.'

"Station Eleven" is set in a world turned upside down, but is ultimately an exploration of people surviving and remaking their lives by preserving the qualities that make us human: culture, art and the humanities. The novel was on the New York Times best-seller list for eight weeks and was one of the best-reviewed books in 2014.

The public is invited. St. John Mandel will speak about her inspiration for "Station Eleven" and her experiences as a writer. Sign-up is requested at 734-453-0750, ext. 4, or online at plymouthlibrary.org.

St. John Mandel will be available to sign her book, which will be for sale on the day of the event.

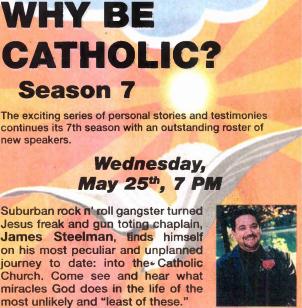
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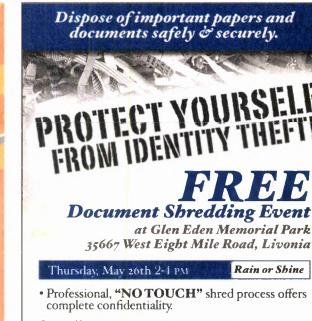
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# **SPORTS**

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**PREP BASEBALL** 

# Now that's plenty Good enough

Wildcats get back to basics to earn split of doubleheader

**Tim Smith** Staff Writer

Evan Good watched his line drive down the left field line drift just foul and hit the fence during the third inning of Wednesday's Plymouth's KLAA South Division baseball nightcap against Livonia Franklin.

"I saw it curving a little bit and just thought it was going to stay fair," Good, the Wildcats' catcher, said following his team's 4-2 win in Game 2 against the Patriots. "But it just tailed foul. I got back in there and fought the rest of that atbat for a walk."

Good's courtesy runner (Chase Timko) didn't score in that inning, thanks to an insane, Henrik Lundqvist-like pick by Franklin third baseman Bobby Mandrink, which triggered an inning-ending 5-4-3 double

But Good's gutsy at-bat epitomized the "whatever it takes" mindset the Wildcats displayed in the victory.

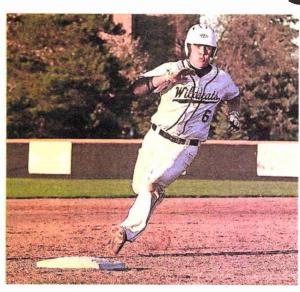
The game was called be-cause of darkness after Franklin (19-9 overall, 11-5 in the KLAA South, good for second place) left two on base in the

top of the sixth; Plymouth closer Regan Fleisher blazed a third strike past Kyle Wollam for the final out.

In the second, with the Wildcats looking to break an early 1-1 tie, Good led off with a perfect bunt single and Timko did score that time, on a basesloaded walk to Jake MacBrien.

Two batters later, senior shortstop Kyle Wolter laced a double to left-center to plate Nik Patel (who singled) and Pete Carravallah (who walked) and open up a 4-1 advantage.

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MICHAEL VASILNEK Plymouth's Evan Good. shown from earlier this season, was a spark-plug Wednesday's Game 2 win over

Franklin.

**KLAA SOFTBALL** 

# Rocks, Chiefs wrap up titles

Park rivals to play Monday for Kensington Conference crown

> Tim Smith Staff Writer

Whatever is in the water these days at the Park, it's a winner — especially for varsity softball teams.

Taking turns drinking from the victory jug after clinching their respective KLAA division championship were the Salem Rocks and Canton Chiefs.

Now, the teams will face each other at 4 p.m. Monday at Salem to determine the Kensington Conference champion.

Central champion Salem (13-3 in the division, according to the KLAA website) needed to win Game 2 of Wednesday's doubleheader against South Lyon East in order to ward off the secondplace Cougars.

Salem fell 5-4 in the opener, but came out swinging in the all-important nightcap, winning 10-4 to nab the

"I think this game came down to who was going to string the hits together and who was going to have the big hits," veteran Salem coach Bonnie Southerland said. "In no way, shape or form were they going to let this game get away or the division title, for that mat-

Sophomore pitcher and Michigan commit Morgan Overaitis scattered eight hits for the win and also chipped in a double.

Setting the tone at the plate was senior catcher Kara Hutchison, who launched a two-run homer in the first (scoring Maddy Rosiewicz) to put the Rocks up 2-0.

Senior outfielder Jamie Squires followed with a double and Hailey Dechalk singled her in to open up a three-

run lead. Hutchison homered again during a three-run third, which also featured

Dechalk's two-run hit. Other run-scoring hits were tallied

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JOHN KEMSKI J EXPRESS PHOTO Salem senior catcher Kara Hutchison works behind the plate during the Salem Invite. She is among many Rocks having an excellent

**PREP SPOTLIGHT** 



They're not officially called the Dawson Trio, but Canton softball standouts (from left) Izzy, Sydney and Nicole Dawson are making music on the field this season.

# FAMILY TIES

Trio of softball Dawsons helping make this season special for Chiefs, on and off field

Staff Writer

All it takes to get a Dawson family reunion going is hit a softball to shallow right field.

And that's a good thing, as Canton's varsity softball team features three outstanding players who all go by the name of Dawson - junior second baseman Sydney, sophomore first baseman Izzy and freshman right fielder/pitcher Nicole.

They could all converge on that fly ball, quickly trade some jokes and laughs and then throw the ball back to a teammate for an important out.

"It don't happen too often," Canton head coach Al White said about having the two Dawson sisters (Sydney and Izzy) and a cousin on the same team.

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Canton junior second baseman Sydney Dawson fields a grounder during a recent contest. She and sister Izzy lock down the defense on the right side of the infield, with cousin Nicole often the right fielder.



# Second-place Wildcats riding hot streak

Plymouth routs Patriots on senior day, follows up with sweep of Zebras

> **Tim Smith** Staff Writer

Perhaps lost in the Park softball shuffle this season — what with division championships won by Canton and Salem — is how excellent a season the Plymouth Wildcats have enjoyed.

The Wildcats swept doubleheaders Wednesday against Livonia Franklin and Thursday against Wayne Memorial to improve to 17-4-1 overall and 14-2 in the KLAA South Division.

In many years, that record would be good enough for first place. But not this season as Plymouth wound up finishing

second behind Canton (23-4, 15-1).

Still, the Wildcats are on a surge as the KLAA season draws to a close, not to mention upcoming districts (at Plymouth High School, no less).

In Wednesday's opener, the Wildcats celebrated senior day for 12th-graders Rachel Zerona and Cali Jones with 12-1 and 13-3 victories over the Patriots.

Zerona really made her special day count, as she clobbered a three-run homer to right-center in the second inning of the opener. Her first-ever career home run keyed an eight-run

Taking care of business in the circle was sophomore Jenny Bressler, who pitched a one-hitter.

In Game 2 against Franklin, Kiersten Metz pitched an outstanding game,

allowing two earned runs and just four

Plymouth kept things rolling Thursday against the Zebras, with Bressler and Metz combining to throw a gem in a 13-0 victory.

The offense had many contributors, including Bressler (two doubles), Zerona (triple), Jessica Tucci (2-for-3), Whitney Holden (two triples), Mikayla Rose (two doubles) and Haley Gagnon (dou-

For good measure, the Wildcats took Thursday's nightcap by a 7-0 score. Plymouth will visit South Lyon East

on Monday in a match-up of Kensington Conference second-place squads.

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JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

One of Plymouth's senior stalwarts is outfielder Rachel Zerona, shown from last season. The other is Cali Jones. Both were honored on senior day.

# **DAWSONS**

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"Outstanding kids; you'd be proud to call them your daughters. That's all three of them.'

The Dawson Trio is part of a nucleus that has the Chiefs at the top of the KLAA South Division standings, with a crack at a Kensington Conference championship. Canton will face KLAA Central champ Salem on Monday.

### **Having fun**

"Very much so, they've all made contributions," White said. "This whole team, they're having fun and that's what it's all about.'

