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Teen 'touched hearts of so many'

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A 16-year-old boy from the Canton-based Muslim Community of Western Suburbs died Tuesday morning, three days after he fell off an inner tube on the Muskegon River during a summer camp outing at Cran-Hill Ranch.

Abid Malick's death is being mourned by his family and friends at MCWS. He died just one day after more than 500 people gathered for prayers inside the Canton mosque, at Palmer and Lotz.

"We are deeply saddened with the loss of Abid Malick. He was a sincere, genuine, very intelligent, good-hearted young

man who was loved by his peers and elders alike," the MCWS board of trustees said Tuesday in a statement. "Even at such a young age, he was actively involved in community efforts as well as causes of social jus-



Abid Malick

stice around the world. Abid will be tremendously missed by all and touched the hearts of so many."

The statement said communities in Michigan "and far beyond" have prayed for Malick and his family.

"The outpouring of love for this humble servant of Allah is a testament to his character and

his family," the board said, while expressing hope the teen's family, friends and other loved ones will be granted "strength and patience in this trying time."

Jawad Anwar, MCWS board vice president, has said the family sought prayers after

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Catalytic converter thefts on rise in township

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton police believe thieves scrounging for scrap metal to sell are responsible for a rash of thefts of catalytic converters from vehicles parked in residential areas, including apartment complexes, along the Haggerty Road corridor.

Seven incidents have been reported within the last 30 days, roughly along the stretch of Haggerty between Michigan Avenue and Ford Road, Detective Sgt. Chad Baugh said.

"This is an ongoing problem," he said.

Canton and other communities have had numerous reports of stolen catalytic converters, devices used to reduce exhaust-system emissions. However, Baugh said there has been a spike in such thefts along the Haggerty Road corridor in particular.

"It's happening in residential areas, including apartment complexes," he said.

Thieves have used tools ranging from hacksaws to lithium-battery power tools to remove the catalytic converters, Baugh said.

State lawmakers have made some attempts to reduce crimes linked to scrap metal. In April, Gov. Rick Snyder signed legislation requiring scrapyards to pay sellers who have more than \$25 worth of metal by sending a check to a legitimate address rather than paying cash or sending it to a post office box.

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Kris Piotrowski of Troy, who grew up in Plymouth, gets lots of love from friends and family coming through Kellogg Park on the second day of the 3-Day walk.

SHOW OF SUPPORT

Cheering section supports 3-Day walkers, who raise \$2.4 million

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Cathy Burns of Livonia has been involved with many different events in the series of Susan G. Komen 3-Day walks to fight breast cancer, so it wasn't that odd to see her in downtown Plymouth.

With a grandchild on the way, though, Burns had to stay off the walking path to be ready for grandma duty. But she still wanted to be involved, so there she was Saturday in Kellogg Park, passing out stickers, dancing

and giving out hugs at the Plymouth cheering station. "I couldn't walk because I'm becoming a grandmother (Sunday)," Burns said. "It was too close to the baby to walk."

Like many others, Burns still found a way to help, support appreciated by the hundreds of participants who walked 60 miles in three days in Komen's annual fight against breast cancer.

According to information released by the Susan G.

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Two-year-old Carter (clockwise from bottom left), 5-year-old Kylie and 7-year-old Connor Mausolf of Bridgeport got tattooed in support of their mom.

Dispute involving gun reported outside Canton eatery

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton police say charges are likely after two women were accused of using a handgun and a chain to threaten another woman during an altercation outside the McDonald's restaurant near Michigan Ave-

nue and Lotz. No shots were fired as the incident unfolded about 11:30 p.m. last Thursday, Detective Sgt. Chad Baugh said.

A 30-year-old Inkster woman told police she was driving home from her job in Saline when people in another vehicle - including a co-worker with

whom she had ongoing trouble - began harassing her on east-bound Michigan Avenue.

"She said they began swerving into her lane, shouting at her and throwing objects at her car," Baugh said.

The alleged victim, accompanied by a female passenger from Wayne, pulled into the

same McDonald's parking lot where the other vehicle stopped, Baugh said, based on preliminary statements made to police.

In a move to defend herself, she told police she retrieved a baseball bat from her car and got out. She alleged she was confronted by two women

armed with a handgun and a chain while a lone male apparently remained in the car, Baugh said. She said one of the women threatened to shoot her.

The alleged victim told police she previously had trouble with one of the opposing wom-

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Crawl brings crowds to Old Village eateries

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

It was Old Village's turn in the spotlight Monday evening, when five eating and drinking establishments opened their doors to hundreds of diners for the neighborhood's annual restaurant crawl.

Organized by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, the Old Village Restaurant Crawl introduces newcomers to the local dining scene, gives returning crawlers an excuse to get back to some of their favorites and adds a new social dynamic to area's already busy night life.

It's also a word-of-mouth marketing tool.

"I'm really glad the focus is Old Village, specifically," Abigail Stonerook, a first-time crawler, said at Aqua, a new stop on the crawl. "It's our original Plymouth. We should be here."

Aqua, a high-end, European-influenced restaurant at Main and Starkweather, in a completely remodeled building that used to be the Grecian Cafe, was serving Shanghai calamari, center-cut steak bites, chicken piccata and sushi.

'I'll come back'

"This is just a small portion of the menu," said owner Victor Nikollbibaj, who opened Aqua in the spring.

"I like it. I'll come back," said Stonerook, of Plymouth Township. Stonerook and five other members of the Plymouth-Canton Jaycees, seated on Aqua's crowded patio, were making the crawl circuit as a group.

"I like the quality of the restaurants here," said Anthony Pomerson of Ann Arbor, another Jaycees member.

"A lot of happy people. I'm glad we did it," Nikollbibaj said.

Over at the Liberty Street Brewing Co., crawlers lined up at the second-floor bar as a manager poured four-beer sampler trays. Printed tray liners offered background on the beers being served: Red Glare Amber Ale, Starkweather Stout, Steamy Windows and The American IPA.

Blake Leighton of Plymouth Township said Liberty Street is one of his favorite haunts, but that he had never before been



Nikki Hermann, of the family that owns Hermann's Olde Town Grille, serves corn chowder to Shelley and Rick Boatright of Redford Township. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

to the crawl.

"It sounded cool. I like some of the restaurants down here," said Leighton, who works in a local restaurant.

Steady crowd

Down the street at Hermann's Olde Town Grille, a regular crawl stop, visitors were munching on tuna wraps, chicken salad wraps, chips and cheese, Traverse City salad, soup and brownies.

"It's a good, steady crowd all night," said owner Nick Hermann, who was checking tickets at the door.

"It's a real good thing for Old Village," he continued. "There're a lot of people who don't know about Old Village."

Chamber president Wes Graff said just over 200 tickets were sold for the event. Other stops on the crawl were Plymouth Fish and Seafood, where a large crowd dined alfresco, and Station 885.

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At Plymouth Fish and Seafood, Maranda Hall and Sydney Sullivan serve their signature cod with cole slaw to Betty Haley of Farmington and Mark Stachurski of Canton Township.

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THEFTS

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"Michigan is in the middle of a serious metal theft problem," state Rep. Paul Muxlow, R-Brown City, said at the time.

He said thefts had occurred from farm equipment, wind turbine components and railroad crossing parts.

The law also was intended to create a database for people selling materials to scrap yards. State Rep. Rashida Tlaib, D-Detroit, who has had two catalytic converters stolen from her car in Detroit, said she was hopeful the legislation would make communities safer.

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TEEN

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authorities say the teen fell into the river while a group from MCWS was floating on inner tubes near Big Rapids Middle School about 4:30 p.m. Saturday.

Malick is survived by his parents Rabia and Sayeed Malick; a sister, Fatima Malick; and his extended family. MCWS officials have asked the community to keep the family in its thoughts during the difficult time they are facing.

Funeral and prayers are set for 2 p.m. Thursday at MCWS, followed by burial at Knollwood Cemetery in Canton.

Malick fell into the Muskegon River during a campsite activity supervised by Cran-Hill Ranch, Haaris Ahmad, MCWS board president,

said.

Authorities have indicated the boy was apparently pulled underwater by a river current and wasn't immediately noticed missing. He was pulled from the river moments later and airlifted to Grand Rapids Spectrum Health, where he had been placed in the intensive care unit.

MCWS has asked for prayers and Sadaqah, any act of giving out of compassion, love, friendship, religious duty or generosity on behalf of the boy and his family.

MCWS is home to facilities such as the Canton mosque and a school, Crescent Academy International. More recently, Ahmad said, MCWS has started a "tech club" for families to meet and work together to learn about technology.

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EATERY

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en who allegedly slashed her car tires at work.

Police were called to the scene at McDonald's and took the alleged aggressors, including a 37-year-old Canton woman and a 19-year-old Inkster woman, into custody. Baugh said a .40-caliber handgun was seized.

The man who had remained inside the vehicle wasn't arrested.

The Inkster woman who reported the incident said she has had troubles before with the 37-year-old Canton woman, described as a co-worker.

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New freeway signs going up



Workers mount new signs on the eastbound lanes of I-96 at Levan Road. Crews continue reconstruction on the freeway, which will open no later than mid-October through Redford and Livonia. Michigan Department of Transportation officials say the freeway will open all at once and will not open in segments. The \$148 million project has left drivers seeking an alternate route since it closed in early April. **BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**



Hines Drive at Merriman was under water after torrential rain Aug. 11 that caused more than \$200 million damage in Wayne County.

Storm damage tops \$210 million

Based on preliminary reports, damage estimates in Wayne County following the storms and flooding of Aug. 11 have been initially estimated at \$210 million, with the conservative figure likely to go higher as reports continue to be processed by the Wayne County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

The damage assessment total included most of the communities in Wayne County, excluding the city of Detroit.

"Clearly, the storms and flooding of Aug. 11 have caused extensive damage in much of Wayne County," DHSEM Director Timothy

McGillivray said. "We are getting many reports of damaged basements, electronics and other infrastructure."

Wayne County provided its information to the state of Michigan, as is required in disaster declarations.

The state is compiling the data gathered from the county and across the region to submit it to federal authorities.

It is hoped the damage assessment information will get federal aid from FEMA and other agencies to assist with ongoing cleanup and restoration efforts.

"We provided the state of Michigan with our initial reports in a timely manner and,

like other disaster situations, believe the damage assessment figure will likely rise," McGillivray said.

Following the torrential rains that sparked the widespread flooding the county across much of metro Detroit, Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano declared a state of emergency Aug. 12 for Wayne County and its 43 communities.

Residents are encouraged to check the Wayne County website at www.waynecounty.com and Facebook page for updates from the Wayne County Department of Homeland Security, Department of Public Health and Department of Public Services.

Veterans can get help at recruiting event

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Military veterans in need of assistance can get it at a one-stop program being offered Saturday, Aug. 23, at the Bova VFW Post 9885 in Westland.

The AmeriCorps Veterans Recruiting Event will be held from noon to 4 p.m. at the post, located at 6440 Hix, south of Warren Road. More than 30

providers will be on hand to work with veterans in need of assistance with jobs, health care, education, legal services, housing and more.

"This is a four-pillar event; all of the different providers will be in one place and ready to help," said Bill Mowder, an AmeriCorps veteran resource provider. "All veterans need to do is show up and bring their DD-214 and, if they are looking

for a job, bring a copy of their resume."

The AmeriCorps Veterans Resource Navigator team is working with the Michigan Veterans Administration Agency and Wayne County Veterans Administration in connection with the Wayne County Veterans Community Action Team. Its function "is to help veterans find the benefits they need," Mowder said.

"If you come and say you need help with rent or you're going to lose your home, we'll tell you to go to table six and you go there and get help," the Westland resident said. "They do a lot with veterans downtown, but veterans have to find a way there and, a lot of times, they have to come back to get the help. We're doing everything here. A veteran walks in the door and gets help."

Mowder stressed that the program isn't a "closed-door event." Veterans only need to show up with the proper forms to get help.

"If they live in Michigan and they're a veteran, I'll help them," he said.

For more information, call Mowder at 734-306-3554 or send an email to bill.mowder@yahoo.com.

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CANTON CRIME WATCH

Store fraud

Police arrested a 23-year-old Inkster man accused of trying to make fraudulent purchases shortly before 3 p.m. Sunday at ABC Warehouse on Ford Road at Morton Taylor.

The man was trying to buy two televisions. Police said employees became suspicious and learned the man was trying to use fraudulent information to make the purchase.

A police report indicated the man had made fraudulent purchases on several occasions, including ABC Warehouses in other communities. According to a police report, the suspect said he works with another man who drives him to the locations.

Knife suspect arrested

Canton police arrested a 54-year-old Ypsilanti man who was carrying



Police advised a resident to stop setting off fireworks illegally amid complaints from neighbors.

marijuana and concealing a knife with a 7-inch blade, a police report said.

Police first noticed the man walking across Michigan Avenue near Lotz, though he was not in a legal crossing area and he was wearing dark clothing, at 3:30 a.m. Aug. 12.

The man told police he was going to a nearby motel. He told authorities he carries the knife because he had been robbed in 2009.

He also told police he has a medical marijuana

card. He had paperwork in his wallet advising he had a new card, but police took him into custody for carrying a concealed weapon.

Suspects flee

A 20-year-old man who lives in the Academy/West Point mobile home community, southeast of Michigan Avenue and Haggerty, told police he heard noises outside his home, looked outside and saw two suspicious men standing next to a shed and looking into a

window of his home.

The incident happened about 11:45 p.m. Aug. 12. The resident said he turned on an outdoor light and went outside, but the men had fled. He said it appeared they had tampered with nothing before they left.

Illegal fireworks

Police advised a resident of Arbor Way, southeast of Palmer and Sheldon, to stop setting off fireworks illegally amid complaints from neighbors.

Police went to the neighborhood about 9 p.m. Aug. 13 to investigate a complaint. One resident had collected signatures from 11 neighbors in Arbor Village to complain about the fireworks.

Police warned the man he could be ticketed if he sets off fireworks again in violation of local ordinance.

— By Darrell Clem

PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Pot arrest

A 33-year-old Keego Harbor man was arrested on a marijuana possession charge Sunday night after a near-collision with a Plymouth Township police squad car on Sheldon Road.

The arresting officer's report said he was patrolling on southbound Sheldon just before midnight when a driver of a Ford Taurus to his right made two quick lane changes to get into the left-turn lane at Ann Arbor Trail. The officer had to brake hard to avoid a collision, his report said.

The officer followed the Taurus and stopped the driver on Ann Arbor Trail and, upon speaking to the man, smelled marijuana in the car, the report said. The driver denied he had any marijuana, police said.

However, a plastic bag with suspected marijuana in it was found in a door pocket of the car, police said. The officer also found the man had a suspended driver's license.

Suspicious

A woman who claimed to be a police officer but refused to identify herself talked her way into a house on Beck Road, but left when challenged by a resident, police report. Nothing was reported stolen from the home and no one was hurt.

The complainant told

police she answered a knock on her door shortly after 11 a.m. Friday to find a woman who said she was "police" and asked to come inside. The complainant let her in; the woman walked around the house, the complainant said, and said she was there to investigate mistreatment of the complainant's husband.

But the woman would not give her name and would not provide a business card. When the complainant challenged her, she left, a police report said.

She was described as a heavyset black woman about 5-foot-5 or 5-foot-6 and in her mid-30s. The complainant told police she had arrived in a car, but could not describe it.

Generator theft

A \$25,000 diesel-powered generator was reported stolen Aug. 12 from the drive-in movie theater in the parking lot of Compuware Arena on Beck Road.

The theater manager told police the generator, which is rented by the arena, had last been seen around 2 a.m. Aug. 10 in the north end of the lot. It had been sitting on a black trailer; a police report said it had been used to power one of the movie projectors.

The rental company was contacted and a representative said the company had not picked up the generator.

— By Matt Jachman

Man dies from head injury suffered at concert

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A 55-year-old Westland man has died of injuries he suffered while attending a Hank Williams Jr. concert Sunday at DTE Energy Music Theatre.

Robert Kobe was pronounced dead at 12:04 p.m. Tuesday at McLaren Oakland Hospital in Pontiac, the Oakland County Sheriff's Department said. He was injured after reportedly being shoved by a 15-year-old Wayne teen and striking his head on the concrete in the concourse area.

Robert Kobe's son Cory, also of Westland,

has described his father's death as likely accidental — the result of the teen responding to a non-malicious shove from the older man. The teen, a family friend, was part of a group attending the concert that included Robert Kobe, a machinist.

He was in the outdoor theater's concourse area shortly before 9 p.m. to hear the country-western star when witnesses told police they saw the teen shove him to the ground. Kobe struck his head on concrete and was found lying in a pool of blood by police, the sheriff's office said.

Witnesses told police

that the teen tried to flee and that bystanders detained him until deputies arrived. The youth spent Sunday night at Oakland County's Children's Village juvenile detention facility before being released Monday by a juvenile court referee, a police news release said.

The youth probably fled out of fear after seeing blood gushing from Robert Kobe, his son said.

"From what I'm hearing from the detectives, this kid was just pale and terrified all night" when in custody, Cory Kobe said.

Cory Kobe added that his father liked having a

few drinks with his music and enjoyed horseplay.

