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One month in, I-275 construction project remains on schedule



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Work continues to be on schedule for the I-275 construction project one month in.

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

It's been one month since motorists needed to find a new route after southbound Interstate 275 shut down in Livonia, Farmington Hills and Novi. And the project, which has displaced thousands of vehicles every day, appears to be moving along well with few issues.

"We're progressing pretty well on the southbound side," said Diane Cross, a spokeswoman for the Michigan Department of Transportation. "It looks like we're actually doing pretty well."

The state shut down the southbound side May 2 from the I-96/I-696/M-5 interchange in Oakland County to Five Mile in Livonia for a major construction project that involves repaving that entire stretch of freeway. The southbound portion remains inaccessible until sometime in July, when crews finish that stretch of road. Then, the northbound side will close along the same stretch and the southbound side will reopen.

Cross said a recent update meeting with MDOT officials and the contractor, Toebe Construction out of Wixom, revealed there is some pavement along

the roadway from the interchange with I-96 and M-5 that goes as far south as Six Mile, though lots more concrete needs to be taken care of. Cross also said there haven't been any problems with any bridges along the road, which helps keep the project moving forward.

"No surprises on any of them," she said. "Our bridges are in good shape."

The \$75 million project is expected to run until September, when both sides of the freeway are completed.

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The 1st Battalion 24th Marine Division Memorial was surrounded by veterans and grateful citizens offering a moment of reflection and gratitude.

Armed robbery defendant faces psychiatric evaluation

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A Wayne County judge has ordered a Canton robbery defendant to undergo a psychiatric evaluation to determine whether he is competent to stand trial and aid in his own defense.

Circuit Judge Thomas Cameron could rule as early as June 10 whether Michael James Stachowski, a 36-year-old Westland man, should be held criminally responsible as he potentially faces trial for armed robbery and larceny in a building.

Sherry Sieber, a Village Wellness Center chiropractor, has said she was robbed of \$187 when a knife-wielding man entered her business on Ford Road, near Haggerty, about 4 p.m. March 3.

Canton police rushed to the scene and captured the suspect, who ran across Ford Road and was spotted near the Baymont Inn and Comfort Inn Suites. Police say a Taser gun was fired to bring Stachowski under control after he held a knife to his neck as if he intended to injure himself.



Stachowski

Stachowski was ordered in late March by 35th District Judge Ron Lowe to stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court, where proceedings have been delayed until the competency evaluation could be completed. A hearing on that issue is set for June 10.

Sieber has commended Canton police for making an arrest quickly after she reported the incident.

"They actually gave me my money back immediately," she said.

After she was robbed, Sieber ran to the nearby Landmark Realty, where her fiancé works, and they followed the suspect east along Ford Road as a realty office employee called police for help.

Then, a woman in a car stopped to help them, called police from her car and drove Sieber's fiancé across Ford Road so he could keep track of the suspect's moves.

Court records indicate that Cameron has continued the \$300,000 bond set by Lowe.

Police say Stachowski is a repeat offender. He already spent time in prison for bank robbery and armed robbery. He was paroled last July after he served time for robbing the Bank of America branch at Five Mile and Beck in Plymouth Township.

Canton pays tribute to military personnel who served country

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Gathering for two outdoor ceremonies and an indoor concert, Canton paid tribute Memorial Day to the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military.

The day began as the Canton Fire Department's new honor guard had its first Memorial Day ceremony at the Canton Veterans Memorial in Heritage Park. Firefighter Jim Harrison estimated the crowd at 80.

During the ceremony, the U.S. flag was raised and then brought to half-staff, the national anthem was sung and a ceremonial wreath was placed by two corporals with the 1st Battalion 24th Marine Division — Steve DeJong and Eric Honomichl.

Harrison called it important to honor military personnel who sacrificed their lives for country.

"I think it brings a sense of comfort



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Terry and Jan Blumberg, formerly of Canton, placed a wreath in memory of all our fallen men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces during the afternoon Memorial Day ceremony

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Canton hires new police officer

The Canton Police Department has welcomed its newest police officer, Joseph Doll.

He was recently sworn in for his new position by Canton Township Clerk Terry Bennett, with his family in attendance.