The Dawsons come from club softball backgrounds (Brighton-based Turning Two, Compuware Softball) and already have shown they can get it done in high-stakes varsity action.

But that doesn't keep them from enjoying each other's company

During a recent practice, the Dawsons took a few moments out from a nose-to-the-grindstone workout with the rest of the Chiefs to joke and laugh about the team's unique family con-

"At home, we don't talk about soft-ball, just on the field," said Sydney Dawson, who describes herself as the calmer sister. "I think it's more fun to have fun with friends and cousins. We just have fun a lot."

On the field, Sydney and Izzy can help reduce any tension with the utter-

ing of a simple nickname.
"We always joke around by calling each other 'Bull," said Izzy, a heavyhitting player in her second year on the varsity Chiefs. "We started that when we were all around 13 years old and it just stuck around."

Sydney concurred that the Dawsons "have a lot of inside jokes we share with each other. Whenever someone is doing bad, we always try to make them laugh and cheer them up.

# Special bond

According to Izzy Dawson, augmenting the family connection is having a cousin on the squad.

"It's actually been a really fun experience, because I get to see a lot more of my cousin," Izzy said. "And with me and my sister, it's fun to have something that we both like to do. ... We all have a bond, we all balance each other

Nicole said this season has been great "because I get to see them more. Izzy actually was on my travel team last year, but Sydney wasn't, so I get to see her more.'

Of course, the fact all three are softball standouts helps with their



Sending a sizzling line drive on its way during Thursday's softball doubleheader against Livonia Churchill is Canton sophomore Izzy Dawson. The Chiefs won both games.



Firing a pitch toward home plate is Canton freshman Nicole Dawson, who also plays right field for the Chiefs.

obvious camaraderie.

White said Izzy notched 29 doubles as a freshman and her sophomore season is right on track - she is bat-

Sydney has brought her average up to .277, with the sisters combining to form an airtight right side of the in-

Nicole is 4-0 in the circle, also helping the cause with solid play in right field and pushing the .300 mark at the

"Once we step out of the field, it's like we're family and we leave it on the field," Sydney said.

# **Bottom line**

Still, for as highly competitive and successful all three have been with the Chiefs, they maintain a low-key dynamic whenever possible.

"My cousins and I don't really compare notes about softball to help each other out," Nicole said. "We just congratulate each other on what we do good and keep the confidence going."

Concurring was Izzy, noting that the relatives don't get caught up in analyzing each other's play when away from the softball field and at a family event, for example.

"No, we don't really share notes," Izzy said. "We just talk about softball on the field and, once we get off, we just have fun and talk about school things.

Thanks to the Dawsons and their collective softball skills, the Chiefs have been taking many opponents to school, too.

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**SOFTBALL** 

by Squires, Jenna Taylor and Jordan

"I'm very proud of how they did not roll over today after the first game, but really stepped up and did what they needed to do," Southerland said. "I'm also very happy for the seniors, who you can tell want to make their mark before they head off to play college ball."

In the first game, Rosiewicz, Hutchison and Dechalk each registered two hits, but the Rocks were unable to

rally in the late stages. Hutchison ended a seventh-inning rally when she lined out to the second

baseman with two runners on base. But the Rocks had a second chance to clinch the crown and they made the most of it.

"It (came) down to who wants it the most," Southerland said. "I got my

# Chiefs on roll

Canton, meanwhile, stayed sharp ahead of the showdown with Salem.

On Wednesday, the Chiefs registered a pair of 15-0 routs over Wayne Memorial (according to the KLAA

In the opener, Mackenna Payne homered (her eighth) and pitched Canton to the shutout win.

Also helping the cause was Olivia Grant, who notched two hits in three at-bats.

Victoria Porter pitched the Chiefs to victory in the nightcap. Canton continued to steamroll oppo-



Salem's varsity softball team celebrates after clinching the KLAA Central title Wednesday. The Rocks will face Canton for the Kensington Conference championship Monday.

nents in Thursday's doubleheader sweep of Livonia Churchill. The Chiefs won 14-1 and 4-1.

Payne once again took care of Canton pitching duties in Game 1, collecting the win. Sparking the offense was senior outfielder Elizabeth Yager, who will play next season for the University of Detroit.

Yager launched an inside-the-park homer, displaying her speed demon

In the second game, Nicole Dawson won her fourth game in as many decisions, throwing a complete game against the host Chargers.

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Running in to make a basket catch Thursday is Canton outfielder Allayha Griggs (left).

# SPORTS ROUNDUP

### **Canton Hockey tryouts**

Tryouts are just around the corner for hockey players looking to make Canton High School's 2015-16 varsity or prep teams.

Varsity tryouts will take place 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 23 and 7 p.m. Tues-

day, May 24. Tryouts for the prep (JV) team are set for 7:30 p.m. both Wednesday, May

25 and Thursday, May 26.

Each skate costs \$15 and will take place at Arctic Edge Arena on Michigan Avenue west of Canton Center Road. For more information, contact Mark Wherrett (734) 837-6854 or Dave Flack (734) 658-3507.

### Canton grid camps

The Canton Chiefs football program is hosting a pair of camps for players entering grades 7-9 in 2016-17. If pre-registered by May 16, participants can sign up for both for just \$50.

After May 16, the fee goes up to \$70. Each camp takes place on the Canton varsity turf field.

All campers will receive a Chiefs football T-shirt and shorts at the first (or only) camp they attend. They also will learn about the Chiefs' offensive philosophy and participate in actual practice sessions

» » Football Skills Camp: Two sessions are scheduled, from June 13-16 and July 18-21, with sessions set for 5-to-7:30 p.m. each of those weeks.

The skills camp is designed to help youngsters learn how to be a dominant blocker, tough and agile back or efficient passing and throwing quarterback. Contact Richard Rui, (248)

» Wing-T/3-4 Camp: There only is one session slated for the Wing T/3-4 Camp, from June 20-23. Sessions are 2-5 p.m. on June 20 and 5-8 p.m. June 21-23. Camp fees are \$25 if pre-registered by May 16 and \$40 for registering after May 16.

The Wing-T camp focuses on improving fundamentals, including blocking, running and passing. Contact Canton head coach Tim Baechler, (734) 455-7691, for more information.

# Salem coaching vacancy

Salem High School is looking for a new varsity girls swimming coach, to succeed the retired Chuck Olson.

Interested applicants should e-mail athletic director Brian Samulski, brian.samulski@pccsk12.com.

Minimum requirements for applicants include the following: high school graduate or equivalent; experience in high school level coaching or competing at the college/university level in swimming; have a time schedule compatible with that of high school; CPR and/or first-aid training preferred; demonstrated ability to work with parents and children.

# Salem camp offerings

A series of summer camps are being offered at Salem High School. Contact athletic director Brian Samulski at brian.samul-

ski@pccsk12.com or visit Salem athletics' website if interested. Following are the various offer-

**Sports Camp Grades 1-5:** Fee is \$60 for residents, \$70 for non-residents; camp is 9 a.m. Monday, July 11 through 9 a.m. Thursday, July 14; for boys and girls of all ages in grades

Basketball Skills Camp (Boys -**Grades 5-9):** Fee is \$85 for residents, \$95 for non-residents; camp is 8 a.m. Monday, June 20 through 8 a.m. Friday, June 24

Basketball Youth Camp (Girls -Grades 3-6): Fee is \$50 for residents, \$60 for non-residents; camp is 10 a.m. Monday, June 27 through 10 a.m. Thursday, June 30. Boys also are wel-

come to sign up.

Basketball Youth Camp (Girls -**Grades 7-12):** Fee is \$50 for residents, \$60 for non-residents; camp is 7 p.m. Monday, June 6 through 7 p.m. Thursday, June 9. Boys also are welcome to

Volleyball Skills Camp (Girls -Grades 3-6): Fee is \$70 for residents; \$80 for non-residents; camp is 2 p.m. Monday, June 27 through Wednesday,

Volleyball Skills Camp (Girls -Grades 7-12): Fee is \$85 for residents, \$95 for non-residents; camp is 5 p.m. Monday, June 27 through Wednesday, June 29.