"Did you ever have an uncle who picks on you but doesn't mean to hurt you? That was my father," he said. "My father was double this kid's size. There's no way that kid's just going to come up and clock my dad" with a fatal shove, Cory Kobe said.

Gannett Michigan contributed to this story.

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Location: Preservation Park, 500 N. Ridge, Canton
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Contact: For more information, call 734-394-5310.

SENIOR FITNESS

Date/Time: Wednesday, Sept. 3, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Location: Friendship Station Senior Center, 42375 Schoolcraft, Plymouth Township
Details: The Plymouth YMCA offers an open house and demonstrations of fitness classes offered by the center. The Silver Sneakers yoga classes feature a modified version of yoga designed for adults 65 and older. Zumba Gold is a specialty dance-inspired fitness class that takes the Zumba flavor and modifies the moves and pace to suit the needs of active older adults, baby boomers and the beginning fitness person. Six-week sessions start Sept. 9. Classes are free with participating Health Plans or \$39 annual YMCA fee or \$25 per session.
Contact: Registration will be available at the open house. For more information, contact the Plymouth YMCA at 734-453-2904.

JAZZ @ THE ELKS

Date/Time: Tuesday, Aug. 26, 7 p.m.
Location: Plymouth-Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth
Details: Jazz @ The Elks is \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres. Featured will be the Tommy Good Quartet with Tommy Good on vocals, Chuck Shermetaro on keyboards, Ray Tini on bass and Jim Ryan on drums.
Contact: For more information, call 734-453-1780 or visit www.plymouthannarborelks325.com.

BLOOD DRIVES

Dates/Times/Locations:
 » Sunday, Aug. 25, 7:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., St. Kenneth Church, 14951 Haggerty
 » Monday, Aug. 26, 1-6:45 p.m., Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main
 » Monday, Aug. 26, 1:30-7:15 p.m., VFW Post 6695, 1426 S. Mill
 » Thursday, Aug. 28, 2-7:45 p.m., Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Drive



Run the trail

Friends of the Rouge teams up with Canton Township to present the fifth annual Run 4 the Rouge, a unique trail run/walk benefiting Friends of the Rouge, Saturday, Sept. 27. All are welcome; registration is now open. Registration starts 8 a.m., at Connection Church, 3855 S. Sheldon, Canton. The run is at 9 a.m. and will follow a trail along the lower branch of the Rouge River. Run 4 the Rouge is timed and prizes will be awarded in age categories. Entry fee is \$25 by Aug. 31, \$35 after Sept. 1. Register online at therouge.org or download and mail entry form to Friends of the Rouge, 4901 Evergreen Rd. - KM, Dearborn, MI 48128.

» Thursday, Aug. 28, 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main
 » Friday, Aug. 29, 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., Canton Library, 1200 Canton Center
 » Friday, Aug. 29, noon to 6 p.m., Compuware Arena, 14900 Beck
 » Wednesday, Sept. 3, 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., Biggy Coffee, 44601 Five Mile in Plymouth
Details: The American Red Cross sponsors a series of blood drives in the Plymouth-Canton area. Appointments can be made and walk-ins are welcome.
Contact: Call Diane Risko to set up an appointment at 313-549-7052.

MEDICARE/MEDICAID COUNSELING

Date/Time: Wednesday, Sept. 17, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Location: United Home Health Services, 2200 N. Canton Center Road, Ste 250, Canton
Details: United Home Health Services offers free individual counseling with a certified MMAP (Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program) counselor who will help you understand: Medicare/Medicaid eligibility, transitioning from employer coverage to Medicare, plan options, assistance programs, drug insurance, and Medicare/Medicaid fraud and abuse identification and reporting. Medicare plan enrollment and subsidy application assistance also provided.
Contact: Heather Pinage, 734-727-2063. Please specify you are requesting an appointment for the United Home Health location. For MMAP information visit www.mmapinc.org/pages/about.html

PERENNIAL EXCHANGE

Date/Time: Saturday, Sept. 6, 9-11 a.m.
Location: Plymouth Fall Festival, east

end of Kellogg Park, downtown Plymouth
Details: The Trailwood Garden Club sponsors a Perennial Exchange at the Plymouth Fall Festival. This is open to the community without charge; bring something (healthy plants only), take something or just stop by and see what is available. Members will be available to answer questions. Trailwood Garden Club is a member of the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association.
Contact: For further information, call 734-459-7146.

OLGC ALPHA SERIES

Date/Time: Courses begin week of Sept. 9 and end week of Nov. 18. Times vary.
Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth
Details: Registration is now open for the parish's Alpha Course. The 11-week program involves interactive sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. Each session includes a meal, short talk and informal group discussion. Our Lady of Good Counsel launched Alpha September 2013. By the end of the winter session in 2014, a total of 1,500 people completed the course.
Contact: To register or for more information, go to www.olgcparrish.net/events/alpha or call 734-453-0326. Open to all, Alpha is free to anyone living in the OLGC Parish boundaries and not registered at another parish.

TASTE FEST

Date/Time: Friday, Sept. 5, 6-8 p.m.
Location: Station 885, 885 Stark-weather, Plymouth's Old Village
Details: The Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club and Station 885 are sponsoring the

Taste Fest, which will offer great food and wine tasting. Participants include Bahama Breeze, Claddagh Pub, Cupcake Station, Elite Catering, Grand Traverse Pie Co., Happy's Pizza & Ribs, LaBisteca Italian Grille, Max & Erma's Plymouth, Mitchell's Fish Market, Noodles & Company, Plymouth Roc, Rocky's of Northville, Rusty Bucket, Station 885, Vintner's Canton Winery and Zoup Soup, Salad & Sandwiches. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 10. There's a live band, cash bar and more food and tables. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, Station 885 and at U.P. Pasties on Main Street.
Contact: Call 734-459-1896 for more information.

ACT PREP CLASS

Date/Time: Aug. 26, 3-4 p.m.
Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth
Details: High school students are invited to a free ACT Strategies & Tips seminar. Conducted by College Tutors of Ann Arbor, sessions will prepare students for the different sections of the ACT exam, to be taken nationally Sept. 13.
Contact: Reserve a spot by calling 734-453-0750, Ext. 4.

FALL FEST CRAFTERS

Date/Time: Craft show is during Plymouth Fall Festival, Sept. 5-7
Location: Downtown Plymouth
Details: It's not too late to send in an application for a booth in the Plymouth Fall Festival Craft Show. Applications are available on the Craft Show page at www.plymouthfallfestival.com.
Contact: For more information, contact Colleen Brown at craftshow@plymouth-fallfestival.com.

HEAD START ENROLLMENT
Date: Starts Sept. 8
Location: Plymouth-Canton Head Start, 5880 Canton Center, Suite 450, Canton
Details: Registration is now open for Plymouth-Canton's Head Start program. The program is open to children ages 2½ to 4 years old (must be 3 years old by Oct. 1). Head Start is a free preschool for low-income families and accepts children with disabilities/special needs.
Contact: For more information and to enroll, call 734-354-5196.

CRAFTERS NEEDED

Date/Time: Oct. 18
Location: West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth
Details: The Delta Kappa Gamma Education Society hosts its annual juried Craft Show. Proceeds from the show provide scholarships for young people who are pursuing a career in education and mini-grants for educators in the district.
Contact: For more information, contact Debbie Cortellini at debccortellini@comcast.net or 734-451-1525.

LUNCH AND LEARN

Date/Time: Tuesday, Sept. 23, 10 a.m. to noon
Location: Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 Haggerty, Plymouth
Details: Dr. James Gregg, president and founder of Gregg Chiropractic Life Centers and Michigan Disc & Spine, a noted and national speaker on health and wellness issues, will present his timely and relevant senior based seminar "No Need To Live With Pain." He will follow up with a Q&A session. His team will provide individual, painless and non-invasive computerized health screenings that will immediately detail any current health issues. Lunch will be provided courtesy of Gregg Chiropractic Life Centers.
Contact: RSVP is required by calling 734-453-1234, ext. 236.


RAFT BAZAAR

Date: Saturday, Dec. 6.
Location: Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth
Details: The Plymouth Historical Museum is accepting applications for its annual Juried Craft Bazaar. Applicants are required to submit three or four photos of craft items for judges to select participants as there is a limit of crafters to five per category. Table rentals are \$30 each and most are 8 feet wide, although there are some space variations available. The museum is offering free admission that day for both museum patrons and Craft Bazaar shoppers. Crafters are requested to donate an item for the museum's raffle. The application is available at http://www.plymouthhistory.org/cm/dpl/downloads/events/117/craft_show.pdf.
Contact: Call the museum, 734-455-8940.


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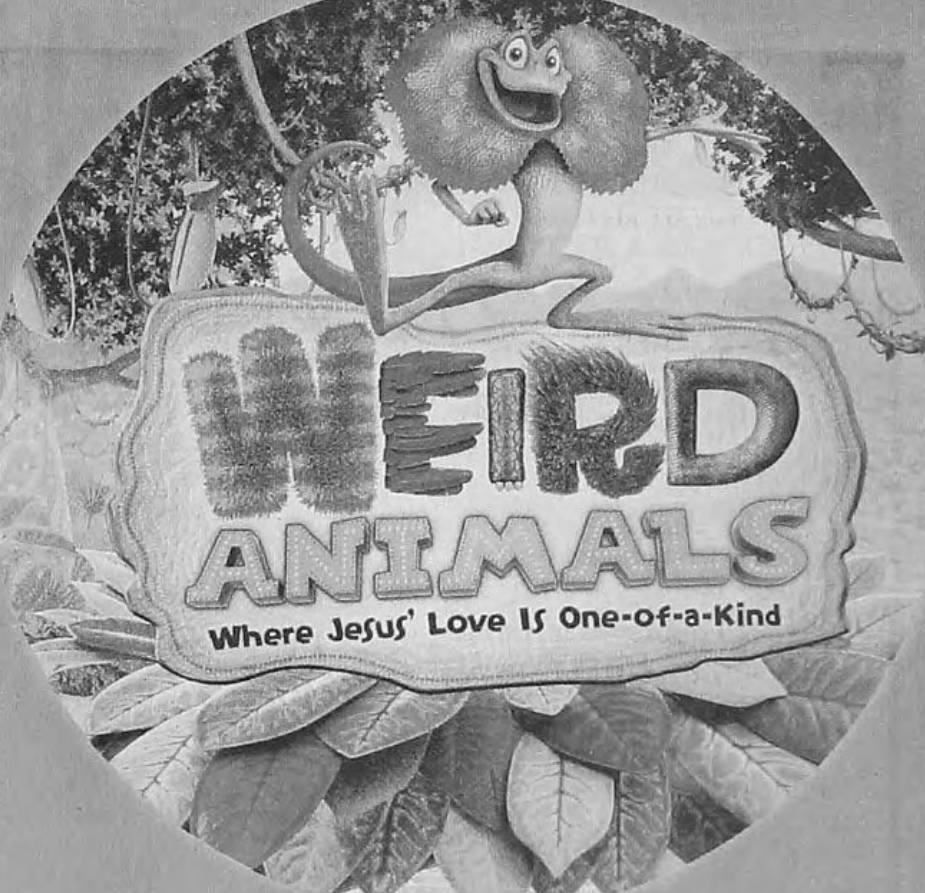
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The Canton Community Foundation handed out 28 scholarships in its 2013-14 program, totaling some \$19,150.

EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

Canton foundation hands out \$19,000 in scholarships

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Since he was a little kid, Blake Woolner has always liked action figures. His favorites are the Transformers, of which he has some 200 in his collection, by his count.

Now, as he prepares to head to Eastern Michigan University to study industrial engineering Woolner, the son of Paul and Susan Woolner of Canton, hopes to not just be the guy collecting the figures, but the guy designing them, as well.

"I grew up liking figures very much and I still collect them to this day," said Woolner, 19. "I appreciate the characters they convey, but also the ingenuity of the design and how each piece works together to make the design."

Woolner is getting a little help going to Eastern. He was one of 28 winners in the 2013-14 Canton Community Foundation scholarship program. This year's program handed out more than \$19,000 in scholarships and grants.

In its 25th year, the program offers numerous scholarships and grants for students who are at different stages in their educational pursuits, as well as a number of different areas of study.

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provided more than \$500,000 in scholarships to local students.

"The scholarship will make it much easier for me to get through college without having to worry too much about finances," Woolner said. "I'll be able to concentrate more on my schoolwork instead of worrying about having to pay school debts."

The scholarships are founded and funded by people who come to the foundation to set up scholarship funds for a variety of reasons, according to Beth Meade, the founda-

tion's marketing/events manager.

"Many are in memory of a loved one or by alumni supporting students at their college or academic support for athletes in sports ranging from wrestling to cheerleading or simply because they believe in helping the students in our community," Meade said.

One such scholarship was set up in the name of longtime Salem High School Fred Tho-

mann, who died Dec. 27 at the age of 71. His family started the Fred Thomann Scholarship Fund to

continue his lifelong mission of teaching. "He worked really hard in his career to make sure that doors were open for kids in college," his niece, Tanya Thomann, told the *Observer* earlier this year. "He fostered relationships with college coaches to make sure there was a good match for kids."

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AND THE WINNERS ARE ...

Winners in the 2013/14 Canton Community Foundation Education Grant Program include:

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- Bryant Chen** – Leadership Canton Alumni Association Scholarship
- Javonne Barrett** – Marvin Schulz Memorial Scholarship
- Arundhati Hadagali** – Meredith L. Whalen Memorial Scholarship

Foundation gives kids violin experience

The Little Stars Foundation recently successfully completed a four-week violin workshop.

It's the sixth straight year TLSF has been providing free music workshops for local kids.

Foundation officials said the introductory level workshop is aimed at introducing music and specifically violin to elementary kids, since there is no band or orchestra program offered at elementary schools in Plymouth-Canton school district.

This year, more than 20 local kids ages 6-11, many of whom had never touched a musical instrument before,

were able to take advantage of it.

The workshop was led by foundation co-founders Alan and Anna Sun, with assistance from TLSF members Richard Hou, Mandy Lu and Yihong Tong. The workshop used various methods, including games and interactive activities, to make learning the violin easy and fun.

After four weeks students learned the fundamental skills of violin playing and were able to play a few songs, such as *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star*.

A graduation recital takes place today (Thursday) at the Canton Township administration building. All workshop

participants will have an opportunity to play songs themselves in front of an audience composed of family members and friends.

Community Financial Credit Union supported this year's workshop through summer sharing program.

The workshop is designed to get kids started on the instrument and expose them to playing. After six years of workshops, more than 160 children have benefited from the program.

For more information regarding TLSF, please visit the group's website at www.thelittlestars.org/ or contact Yihong Tong at 734-981-1947.



Alan Sun, co-founder and director of The Little Stars Foundation, led a group rhythm exercise during a previous workshop.

Community mourning loss of John Genitti

Genitti's owner helped reshape fortunes of downtown Northville

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

John Genitti, the longtime owner of Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall Italian restaurant and dinner theater in the heart of downtown Northville, died Friday night, leaving a gaping hole in a community that he came to love — and which loved him back.

If Northville had its own Mt. Rushmore, it is likely John Genitti's face would be part of it — and for good reason.

Genitti, 67, lived a pretty interesting life. He was a former copy boy for the *Detroit Free Press* during the 1967 riots, Purple Heart recipient in the Vietnam War and successful businessman who helped reshape downtown Northville — but most are remembering him as a great friend and incredibly giving human being.

"When I think about my dad, I'm just amazed at his sense of community and the fact he would do anything he could for anyone," said his son Andy Genitti, one of three children John had with his wife Toni. He is also survived by daughters Laura (Kirk) Rentz and Tina Genitti, as well as five grandchildren — Avery, Andrew, Mia, Olive and Sonny.

"He was just such a part of this community. I think of all the baptism parties, graduation parties, birthday parties and even gatherings after funerals that were held at my parents' restaurant over the years. And then there were all the employees. We've had kids that started working for my dad and stayed on for 30-35 years. We've had so many marriages that came out of there with people who met at the restaurant," Andy Genitti said. "He just touched so many lives."

And while many are calling Genitti the heart of the community, ironically it was his own heart that failed him in the end. When Genitti was 30 years old,

he suffered a massive heart attack, but survived after several major bypass surgeries. On Friday night, some 37 years later, Genitti suffered another heart attack that he could not overcome. While saddened, family members are thankful they were given those 37 years.

Interesting journey

Genitti was born June 10, 1947, in Detroit, the son of John and Clare (nee Aurora) Genitti. After growing up on the east side in a traditional Italian family, he landed a job as a copy boy at the *Free Press* in 1966. That's where he met one of his best friends, Tom DeLisle, who, like many, is heartbroken over Genitti's death.

One of DeLisle's best memories of Genitti was the night in July 1967, when the riots broke out in Detroit. Their editor at the time, the legendary Neal Shine, would not let any of them leave because of the chaos outside. At one point, after they put the paper to bed in the early morning hours, those who remained in the building went up on the roof, looked out over the city and couldn't believe what they were seeing.

"There were fires for as far as you could see," DeLisle said. "We just stood there with our mouths open. John looked over at me and said, 'This is what Berlin must have looked at the end of World War II.' That was the defining day of our lives — the day we went from boys to men."