All new police officers in Canton are required to successfully complete a 16-week, instructor-led

field training program prior to working on their own.

The program is designed to orientate and develop recruit officers, maximize their potential and provide them with the tools necessary to successfully make the transition into the position of Canton police officer.



CANTON POLICE Officer Joseph Doll is sworn in by Clerk Terry Bennett.



PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON AGING These nine local veterans were among those who attended "Operation Gratitude," a thank-you for former military personnel, May 20 at the Friendship Station (from left): Joseph Denicola, Hermon White, Bill Werda, Tom Kempfer, Mick Havala, Pat Herriman, Robert Litmyer, Russell Ash and Richard Confer.

'Operation Gratitude' thanks area veterans

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging honored local veterans May 20 with "Operation Gratitude," a luncheon at the Friendship Station

senior center in Plymouth Township.

The event included the singing of the national anthem, lunch (complimentary for the veter-

ans) and memories and stories from veterans from the times they served; some veterans' wives told stories as well.

Attendees were en-

couraged to write thank-you notes on cards that were provided. The cards were distributed to veterans at the Veterans Affairs hospital in Detroit.

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Upcoming detours

Motorists who have found alternate routes the past few weeks will need to do some preparation if they plan on using I-275 southbound between Ann Arbor Road and M-14, as well as westbound I-696 from Lahser to I-275.

Some upcoming work in the next few days will further hamper traveling in the western suburbs. First up, SB I-275 has been reduced to one lane from the I-96/M-14 interchange to Ann Arbor Road. That reduction ended at 5 p.m. Tuesday.

There are also lane restrictions this week along westbound I-696 through Southfield and Farmington Hills. Crews began at 9 p.m. Tuesday



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Officials say work on I-275, which started May 3, is proceeding as planned in the project's first month.

closing two lanes between Orchard Lake and I-275. At 11 p.m., another lane was shut down overnight until 5 a.m., when all the lanes will reopen for rush hour traffic.

These nightly closures will continue until 9 p.m. Friday, when the westbound portion of I-696 from Lahser to I-275 will shut down again com-

pletely for the second time in three weekends for maintenance work. WB I-696 will remain closed until 5 a.m. Monday.

This will be the second and final shutdown of that stretch of I-696: MDOT closed it for similar repairs the weekend of May 20-22. Once northbound I-275 is closed later

this summer, a similar pair of weekend closures will take place along the eastbound portion of I-696.

Cross said while most of the work is being done on the western portion of I-696, traffic needs to get off the freeway earlier because of a lack of other locations to exit. Because of the infrastructure near Lahser, with Telegraph and Northwestern Highway being available detour routes, it made more sense to send traffic there as opposed to the next westbound exit, Orchard Lake.

"That interchange can't handle that volume," Cross said. "You can't have tens of thousands of vehicles exit there. It's just not feasible."

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"We do this just to remind people of those who gave their lives for the freedoms that we enjoy."

JOHN SPENCER

president, Canton Veterans Memorial Association



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A perfect day was the backdrop for the afternoon Memorial Day service held in Canton's Heritage Park. The names of the fallen service men and women who lived and died in Canton were read by John Spencer. Names of the fallen dated all the way back the 1800s.

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for those who have lost loved ones in battle and combat," Harrison said. DeJong and Honomichl came to Canton from Selfridge Air National Guard Base. Canton Young Marines also attended the ceremony.

Canton firefighters intend to use their inaugural Memorial Day ceremony as a springboard for an annual event.

"We hope to continue to do this every year," Harrison said.

Monday afternoon, the Canton Veterans Memorial Association had its annual ceremony on the same site, including the Pledge of Allegiance, an opening prayer, ceremonial remarks, a reading of war poems "In Flanders Fields" and "Freedom Isn't Free," an honor volley and the playing of "Taps."

John Spencer, Canton Veterans Memorial Association president, said 50-60 people attended the ceremony, including some Marines who had attended the earlier event sponsored by firefighters.

"We do this just to remind people of those who gave their lives for the freedoms that we enjoy," he said.

The day ended with crowds attending performances by BeckRidge Chorale and Cherry Hill Singers — titled "Because of the Brave" — at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Michael Gross, artistic director for BeckRidge Productions, has said two



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Cpl. Eric Honomichl of the U.S. Marine Corps was a part of the Memorial Day service honor guard.