**PREP ROUNDUP** 

# Doubling up: Wildcats take care of tough foe

Offense carries Salem, Plymouth girls lacrosse teams to wins

**Tim Smith** 

Plymouth's varsity girls tennis team has a lot on its plate this week.

So far, so good.

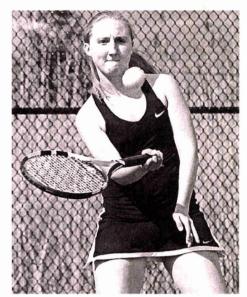
With the KLAA 'A' tournament scheduled for Saturday at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, not to mention a tough match-up Friday against defending state champion Northville (results not yet available), the Wildcats had to go up Thursday against tough Walled Lake Central.

Plymouth dominated in doubles play (winning five of six flights) and posted a 7-3 victory over the Warriors.

Freshman Jessica Braun remained unbeaten at No. 1 singles, winning in convincing style by a 6-0, 6-2 tally.

Also victorious was Kara Hug, battling to a 6-4, 7-5 victory at No. 3 sin-

At No. 2 singles, Amber Tseng played well despite falling short and Swetha Duraiswamy, at No. 4 singles,



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Plymouth's Kara Hug won at No. 3 singles Thursday against Walled Lake Central.

lost a heartbreaking three-setter, falling 12-10 in the third set's tiebreaker. But Plymouth excelled even more in doubles action. The lone loss was at No. 1 doubles, where Alyssa Lopez and Bei Li Martin lost a tough three-setter.

Rolling up straight-set wins after that were Amy Luo and Justine Ko (No. 2), Arwa Harawala and Allie Baker (No. 3), Alayna Stults and Olivia Schafer (No. 4), Kriya Shah and Dani Escalera-Sanchez (No. 5) and Emily Solicki and Ria Mahesh (No. 6).

### Girls lacrosse

SALEM 12, W.L. UNITED 8: On Wednesday, seven different Salem players scored goals to spark the vic-

Leading the way with three goals was Madison Mullins, while Brittany Mitton, Stephanie Miller and Kayla Goleniak scored twice each. Rounding out the offense were Colleen Shortal, Brianna Waggoner and Leah Tardiff, with one goal each.

PLYMOUTH 17, CANTON 4: Also Wednesday, the Wildcats had too much of an attack for the Chiefs in this Kensington Conference match-up. Finding the back of the Canton goal six times was senior Natalie Nowicki, with Marissa Cirino scoring three goals.

Also doing damage were Madeleine Caswell, Cierra Steiner and Cathryn VandenBosch (two goals each) and Sabrina Schiftar and Kari Schoen (one goal each).

**PLYMOUTH 17, DEXTER 7: Six goals** by Nowicki and five more by Vanden-Bosch spearheaded this Monday night rout. Helping the cause for the Wildcats were Marissa Cirino and Steiner (two goals each), Shelby Strawn and Regan Woodward (one goal each).

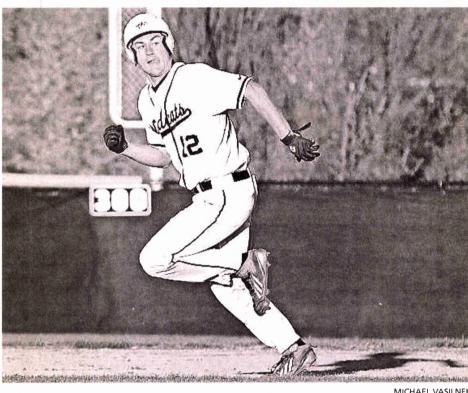
Strong defensive work from Abigail Bolterman, Jessica Curtis, Megan Eschelbach, Emily LeBlanc and Catherine Sandberg supported excellent goal-keeping by Elizabeth Elliott.

### **Boys lacrosse**

**SOUTH LYON 8, PLYMOUTH 7: The** Wildcats lost in overtime to a gritty South Lyon Unified team Monday night.

Plymouth goal scorers were Nolan Ouellette, Jack Balch and Carson Miller, while goalie Trevor McManus made 19 stops for the Wildcats.

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Senior leadership and stellar all-around play from shortstop Kyle Wolter has helped the Wildcats gear up for the stretch drive.

# BASEBALL

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"Small ball or anything, I do," Good said, asked if he takes as much pride in placing a bunt as ripping extra-base hits, especially if it sparks a win. "It gets me hyped, the team hyped and ge me on base."

# Different mix

Appreciative of that kind of approach is Plymouth head coach Ĵason Crain, who saw his team rebound from a 4-3 defeat to the Patriots in Wednesday's opener.

"Game 2, we had a different group of guys, a different type of lineup, less of a bashing lineup," said Crain, whose team is 14-13 overall and 9-7 in the KLAA South (third place). "More of a lineup that was just going to make things happen and make them make plays.

Additional proof of that came in the bottom of the first, after Franklin went up 1-0 in the top half. Plymouth's Pete Carravallah opened the bottom of the inning with an infield single and he scored the equalizer on Josh Sulak's sacrifice fly to center.

Franklin head coach Matt Fournier credited Plymouth starting pitcher Taylor Burke (41/3 innings of two-run ball) and Fleisher for shutting down his lineup. But he lamented falling into that 4-1 hole in the second, when starter Collin Metzler had trouble with his command and was relieved by Nick

Hoyer.
"Our starting pitcher (Metzler) normally does a very, very good job for us," Fournier said. "He just didn't have it today. So we asked Nick Hoyer to come in and do an outstanding job for us and hold us to that spot and he did. You can't ask anything more than that.

We had two, three, four opportunities in a row to come up with a big hit and we didn't do that. That's why we ended up on the losing end.'

# Closing the door

The Patriots closed the gap to a pair in the fifth, chasing Burke in the process, yet could not get over the hump.

Burke, who displayed a standout mix of pitches while keeping Franklin batters off-balance, opened the inning by fanning Hoyer. Jake Giacobbi followed with a bid for a single, but Plymouth second baseman MacBrien made a diving stop and threw to first baseman Sulak for the putout.

Following a walk to Wollam, a hardbreaking curve by Burke looked to have Adrian Reed struck out. But the ball hit the dirt and eluded Good, enabling Reed to reach first.

An infield single to deep shortstop by Ryan Prohaska then loaded the bases, but Wolter saved a run, laying out to keep the ball in the infield.

(Wolter) did a great job. Our infield in the first half of the year struggled a little bit with consistency in making



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Coming out of the bullpen to close out Plymouth's 4-2 win over Livonia Franklin was pitcher Regan Fleisher, shown from earlier this season.

plays," Crain said. "We've put a lot of time into that and I think it's showing. Guys are stepping up and making good

Joe Chinavare subsequently was hit by a pitch to force home a run and Crain brought in Fleisher — who then got Kolby Dewhirst to strike out swinging and keep the Wildcats in front.

"That was a phenomenal strikeout,"

In the opener, Franklin starter Dewhirst outpitched southpaw Josh Janovsky (both threw complete games) and the Pats were sparked by a laser-like homer by Prohaska.

"I don't think it got more than 25 feet in the air, just a line drive that cleared the fence," Fournier said. "It turned out to be the game-winner because at the time it put us up 4-0. Then we had a misplay; any time you give a good team an extra out, they're going to take advantage of it."

# **Looking good**

Both Crain and Fournier like where their teams are as the season draws to a close, with districts lurking around the

Plymouth has hung tough despite injuries and a tough schedule, but the recent return of senior center fielder Carravallah (who missed three weeks with an ankle sprain) gave the team a big boost.

"(Carravallah) is a spark-plug we need; he's a team leader," Crain said. "I told the guys out here that our senior leadership is starting to take hold.

"Kvle Wolter has been a vocal senior leader over the last couple weeks and Pete's always that way. It takes those type of kids to win deep in the season."

As for the Patriots, Fournier said the talent is there to enjoy a deep run in the state tourney.