It was a year later that Genitti was drafted into the U.S. Army and served as a sergeant during the Vietnam War, the same conflict that took the life of his brother Charlie. Although many of his friends never knew it, Genitti was awarded various medals for his service, including the Purple Heart. DeLisle said he just found that out over the weekend, despite the fact that the two remained very close for more than four decades.

After the war, Genitti visited Northville, where some of his aunts lived. In 1972, he ended up purchasing a dusty, old general store located at 108 E Main Street and converted it into a butcher shop. DeLisle remem-



In this file photo, John Genitti, with helmet securely fastened, rides his Harley-Davidson motorcycle through downtown Northville. Riding his motorcycle was one of his great joys in life. JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

bers Genitti going to Eastern Market nearly every day to purchase fresh meat back then.

It was that same year he married the love of his life, Antonia "Toni" Vermiglio.

While the meat market was successful and Genitti learned all his customers by name, he ended up converting it into a restaurant. Andy recalls his dad telling him the story many times of how that came about.

"There was some construction going on across the street and one of the workers came in to ask if my parents could make the crew some sandwiches and that led them to start doing lunches," Andy Genitti said. "That same guy came back at the conclusion of their project, which must have been a year or two later, and asked if they could cook up a celebration dinner. They served those guys the same seven-course meal they still serve today. They were all old family recipes."

place and expanding it into a special place. He transformed that little meat market into a real destination."

Johnson said Genitti's commitment to Northville went far beyond that of a business owner. The Genittis lived in town and John was always active in community events, especially the Memorial Day Parade and Veterans Day ceremony. He was a member of VFW Post 4012 and served on the board there. Members say one of his pet projects was helping at the VA hospital in Ann Arbor.

Over the years, he also would take extra food to homeless shelters in Detroit and help feed the hungry.

Family man

If you ask anyone that knew him, though, Genitti was, first and foremost, a devoted family man. In recent years, after he and Toni were able to retire and let their daughter Laura take over, they spent a great deal of time with their five grandchildren.

In retirement, they were finally able to have some free time. They loved boating, taking their motor home to Florida for the winter or to Michigan campgrounds with the grandchildren. John particularly enjoyed riding his Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

In addition to his wife, children, grandchildren and beloved aunt Mary Ware, Genitti leaves behind more close friends than can be counted. The people who knew him best say he was one of the most selfless people you would ever meet — a man who enjoyed great success in life, but who also was the most giving person around.

"Everything he touched was successful. And yet he was the most humble, decent, greatest guy you would ever meet," DeLisle said. "He was probably the greatest man I ever met in my life."

A funeral service was held Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville. His burial, with full military honors, took place at Rural Hill Cemetery.

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Canton PR firm celebrates 15th anniversary

Mark Twain once said, "The difference between the right word and the almost right word is the difference between lightning and the lightning bug."

Founded in the summer of 1999, Canton-based Logos Communications, a public relations and marketing firm, has been working to make lightning strike for its clients for 15 years and counting.

From its beginning with just one employee and a handful of clients, Logos Communications has grown to a field of

consultants and clients from Michigan and around the country.

Company founder and President Susan Voyles beams with pride when relaying her company's achievements.



Voyles

"Our success directly correlates to the efforts and the commitment that our team gives to each of our clients," Voyles said. "Further, because

of the efforts and commitment of the team, we have enjoyed stability, growth and success throughout our 15 years of business."

Logos Communications works with each client to design an integrated communications approach that favors clarity, logic and value. Committed to great customer service, quality and integrity, the company has no problem taking business personally as it is wholeheartedly invested in its clients' success, often cross-referring them for mutual

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In addition to successful client relationships, Logos Communications has earned industry recognition for leadership and client work.

Most recently, Logos Communications received a 2013 Association for Women in Communications Clarion Award, One-time PR Campaign; and a 2013 International Academy of the Visual Arts Davey Award, Video Production.

Voyles was also selected for the seventh consecutive year

to be featured in the 2015 Woman's Advantage Shared Wisdom Calendar. The calendar provides advice for women business owners from influential women leaders across the U.S. and Canada.

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For more information about services, call 734-667-2005 or visit <http://www.logos-communications.com>.

MBT announces Banker Jr. app

In honor of the 25th anniversary of MBT's Partnership In Education School Banking Program, Monroe Bank and Trust announced the launch of Banker Jr., a new financial literacy mobile application.

Banker Jr. is MBT's free iPhone, Android and tablet app using interactive, age-appropriate games to teach children simple concepts related to money and saving. New games will be added throughout the year to keep the app fresh and engaging. Parents download and have control of Banker Jr. The app does not link directly to bank accounts for added security.

Students learn how to develop good savings and budgeting habits by having regular banking days at their schools and learning from the MBT banking professionals

who visit the schools on banking days.

"We are proud to be able to provide this free new interactive tool that extends financial literacy efforts outside the classroom, teaching children money concepts & budgeting principles," MBT President & CEO Doug Chaffin said. "MBT has award-winning financial literacy programs for high school students and adults and Banker Jr. now helps us to teach money management skills to elementary school students."

MBT Financial Education Officer Jennifer Tucker said Banker Jr. is an app developed right here in southeast Michigan.

"As a community bank, partnering with a local business is completely aligned with our mission," Tucker said. "We have a strong focus

on financial education at Monroe Bank and Trust and Banker Jr. will help us continue our efforts to teach financial literacy in a way that speaks to today's mobile savvy younger generations."

Parents can download Banker Jr. on their cellphones or tablets simply by searching "Monroe Bank & Trust" or "MBT" in the Google Play or Apple App Store.

Partnership In Education, MBT's school banking program, has been utilized by 32 elementary schools in Monroe and Wayne counties since 1989. In addition to celebrating the program's 25th anniversary with the launch of Banker Jr., MBT has partnered with Disney Radio to host a free Family Fun Day on Oct. 11 at the MBT Expo Center at the Monroe County Fairground.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

HELLA VP

Richard Bloomfield has been named vice president of sales at HELLA's Corporate Center in Plymouth.

Based in Plymouth, Bloomfield has responsibility for further strengthening customer relationships in HELLA's automotive electronics and lighting businesses. He also will focus on helping to position the company for additional growth in strategic product areas, including energy management, driver assistance and lighting.

Prior to joining HELLA, he held the position of assistant general manager of sales and marketing at North American Lighting in Farmington Hills. While at North American Lighting, he also had served as a senior OEM sales manager and senior account manager.

Bloomfield began his business career in 1985 as a sales account representative at Crawford Products in Columbus, Ohio.

He went on to serve as a sales account manager at Cherry Commercial Fastening, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Textron.



Bloomfield



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Plante Moran partners

Plante Moran, one of the nation's largest certified public accounting and business advisory firms, has elected 10 new partners – including a Canton resident – in southeast Michigan.

Mike Merkel of Canton is based in Southfield and serves as the southeast Michigan leader of the firm's state and local tax practice. He has a bachelor's degree in accounting from Michigan State University and a master's degree in taxation from Walsh College.

Celebrating its 90th anniversary in 2014, Plante Moran (www.plantemoran.com) is one of the country's largest certified public accounting and business advisory firms, providing clients with tax, audit, risk management, financial, technology, business consulting and wealth management

services.

Domino's promotion

Domino's Pizza announced Stan Gage, 47, vice president of the company's Americas region for international operations, has been named executive vice president, Team USA, succeeding Steve Akinboro, who is considering purchasing a franchise with the recognized world leader in pizza delivery.

Gage, who lives with his family in Plymouth, will report to Patrick Doyle, Domino's president and CEO, and will be leading the network of 376 company-owned stores throughout the United States.

"Stan is a proven, results-oriented leader with nearly three decades of Domino's experience, spanning domestic operations, training and international," Doyle said.

"To me, Stan is a terrific example of our commitment to providing opportunities for great people in the Domino's system. He's never shied away from a challenge and I'm looking forward to handing the reins of Team USA over to him."

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New digs



Craig David Butler Studios has moved their business into the renovated old train depot at 900 Starkweather. They specialize in weddings and portraits. Pictured are Craig and Bonnie Butler, friends, family and Ambassadors from the Chamber of Commerce. Their building was originally built in 1871.

Marketing firm spearheads community rehab project

Locally owned marketing company Get Found on Google, Inc., announced today it will be spearheading a community project to purchase an abandoned storefront, using crowd funding through the website Indiegogo.

This storefront has sat vacant and decaying for more than 15 years, depreciating the surrounding area as well as being a target for vandals to spray paint.

The company plans to raise a minimum of \$250,000 by campaigning for monetary contributors, known on the website as "Backers." With the money raised, Get Found on Google will purchase the building, repair and then re-purpose the facility into the recently popular concept of shared work space.

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Once re-opened, the soon to be named shared work place will be capable of housing more than 50 different businesses needing physical and virtual office space. This new business will bring no less than four new

jobs to the area on top of the money put back into the community from using local contractors for the repairs.

Get Found on Google is currently negotiating this deal with the newly formed local company Moving the Mitten Real Estate Group, Inc.

This Indiegogo project can be found at <http://igg.me/at/NoMoreEyesore>.

WALKERS

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Komen Foundation, some 1,200 walkers helped raise some \$2.4 million this year.

"It's a walk for women and men who want to be a part of something bigger - they want to end breast cancer forever," said Dr. Sherie Phillips, national spokesperson for the Susan G. Komen 3-Day. "We're going to urge people to take action to end breast cancer with each and every step."

The walk through downtown Plymouth was nothing new for Kris Piotrowski. A native of Plymouth who now lives in Troy, Piotrowski did more than watch from the Kellogg Park sidewalks this year.

"My mom was diagnosed in February," said Piotrowski, who walked with her sister, Becky Ingram. "We always saw it come through Plymouth. After (mom) was diagnosed, we decided this was the year to do it."

Jerry Wozny of Livonia dressed the part, manning intersections along the way to help walkers cross the various streets safely while wearing pink camouflage clothing, a pink bandana over his hair and a pink lei around his neck, all in support of the walkers.

"It's nice to get a little crazy," Wozny said. "I don't worry about it. All your other worries will still be there Monday. This weekend is just for them."

Barb Gaydos of Canton had a cancer scare of her own and she's seen two cousins and her fiance's mother beat it.

"That's a lot of cancer in my life," said Gaydos, a five-time walker. "The walk means someday we're going to find a cure so my niece, my great-niece, all my mother's grandchildren do not have to deal with this ever again."

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Carrie Gilles of Plymouth supported the walkers with her 7-year-old daughter, Ashlyn.



Cathy Burns of Livonia hands out stickers to Kenzie and Kylie Hatfield of Columbus, Ohio, who made the trek to support their mom, who was walking.



Darcy Blakemore of Westland (right) and Cathy Burns of Livonia did a little dancin' in the streets in support of the walkers.



Walkers once again found tons of support as they passed through downtown Plymouth.

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The Vogues make their first appearance in Canton on Aug. 30.

Music legends set to play at Village Theater

Anyone who grew up with the jukebox classics of the 1960s gets a chance to relive those musical notes at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 30, when the '60s Music Legends tour plays the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

This popular act features Vocal Group Hall of Famers The Vogues, one of the most successful recording groups from the '60s. The Vogues,

featuring original lead singer Bill Burkette, perform a one-hour show featuring hits such as 5 O'Clock World, You're The One, Turn Around Look at Me, 'Til My Special Angel, Earth Angel and Magic Town, among others.

The Vogues, who made television appearances on *The Tonight Show*, *The Ed Sullivan Show*, *American Bandstand* and several times on *The Mike Doug-*

las Show, will be performing in Canton for the first time.

The Shades of Blue, remembered for their 1966 hit *Oh How Happy*, are opening for The Vogues.

Tickets are on sale for \$35 at cantonvillagetheater.org or by calling 734-394-5300. The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.

Know your fees on retirement accounts

Bank fees, credit card fees, resort fees – the list keeps growing and consumers keep paying more in fees.

In many cases, the fees are nominal and are more annoying than anything. However, in certain situations, bank fees and airline fees, to name a couple, are significant. A fee that could top them all – and one that is hidden – is charged on retirement accounts such as 401(k) and 403(b) plans.

A new study reports that over the course of someone's career, he/she could pay more than \$100,000 in excessive fees.

I believe most people would agree that when it comes time to retire, having that extra \$100,000 in their pocket is a good thing. So why don't more people do something about high fees? My reasoning is that people are unaware of the fees and believe they have no other alternatives.

My philosophy is, you must be proactive. You may be surprised to learn you have other alternatives.

If you are retired or no longer working at the company where you have a 401(k) or 403(b) plan and pay high fees, you need to move your money into an IRA. By directly transferring the money from your



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

old employer-based retirement savings account into an IRA, there is no tax consequences and the money can continue to grow on a tax-deferred basis. In addition, you will have control over your investments, allowing you to invest without having to pay excessive fees.

The problem is knowing what fees you pay.

Many remember that the government came out with new regulations regarding fees for retirement savings accounts. The government did come out with new regulations; however, the real question is it any easier for consumers to analyze a salary-deferral program? The answer is no.

The bottom line is the burden is on you. It's not fair, however, that \$100,000 looks better in your pocket and that's what the focus should be.

Good luck.

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

Commission looking for auditor general

The Wayne County Commission is in the process of hiring a new legislative auditor general who will examine and evaluate county activities to improve the accountability of public funds and operations of county government.

The current legislative auditor general, Willie Mayo, is retiring in January after serving for 10 years, the maximum allowed under the Wayne County Charter.

Sept. 12 is the application deadline. The salary range is \$115,000 to \$125,000 annually, depending on the successful applicant's qualifications, and the term will be for two, three or five years, with a maximum of 10 years overall.

Full details are at www.waynecounty.com/phr/jobpostings.htm. Those with additional questions should send an email to AGsearch@waynecounty.com.

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Resident carjacked in library parking lot

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

A Livonia woman is without her car after being carjacked at knife point last Thursday afternoon at the Civic Center Library parking lot.

Alexandra Yarnevich, 24, said she went into the library off Five Mile around noon Aug. 14. She said she left at about 2:20 p.m. and was tapped on the shoulder by a younger-looking male who demanded the keys to her car.

"He had a knife," she said. "I thought it was a joke and he said no."

She said she then had a physical altercation with the suspect, struggling with him, forcing the knife out of his hand and striking him with her laptop bag. During the confrontation, he ended up biting her before obtaining the keys to her 2009 Saturn Vue and driving away, Yarnevich said.

She said police were called and an ambulance arrived to treat her injuries, which were not significant.

Yarnevich said she's at the library frequently and said others saw the suspect at the library before the altercation occurred.

"He was loitering at



A 24-year-old Livonia woman was carjacked at knife point about 2:20 p.m. Thursday afternoon in the parking lot of the Livonia Civic Center Library.

the library all day," she said.

Livonia police Sgt. Steve Petsch said the vehicle was still missing as of Tuesday morning and police continue to investigate the incident. He said the weapon was not found.

"We never recovered a knife," he said.

He said the suspect is described as an African-American teenage male, ages 14-17, small in stature with a light complexion and his hair in cornrows. Anyone with information is encouraged to call Livonia police at 734-466-2470.

Cameras in parking lot?

Yarnevich said she is not expecting her car to be found, but said there's a greater need for security in the city parking lot, which connects the library, the 16th District Court and city hall.

There are no cameras in the library parking

lot, something she hopes will change, especially with the variety of people who use the library, including those who would not be able to fend off an attacker.

"I was not afraid of him using this knife on me," she said. "He looked surprised and scared when I tried to retaliate."

Yarnevich said she plans on meeting with city officials to work to get cameras installed near the lot for security purposes. With the level of foot traffic in the area, she said there is no reason not to have the cameras watching the parking lot after the incident Thursday afternoon.

"I'm going to pursue this," she said. "This is not going to fly."

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Skateboard legend Tony Hawk in Farmington Hills on Saturday

Free demonstrations at Birdhouse Summer Tour 2014

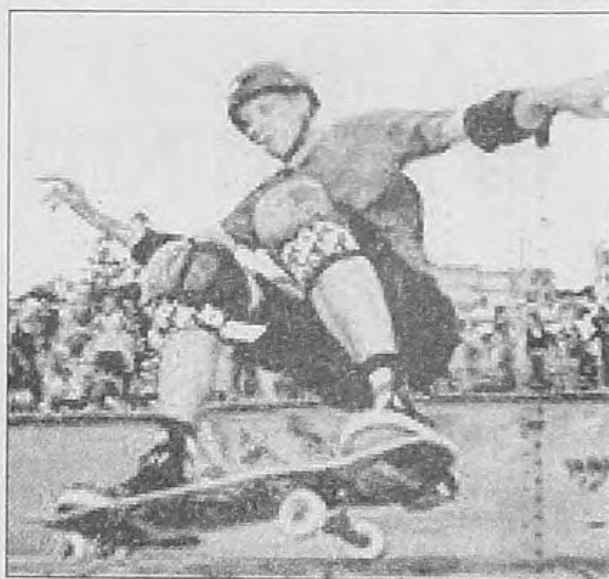
By Aileen Wingblad
Staff Writer

Skateboarding legend Tony Hawk will be a featured performer at Saturday's Birdhouse Summer Tour in Riley Skate Park, hosted by the city of Farmington Hills Special Services Department.

Hawk will appear in a free demonstration at 3 p.m. at the skate park inside Founders Sports Park, 35550 Eight Mile, two miles east of I-275.

Also showing off their skills will be Birdhouse Skate Team members Aaron "Jaws" Homoki, Ben Raybourn, Clint Walker, David Loy, Kevin Staab, Willy Santos, Clive Dixon, Mike Davis, Shawn Hale and Shaun Gregoire.

"It's going to be incredible — Tony Hawk is pretty much one of the greatest skateboarders of all time and definitely the greatest skateboard ambassador. You don't get a chance to see someone like that in any sport, up close and personal — and it's free," said Rob Woelkers, owner of PLUSka-



Tony Hawk shows some moves.

teboarding, a downtown Farmington shop.

"And all the guys coming will be able to skate that park the way it was meant to be skated, at the highest possible level of the sport. Seeing that will be fun in itself," he added.

Woelkers said even people who don't know much about skateboarding will enjoy the demonstrations and "be wowed by the stuff they can do."

"Anyone who comes will definitely be entertained," he said.

Saturday's event also offers 100 limited-edition Riley Skate Park skateboard decks, T-shirts and

other souvenirs for sale.

The Farmington Hills stop is part of the Birdhouse Tour's eight-city On the Road Summer 2014 Midwest Tour.

Another upcoming local event for skateboarding fans is the 2014 Fall Classic Skateboarding Competition on Sept. 13-14, starting at 10 a.m. each day. All skill levels are welcome. Admission fee is \$5. For registration information, call 248-426-0899.

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Organizers correct web address for Woehlke Palooza tickets

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Oops.

Organizers of the two-day Woehlke Palooza event honoring fallen firefighters and police officers had an error in the web address to purchase tickets for the Aug. 22-23 event.

That incorrect web address actually directed users to an adult photo website. Tickets, priced \$20, are available in advance at all Wayne-Westland fire stations, the U.S. 12 American Bar and Grill and at www.neptix.com. Tickets will also be available at the door the day of the show.

The event, sponsored by the Wayne-Westland Firefighters Local 1279 and the U.S. 12 American Bar and Grill, honors Wayne-Westland firefighter Brian Woehlke — who was killed in the line of duty in 2013 — along with other fallen firefighters and police who died in the past year.

It's an outdoor event that will be held at the U.S. 12 American Bar and Grill, 34824 Michigan Ave., just east of Wayne Road. Rain or shine, Woehlke Palooza begins at 5 p.m. each day.

On Friday, the entertainment will be headlined by Detroit legends Brownsville Station,

along with ThrillBillys, Bristol Street and Two Timin' Band. ThrillBillys have composed a song dedicated to Woehlke that they will perform Friday night during their set.

Saturday will be headlined by Sponge, with Pistol Day Parade, Kaleido and the Mike Leslie Band, all of whom are currently out on national tours. Also performing will be Social Bandits.

The firefighter games, with eight teams participating, will begin at 6 p.m. Saturday and can be watched while guests listen to the music.

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Drug abuse awareness focus of annual picnic

By Diane Gale Andreassi
Staff Writer

A fundraiser this Sunday will support substance abuse awareness and raise money for a substance abuse transition facility in Lyon Township.

The Constantino Del Signore Foundation is inviting the community to Tino's Farm Picnic from noon to 7 p.m. at Sweet Acres Farm, 5880 Eight Mile Road, east of

Pontiac Trail, in Lyon Township.

CDS board of directors plan to eventually use the Sweet Acres house and 37-acre farm as a substance abuse transition center for between eight and 10 people, likely teens, recovering from substance abuse. Start-up costs are estimated at about \$500,000 and organizers hope to open the facility in 2016.

Admission to the pic-

nic is \$15 per person and free for children younger than 5. The ticket includes live music all day, a barbecue chicken dinner, pulled pork, hamburgers and hot dogs. There will be children's games, hay rides, pony rides, a balloon artist, an archery demonstration, bocce ball, horseshoes, bouncy house, door prizes and a 50/50 drawing.

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A MISSED OPPORTUNITY

Plymouth Township board whiffs on chance to show leadership

Seemingly for no other reason than to maintain their intractability, four members of the Plymouth Township Board continued Tuesday to insist there is strong support for their plan for a \$350,000 amphitheater in Plymouth Township Park.

Despite a nearly total lack of obvious support and a growing and vociferous faction against the plan, Supervisor Richard Reaume, Treasurer Ron Edwards, Clerk Nancy Conzelman and Trustee Kay Arnold Tuesday voted down a motion by Trustee Mike Kelly to postpone the controversial project.

Kelly had sought to have an agenda item added to Tuesday's meeting to postpone the project until after a planned recreation study is completed. Edwards and Reaume have talked about the survey for months — and the cost of it was included in the budget — but no movement on the study has taken place.

When Tuesday's dust cleared, the vote went the same way pretty much all the votes on this project have gone: Edwards, Reaume, Conzelman and Arnold pushing the project forward, with Kelly, Bob Doroshewitz and Charles Curmi voting it down.

It is increasingly difficult to understand the behavior. Reaume, Edwards, Conzelman and Arnold continue to tout support they say they're getting from residents, but have shown almost none of it publicly.

Few speakers at township board meetings have spoken up in favor of the amphitheater and township officials have publicly produced no correspondence supporting their position. They've indicated they believe supporters "are afraid" to speak up, but we find that even more difficult to believe, although the discussion — from both sides — often gets nasty.

Political issues aside, it's getting too late to get the amphitheater built this year anyway. And even if there's time in a dwindling construction season to get it built, there's no time to get anyone scheduled to use it.

Why not table the issue for a few months and do the study township officials have promised for months? It would reclaim a little goodwill from vocal residents and, if the study shows (as Reaume, et al, believe) there's support for the project, it will prove their point and end the debate.

If it shows a lack of support, as cynics believe it will, then township officials will have shown the kind of leadership their growing band of critics claim they lack.



"Stop the Amphitheater" signs started popping up earlier this summer in the neighborhood near Plymouth Township Park.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Campaign violations

It has come to light Rep. Dian Slavens, Michigan House of Representatives District 21, has violated political campaign rules repeatedly.

Slavens received and utilized the names and contact information for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools employees for political purposes. She used the P-CCS computer system to send bulk email letters directly to school district employees at work. The purely political messages were critical of our elected state senator and solicited campaign contributions. She even acknowledged the practice twice in 2011 and promised then-Superintendent Jeremy Hughes she would cease the practice.

Apparently unrepentant, Slavens did the same thing again in March 2014. This was known to school board President Judy Madigan, a major Slavens campaign contributor and supporter, and Secretary Kim Crouch, (who) quashed these rule violations and, since the most recent incident, have refused to do anything to prevent them from reoccurring.

What is also disturbing, Slavens' husband Mark Slavens is a 3rd Circuit Court judge and a former trustee of the P-CCS school board, who knows the P-CCS rules. His involvement needs to be investigated also.

The offices of Michigan Attorney General and Secretary of State should investigate these allegations, as follows are the specifications:

- 1) How did Rep. Slavens get the contact information of the P-CCS employees? Did a P-CCS employee provide the contact information or someone in the Michigan Education Association? What are the legal implications of providing confidential employee information for political purposes?
- 2) Is it a violation of Michigan campaign law to use the P-CCS computer email system when sending out campaign letters? A clear advantage for Rep. Slavens over her opponents by smearing her opponents without the ability of the opponents to defend themselves.
- 3) Is it a violation of Michigan campaign law to use the P-CCS computer email system to solicit campaign contributions?
- 4) Should the P-CCS board and trustees be investigated and reprimanded for not following up on these allegations and for not taking appropriate action? This appears to be a very serious ethical violation.
- 5) Should 3rd Circuit Court Judge Mark Slavens also be investigated for possible involvement?

Since these incidences first occurred in 2011, did these actions affect Slavens' 2012 successful re-election? It appears that Slavens had an advantage over her political opponent. It appears that she is looking for an advantage over her opponent in this year's 7th District Senate race.

School districts should strive to remain neutral in political campaigns and not utilize public funds or public employee time in partisan campaigns. By not taking action and condoning this repeated practice by one candidate, it appears that the Plymouth-Canton school board thinks that using these resources for the benefit of one candidate is acceptable.

Michael Hansel
Canton Township



Circus thanks

Plymouth resident Gloria Bills and her granddaughter, Faith Patrosso, 5, ride an elephant and make memories at the Kelly Miller Circus in Plymouth last week. Bills wrote in her note to the Observer, "Thank you, Plymouth Lions, for bringing the circus to our town."

Talk about diversity

Parents, another school year begins amid racial confrontations in Missouri, the Gaza strip and Iraq, among others, including Traverse City, where Mexican immigrants are constantly stopped by Homeland Security officers.

As you prepare for this new year, take time to talk to your children about the racial and cultural diversity in their classrooms in our own school districts. Talk to them about what is going on in the world around them and how important it is to forge friendships and understanding with classmates of different races and cultures.

While newspaper reporters are being arrested in Missouri for reporting the events, let us not turn our heads and pretend it is not happening here. Last school year bore witness to some of our students being harassed by others because of their race and culture. Many youth and parents are apprehensive about what this school year is going to bring for their children.

As parent groups and some community leaders are pushing for P-CCS school administrators and board members to be proactive and set policy to alleviate these events, it is important for parents to encourage their kids to watch out for one another across racial and cultural boundaries at school and in their neighborhoods. We have to be an example for other communities.

We have also planned an event for youth from eighth through 12th grades that will continue to build these bridges. It is at 6 p.m. Sept. 19 at Cherry Hill Village studio theater. The event is called "If you only knew me — the Spoken Word." We are inviting youth to get on stage and tell other youth about themselves through poems, songs, skits, dance.

It is a small venue and hopefully one of many to come, so sign up by Sept. 12 at plymouthcantonico@yahoo.com. You can also call 734-502-2508 for more information. If you also have questions about how to join some parent leaders in proactively making this school year about building bridges across lines of diversity, please also email us and we can get you to the right contact persons.

We must keep talking to make our diverse community stronger.
Anne Marie Graham-Hudak
Interfaith Community Outreach

Land's new ad

The current iteration of Terry Lynn Land ads for U.S. Senate as usual are fraught with falsehoods, half-truths and deliberate misrepresentations. First, with a familiar clock ticking in the background, the ad accuses Gary Peters of accomplishing little, basing the assumption on the fact that he as introduced no major legislation.

Peters is approaching the end of three, two-year terms. First-term congressmen rarely introduce "meaningful" legislation. Kerry Bentivolio even gets a pass on that and so does Peters. For the next two terms, Peters has been shackled by the historic do-nothing congresses of Republican Speaker John Boehner. Hence, virtually no Democratic bills have been brought to the floor by Speaker Boehner or leader Eric Cantor.

Aside from (voting to) repeal the Affordable Care Act 54 times and naming everything in sight after Ronald Reagan, this set of congresses in the end will accomplish less than any two others in history.

Land's ad then accuses Peters of participating in adding \$7 trillion to the debt. According to the Center for Budget Policies and Priorities, the current short-term drivers of debt are as follows, in order: Bush-Era Tax Cuts, TARP and Fannie and Freddie bailouts, The Great Recession that began in 2007 and the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars.

Matter of fact, the CBPP states that by 2019, tax cuts and wars will account for half of the debt. The origin of this latest run-up in debt are largely policies and legislation that obviously originate in the Bush administration and the bills carry forward until they are paid.

Ask yourself, if the Bush administration never existed and President Clinton handed the mantle of power to President Obama or any other Democrat along with a surplus of more than \$200 billion, what would the current debt be? Since Obama and Peters, I suppose, have cut the deficit more than at any time since the World War II drawn-down, \$1.4 trillion to around \$600 billion, and Obama has the lowest increase in new spending for any president since World War II, one should surmise if debt reduction is a major priority, and it shouldn't be right now, the debt would be much much lower, perhaps totally eradicated as many predicted if Bush carried Clinton policies forward.

Now for the old debunked point about cutting Medicare by \$700 billion, I give you Politifact.com: "The spending reductions were mainly aimed at insurance companies and hospitals, not beneficiaries" and "But the plans have actually cost more than traditional Medicare. So the health care law scales back the payments to private insurers."

So, without cuts to beneficiaries, the ACA and Peters have reduced costs by reining in overcharges to taxpayers. In Land's world, that is supposed to be something that is bad?

On top of that, every budget proposed by Republican darling Paul Ryan that was passed in the House and supported by virtually all Republicans hypocritically includes these same "cuts."

Come on Terri, can't you do better than this?

Mitch Smith
Canton

GUEST COLUMN

Opportunity ripe for a charter do-over

Education policy has evolved over the years in Michigan to mimic the old Chinese proverb: "When you open the window, all the flies can come in."

The flies have been swarming Michigan's charter school market.

We need a better screen that allows quality schools in and keeps the lousy ones out, be they traditional or charter. We need to support quality learning, regardless from where it emanates.

Like traditional public schools, charter schools include the



Tom Watkins

good, the bad and the ugly.

Lansing policymakers are not creating opportunities for quality schools to bloom and are shutting the window, trapping far too many kids in failing schools. There ought to be a single quality measuring stick for all public education in Michigan.

A lousy school — one that is not educating

children — is a lousy school and should not be able to operate, regardless of whether it is a traditional or charter.

The political left needs to stop supporting traditional schools failing our children, just as the political right must admit that simply calling a school a "charter" does not give it magical powers.

We need to stop using our schools and students to make ideological points and instead use them to prepare our children for their future.

Traditional schools, charter schools, blended and e-learning — all have a place in the educational framework so long as they are preparing students for the hyper-competitive, technological and knowledge-driven global economy.

Having traveled extensively in China over

the years, let me assure you that its citizens are not slowing down while we indulge in ideological fights.

While we fix the flaws in the lucrative charter scam, we need to be equally cognizant that the status quo will not take us where we need to go. In spite of public schools' past achievements, the current system is leaving far too many children behind.

It should not be a state default policy to cheat children out of the education they need and deserve so that entrepreneurial scoundrels can line their pockets.

Efforts under way to "fix" or help existing public schools are laudable, but more can and should be done for the students and their parents — not for the district, charter or the system. We need to ask: "What must we do to

help teachers teach and help children learn?"

The focus must be on establishing quality screens — not to keep charter schools out, but to assure quality (both educationally and financially) is built into all educational opportunities for our children.

As the second decade of the 21st century knowledge economy unfolds, Michigan is going to be dependent at every level on bold leadership with the courage to cast off the anchors of the past and set sail to create a new future. We can no more afford to waste tax dollars on entrepreneurial rip-offs than we can afford to leave a single child behind. Change that produces progress is needed.

While much focus has been on Michigan's "brain drain" — students receiving a college education and flee-

ing our state — the greater problem is those we fail to educate who are staying behind. We cannot build a strong city, region or state on such a faulty foundation.

So, Lansing policymakers, you have an opportunity for a "do-over." Stop the ideological fights and place the focus on appropriate oversight and quality education, regardless of its source — for the sake of our children and our collective future.

When the Legislature returns, it must take its role seriously and the fix the loopholes and charter school educational potholes.

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BOYS SOCCER PREVIEW - PART 1

Chiefs set to pick up where they left off

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

With a big chunk of last year's team back, Canton varsity boys soccer coach Mark Zemanski can't wait to see what the 2014 Chiefs might be able to accomplish.

Last season was pretty good, with Canton finishing 16-2-3 (10-0 in the KLAA South Division), falling 1-0 in the district final to Salem in a hard-fought contest.

"I am very excited for the upcoming season and for the potential of this team," Zemanski said.

"We have six returning starters and a total of 16 returning players."

The Chiefs get things rolling with Saturday's Gary Balconi Invitational.

Spearheading a talented group will be senior co-captains Carter Schenk, Jack Zemanski, Sam Belcher and Kyle Mettlach.

Schenk is a forward and third-year varsity player who parlayed speed and size into seven goals and six assists in 2013.

Midfielder Zemanski, starting his fourth season on the varsity, possesses exceptional ball skills and speed.

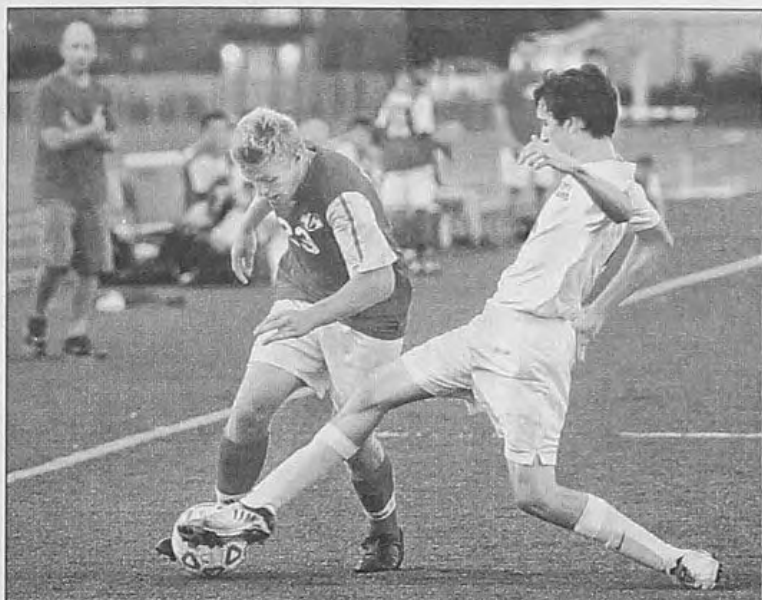
Both Schenk and Zemanski were all-state honorable mention selections and "will be the leaders of our offensive attack."