'Our guys play hard; we're proud of that fact," Fournier said. "But they have the ability to do great things. It's up to them now whether or not they want to go do that."

SALEM 8-10, S.L. EAST 2-0: Host Salem had a field day Wednesday against South Lyon East, easily taking both ends of a KLAA Central Division doubleheader.
In Game 1, Alex Nicholson and Griffin Shiminski hit home runs for

the Rocks. The nightcap featured a no-hitter by pitcher Jake Seipenko. Salem improved to 22-4 overall and 12-4 in the division.

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# Well-balanced Salem squad conquers field

**Ed Wright** Staff Writer

Salem jumped out (literally) to a strong start and held off Livonia Churchill to win the KLAA Kensington Conference boys track and field meet Friday afternoon at Churchill.

Jump-started by high-jumper Cameron Grace's winning 6-foot-5 effort, the Rocks piled up 114 points to edge the Chargers by 11. Northville was third with 84.5, followed by fourthplace Westland John Glenn (68).

The Rocks received a points jolt from premier distance runner Chaz Jeffress, who won the 1,600-meter run and placed second in the 800.

Cĥurchill was bolstered early by thrower Demarco McKinney who won the discus and earned second-place points in the shot put.

John Glenn's sprint crew put on a

show as David Graham and Johnathan Parker were top two in the 100 before Parker came back to win the 200.

Livonia Stevenson's Malik Lowery leaped to a championship in the long jump, hitting the ground 21 feet, 2 inches from launching pad.

FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Salem, 114; 2. Livonia Churchill, 103; 3. Northville, 84.5; 4. Westland John Glenn, 68; 5. Novi, 58; 6. Canton, 54; 7. Livonia Stevenson, 46.5; 8. Wayne Memorial, 39; 9. Livonia Franklin, 37; 10. South Lyon, 33; 11. (tie) South Lyon East

and Hymouth, 12.

Shot put: 1. Jannik Schmitt (5), 55 feet, 1 inch; 2. Demarco
McKinney (LC), 49-4; 3. Alex Howie (5), 48-1.5; 4. Bobby Madley
(LF), 5. Reggie Micheaux (WM), 43-7; 6. Jeremiah Dunne (NRV),
42-8.5; 7. Josh Remstad (SL), 42-2.5; 8. Max Dedona (NRV),

42-2-3. Discus: 1. Demarco McKinney (LC), 158-0; 2. Jannik Schmitt (5), 146-5; 3. DeAngelo Meredith (5), 137-4; 4. Christian Pearson (5), 135-4; 5. Andy Mattison (SL), 129-9; 6. Ryan McKeon (SLE), 128-7; 7. Jeremiah Dunne (NRV), 128-5; 8. James Deese (C), 126-5. Pole vault: 1. Andrew Koenigsknecht (C), 14-4; 2. Kameron Stancer (LC), 12-6; 3. Scott Sawyer (NOVI), 12-0; 4. Andrew Wolschleger (SLE), 11-6; 5. (tie) Clay Alexander (NRV) and Logan

(NOVI), 6-4; 3. John Hamilton (NRV), 6-3; 4. Cameron Kight (P), 6-0; 5. Taji Chappell (LC), 6-0; 6. Malik Lowery (LS), 5-11; 7. Denzel Adams (LF), 5-11; 8. Aaron Simmon (LS), 5-11.

3,200-meter relay; 1. Churchill, 8 minutes, 5.97 seconds; 2. Stevenson (Andrew Bambach, Jack Balint, Alex Oquist, Jeremy Webb), 8:06.84; 3. Northville (Conor Naughton, Robbie Kuphal, Kenny Goolsby, Thomas Smither), 8:13.29.

110 hurdles: 1. Kevin Schopa (SU), 15.34; 2. Jemal Vaunado (C), 15.35; 3. Evan Marini (LS), 15.50; 4. Dakota Travis-Gilmore (LC), 15.65; 5. John Stefan (NOVI), 16.14; 6. Nathan Sudek (LS), 16.15; 7. Eseosa Arhebamen (S), 16.48.

100 dash: 1. 1. David Graham (WJG), 10.98; 2. Johnathan Parker (WJG), 11.11; 3. Jamal Allen (LC), 11.16; 4. Andrew Davis (S), 11.23; 5. Jawon Thompson (WJG), 11.36; 6. Nathan Hankerson (NOVI), 11.43; 7. Steve Walker (C), 11.64; 8. Anthony D'Annibale (NOVI), 11.66.

800 relay: 1. Salem (Sharriff Dyer, Andrew Davis, Jacob Miller, VerShawn Patrick), 1:29.82; 2. Franklin (Christian Bagnall, Khalil Pasha, Jacob Clark, Brandon Smiley), 1:29.88; 3. John Glenn (Johnathan Parker, Jawon Thompson, Austin Hamlett, David Graham), 1:30.02. **1,600 run:** 1. Chaz Jeffress (5), 4:24.91; 2. Kenny Goolsby

(NRV), 4:27.31; 3. Tony Floyd (LF), 4:28.00; 4. Conor Naughton (NRV), 4:30.11; 5. Scott McPherson (NOVI), 4:30.51; 6. Ethan Byrnes (P), 4:32.73; 7. JAck Balint (LS), 4:36.78; 8. Andrew Bambach (LS), 4:37.27.

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400 relay: 1. John Glenn (Johnathan Parker, Jawon Thompson, Donovan Burreil, David Graham), 43.39; 2. Salem (Freddie McGee, Andrew Davis, Jacob Miller, VerShawn Patrick), 43.55; 3. Canton (Alan Jones, Brennon Pelland, Steve Walker, Darren Davis), 43.99.

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400 dash: 1. Montel Hood (WM), 47.78; 2. Carrington Smith
(LC), 49.33; 3. Anthony D'Annibale (NOVI), 49.48; 4. Jared
Tarrance (WJG), 5. Adam Ghabra (NRV), 49.98; 6. Jerod Allen (SL),
51.46; 7. Andrew Chant (WM), 52.24; 8. Dirk Thornbill (C), 52.29.
300 hurdles: 1. Jemal Vaunado (C), 40.11; 2. Kevin Schopa
(S), 40.84; 3. Sharriff Dyer (S), 41.65; 4. Hunter Joy (NOVI), 41.69;
5. Dakota Travis-Gilmore (LC), 41.85; 6. Steve Harrlep (SL), 42.17;
7. Jacob Waranauckas (SLE), 42.67; 8. Evan Marini (LS), 43.51. **800 run:** 1. Thomas Smither (NRV), 1:57.15; 2. Chaz Jeffress (S), 1:58.11; 3. Montel Hood (WM), 2;00.06; 4. Dash Dobar (LC), 2:01.72; 5. Gino Persicone (S), 2:02.90; 6. Brendan Meakin (LC),

2:03.18; 7. Alex Oquist (LS), 2:04.27; 8. Jerod Allen (SL), 2:04.72.

200 dash: 1. Johnathan Parker (WJG), 21.97; 2. Adam Ghabra (NRV), 22.11; 3. Carrington Smith (LC), 22.12; 4. Jamal Allen (LC), 22.19; 5. Brandon Smiley (LF), 22.36; 6. Darren Davis (C), 22.38; 7. Jaman Thompson (MJG), 23.23.

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 Jawon Thompson (WJG), 23.23.
 3.200 run: 1. Conor Naughton (NRV), 9:45.12; 2. John Landy (NOVI), 9:46.56; 3. Tony Floyd (LF), 9:46.91; 4. Ben Cracraft (NRV), 9:48.53; 5. Ethan Byrnes (P), 9:52.08; 6. Ryan Exell (S), 9:56.51; 7. Aric Landy (NOVI), 9:58.67; 8. Nick Couyoumjian (NRV), 9:59.56.
 1,600 relay: 1. Wayne (Andrew Chant, Montel Hood, Javon Johnson, Jonathan Rivera), 3:25.78; 2. Westland John Glenn (Austin Hanglett Abrad Allen Sen Bibbe, Lared Tarrance), 3:26.87; (Austin Hamlett, Ahmad Allen, Ben Biber, Jared Tarrance), 3:26.87

**PREP SOFTBALL** 

# Marlins clinch Central Division title

3. Churchill, 3;27.54.

Dan O'Meara Staff Writer

Mercy High School clinched the Catholic League Central Division softball championship and earned a first-round bye in the tournament Wednesday.