All-conference returnees Belcher (defense) and Mettlach (midfield) are veterans who the coach said "will anchor our defense and use their good understanding of the

game, ball-hawking skills and tenacity to shut down the opposing offenses we face."

Other returnees will help keep other teams off the score sheet, namely senior defenders Chris Dooley, Andrew Murphy and Nick Wendel. They, along with returning senior goalkeepers Andrew Loehnis and Jay Krebs, limited opponents to just 0.57 goals per contest last season.

"Other returning senior players who saw plenty of playing time last year and will be key contributors and provide quality play are midfielder Ammar Chishti and forward Bailey Riegall," coach Zemanski said.



During a 2013 game, Canton's Sam DeLoy (left) battles against a Livonia Churchill player. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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PLYMOUTH WHALERS ALUMNI GAME



Making a diving stop for Team White is goalie Scott Wedgewood, denying a bid by John Vigilante (No. 8). Back on defense to help Wedgewood are Robbie Czarnik (No. 17) and Brett Bellemore (No. 2). RENA LAVERTY | PLYMOUTH WHALERS

MORE THAN HOCKEY

Former Whalers reconnect for camaraderie and charity

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Fifteen goals were scored during Saturday's fourth annual Plymouth Whalers alumni game at Compuware Arena, with the Blues nipping the Whites 8-7.

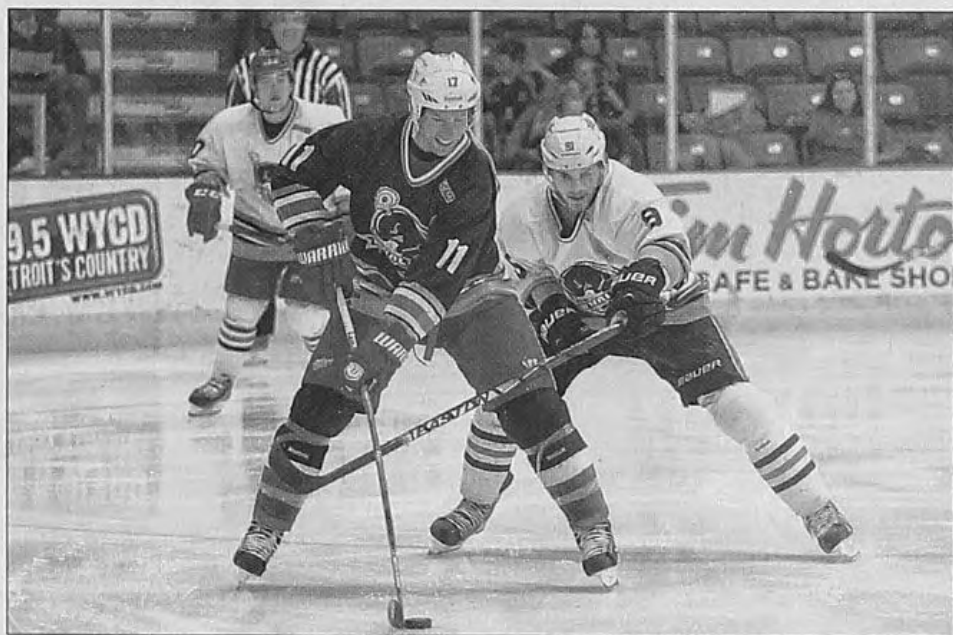
But for players and fans alike, the game itself was merely an excuse to get together again and help generate dollars for charity at the same time.

Proceeds from the game will go to Children's Miracle Network at Beaumont Hospital.

"Anytime you can do anything for charity it's a great thing," said John Vigilante of Team Blue, a Whaler from 2002-06. "I know it's something as a player that I always liked to do. Right now, it's for a good cause."

"Doing things for Beaumont, teaming up with them and being able to put this on, it's a great day."

It was great even for goalies Scott Wedgewood (2008-12) and Bill Ruggiero (1999-2000), who each faced nearly 50 shots and had to fish plenty of pucks out of the back of their nets



Jostling for possession of the puck during Saturday's Plymouth Whalers alumni game are David Legwand (No. 11) and Tyler Seguin (No. 9). RENA LAVERTY | PLYMOUTH WHALERS

during the afternoon.

"More of a high-scoring game is a little more fun for everybody than a 2-2 game, but it was actually pretty challenging," said Wedgewood, entering his third season of pro hockey with

Albany of the AHL. "You don't know what guys can shoot like that are older. ... You're waiting for things to happen and no one's blocking shots, so it's

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BOYS SOCCER

Balconi Invite on tap

Annual event helps teams gauge opponents

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Another year, another Gary Balconi Invitational. That's a good thing, by the way.

As always, the slate of games Saturday at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park promises to deliver a full day of top-notch boys soccer to kick off the 2014 season.

"You know, we got some good teams out here (at the Park)," Plymouth varsity boys soccer coach Jeff Neschich said. "It's good competition and it's a good test early in the year to see where you're at and see what you need to work on."

Neschich's Wildcats open the day at 10 a.m. against Walled Lake Northern on the varsity turf field.

From there, "winners play winners and losers play losers. Plymouth has never won it, so it would be a nice one to win."

Last August, Canton defeated Salem in a shootout to win the championship.

According to Chiefs head coach Mark Zemanski, that victory gave his squad an extra boost that jump-started an outstanding season. Canton went on a 15-game unbeaten streak and at one point reached No. 2 in the state rankings.

"We have been playing in the Balconi since its inception back in the '90s," Zemanski said. "What I like about the Balconi is it is a very competitive tournament early in the season."

"It gives you the opportunity to see how your team stacks up against some very good competition. You get the opportunity to see what your team's strengths and weaknesses are and what you need to work on."

The Chiefs will look to have another Balconi triumph beginning with a game at 10 a.m.

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GIRLS GOLF PREVIEW

They're getting into the swing of things

Canton, Plymouth girls golfers embark on season of promise

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Notable losses to graduation notwithstanding, Canton varsity girls golf coach Tom Alles is enthusiastic about the 2014 season for his squad.

Despite Kelsey McDougall (Butler University), Chloe Luyet (Wayne State), Shelby Lobb and Rachel Pisano moving on from high school, Alles knows he has a solid nucleus of returnees to help offset those losses.

Senior team captain Alyce Krumm, juniors Madelyn

Mans and Megan Meredith and sophomores Lauren Luyet and Avery Ralston are at the top of the list of golfers expected to be primary contributors as Canton looks to follow last year's record of 7-1 (second in the KLAA South Division; fourth in the Kensington Conference).

"Alyce Krumm and Madelyn Mans have considerable varsity experience," Alles said about the two all-conference returnees. "I expect both of them to be our team leaders."

"The remaining juniors and sophomores will need to get competitive experience early on if we are to be successful in our division and in the conference."

The Chiefs open the schedule with Thursday's Highest

Honors Golf Tournament at Huron Meadows of Brighton and follow that up with a KLAA dual meet opener at 3 p.m. Monday against Westland John Glenn at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center in Plymouth.

Alles added that five incoming freshmen will add to the mix. Those girls are "all enthusiastic and are working hard to improve with each practice. I hope to be able to work them all into the varsity lineup at some time during the season to see how they can perform at that level."

Although the Chiefs "are young and lack depth," Alles is confident the team will compete "with most teams in our division. All of the girls are



Madelyn Mans, shown from last season, is one of Canton's returning all-KLAA golfers. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

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'SUPER' STOPPER

Senior league goalie tallies 1,000th win, 200th shutout with no end in sight to hockey career

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Leave it to professional magician Bret "Superman" Beaudry to do something otherworldly as a senior hockey league goaltender.

Last month, the 55-year-old Beaudry, a former Plymouth resident who now lives in Harrison Township, recorded the 1,000th victory of his 14-years-and-counting "beer league" career.

That was a 6-1 win in the playoffs of the Michigan Sting adult hockey program at Troy Sports

Center. Just one week before that, Beaudry tallied his 200th shutout. All told, he's played about 1,800 contests so far.

"I do magic, professional magic," said Beaudry, who recently performed at the Farmington Founders Festival. "Some of them (teammates) think I'm doing magic out on the ice."

Indeed, it's pretty magical to play approximately 130 games each year since 1999, the year his daughter Robin helped him rekindle the desire to play hockey

again after a long hiatus following his high school days.

More about that later. "I get tired just thinking about strapping those pads on that many times," Beaudry said during a recent telephone interview. "I don't know, maybe that's why they call me Superman."

"That's all league play and tournaments and doesn't include drop-ins."

'Super' look

For good measure, Beaudry rocks the superhero look between the pipes, too. He wears goalie pads and gloves sporting Superman's red-yellow-blue color scheme and dons a jersey complete with the trademark 'S' crest on the front.

"That's the fun part," Beaudry said when asked about what teammates and opponents think about his on-ice persona. "The people that know me say it's old hat now. But when people haven't seen it or I'm in a tournament or something, you get all kinds of strange reactions."

"But after they start playing ... don't get me wrong, everybody has a bad game once in a while where the floodgate (opens). I can tell you this 'S' crest is a bull's-eye that people just wind up to get a piece of it."

Beaudry plays pretty much year-round, in two leagues for two teams. One of them is the Prowlers, an 18-and-over team he runs (also out of Troy Sports Center).

"Right now I play three games a week, one Sunday game with the Prowlers and two every Tuesday with the Michigan Sting," he said. "I live in Harrison Town-



Former Plymouth resident Bret Beaudry is shown making a save during one of his approximately 1,800 senior league hockey games.



Robin Beaudry (left) is shown with her dad, Bret Beaudry, at a 2007 Las Vegas tournament. Robin was a backup goalie for Plymouth Salem's first varsity boys team in 1999-2000.

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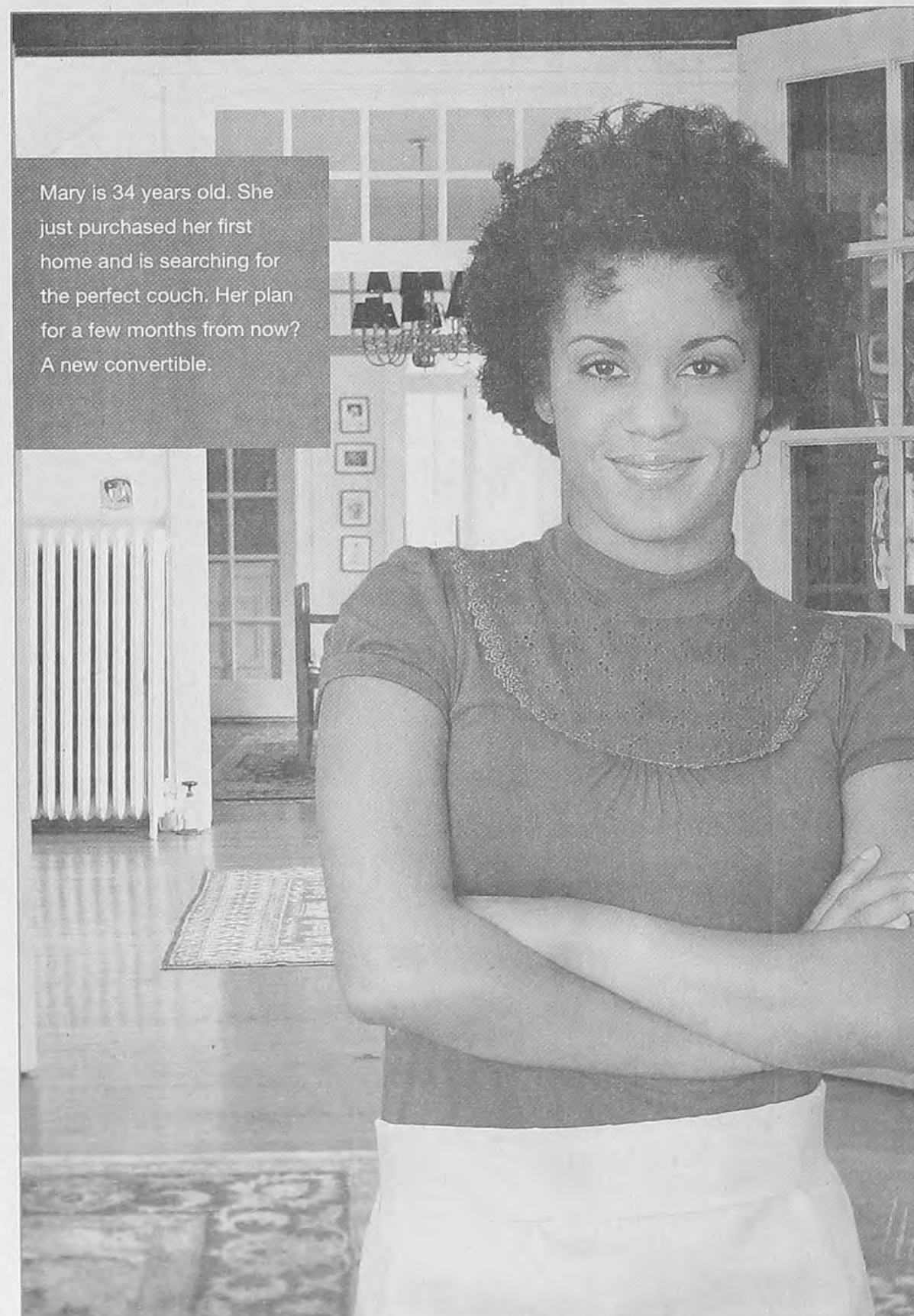
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BOYS SOCCER PREVIEW – PART 1

Things looking up for hungry Wildcats

Plymouth roster features mix of vets, newcomers

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Life is good for high school boys soccer coaches when freshman players are talented enough to jump right into the starting lineup.

That's the case for veteran Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich, whose 2014 squad features plenty of key returnees as well as promising freshman midfielder Bennett Brooks.

"He brings really good pace and he's a crafty player," Neschich said about Brooks, who recently played club soccer with the Plymouth Reign. "He fared very well in our scrimmages (last) weekend; he earned a spot and he belongs there."

"It's rare that a freshman boy has the physical presence to play at the varsity level, but I'm noticing a lot more freshmen that technically and tactically are ready to play."

Neschich, whose 2013 team finished 6-8-1 overall and second in the KLAAs South Division, also has veterans who can't wait to spark a big spike in the victory column.

"Last year, we dealt with a lot of injuries and we never really got to where we should have been," Neschich said.

"We've got a lot of good kids out there; it's a great group of boys to work with."

"We're going to be a strong team, but there's a lot of strong teams out there."

On offense, the Wildcats will bank on returning junior forward Jayden Huxtable, "who is going to be our leader up top. We've got Mike Blake, Nick Freda, Nathan Harris and Ryan Tasco, as well as John Cody, who will play important parts in our attack."

Plymouth looks to have a stellar midfield core, even without the ascent of Brooks. The lineup is led by senior captains Jason Liguori and Calvin McCracken.

"I think Jason Liguori, senior captain, is going to be the key to our midfield," Neschich said.

"Jason's a three-year varsity player and just a very smart, intelligent and crafty player. He'll be our go-to guy in the central midfield."

"He'll be working with Calvin McCracken, another senior captain."

Holding the fort

Traditionally, the Wildcats are stout defenders and the 2014 version should be no exception.

Sophomore Van Nguyen and senior Brandon Burger will start at center-back.

"Van is very accomplished player as a sophomore and really coming into his own," Neschich



Plymouth's Mike Blake (front) is one of the Wildcats' top returnees. He is shown here during a 2013 contest. ED HENGESH | EXPRESS PHOTO

said. "And Brandon Burger is just a smart, athletic player, he's great in the air. They're going to be the anchor of our central defense."

Flanking them will be quality outside defenders in junior Andrew Liakos (a returning starter) and junior newcomer

Dylan Dwyer. "He (Dwyer) played football his first two years and decided to switch back to soccer," Neschich said. "He'll be a nice addition to our team."

Also counted on for sturdy, dependable defense will be sophomore Matt Weiner and senior

Kyle Eggert — a first-year varsity player.

"It's a solid, solid group of boys," Neschich said. "I think we're going to be very strong."

Vying for the starting goalkeeper job are senior James Gibbs and junior Damon Favero. The early edge goes to Gibbs, although Nes-

chich said Favero is "very close."

After Saturday's annual Gary Balconi Invitational at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park (see related story), the Wildcats will host Walled Lake Western at 7 p.m. Monday.

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Plymouth's Sydney Murphy, shown from last season, brings all-state experience to the squad. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

GOLF

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eager to improve and are working hard to lower their scores."

Plymouth primed

Once again, the Plymouth Wildcats figure to be contenders in their division and conference.

And with elite golfers such as senior Sydney Murphy and junior Katie Chipman back in the fold, the squad could make noise in the state tournament, too.

Of course, Wildcats head coach Dan Young knows nothing is won in August. He will expect golfers to continue the exemplary work ethic shown in the past.

"We will be in the mix for the KLAAs and state tournament," Young said.

"But we have a lot of work to do."

There is plenty of talent to further the cause, however. Leading the charge will be all-state player Murphy and Chipman (all-state honorable mention).

Also back on varsity are twin sisters Alaina and Ariana Strzalka (both juniors) and junior Megan Brace, who Young said was the team's No. 6 alternate at the state meet last year.

Augmenting the top five will be junior Maren Wizinewski, senior Justine Berry, senior Trisha Donnelly, sophomore Heather Muir, junior Abby Makelim, sophomore Rachel Kristian, sophomore Simrit Brara, freshman Erin Johnson and freshman Sara Vohra.

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GIRLS GOLF PREVIEW

Rocks 'ace' chemistry test

Young team eager to make climb in KLAAs Central Division

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Salem's varsity girls golf team is relatively inexperienced and competes in the tough-as-nails KLAAs Central Division.

But that doesn't deter Rocks head coach Ryan Nimmerguth from seeing major potential for the team in 2014.

"As always, we play in one of the tougher divisions in the state with Novi, South Lyon, Northville, South Lyon East and (Livonia) Stevenson," Nimmerguth said. "I look for my girls to be very competitive and compete to win the division and finish near the top of the conference."

Salem only has one senior, Kahrlee Kozan, but Nimmerguth likes the talent and leadership being demonstrated by underclassmen — led by the top four of returnees Kiley Flynn, Darby Scott, Hope Warkoczeski and Keista Elder.

"Even though we are a young team — only one senior — I like our team

chemistry and I have seen good leadership from some of our younger girls," he said.

"Hopefully, we can have some success early on to give the girls some confidence and propel us through the season."

Nimmerguth stressed that juniors Flynn and Warkoczeski and sophomores Scott and Elder

"need to be able to avoid the high score and be much more consistent with their scores."

If they follow that blueprint, the Rocks indeed could be a team to be reckoned with.

The coach said Scott had an outstanding freshman season, stepping into the varsity and being a key performer.

"Darby is in only her second year of playing golf and she has turned herself into quite a player," Nimmerguth said.

"Darby spends a lot of her time at the course practicing and getting

instructions and she is starting to see the results of all that hard work."

Third-year varsity player Flynn, one of Salem's top players the past two seasons, will be leaned on by Nimmerguth "not only for low scores, but to be a good leader for this team. Kiley works hard at her game and continues to show more consistency with her game."

They're determined

Warkoczeski and Elder will help set the tone with their determination to improve.

"(Warkoczeski) has spent a lot of time practicing leading up to this season and is primed to have a breakout year," Nimmerguth said. "This will be Hope's third year on varsity and I will look for her to be a leader for some of our younger players."

As for Elder, she is "one of our hardest workers on the range. Keista spends many hours hitting golf balls and tweaking her game. She will continue to improve and will definitely be depended on to produce some low scores for this team."

Battling for the fifth and sixth varsity spots will be fourth-year play-

er Kozan and promising sophomore Grace Grellak. Both have no qualms about putting in extra work to get better, Nimmerguth noted.

Also back are juniors Amy Lawler and Genevieve St. Jean. Nimmerguth said he looks for more consistency out of Lawler; if she does, she will vie for varsity playing time.

Meanwhile, St. Jean joins the varsity after two seasons on the JV and "if she continues to show the improvement I have seen so far, she will also be competing for the fifth and sixth spots on varsity."

Rounding out the roster are first-year team members Charlotte Sahutske (sophomore), Nicole Hahn and Emma Mastny (both freshmen).

"All will be good additions to the team and provide us with some much needed depth in our lineup," Nimmerguth said.

The Rocks open the season with tournaments this week at Hudson Mills Golf Course and Huron Meadows Golf Course before beginning KLAAs action Monday against Westland John Glenn.

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against Walled Lake Western on the junior varsity grass field.

The other 10 a.m. match-ups are as follows:

» Salem will square off against Rochester Adams at the varsity soccer pitch.

» West Bloomfield faces Novi-Detroit Catholic Central (freshman field).

All eight teams will then play at 11:45 a.m. and 3 p.m., either in the championship or consolation brackets.

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CHIEFS

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On the attack

A handful of junior returnees will be counted on to be offensive catalysts, as they were last season.

Zemanski listed midfielder/forward Hunter Olson (five goals, three assists), forward Sam DeLoy (six goals, four assists), center-midfielder Jason Ren (five goals, three assists) and forwards Matthew Causley (eight goals) and Josh Posuniak as a group that "will use their great ball skills, finishing ability and speed to help pro-

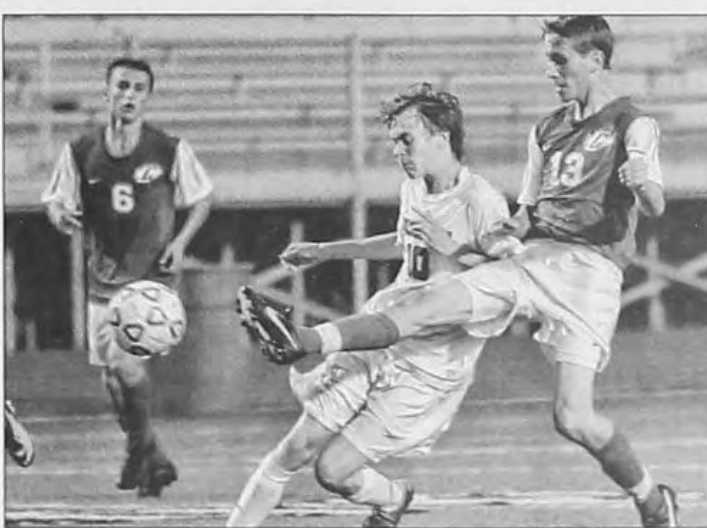
vide a spark to our offense."

The Chiefs' lineup also is bolstered by newcomers, including senior goalkeeper Dylan DaSilva, junior midfielder/forward Jimmy Walkinshaw, junior defencemen Beau Hoffman, Jordan Percy and Trevor Turko and junior midfielder Alex Yokley.

Sophomore Matthew Rockafellow also is working to earn playing time.

"Like last year, we have a large roster with outstanding depth," said Zemanski, whose assistant coaches are Alex Walton and Kevin Zemanski.

"Almost the entire roster of players are



capable of starting. This will lead to some good competition and battles for starting spots.

"Our overall team

speed and outstanding depth will put a lot of pressure on other teams defensively. Our solid back line and goalkeep-

ing will make it hard for teams to find the back of the net against us."

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Canton midfielder Kyle Mettlach (right) goes up against a Livonia Churchill player during a 2013 KLAAs match-up. At left for the Chiefs is Cody Widlak. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

ALUMNI

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a little more of a laid-back game, but it was a lot of fun.

"The crowd was into it, they were cheering, so it was a lot of fun for all of us."

Wedgewood and Ruggiero split time between both teams during the 50-minute game (two 25-minute halves of running time).

"We switched every half period," Wedgewood said. "But I think I gave up more than he did, so technically he's the winner."

One former teammate he allowed a goal to was current Dallas Stars standout center Tyler Seguin, a Whaler from 2008-10.

"I think he got one on me," Wedgewood said, chuckling. "A rebound, he put it up high. I'll give it to him."

Also scoring during the game — attended by enthusiastic fans and former billets of the players — was Farmington Hills product Alex Aleari, who recently signed a free agent contract to join Carolina Hurricanes' AHL affiliate Charlotte.

"It was good, it was a fun time. I got a goal or two, that's always fun," Aleari said. "It's good to see the older guys, some guys on my former team. It's a good experience."

Among other goal scorers were former Detroit Red Wings player David Legwand (now with the Ottawa Senators of the NHL), Brett Bellemore (Carolina) and Stefan Noesen, a Whaler from 2009-13 and now in the Anaheim Ducks' farm system.

Legwand played for Plymouth from 1997-99, but there were several others who go back even further into the Whalers' illustrious history. Those include Dan Pawlacyk (1993-97), Joe Byrne (1996-98), Mike Morrone (1994-97), Jason Lawmaster (1996-98) and



Plymouth Whalers alums gather at center ice following Saturday's charity game at Compuware Arena. The Blues won 8-7.

Kevin Holdridge (1996-99).

All five are retired, although Lawmaster coaches locally in the Belle Tire youth program.

Common experience

Meanwhile, defenseman Andre Robichaud (1998-02) skated in his first-ever Whalers alumni game and was thrilled to do so.

"It's great," Robichaud said. "The best part about it is seeing the guys you played with and then also seeing the other generations that have gone through. The pride, the 'Whaler Pride' is fantastic."

Robichaud, who played college hockey in Canada following his stint with the Whalers, reiterated that the alumni game underscores how much of a common bond the players have.

"It's nice to see that it doesn't matter what year you played," he said. "You come back here,



Former Whalers such as Tyler Seguin (left), now with the NHL's Dallas Stars, signed autographs before the alumni game. PHOTOS BY RENA LAVERTY | PLYMOUTH WHALERS

you have fun with the guys. You all shared an experience that's similar, although you may not have shared it at the same time.

"But you can all relate and talk about the same things, right?"

Vigilante, who recently was hired as an assistant coach for the Whalers, has played in all but one of the alumni games.

"I'll keep coming to them as long as I'm in

town," he said. "It's good to meet new guys, good to see old faces, it's always a great time. Every guy I talk to loves it."

He also gave a shout out to the fans who turned out for the game, which was preceded by an autograph session.

"They're everything; without them there's no team," Vigilante said. "We're excited for the year. It was a good turnout today, hopefully it's a

sign of things to come for the season. I know it pumps up the players and gives them energy."

Wedgewood said the biggest part of the alumni weekend. It was getting to reconnect with former teammates and coaches (both Mike Vellucci and Joe Stefan were on hand) as well as his billets, Mike and Kelly Collins.

"I still come back every summer and visit them (the Collins)," Wedgewood said. "They're the most amazing people and I'm very thankful that they're in my life."

Wouldn't miss it

Vellucci made sure to join the festivities, even though he is busy gearing up for his new job as assistant general manager for the Carolina Hurricanes. He recently left the Whalers after more than two decades of sustained success.

"It's great. I always want to come to these things," Vellucci said.

"It's exciting to see guys that I've coached for the last several years and a couple guys 10-12 years ago, too. It's kind of wild to see them."

"I still stay in touch with a lot of the guys, some guys I haven't. But they're here and it's a good chance to catch up. It's a lot of fun. They look older, so I imagine I look a little bit older, too."

Stefan, promoted from assistant coach to assistant GM, said that the alumni game always is popular with everybody connected. Saturday's was a hit, both on and off the ice.

"It's always good and it's great for the guys," Stefan said. "They get treated real well here, and it's great for them to come back."

"They see all the fans again and the billets they used to live with, they enjoy it and it's a great time."

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

P-CEP and the Whalers

The Plymouth Whalers is hosting a fundraising exhibition game at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6 at Compuware Arena for teams and activities at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

All proceeds from ticket sales (\$10 in advance, \$12 at the door) will be earmarked to benefit P-CEP teams and activities (Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools).

Tickets for the Whalers-Windsor game are limited and are available at all three high schools and the Plymouth Whalers box office (14900 Beck Road).

For more information, go to www.plymouthwhalers.com or call 734-453-8400.

Ocelots excel

The "Run for the Hills" race in Farmington last Saturday was successful for Schoolcraft College cross country runners who took part.

Liam Cardenas (Plymouth H.S.) took top honors for his age group in the 5K with a time of 19:22, a pace of 6:15 per mile. Ethan Levack (Plymouth Christian) and Caton Hacker (Plymouth) placed first and second in their age group in the 10K with times of 38:48 (6:15 pace) and 39:11 (6:19). Saturday the team travels to Flint for the Crim races.

Senior fitness

The Plymouth Family YMCA is hosting an open house complete with class demonstrations and refreshments 9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, at the

Friendship Station Senior Center, 42375 Schoolcraft Road.

Those who stop by will be welcome to register for any of the offerings, geared mostly toward older residents (age 65 and up), which will begin Sept. 9. For more information, contact the Plymouth YMCA at 734-453-2904.

Class offerings include the following:

Silver Sneakers: Offered to seniors age 65 and up. Move to the music through a variety of exercises designed to increase muscular strength, range of movement and activities for daily living. Hand held weights, elastic tubing with handles and Silver Sneakers balls are offered for resistance.

Silver Sneakers Yoga: A modified version of yoga designed for adults 65 and over. Classes offer a variety of stretching exercises in both seated and standing positions. Silver Sneakers Yoga will help increase muscle tone and build strength. Flexibility, range of motions and balance are improved through yoga, each of which help prevent falls and the injuries they cause.

Zumba Gold: This specialty dance inspired fitness class that takes the same fun Zumba flavor and modifies the moves and pace to suit the needs of active older adults, baby boomers and the beginning fitness person. Zumba Gold has a longer warm up and cool down to allow participants a program to improve balance, flexibility and cardiovascular strength. Zumba Gold is available to all ages.

GOALIE

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ship and I used to skate in Mount Clemens and Mount Clemens is closer to my home.

"But Troy is a much nicer facility and basically I've skated more games there than I have anywhere else."

Ice hockey has always been in his blood, although Beaudry's super-yeoman numbers (which would make Martin Brodeur blush) never could have been predicted back in the 1970s.

Back in his youth, he played pond hockey near Fenton, stuffing boat cushions down the front of his pants for makeshift goalie pads.

"I tried out for the high school team (Linden) and I was going to make the team, but my dad couldn't afford the pads," Beaudry said. "It went dormant after that, other than a little bit of skating here and there."

Daughter gets assist

Already a magician, it would take quite a trick for Beaudry to get back on the ice.

That's exactly what happened in the late 1990s. His daughter Robin, then a junior at what then was known as Plymouth Salem, discovered floor hockey during gym class.

Robin Beaudry came home and pronounced to her parents (Bret and Christine) that she wanted to take up the ice hockey version of the game in time for the 1999-2000 school year — when Plymouth Salem was slated to launch its first boys hockey team.

It didn't matter to her that she'd be trying to find a spot on the roster of a boys team. It would be another handful of years before girls hockey would begin in ear-



Goalie Bret Beaudry runs an 18-and-over team at Troy Sports Center, the Prowlers. Here, the squad — composed of fathers and sons — celebrates after winning the 2014 spring league regular season and playoffs.

nest at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"She talked about the Plymouth Salem Rocks going to have their first inaugural boys varsity ice hockey team and she so wanted to be their goalie," Bret Beaudry said. "She's a good skater and everything, but she never had played ice hockey."

"So she came home and I heard the echoes of me coming home to my dad and asking to play hockey."

He wasn't about to deny her that chance. They went to a sporting goods store and ordered \$1,200 worth of equipment needed for Robin to safely suit up for summer drop-in sessions.

"We had some money in her savings account and I said to her, 'You pay \$600, I'll pay \$600 and if you make the team, I'll give you \$600 back.'"

"She made the (Salem boys) team. She was at every practice. And then when Senior Night came, she got to play the whole game and she got a shut-out."

One big reason why she made the roster was

a relentless summer schedule where father and daughter went to every drop-in session they could find.

"I even bought a headset she could wear and I could coach her from the stands," he said. "Soon I found myself in love with the sport and playing myself."

Although Robin later played goal for Michigan State University's women's club team, she ultimately put her skates away several years ago.

On the other hand, Bret Beaudry was just getting started.

Stars tell story

Before long, he was playing multiple games a week, gaining confidence and swagger.

He racked up victories and shutouts. Each whitewashing gave Christine Beaudry opportunity to sew a new star on his blue jean jacket.

"Pretty soon, this jacket was just full of stars," he said. "Then I kept an Excel spreadsheet, going all the way up to break (Detroit Red Wings legend Terry) Sawchuk's record at 104."

"After that, I relied on the stars (to keep track).

I thought I might actually live long enough to get the 200."

Beaudry emphasized that one reason he is so successful is he's played so much.

"There's a thing I tell my kids," he said. "That's if you want to be good at something, you got to do a lot of it so that it's second nature to you. You don't think about it."

He also doesn't think much about how long he'll be physically able to continue strapping on the colorful gear and stopping hard rubber pucks.

The goalie they know as Superman does know how much he still loves the game — putting in a healthy workout to boot (something he said Christine is thankful for).

"I'm out on the ice the whole game," Beaudry said. "It can get tense ... because you're the last line of defense. If the puck goes in, you can be the goat or you can be the hero."

"And I actually like that. Because by the numbers, more times than not, I am the hero."

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Younger buyers are entering the real estate market in the Midwest with an improving economy. GETTY IMAGES/STOCKPHOTO

JOB MARKET GROWTH HELPS MORE MIDWEST MILLENNIALS BUY HOMES

First-time homebuyers have been largely absent from the housing market in the current economic recovery, but some metropolitan areas – particularly in the Midwest and West – are well positioned to see increases in home-buying from the Millennial generation in upcoming years, according to new research by the National Association of Realtors.

NAR analyzed current housing conditions, job creation and population trends in metropolitan statistical areas across the U.S. to determine the best markets for aspiring, leading edge millennial homebuyers. Austin, Texas, and Salt Lake City were identified as top standouts for millennials for having a young adult population with solid job growth rates and still relatively affordable home prices. Seven of the 10 metro areas recognized are in the Midwest and West.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, says the homeownership rate for young adults under the age of 35 peaked in 2005 (43 percent) and fell to 36 percent in the first quarter of 2014.