The Marlins finished 12-0 in the division by winning a doubleheader from host and defending league champion Warren Regina, 11-4 and 6-4 in eight innings.

In the second game, Mercy loaded the bases in the top of the eighth with consecutive singles by Anna Dixon, Sophia VanAcker and Abby Krzywiecki.

Cari Padula followed with a double that brought Dixon and VanAcker to the plate for a 6-4 lead. Regina went down in order in the bottom of the eighth.

Abby Krzywiecki scattered nine hits over eight innings, struck out eight and walked two.

She was 4-for-4 at the plate with a solo homer and RBI single. Mary Reeber was 3-for-4 and VanAcker, who scored two runs, 3-for-5.

Megan Satawa and Dixon drove in one run apiece with a double and a sacrifice fly, respectively.

Regina's Melina Livingston was 3-for-3 with a two-run single that tied the score at 4-4 in the sixth inning.

Nicole Roeske and Leah Munson were 2-for-3. Roeske was the pitcher and allowed 16 hits.

Mercy put the first game out of reach early with a nine-run third inning. The big hit was a three-run homer by Krzywiecki, who also had an RBI single in the seventh.

Dixon and Krzywiecki were 3-for-5, Shannon Gibbons 3-for-4 and VanAcker 3-for-3 as the Marlins amassed 14

Dixon had a pair of RBI singles.

Gibbons and Mary Reeber hit two-run

singles in the big third inning.

Nicole Belans also drove in a run with a single. VanAcker, Gibbons, Dixon and Krzywiecki scored two

Andrea Elmore was the winning pitcher. She struck out nine and didn't walk a batter, although she hit one. Regina had seven hits. Jessica

Munson and Kristi Carlson, who hit a three-run homer, were 2-for-4. Roeske pitched the first game, too.

She walked two batters in each game and had a total of nine strikeouts.

Mercy (22-1) will play host to the Allen Park Cabrini-Livonia Ladywood winner in a Catholic League tournament semifinal at 4:30 p.m. Wednes-

The championship game will be played at 6 p.m. Monday, May 23, at the University of Detroit Mercy.

# **Trojans tumble**

Cranbrook Kingswood opened with a 10-run first inning and cruised to a 12-2 win over Livonia Clarenceville in five innings Thursday.

Janie Wagganer and Shelby Smith scored for Clarenceville in the third inning. The Lady Trojans (3-14) had two hits - both singles by Janie Wagganer and Emily Schmidt.

Wagganer pitched well with very little run support, according to coach Joe DeCaire.

Aya Saad's two-run single in the bottom of the sixth inning Wednesday gave host Dearborn Fordson a 4-3 win over Clarenceville.

Winning pitcher Rana Elsamadouny went the distance, allowing four hits and three walks. She struck out 10 batters and hit three.

Schmidt took the tough loss, allowing four runs on four hits and four

walks over six innings. Claudia Moore and Wagganer had two hits each. Clarenceville left the tying and go-ahead runs on base.

**SCHOOLCRAFT BASEBALL** 

# Ocelots drop home finale, but primed for postseason

Schoolcraft much improved in all facets of game, now awaits Division III regional

> **Tim Smith** Staff Writer

If nothing else, the nickname Ocelots indeed suits Schoolcraft College's firstyear baseball team.

Schoolcraft scratched and clawed back into Wednesday's Michigan Community College Athletic Association contest against Kellogg Community College at Ford Field in Livonia, but fell 4-3 in the season's final home game.

Trailing 4-1 entering the bottom of the sixth, the Ocelots chipped away for two runs, but came oh-so-close to doing even more damage.

Freshman catcher Nick Romanauski stepped up to face Bruins pitcher Joe

Wolf with two runners on base.
Opening the inning with his second hit of the game was freshman outfielderpitcher Jared Merandi (Plymouth H.S., who also doubled and walked) and Waymond Lemon reached on an error.

Romanauski, a product of Canton High School, then launched a fly ball to deep right field. He got underneath the ball just enough for it to be caught, ohso-close to tying the game at 4-4

"I thought it was out, off the bat I thought it was gone," Romanauski said. "And then I started to realize it wasn't out and then nobody seemed to be under

"(I) missed it by just a hair, oh yeah. If it's a little bit more of a line drive that's out on Farmington (Road)," he said with a laugh. "That would have been great, that would have been awesome."

### **Getting closer**

Schoolcraft did score two runs in the inning anyway, on a wild pitch and opposite-field single by Matt Buhagair, only to fall just short.

"It's kind of the way the season's gone, where we've been one pitch, one hit or one play away from winning games," Ocelots head coach Rob Fay said. "That would have changed our record a little bit, but it shows the guys that we're real close.

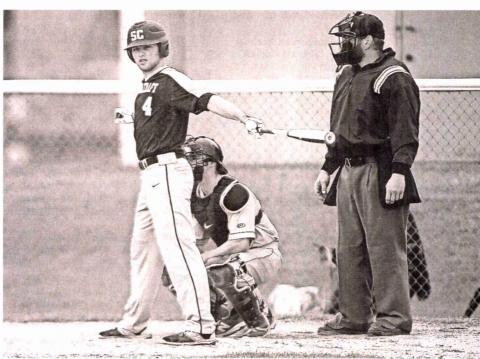
"We're real close to not only being competitive in the Division III rankings, but also with the teams in our conference that are Division II.'

The defeat (as well as a 10-2 loss earlier Wednesday in the conclusion of Monday's game to the second-place Bruins) left Schoolcraft with a record of 13-28 overall (8-18 in the conference).

That's not half-bad, Fay noted, considering how much trouble the Ocelots had hitting, fielding, pitching and competing in the first few weeks after returning from their Florida spring trip.

"When we started the year, the guys really didn't know what to expect or what was expected of them," Fay said. "But as we started playing and showing our abilities, they realized they can come out on a daily basis and compete."

There were several examples of that in the Wednesday nightcap. Freshman right fielder Waymond Lemon (U-D Jesuit) ranged back to the cyclone fence on two occasions to rob Kellogg batters



Getting ready for his at-bat during a recent game is Schoolcraft's Jared Merandi, a graduate of Plymouth High School.



BILL BRESLER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Schoolcraft head baseball coach Rob Fay likes the progress his first-year team has made.

of extra bases.

On the second catch, in the sixth, Lemon reached over the fence and took a homer away from Garrett Hammer (who still recorded a sacrifice fly to put the Bruins up 4-1).

"(Lemon's catch at the fence) was phenomenal; he had one earlier in the game the same way," Fay said "Waymond, since last Saturday at Ancilla, he had the opportunity to play two games and was ripping the cover off the ball.

"And he played great defensively for in this game. He's been steady all year. He's probably one of our hardest workers and a day like today shows what hard work will do for you."

# Ready for challenge

Schoolcraft closed the final two innings with crisp, around-the-horn double

Fav emphasized that the Ocelots will need to keep making all the plays in order to have a puncher's chance in the upcoming National Junior College Athletic Association Region XII Division III Regional Championship; it will be a bestof-three regional against Lorain County Community College near Cleveland,

Schoolcraft will play a doubleheader Monday and must win at least one game to force Tuesday's potential clincher.

If we can come out and play like we did today, I think we'll do just fine in Ohio," Fay said. "And obviously after that, we'd play the regional winner from

'The road keeps getting tougher. If we can get past Lorain, if we can get past that regional, we're on our way to the World Series. But it all starts Mon-

Pitching Game 1 Monday will be Christian Mercure (Trenton HS), with Garden City alum Nick Montroy set to take the mound in the second game.

'(Mercure) does a great job of keeping us in games and he's a competitor, Fay said. "So we're going to give him the ball in Game 1 because we want to make sure we get a win in that game.

"And then we'll turn it over to Nick Montroy in Game 2, who's pitched good for us all year as well. We're pretty confident.

# On the map

Boosting the team's confidence was the extra media attention this week, too. A video crew from WXYZ-TV (Channel 7) came out for interviews Tuesday with Fay, Schoolcraft athletic director Sid Fox and several players about starting a college baseball program.

No matter what happens against Lorain, the Ocelots are on the map.

'You know what, I think we're very pleased," Fay said. "It was a learning curve, for not only the players, but also the coaches.

'I think as the year went on, we kept finding ways to get through to the guys and make them better. They worked hard to get better.'

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**PREP TRACK AND FIELD** 

# New coaching chapter unfolding for Lemieux

Former PCA track coach helms debut team at St. Catherine Academy

**Tim Smith** 

There is no denying Jennifer Lemieux loved her time as track and cross country coach at Plymouth Christian Academy.

But one door closed and another opened, at Wixom-based St. Catherine Academy — where Lemieux and Mike McLane have teamed to coach the private Catholic girl school's first track and field team.

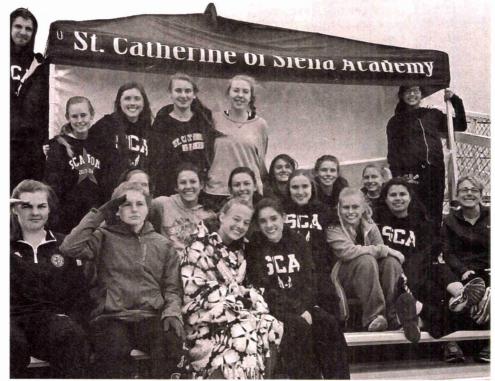
"I was honored to work with the outstanding athletes and parents at Plymouth Christian Academy for nine years," Lemieux wrote in an email to the Observer. "They have a wonderful heart for God, always running in His glory.

"PCA and SCA have a great relationship training together on the weekends and cheering for each other during

Lemieux's new team, which started preseason training without a jump pit and using hurdles, shot puts and other equipment donated from Novi Detroit Catholic Central, progressed in rapid fashion.

Last week, the team won the Catholic High School League division championship. And, oh yes, the jump pit finally arrived, courtesy of a "generous" bene-

Lemieux said the track and field program benefited from SCA already having a top-level cross country team,



St. Catherine Academy's first-ever girls track and field team recently won the CHSL championship. One of the coaches is former PCA coach Jennifer Lemieux (far right).

which was coached by McLane.

'We have some really outstanding athletes on the team," she wrote. "They have had a very strong cross country team, which has qualified for the state finals two years in a row, so the distance team is very good."

SCA will compete for the CHSL league championship May 25 at Catholic

"Mike McLane and I are very excited to be leading this team," Lemieux added. "The girls have worked very hard to get in condition and learn the basics of

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**USA HOCKEY** 

# Strelow goalie camp opens new doors

The ninth annual Warren Strelow National Goaltending Camp is featuring a new look this weekend for its first unveiling at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

But the location isn't all that's new for 2016. The event, which continues through Sunday, features a first-time gathering of USA Hockey's freshly appointed goaltending development coordinators, a group that will serve USA Hockey affiliates locally while also forming a nationwide network tasked with enhancing grassroots goalie development in the United States.

"Adding more resources and support for goaltenders, both on the national level and the local level, is a priority for USA Hockey and our American Development Model," said Phil Osaer, USA Hockey ADM manager for goaltending. "The goaltending development coordinators will play an important role in that process, giving young goaltenders support and guidance from experienced coaches with a wealth of goaltending experience.'

The coordinators' multifaceted duties will include educating local goalie coaches, meeting with clubs and associations to implement goalie training curriculum and leading USA Hockey's student goaltending coach programs.

### Sage group

Each coordinator was nominated by a USA Hockey affiliate, a process that produced a sage group to lead the initia-tive. Maine, Michigan and Minnesota were among the first affiliates to appoint coordina-tors, bringing Ray Jean (Maine), Darren Eliot (Michi-gan) and Steve Carroll (Minnesota) into the fold.

Jean is a former goaltender at the University of Maine who played professionally in the American Hockey League, the East Coast Hockey League and the Central Hockey League. For more than a decade, Jean has operated his own goaltending school and, for the past three seasons, he has served as the Black Bears' volunteer goaltending coach.

A sixth-round draft pick of the Los Angeles Kings in 1980, Eliot was an All-America goaltender at Cornell University before embarking on a professional career that included stints in the NHL with Los Angeles, Detroit and Buffalo. He serves currently as director of hockey operations with Little Caesars Amateur Hockey and also as an in-studio analyst for Fox Sports Detroit during Red Wings telecasts.

Carroll starred at Mankato State University (now known as Minnesota State University), backstopping the Mavericks to an NCAA Division II national championship in 1980 and earning national tournament MVP honors. He has operated his own goaltending school for more than 20 years, also serving as an assistant coach with the Gustavus Adolphus College women's hockey team.

In all, some 21 affiliates will be represented, including some - like Wisconsin, California, Mid-American, Michigan and Massachusetts – that tabbed multiple coordinators. Among them will be Brian Daccord (Massachusetts), who serves currently as a Toronto Maple Leafs goaltending consultant and worked previously as the Boston Bruins goaltending

# Innovations

During USA Hockey's training and collaboration event, the coordinators create a collection of goalie development practices and devise strategies for introducing more athletes to the position and improving their development opportunities.

The group will also see a demonstration of a new quickchange pad that will allow young players to try the position and, in a matter of minutes, conveniently remove the gear while on the ice to allow other players a turn between the pipes.

Summit presenters will include longtime NHL and Team USA goaltender John Vanbiesbrouck, who will cover goalie development in junior hockey, and USA Hockey's Ron DeGregorio, co-chairman of the board, former Team USA goalie and a passionate advocate for goalie development, who will be on hand to open the event.

### MAY **BREAKFAST**

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, May 15 Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: French toast, pancakes, sausage, ham, applesauce, scrambled eggs, coffee, milk, juice; \$3 adults, \$1.50 children,

Contact: 734-425-4421

**CONCERT** Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. May 15

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford Details: The Concert Choir of Michigan Lutheran Seminary of Saginaw performs. A free will offering will be accepted

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

### **POMEGRANATE GUILD**

Time/Date: 1 p.m. May 15 **Location**: Prentis Apartments community room, 15100 10 Mile,

Details: Stitch and Kvell session. Bring a project to work on and a few to show. Pomegranate Guild of Southeastern Michigan studies and creates Judaic needlework

Contact: Judy Galperin at 248-661-5337 or jmgbloom@gmail.com

## **RUMMAGE SALE**

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday, May 19, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday, May 20

Location: First Farmington United Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River Ave., at Warner Street, Farmington

Details: Bag sale will be Friday. Items that don't fit in the bag will be half off that day

### Contact: 248-474-6573 **RUMMAGE SALE**

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. May 20, 9 a.m.-noon, May 21 Location: Atonement Lutheran Church, 6961 Mead, Dearborn

Details: Clothes, shoes, toys, household items and more; cash sales only

### Contact: 313-581-2525 WHY BE CATHOLIC?

Time/Date: 7 p.m. May 25 Location: St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: James Steelman, a self-described "suburban rock n' roll gangster turned Jesus freak and gun toting chaplain," tells his story of joining the Catholic Church. The session wraps up the seventh season of Why Be Catholic?