“Limited job prospects, student debt and flat wage growth have combined with tight credit conditions and low inventory to price millennials out of some of the top cities such as New York and San Francisco,” he said. “However, NAR research finds that there are other metro areas millennials are moving to where job growth is strong and homeownership is more attainable. These markets are well-positioned to soon experience a rise in first-time buyers as the economy improves.”

NAR analyzed 100 metro areas that have a large millennial presence, solid local job market conditions and strong migration patterns of young adults moving to that particular area to determine the best purchase prospects for young buyers. Housing affordability and inventory availability were also considered.

The best purchase markets for aspiring Millennial homebuyers are (listed alphabetically):

- » Austin, Texas
- » Dallas
- » Denver

- » Des Moines, Iowa
- » Grand Rapids, Mich.
- » Minneapolis
- » New Orleans
- » Ogden, Utah
- » Salt Lake City
- » Seattle

Other markets with strong potential for attracting millennial homebuyers include:

- » Madison, Wis.
- » Nashville, Tenn.
- » Omaha, Neb.
- » Raleigh, N.C.
- » Washington, D.C.

NAR President Steve Brown, co-owner of Irongate Inc., Realtors in Dayton, Ohio, said favorable affordability in these markets will ultimately be met with inevitable life milestones to increase homebuying activity.

“Millennials will eventually settle down, trade their roommates for spouses and want to raise a family,” he said. “As long as median income continues to support purchasing power in most areas, the demand and opportunity will be there for millennials to purchase their first home with guidance and insights from a Realtor.”

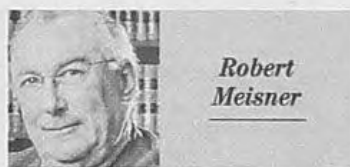
Counsel should review senior cohabitation agreement

Q: I am past retirement age and a widow and have heard something about shared and communal housing generally for the elderly. What can you tell me about it?

A: Shared housing and communal living are becoming increasingly attractive options among seniors because of the numerous benefits: inexpensive rent, shared responsibilities, resource-efficiency, independence and companionship. Shared housing is generally defined as two or more unrelated people sharing a home. There are two main types: match-up programs which allow homeowners an opportunity to rent out vacant bedrooms following a screening-matching process and/or shared living residences also known as communal living arrangements where homes have multiple tenants, each with a private bedroom, sometimes a private bathroom and shared private common areas. In any event, it is imperative that you have a cohabitation agreement before entering into one of these agreements and have counsel review any living arrangement into which you enter.

Q: I am a senior citizen and I am questioning whether I should make a conveyance of my home to my children to avoid Medicare taking my property. What is your answer?

A: My answer is that this is an extremely complex question which should take into consideration a whole host of factors with which you should consult a lawyer who specializes in elder law. For example, you need to consider the following: 1) Which legal rights on the property will be lost in the transfer and which ones retained; 2) Is the conveyance a gift and, if so, of what value, and what will be the Medicaid transfer penalty; 3) Will any tax benefits be lost; 4) Will your financial ability to remain in the home be in jeopardy due to a shortage of liquid assets and the loss of ability to draw out the equity in the home via such vehicles as a reverse mort-



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gage; 5) will this transfer disrupt your estate plan by disproportionately shifting assets; and, 6) will this transaction cause existing mortgages to be called? Will it really remove the risk of a future Medicaid lien? These are some of the answers that you need to get from competent legal counsel.

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 7-11, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BIRMINGHAM	
730 Graefield Ct Unit 151	\$60,000
960 Harmon St	\$988,000
1999 Hazel St	\$569,000
2047 Windemere Rd	\$520,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
6575 Halyard Rd	\$326,000
5653 Kolly Rd	\$405,000
6855 Oakhills Dr	\$457,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
5839 Blandford Ct	\$231,000
1465 Clarendon Rd	\$1,425,000
120 Clifton Rd	\$510,000
6215 Hills Dr	\$250,000
4602 Sunningdale Dr	\$629,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
4576 Driftwood Dr	\$513,000
166 E Beechdale St	\$130,000
5978 Lochmore Dr	\$270,000
6081 Lochmore Dr	\$282,000
195 Polvadera St	\$81,000
1025 Sherbrooke St	\$338,000
6138 Strawberry Cir	\$350,000
295 Vinona Ter	\$87,000
FARMINGTON	

30722 Knighton Dr	\$360,000
22927 Warner St	\$150,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
23103 Ashley St	\$148,000
28449 Bay Tree Rd	\$195,000
27875 Berrywood Ln	\$83,000
21322 Collingham Ave	\$63,000
39132 Downs Ct	\$350,000
38244 French Pond	\$340,000
37416 Glengrove Dr	\$80,000
36114 Hardenburg Rd	\$315,000
33695 Heirloom Cir	\$70,000
35125 Hillside Dr	\$138,000
37052 Howard Rd	\$340,000
29552 Kings Pointe Ct	\$234,000
30115 Kingsway Dr	\$298,000
28334 Kirkside Ln	\$197,000
29430 Laurel Dr	\$117,000
25683 Livingston Cir	\$285,000
24551 Martel Dr	\$214,000
29682 Pine Ridge Cir	\$120,000
FRANKLIN	
31850 Brandingham Rd	\$724,000
27217 Gardenway Rd	\$175,000
30320 Rosemond Dr	\$370,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE	
18130 Cambridge Blvd	\$80,000
MILFORD	
3049 Autumn Ct	\$225,000
919 Duke	\$119,000
630 Hill St	\$123,000
314 S Main St	\$180,000
657 Woodside Dr	\$180,000
NORTHVILLE	

43643 Nine Mile Rd	\$320,000
41754 Broquet Dr	\$100,000
1238 Charleston Ct	\$160,000
NOVI	
30997 Centennial Dr	\$155,000
44040 Durson St	\$149,000
50458 Langley Dr	\$691,000
24230 N Le Bost	\$175,000
24700 Olde Orchard St	\$107,000
21850 Shadybrook Dr	\$275,000
1155 South Lake Dr Unit 53	\$58,000
23440 W Le Bost	\$80,000
28496 Witherspoon Dr	\$98,000
SOUTH LYON	
1201 Corral Ln	\$288,000
24844 Ravine Dr	\$465,000
53422 Shoal Creek Rd	\$400,000
SOUTHFIELD	
30125 Everett St	\$65,000
24183 Evergreen Rd	\$20,000
29245 Guy St	\$129,000
28729 Marshall St	\$58,000
18218 Melrose Ave	\$120,000
23349 N Chanticleer Dr	\$135,000
29630 Red Leaf Dr	\$122,000
19901 Silver Spring St	\$133,000
30204 Southfield Rd # A223	\$23,000
WHITE LAKE	
615 Island Dr	\$276,000
9062 Rhyon Rd	\$154,000
1394 Waverly Dr	\$162,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 28 to May 2, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
43649 Arlington Rd	\$194,000
4041 Berkeley Ave	\$105,000
43776 Cranford Ave	\$190,000
45178 Forest Trail Dr	\$218,000
7599 Kingsbridge Rd	\$225,000
42897 Lombardy Dr	\$215,000
41410 Metaline Dr	\$130,000
50145 Monroe St	\$156,000
47631 Pembroke Dr	\$145,000
1859 Preserve Blvd	\$164,000

45339 Remington Ct	\$337,000
1696 S Pennfield Ln	\$443,000
704 Sorel Dr	\$228,000
6536 Weatherfield Way	\$281,000
44477 Windmill Dr	\$220,000
GARDEN CITY	
6070 Cardwell St	\$73,000
1540 Garden St	\$185,000
LIVONIA	
14032 Arcola St	\$128,000
36468 Dowling St	\$107,000
20446 Hubbard St	\$195,000
29127 Lyndon St	\$170,000
NORTHVILLE	
19541 Cardene Way	\$185,000
19128 Northridge Dr	\$100,000
42256 Old Bedford Rd	\$335,000
19856 Scenic Harbour Dr	\$260,000
18025 Stonebrook Dr	\$660,000

39749 Village Run Dr	\$247,000
PLYMOUTH	
713 Blunk St	\$512,000
278 Irvin St	\$435,000
1251 Ross St	\$160,000
9227 Tavistock Dr	\$180,000
REDFORD	
9560 Berwyn	\$81,000
26740 Joy Rd	\$15,000
WESTLAND	
34332 Algonquin St	\$82,000
35767 Castlewood Ct	\$77,000
30826 Cooley Blvd	\$119,000
950 Easley Dr	\$93,000
32300 Grandview Ave	\$124,000
32018 Ottawa St	\$28,000
113 Surrey Hts	\$123,000
32915 Woodworth Ct	\$52,000

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures.

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. each Thursday at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 6-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. The Red Lobster is next to 7-11, near Trenton Road.

Any questions or concerns, call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayde Koehler at 313-819-0919.

Condo operation

The Meisner Law Group, P.C., has announced that attorney Robert M. Meisner will be conducting a four-week course Tuesdays from Oct. 7-28, from 7-9 p.m. covering Introduction to Suc-

cessful Condominium Operation.

This seminar is designed for board members and officers, managers, developers, and association members living in or working with a condominium, subdivision, cooperative, or community association. Explore the many legal issues involved in the successful operation of an association. Cost is \$95 (\$85 per person when two or more enroll from the same organization). For registration information contact The Meisner Law Group, at 248-644-4433 or 800-470-4433, via email at: bmeisner@meisner-law.com, or visit the seminar page on the website: Meisner-law.com.

Seminar each Tuesday, Thursday

A free seminar on government-insured reverse mortgage is offered by Colonial Mortgage Corp. at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday and at 2 p.m. each Thursday at various locations.

RSVP with Colonial Mortgage at 800-260-5484.

Free foreclosure tours

Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Tuesday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96.

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17 Magritte or Russo
18 Fleetwood —
19 Rush forward
21 Secluded valley
24 Olaf's toast
26 Camcorder feature
28 Bill, for short
29 Morse click
32 High-tech scan
33 Sun, in combos
35 NASA destination
36 To date

DOWN

37 Earlier garment
38 Billowing
40 A dozen dozen
42 Havens
43 Genghis' grandson
46 Prohibition opposer
48 Fringe —
49 Closet item (2 wds.)
54 Romanov title
55 Lao-tzu's "way"
56 Lira successor
57 Go slowly
58 Bit of a beverage
59 Sax man Getz

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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8	7	6	5	3	8	7	4	9

Word Search

RELIGION CALENDAR

AUGUST

MOVIE ON THE LAWN

Time/Date: 8:30 p.m. Aug. 30
Location: Faith Community

Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merri-
man, Livonia

Details: Bring a lawn chair or
blanket to watch God's not
Dead. Movie starts at sunset.

Admission, popcorn and ices are
free. Movie will be shown
indoors in inclement weather

Contact: Steve Morgan at
313-377-0832

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday,
through Aug. 24

Location: Cherry Hill Village
Schoolhouse, corner of Ridge
and Cherry Hill Roads, Canton

Details: Bring your own lawn
chair for this service with mem-
bers of St. Michael Lutheran
Church. In case of inclement
weather, service will be held at
the church, 7000 N. Sheldon,
Canton

Contact: 734-459-3333

Location: Six Mile and Beech
Daly, Redford Township

Details: Scripture study

Contact: 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. the
second and fourth Thursday.

Location: School library, 11441
Hubbard, just south of Plymouth
Road, Livonia

Details: Catholic author Gary
Michuta leads a study of Acts of
the Apostles.

Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200,
or www.livoniastmichael.org

Ward Presbyterian

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays

Location: Room A101, 40000 W.
Six Mile, Northville Township

Details: Learner's Bible study is
held

Contact: 248-374-5920

FAMILY MEAL

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

Location: Salvation Army,
27500 Shiawassee, Farmington
Hills

Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

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-
ners

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 set-
ting. Pet blessings are available
after the service.

Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

Nardin Park United Method-
ist Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday

Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile,
Farmington Hills

Details: Participate in an open
time of praying silently and
aloud together as well as re-
sponding to personal requests.

Contact: 248-476-8860

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 15089 Newburgh,
Livonia. Enter through back.

Details: Music, singing, prayer

Contact: Grace at 734-464-1896,
Shirley at 734-464-3656 or Geri
at 734-464-8906

St. Michael Lutheran Church

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

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

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon,
Canton

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

Contact: 734-459-3333 for
additional information

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach

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

Location: 23800 W. Chicago,
Redford, Room 304

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

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

First Presbyterian Church

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

Location: 200 E. Main St.,
Northville

Details: Single Place Ministry;
cost is \$5

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

Steve's Family Restaurant

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and
fourth Thursday

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 14
mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Widowed men of all
ages may attend the Widowed
Friends Men's breakfast. This is
an informal "peer" group where
men have an opportunity to
meet with others.

Contact: 313-534-0399

Ward Evangelical Presbyteri-
an Church

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday

Location: 40000 Six Mile, North-
ville Township

Details: Single Point Ministries,
for 30 and up, offers fellowship,
coffee, doughnuts, conversation.

Contact: 248-374-5920

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

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church

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

Location: 29667 Wentworth,
Livonia

Details: Adult day care program
at the church's Woodhaven
Retirement Community. Funding
available from TSA, AAA 1-C
Older Americans Act.

Contact: 734-261-9000;
www.woodhaven-retire-
ment.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.
Childcare is available for free

Contact: Jonathan@Conne-
ctionchurch.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, drugs,
alcohol, overeating, gambling.

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

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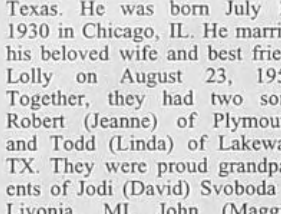
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PETERSEN, SALLY
ANN (REYNOLDS)

Age 81 of Plymouth passed
away on Sunday, August 17,
2014. Sally was a proud wife,
mother and grandmother leaving
behind her beloved husband,
Robert of 58 years. Loving
mother of her three children,
Glenn (Sandy) Petersen, Paul
(Dinia) Petersen and, Karen
(Randy) Kratt and, dearest
grandmother of Jim Petersen,
Lindsey Petersen, Thomas
Bratrnicki, Kristen Bratrnicki,
Jacob Kratt, Anna Kratt and,
Robert Petersen. Sally was a
longtime member of PEO,
Chapter AI of Plymouth. A
funeral service will be held at
First Presbyterian Church, 701
Church Street, Plymouth on
Thursday, August 21 at 11 a.m.
with visitation beginning at
10:30 a.m. Memorials may be
made in Sally's memory to
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 6931
Arlington Road, Suite 200,
Bethesda, Maryland 20814 or
donate online at www.cff.org;
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BUIKEMA, KENT A.

Age 84, formerly of Plymouth,
MI. Passed away peacefully
Monday, August 18, 2014 after a
brief illness in Round Rock,
Texas. He was born July 17,
1930 in Chicago, IL. He married
his beloved wife and best friend
Lolly on August 23, 1952.
Together, they had two sons,
Robert (Jeanne) of Plymouth,
and Todd (Linda) of Lakeway,
TX. They were proud grandpar-
ents of Jodi (David) Svoboda of
Livonia, MI, John (Maggie)
Buikema of College Station, TX,
and Will Buikema of Brooklyn,
NY. They were loving great-
grandparents of Kara and Lauren
Svoboda of Livonia. He was a
former Principal of Canton High
School, and Executive Director
of Secondary Education for Ply-
mouth Canton Schools. He loved
to travel, play golf, was an active
member of the First Presbyterian
Church of Georgetown, TX, and
was a proud member of the Ki-
wanis Club in Georgetown, TX.
A memorial service will be held
at a later date in Texas.



HRUSKA, FRANK

Born December 7, 1927, passed
away August 17, 2014 at his
home in Garden City. Beloved
husband of Margaret. Father of
Robert (Cindy) Hruska, John
(Judy) Keech, and Susan
(Edward) Hazelrigg. Step-father
of Jody (Gary) Gawinek and
Charles (late Leslie) Snyder.
Brother of John (Judy) Hruska,
Richard (Beverly) Hruska, Bob
Hruska, and Pat Benedict.
Grandfather of nine, great-
grandfather of 11, and great-
great-grandfather of six. He was
also survived by many nieces
and nephews. Memorial service
to be held at the Garden City
Moose Lodge on September 13
at 1:30 p.m. Please send any
gifts or donations to the Angela
Hospice Center, for all of their
help and support during the time
prior to his death. He was loved
and respected by many, and will
surely be missed.



DELLA, MARIANNE
MUNRO (CONRAD)

Age 52 of Westland, formerly of
Plymouth and Byron, passed
away on August 17, 2014. Lov-
ing wife of Wil. Beloved mother
of Madysen. Dear sister of
Kathleen (Scott) MacKenzie,
Melanie Quinn, John Conrad and
Matthew Conrad. Stepdaughter
of Linda Stephens of Grayling,
MI. Preceded in death by sister
Cynthia Conrad, her mother Di-
anne Conrad and her father Mi-
chael Conrad. Marianne Re-
ceived her Bachelors Degree
from Central Michigan Universi-
ty. She retired from the Finlan
Insurance Agency in 1998 after
14 years of selling insurance
there. She was also a part-time
special needs paraprofessional
for Central Middle School ASD
program with Plymouth-Canton
Community Schools. Marianne
loved helping the children with
special needs. She especially
loved her family, going north to
the cottage and watching her
daughter perform with the Pom-
pon team. A funeral service was
held Wednesday, August 20,
2014, at St. John's Episcopal
Church, Westland. Interment
took place at St. Hedwig Ceme-
tery. Memorials may be made to
the University of Michigan
Comprehensive Cancer Center,
UMHS Office of Medical Devel-
opment and Alumni Relations,
1000 Oakbrook, Suite 100, Ann
Arbor, MI 48104 To leave a con-
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MARTIN,
CAROLYN I.