Contact: 734-261-1455, ext. 200; whybecatholic@livoniastmichael.org

### **JUNE GOOD NEWS DAY CAMP**

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. June

Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia **Details**: Activities include

worship, praise singing, games, arts and crafts, Bible study, nature study and more. Includes snacks. Early-bird registration is \$65 for the first child in the family, \$60 for the second child, and \$55 for each additional child. After May 29, registration is \$65 per child. .Deadline to register is June 13 Contact: Judy Cook at 248-442-

### **GUEST SPEAKERS** Time/Date: 7 p.m. June 7

Location: Atonement Lutheran Church, 6961 Mead, Dearborn **Details:** Two female Christian missionaries, both former Muslims, talk about living in the Middle East and their escape to freedom. The presentation is sponsored by the Ladies Aid Society and aimed at women. A free will offering will be taken and light refreshments served Contact: 313-581-2525

### **HAWAIIAN LUAU** Time/Date: 5:30 p.m.-dusk,

Saturday, June 11 Location: St. Mel's Church, 7506 Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights

**Details:** Pig roast and catered dinner, Hawaiian dancers with fire wands, and cash bar. Held rain or shine. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for kids, 6-10 and free for ages 5 and under. One free drink is included with admission. Tickets are available at the parish office, 9 a.m.-3 p.m Monday-Thursday or call 313-274-0684

Contact: Grace Topolewski at 734-525-3607

### **ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY**

**Our Lady of Loretto** Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Monday Location: Six Mile and Beech

Daly, Redford Township **Details:** Scripture study Contact: 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel **Parish** Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. second

and fourth Thursday, through Location: 11441 Hubbard, just

south of Plymouth Road, Livonia Details: Gary Michuta, author and Catholic apologist, leads a study of Isaiah. Bring your own

Contact: 734-261-1455, ext 200

or on line at www.livoniastmichael.org.

**Faith Community Wesleyan** Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every

Saturday Location: 14560 Merriman,

**Details:** This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one

Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

**EXERCISE** Time/Date: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday

**Location:** Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com

### Contact: 313-408-3364 **FAMILY MEAL**

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

Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington

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

## **HEALING SERVICE**

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

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

**Details:** The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering 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 Preschool**ers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergart-

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. Thurs-

Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows Contact: Parish office at 734-

Contact: 734-464-1223 St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Location: 7000 N. Sheldon,

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

Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information Recycling

### **RISEN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH** Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. third Sat-

urday of the month Location: 46250 Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and

Beck roads, Plymouth Details: Recycle your cell phones, laser cartridges, inkjet cartridges, laptops, iPods, iPads, tablets, eReaders on the third

Saturday of each month. Use the

doors on east side of church. Contact: Lynn Hapman at 734-466-9023

### **SINGLES Detroit World Outreach**

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday Location: 23800 W. Chicago,

Redford, Room 304 **Details:** Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those

who are divorced or separated. Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org **Steve's Family Restaurant** 

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed

Friends Men's breakfast. This is

# men have an opportunity to

an informal "peer" group where 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

Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net.

### **SUPPORT Apostolic Christian Church**

Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.

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

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday Location: 2055 Merriman,

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@fire-

sidechoa.ora » St. Andrew's Episcopal

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0322 » Unity of Livonia Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

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tional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m.

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Contact: 313-579-2100, Ext. 149; www.solanuscenter.org **WORSHIP** 

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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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Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia Contact: 734-522-6830

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# LOFTIS



passed away Friday, May 13, 2016. Beloved wife of the late A.M. Loftis (d. 1994). Devoted mother of Ricky (Jodi) Loftis, Linda (Tim) Howell, Karen (Jerry) Bowring, and Mike Loftis. Loving grandmother of Katie, Jason, Taylor, and Shane; and fond sister of Gordon Shea. Sadly, Dorothy was preceded in death by her son, Alan and sister, Edith. Visitation Sunday, May 15, 2-8 p.m. at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd. (between 9-10 Mile Rds., just N. of Grand River), downtown Farmington, (248-474-5200), Funeral service Monday, May 16, 10 a.m. also at the funeral home Interment Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia. Memorial gifts suggested to Patti Lewis Care Home, 205 Francis, Howell, MI 48843

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# PEIRCE



parents Roy and Christina Ridley welcomed her with great joy. She married Bernard Sellman and they celebrated 56 years of marriage before his death in 2012. Barney and Carol resided in Plymouth, Michigan, WILLIAM HAROLD age 91, where Carol attended St. of Birmingham, MI, passed John's Episcopal Church, away Sunday, May 8, 2016 at Arden Courts of Bingham and served as a secretary in the Plymouth Public School District. They raised three Farms where he received exceptional care. A long-time children, John (Linda) of Grand Rapids, Jeanne (Jim) Birmingham pediatrician, he also practiced and taught at Hess of Kalamazoo, and Jim Beaumont (Royal Oak) and (David Balas) of Saugatuck. St. Joseph Mercy (Pontiac) Grandchildren are Lana, Erin, hospitals. He was born in Gallipolis, Ohio to Reverend and Brenna Sellman, Andrew (Amanda), and Kevan (Laura) Hess. Carol welcomed two Robert William Peirce and Pearl Mae Chambers great-grandchildren, Connor and raised in Springfield and Aubrey Hess. Carol and Massachusetts along with two siblings, Robert Jr. (deceased) Barney moved to Paw Paw in 1993, where they spent many and Marian Ruth. In 1955 he happy years in retirement. married Barbara Lawson in a Cremation has taken place ceremony performed by his father, an American Baptist She will be remembered on Saturday, May 21 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, minister. His wife preceded him in death by nine years. 412 Cedar Street, Paw Paw, He is survived by three sons, MI 49079, visitation from 1:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m Bair), David Ballantyne (Diane LaGaipa) and Robert Seward, memorial service at 1:00 p.m. Arrangements are being made and six grandchildren, Hilary, through Avink Funeral Home Andrew, Adam, Caitlin in Schoolcraft, Michigan. Leah and Alexandra. Dr. Bill Condolences or memories is a graduate of Denison University in Granville, OH, can be left at avinkcremation. com. To honor her kind, charitable heart, contributions as were his father, sister and brother. While at Denison, can be directed to St. Mark's he simultaneously served as a Navy Cadet. Following his Episcopal Church or Rose Arbor Hospice hospiceswmi. graduation from the University org. of Michigan (UofM) Medical School in 1948, he interned at Detroit Receiving Hospital, and later returned to Ann Arbor to complete his Pediatric Residency. From 1951 to 1953 he served as a flight **Paying** surgeon in the Air Force. Later while teaching in the UofM Pediatrics Department, he tribute took care of polio patients in iron lungs and participated in the testing of Dr. Salk's polio vaccine. In 1955 he joined

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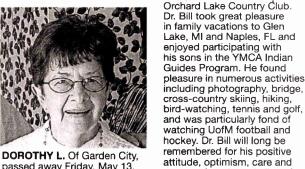
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# Be persistent, not pesky, after a job interview

**BY MARY LORENZ** CAREERBUILDER

on't call us. We'll call you." That used to be the standard send-off to candidates as they left the job interview. In today's competitive landscape, however, waiting around to hear from the employer might mean losing out on a job.

Now, not only is it perfectly acceptable for candidates to follow up with an employer after an interview, it can even be advantageous. When up against other equally qualified candidates, taking the time and initiative to reiterate your enthusiasm for the role can set you apart in the eyes of the hiring manager.

There is a fine line, however, between being persistent and being pesky. How do you find a balance? Job-search experts give advice about what to do - and what not to do - when following up with hiring managers.

Do send a thank-you **note.** Sending a thank-you note after the interview isn't just good manners - it's good personal branding. "The thank-you note provides another opportunity to explain why you are a strong candidate, reiterates your interest in the role and helps you stay top of mind," says Julia Bonem,

a senior career consultant at Resume Strategists Inc.

Don't be generic. Send an individual message to everyone who interviewed you, and customize each one. "Each email should say something different in case staff compare thank-you notes," Bonem advises.

Don't delay. The sooner you send a follow-up note, the better. "Failing to be prompt with your appreciation can potentially take you out of the running for a job, especially if a hiring manager is making a

quick decision," Bonem says. While some experts say a personally written note makes the biggest impact, others say an email is perfectly OK. If you have a contact at the company, he or she may be able to advise you on which tactic

Do ask for guidance.

Even if you send a follow-up note, you may not hear back right away. Reach out again too soon, however, and your persistence may be perceived as peskiness, "If a place has not made a decision yet or they are waiting for final approval on something, again, ask when you should follow up to check on a final outcome," says Nikki Martinez, a licensed clinical professional counselor. Not only will you get a straight answer, your thoughtfulness will be noticed.

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Don't resort to gimmicks. Some follow-up tactics can make you stand out - in a bad way. "Never show up at the company uninvited for any reason or send clever care packages, birthday presents or gimmicky items in an attempt to stay 'on the radar," Bonem says. Such gestures

can seem unprofessional or desperate and may take you out of consideration.

Do keep your options open. Even if you feel you

have the job in the bag, opportunities sometimes fall through. Perhaps the hiring manager decides to "go another way," or maybe budgetary restrictions force a candidate search to be put on hold. Whatever the reason, keep your options open by continuing to network and apply for other jobs.

Don't burn bridges. If you don't get the job, don't write the company off just yet. "If you are turned (down) but like the company and they seem positive about you, it's absolutely appropriate to ask them to consider you for other positions, now or in the future," says Mikaela Kiner, founder of Uniquely HR. Check in with the recruiter or hiring manager every so often to remain top of mind. Should another opportunity arise with the company, you will be glad you didn't burn that bridge.

Mary Lorenz is a writer for the Advice & Resources section on CareerBuilder.com. She researches and writes about job-search strategy, career management, hiring trends and workplace issues.

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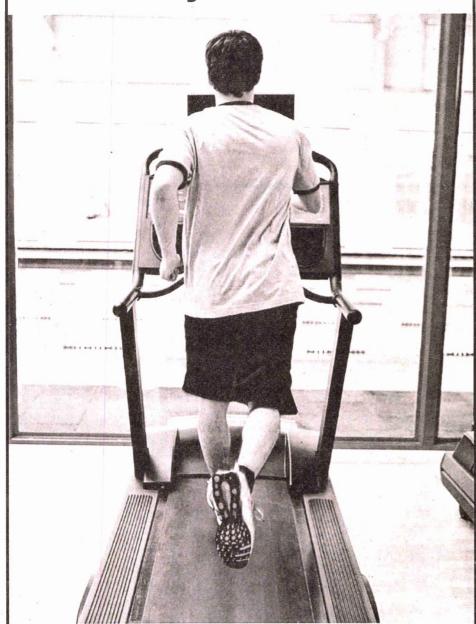
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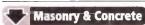
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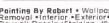
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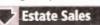
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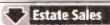


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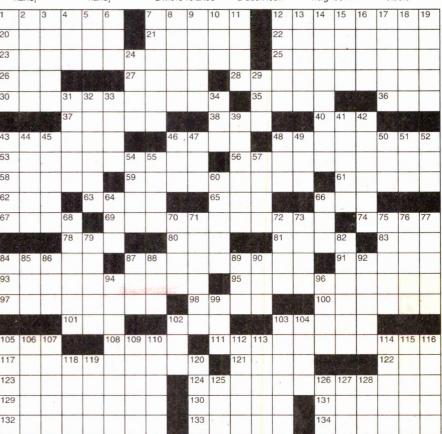
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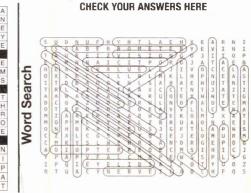
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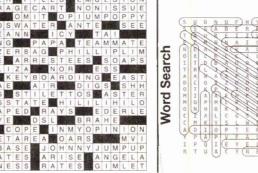
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# Car Report

# **Audi Keeps Scaling New Heights with Latest Version of Q7 SUV** and with Starring Role in new 'Captain America: Civil War'



The Audi Q7 already was the creme de la creme of SUVs, and the new 2017 version of this franchise vehicle has taken things to a whole new level. So why shouldn't we

surprised that marketing of the Q7 line and other Audi products is rising to a whole new level through their presence in the hit movie Captain America: Civil War?

Driving the new, substantially enhanced Q7 as I did lately was an absolute joy from beholding the nameplate's new exterior design, where Audi has added some exquisite new lines, to enjoying the ride on the

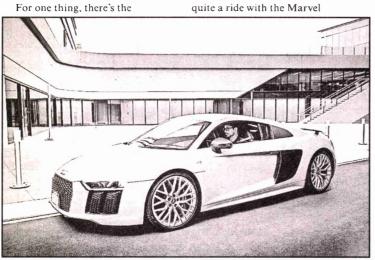
For one thing, there's the

panoramic sunroof which makes even rear-seat passengers feel like they're taking an open-coach ride. when that's desirable. Also, Audi an acknowledged leader in the autonomous-driving derby - already has provided almost hands-free driving with its adaptive cruise

> This feature essentially keeps you in your lane and away from cars in front of you, and I tested it with several maneuvers. Not only did Audi technology perform flawlessly, but it also provides the kind of smooth acceleration and deceleration - even in rather sudden avoidance actions - that you'd hope you'd execute as a skilled human driver.

> So consider Q7 not only a sales winner for Audi but a worthy flagship SUV to which other luxury makes will have to aspire.

Meanwhile, Audi also is taking



"Tony Stark" in the latest, greatest Audi R8

superheroes franchise as the new Captain America movie bursts out of the gate at the box office.

Tony Stark, Iron Man's alter ego played by Robert Downey, Jr., first drove an Audi R8 and its variations in the Iron Man movie in 2008. Audi was able to use the tech-laden vehicle to add to all the other things that have been going right for the Volkswagenowned brand in the past several years as the next two Iron Man movies have fared well at the box office.

In the new Captain America flick, which stars both of those superheroes and others from the Marvel stable on various sides of an epic struggle, Stark steps up to a 610-hp RB V10

But more than that, the new Audi SQ7 performance SUV is another automotive star of the movie. Its climactic scene is a chase in which Captain America, played by Chris Evans, is behind the wheel of an SO7.

Loren Angelo, director of marketing for Audi of America, thinks the role of the SQ7 is ideal: For all its performance capability and technological sophistication, a family vehicle is whisking Captain America through a spectacular scene in the

"It's perfect to put our brand in these settings and be able to demonstrate how Audi is a component of the action and excitement that the Avengers represent," Angelo told me in an interview:

It's interesting to get other Audi vehicles, including an SUV, involved in the Iron Man and Marvel story.

Angelo: Whether it's the SQ7 or A4



The new 2017 Audi Q7 stars in its own ad related to 'Captain America' movie

or R8, the brand is a part of the story. Audiences see the four rings and consumers have associated them with movie blockbuster action.

There's an organic thing going on with the technology in today's Audi vehicles and the cutting-edge technology represented by superheroes and their gadgets, right?

Angelo: The Avengers represent high-level technology, and Audi is the vehicle that carries them into the action as they are saving the world.

You've also got a TV commercial called "The Chase," featuring a family in an Audi Q7 that finds itself unwittingly in the middle of the movie's biggest chase scene. How did that happen?

Angelo: It was a unique opportunity to play off one of the critical scenes in the movie. And we were able to release unique footage in our ad. It demonstrates how the Q7 can actually perform in every single challenge that's thrown at it.

One reason the Audi brand has risen to such great heights is that it has been perceived as a "challenger" brand to traditional German luxury, and you've certainly played that up. With sales increasing by double-digit percentages every year, and Audi brand equity leading the industry by many measures, can you keep selling Audi as that challenger brand?

Angelo: Our brand still needs to strengthen our awareness in comparison to the competition. That's why high-profile platforms play a critical role not only in launching new cars but also to give our brand new recognition on the biggest stages. But we're still outspent in marketing 3-to-I by Mercedes and Lexus.

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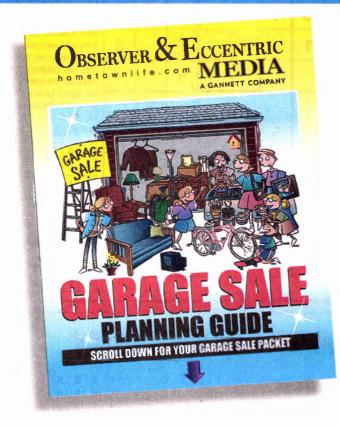
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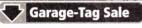
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