Age 70, August 16, 2014. Be-
loved wife of the late James.
Loving mother of Shaun, Chris
and Craig (Sarah). Dear grand-
mother of James, Jackson,
Brooks, Davis and Lincoln. Dear
sister of Janice (David)
Wheeler, Beverly and Lon
Hoover. Visitation was at the
R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral
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FIRST FRIDAY FUNNIES

Live monthly comedy show returns to Wayne

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Tough work week? You'll get a chance to laugh away your troubles with a "TGIFFF" beginning Sept. 5 at US12 Bar & Grill in Wayne.

Gordon "Big" Dooley, stand-up comedian and comedy promoter from Ypsilanti, will launch the third season of First Friday Funnies, a showcase of local and nationally-known comedians who perform the first Friday of each month from September through April, with Dooley serving as emcee. The first two years the show was set at Wayne Bowl, in Wayne.

"I outgrew the Wayne Bowl. It was a great facility and they treated me well, but the show was ready to take the next step," Dooley said. "I chose Wayne because it's a centralized location. It gives people in the suburbs a flavor of Detroit without them having to go to Detroit.

"This is my way of bringing a taste of the city out to the suburbs."

The September show will feature Ron Taylor, Charlie Newhart and Heather Jay H. Doors will open at 9 p.m., with the show at 10 p.m. Tickets are \$10. The US12 Bar and Grill is located at 34824 Michigan Ave.

Diverse performers

Taylor is a member of the Motown Laugh Kings, a touring group of stand-up come-



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dians, and has performed on the BET Network's *Apollo Live* show. Newhart has acted in commercials and in plays, in addition to performing comedy. Dooley described Jay H as a "very funny" up-and-coming comedian.

"I try to book what I think people want to see," Dooley said. He avoids booking comedians that speak only to one segment of the audience. Performers must appeal to all ages and nationalities. "We get

people from all walks of life. I want a funny comedian."

Dooley plans to enlarge his role in the monthly show by performing a 10-15-minute set of his own material, in addition to introducing the other comedians.

A "late bloomer" to stand-up comedy, Dooley, 36, has performed for five years, basing much of his material on his own life experiences. He has toured "every major comedy club" in the state and will per-



Ron Taylor, a member of the Motown Laugh Kings, will perform Sept. 5 at First Friday Funnies.

form in New York this fall.

Humor from experiences

"I get inspiration from everywhere. You think about comedy all the time," he said, adding that his material is based on both light-hearted and edgy topics. "You draw humor from all things."

He avoids "offensive" jokes in his act, and explains that "there are so many other things" to poke fun at.

Dooley suggests that audience members come to First Friday Funnies with an "open mind and an open heart, ready to laugh."

"People forget how important laughter is. It's therapy for the soul," he said. "So many people watch a comedy show on TV but never watch a live show. It is completely different. My job is to make sure you are engaged and are a part of



Charlie Newhart is an actor and stand-up comedian. He'll perform Sept. 5 at US12 Bar & Grill in Wayne.

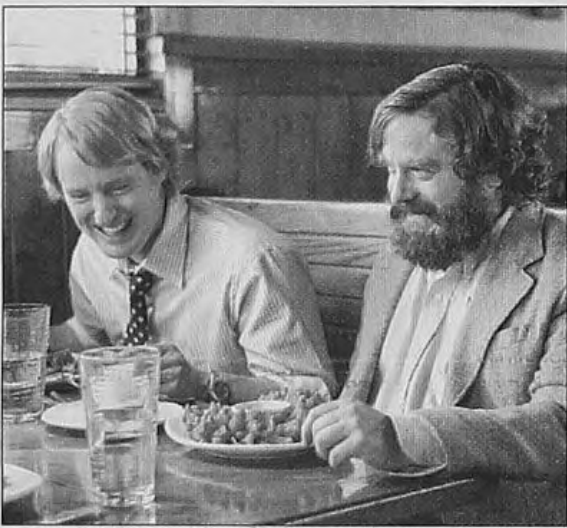


Heather Jay H will help launch the 2014-15 season of First Friday Funnies in Wayne.

the show, not just witnessing it."

For more about First Friday Funnies, visit bigdooleyjokes.com.

AT THE MOVIES



Owen Wilson (left) and Zach Galifianakis star in *Are You Here*, opening Friday, Aug. 22, exclusively at the AMC Livonia 20.

Movies opening Friday, Aug. 22:

Are You Here opens exclusively at the AMC Livonia 20: When Steve Dallas (Owen Wilson), a womanizing local weatherman, hears that his off-the-grid best friend Ben Baker (Zach Galifianakis) has lost his estranged father, the two return to Ben's childhood home to discover Ben has inherited the family fortune leaving the ill-equipped duo to battle Ben's formidable sister (Amy Poehler) and deal with his father's gorgeous 25-year-old widow (Laura Ramsey). Director Matthew Weiner (*Mad Men*). Rated R.

Calvary opens in select Detroit-area theaters: A priest (Brendan Gleeson) is faced with sinister circumstances brought about by a mysterious member of his parish. Directed by John Michael McDonagh. Rated R.

Code Black, opening at Cinema Detroit: Film-maker and physician Ryan McGarry follows a dedicated team of charismatic, young doctors-in-training in the trauma center at Los Angeles County Hospital. Best Documentary winner at Los Angeles Film Festival and the Hamptons International Film Festival, as well as the Audience Award Winner at both Denver Starz Film Festival and Aspen FilmFest. Not rated.

If I Stay: Mia Hall (Chloë Grace Moretz) thought the hardest decision she would ever face would be whether to pursue her musical dreams or follow a different path to be with the love of her life, Adam (Jamie Blackley). But what should have been a carefree family drive changes everything in an instant. Directed by R.J. Cutler. Rated PG-13.

Island of Lemurs: Madagascar: Captured with IMAX® 3D cameras, the film visits the remote and wondrous world of Madagascar. Lemurs arrived in Madagascar as castaways millions of years ago and evolved into hundreds of diverse species but are now highly endangered. Directed by David Douglas. Rated G.

Land Ho! opens at the Main Art Theater in Royal Oak: When they were brothers-in-law, married to two sisters, Mitch (Earl Lynn Nelson) and Colin (Paul Eenhoorn) were close friends, but they drifted apart as Mitch and his wife divorced and Colin's wife died. Now Mitch, a retired surgeon, recruits a reluctant Colin on a holiday to Iceland. Rated R.

What If?: Medical school dropout Wallace (Daniel Radcliffe), who's been repeatedly burned by bad relationships, decides to put his love life on hold, until he meets Chantry (Zoe Kazan). They strike up a close friendship and ponder the question — Is the love of your life actually your best friend? Rated PG-13.

When the Game Stands Tall: The film tells the story of legendary football coach Bob Ladouceur (Jim Caviezel), who took the De La Salle High School Spartans from obscurity to a 151-game winning streak that shattered all records for any American sport. Rated PG.

ANIMALS

DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Labor Day, with closing time at 8 p.m. Wednesdays in August

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

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

Wild Summer Nights: Joe Reilly and the Community Gardeners play music for children, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 27, in the Main Picnic Grove. Free with zoo admission, which is reduced to \$6 after 6 p.m.

Run Wild: 5K and 10K runs, and a 1.5-mile fun walk will benefit the zoo's Ruth Roby Glancy Animal Health Complex, Sept. 14. The 5K starts at 8 a.m., the 10K at 8:45 a.m. and the untimed fun walk is at 9 a.m. Routes start at the Zoo and wind through Huntington Woods. Registration fees run from \$25 for the walk to \$55 for both the 5K and 10 K runs. www.detroitzoo.org/runwild

Contact: 248-541-5717

ARTS AND CRAFTS
CITY GALLERY

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday and Thursday-Friday, and 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Aug. 25-Oct. 10

Location: The Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: "Artpack Services Employee Exhibit"

Contact: 248-473-1859

JANICE CHARACH GALLERY

Time/Date: Noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Sept. 11

Location: Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: "Daily Gratitude: Art, Sport and Cupcakes," features the work of Jessica Kovan. Also on exhibit are works by glass artists and Teresa Petersen, who creates art from thrift store and hardware shop finds

Contact: 248-432-5448

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through Aug. 23

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: "DongFeng" solo show by Wan-Chuan Kesler

Contact: 248-344-0497

AUDITIONS
EMERGENT ARTS

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 6-7

Location: The Mix Studio Theater, 8 N. Washington St., Ypsilanti

Details: Auditions for Hollywood And Hyde, a dark comedy, will be by cold reading from the script. Actors will be seen in the order they arrive. The play will be performed Thursday-Sunday, Oct. 23-Nov. 9. Parts for six men and one woman

Contact: emergentarts.com; 734-985-0875

MOTOR CITY YOUTH THEATRE

Time/Date: By appointment, 7-9 p.m. Aug. 28

Location: 27555 Grantland, Livonia

Details: Placement auditions for the theater's "Acting for the Serious Student" course, which will run Friday evenings Sept. 5-Oct. 17. The class is for ages 8-18 and costs \$100 for nonmembers and \$80 for members. Audition consists of a 30-second monologue or two 15-second monologues that will demonstrate skills in memorization, text interpretation, character and stage pres-

GET OUT! CALENDAR



Mary Lynn Rajskub performs Sunday, Aug. 24, at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle in Detroit.

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Contact: Nancy Florkowski, 586-894-8628; nancy@mcyt.org

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 22-23

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Mo Alexander; tickets are \$12 show only, \$22 with dinner on Thursday; \$16 show only, \$29 with dinner, Friday

Contact: joeyscomedyclub.net; 734-261-0555

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 22 and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23

Location: Fourth and Troy Streets in downtown Royal Oak

Details: Birmingham native J. Chris Newberg; tickets are \$10 Thursday and \$20 Friday and Saturday

Coming up: Mary Lynn Rajskub, best known for her performance on Fox's *24*, performs at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 24. Tickets are \$20-25

Contact: 248-542-9900; info@ComedyCastle.com

FILM

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 22 and 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 23-24

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: *Jersey Boys*, admission \$3

Coming up: 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 29 and Thursday, Sept. 4 and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 30-31, *How To Train Your Dragon*

Summer Cinema Series: All shows at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday; seats \$3. *Abbott & Costello in Buck Privates*, Aug. 21; *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*, Aug. 28

Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Aug. 22 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Aug. 23

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

Details: *Dirty Dancing*, \$5

Contact: 313-898-1481

HISTORY

KELSEY MUSEUM

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through Sept. 7

Location: 434 State St., Ann Arbor

Details: The exhibit, "Ancient/Modern: The Design of Everyday Things," examines how

inhabitants of the ancient Mediterranean and Near East both resembled and differed from contemporary Americans

Contact: 734-764-9304

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday-Sunday

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: *Wheels of Summer*, an exhibit of toys with wheels, runs through Nov. 2.

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-17

Contact: 734-455-8940

MUSIC

ARTS, BEATS AND EATS

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Aug. 29-31 and 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Location: Along Washington Street and adjacent parking lots and streets in downtown Royal Oak

Details: Nine stages with local and national bands, such as The Applesseed Collective, Candy Band, Orbitsuns, Village People, The Spinners, 38 Special, Detroit Chamber Wind and Strings, Killer Flamings, Ara Topuzian Ensemble and more. Festival includes a juried art show with more than 140 artist booths, and more than 35 food booths, some with gluten-free, vegan, low-carb, sugar-free and low-fat options. Admission is \$3; \$5 after 5 p.m. Visit artsbeatseats.com for a full music schedule and parking information

Contact: 248-541-7550

DETROIT JAZZ FESTIVAL

Time/Date: 4-11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 29, noon to 11:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 30-31, and noon to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 1

Location: Hart Plaza and Campus Martius in downtown Detroit

Details: Nearly 60 local and national jazz musicians, including Stanley Clarke, Ramsey Lewis, The Dirty Dozen Brass Band, Joshua Redman, The Motown Legends Gospel Choir, and more, perform at this free festival. Catch the Northville High School Jazz Band at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 30, on the JP Morgan Chase stage

Contact: detroitjazzfest.com

JAZZ@THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month

Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: Tommy Good Quartet performs Aug. 26. \$10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres

Contact: 734-453-1780 or email plymouth-elks1780@yahoo.com

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Open Mic, Sept. 2; Greg Trooper and George Worthmore, Sept. 6; Empty Chair Night featuring Annie and Rod Capps, Joel Palmer and Jo Serrapere, and John Devine, Sept. 7. Most tickets \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted.

Contact: 734-464-6302

PICNIC

GERMAN PARK

Time/Date: 4-11 p.m.; park gate closes at 9 p.m.

Location: 5549 Pontiac Trail, Ann Arbor

Details: Old-fashion German dinner served a la carte. Wine, beer, and beverages also sold. Enzian will provide German and American music for dancing. Admission is \$5; children 12 and under no charge. No one under age 21 admitted without a parent

Contact: 734-769-0048 weekdays or www.germanpark.org



CANNED FOODS HELP KIDS COOK

When it comes to teaching kids about healthy eating habits, there's no better classroom than the kitchen.

From conceiving recipes to measuring, pouring and mixing, helping out in the kitchen is not only fun, it gets kids interested in trying new and healthy foods that they may otherwise push to the edge of their plates. So when you're searching for delicious, nutrient-rich and kid-friendly recipes to make together as a family, get inspired by easy-to-use canned foods in your pantry.

Canned foods are affordable and convenient, and many canned fruits and vegetables are just as, if not more, nutritious than their fresh or frozen counterparts. Since the canning process locks in foods' nutrients at the peak of ripeness, all of the freshness, flavor and goodness are naturally sealed in. And by having different varieties of canned pro-

duce on hand, you have year-round access to healthy recipes that feature your favorite fruits and vegetables.

With canned food staples like protein-packed black beans, hearty chicken and vitamin C-rich peaches, easy and nutritious homemade meals are just a few cans away. And with approachable recipes like Chicken Tacos with Peach Salsa and Mexican Fiesta Dip — which makes a terrific snack — along with Sweet Corn Dessert Pudding it's easy for the kids to get involved. They'll be so proud of themselves for helping, and you'll feel good knowing that you provided them with a healthy meal.

For more healthy recipes and to learn how you and your family can get cooking, visit www.CansGetYouCooking.com.

Courtesy of Family Features



CHICKEN TACOS WITH PEACH SALSA

Servings: 4

Salsa:

- 1 (15.25-ounce) can Del Monte Lite sliced peaches, drained and chopped
- 1 (4.25-ounce) can Old El Paso green chilies chopped, drained
- ¼ cup finely chopped red onion
- 1 tablespoon fresh chopped parsley
- 1 tablespoon fresh-squeezed lime juice
- ¼ teaspoon Tabasco pepper sauce

Tacos:

- 8 corn, flour or whole wheat tortillas, slightly warmed
- 1 (5-ounce) can Hormel Premium chicken breast, drained and flaked
- Finely shredded green cabbage, optional
- Shredded low-fat Monterey Jack cheese, optional
- Lime wedges, optional

To prepare salsa, in medium bowl combine chopped peaches, green chilies, red onion, parsley, lime juice and Tabasco sauce. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.

To prepare tacos, fill tortillas with flaked chicken; top with peach salsa. Serve with shredded cabbage and cheese if desired. Garnish with lime wedges if desired.

Note: Canned tuna can be substituted for chicken.



MEXICAN FIESTA DIP

Servings: 8

- 2 (16-ounce) can Goya black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 (14.25-ounce) can Muir Glen diced tomatoes no salt added
- 2 (11-ounce) cans Del Monte Golden Sweet Whole Kernel Corn no salt added, drained
- 1 (4.5-ounce) can Old El Paso green chilies chopped, drained
- ½ cup extra-virgin olive oil
- ¼ cup red wine vinegar
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon Tabasco pepper sauce
- 1 large ripe avocado, peeled, pitted and diced
- 2 tablespoons fresh chopped cilantro
- Baked tortilla chips

In large bowl combine black beans, diced tomatoes with liquid, corn, green chilies, olive oil, vinegar, salt and Tabasco. Cover and refrigerate 3-4 hours, stirring occasionally.

To serve, stir in avocado and cilantro to mix well. Serve with tortilla chips.



SWEET CORN DESSERT PUDDING

Servings: 10

- 1 15-ounce can no salt added whole-kernel corn, well drained
- 1 8.5-ounce can creamed corn
- 4 large eggs
- 1 cup light cream
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- ¼ cup fat free sour cream
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 350°F. Butter 13-by-9-inch baking dish or 2-quart baking dish. In large bowl with wire whisk, combine whole-kernel corn, creamed corn, eggs, heavy cream, sugar, sour cream, flour, baking powder and salt. Spoon mixture into prepared baking dish. Bake until golden brown and set, about 55 to 60 minutes. Remove from oven. Let stand 15 minutes. Serve warm.