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Honor guard members were (from left) Jim Harrison of the Canton Fire Department, Cpl. Eric Honomichl of the U.S. Marine Corps and Geoff Eicholtz of the Canton Fire Department.



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"Taps" is played in the background as many take a moment to reflect and honor all those who have made the supreme sacrifice in service to country.



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After an honor volley, former military police officer Rick Popa played "Taps."



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Jim Harrison and Geoff Eicholtz of the Canton Fire Department raise the flag as the Memorial Day ceremony begins.



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In tribute to those who died serving in the military, Canton's newly formed honor guard placed a wreath at the 1st Battalion 24th Marine Division Memorial to honor fallen Marines.

afternoon performances were featured to honor military personnel who died and to show that "Memorial Day is more

than a picnic."

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Westland parks director charged with domestic crime

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Canton resident and Westland Parks and Recreation Director John Adams is due back June 10 in 35th District Court to face misdemeanor charges of domestic violence.

Adams, 51, was arraigned at two hearings on the charges, which stem from two different incidents — one to which Canton police responded May 26 and an earlier incident which hadn't previously been report-

ed.

"It's a situation that occurred. I pled not guilty. I would ask that people allow me due process," said Adams, who was back at work Tuesday following the Memorial Day holiday.

Adams was arrested after police were called to the Canton home he shares with wife Angelika. Prior to the com-



Adams

plaint filed with police, he said the couple wasn't divorced.

"I am always disappointed when an employee or a contractor is involved in something off-duty that reflects badly on the city," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "The city attorney says to let the legal process go forward. The prosecutors and the court decide on those charges. He is going through due process right now."

Adams retired as an assistant chief from the Westland

Fire Department in June 2014 and the following month became chief operating officer for the Inkster Fire Department.

In February 2016, Adams, who has a master's degree in public administration, was appointed Westland Parks and Recreation director. He received some criticism recently about continuing to work for the Inkster Fire Department, which ended Tuesday as a new chief was scheduled to come on board June 1.

"His contract runs until February 2017. Either side can end the contract with 13 days notice," Wild said. "There is no clause to suspend the employee. I could tell him to stay home, but he would get full pay. He's giving the job his full attention."

Adams was released on bond following his arraignment.

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PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Non-working brake light leads to multiple charges

A 47-year-old man was arrested Friday afternoon on a charge of driving with a suspended license after a traffic stop on Eckles, near Joy Road.

An officer stopped the man because of a non-working brake light on the Ford Expedition, a Plymouth Township Police Department report said.

The officer then discovered the driver's license had been suspended, the Expedition's license plate had expired and that there was a partially consumed bottle of liquor in the vehicle, three violations for which he was cited, the report said.

There was also an empty liquor bottle in the Expedition, the report said.

Drunken driving arrest

A 55-year-old man was arrested on a drunken driving charge Saturday night after police saw him cut off another driver, accelerate quickly from a stoplight and weave out of his traffic lane, a police report said.

The man, driving a Ford Fusion, was stopped in the area of Ann Arbor Road and Lilley at about 10:30 p.m.,

the report said. He refused a preliminary breath test in the field, but at the station was given a breath test to check for the presence of alcohol, police said.

The man told the officer he'd had a shot of liquor.

Vehicle theft

A 2004 Chevrolet Trailblazer was reportedly stolen the morning of May 25.

The location of the vehicle at the time it was taken was redacted in a police report. The theft occurred between about 12:30 a.m. and 6 a.m. May 25, the report said.

There was a bag of lacrosse equipment in the Trailblazer, the report said.

Vehicle burglary

Cash totaling approximately \$60 was reported stolen from a Chevrolet Traverse last month while it was parked in the driveway of a house on Andover Drive.

The theft occurred between 9 p.m. May 22 and 6 a.m. May 23, a police report said.

The complainant was uncertain if the vehicle had been locked; police found no signs of forced entry.

— By Matt Jachman

CANTON CRIME WATCH

Woman reports strangers lurking outside her home

Two strangers lurking outside a Canton woman's home and watching her movements have been reported to Canton police.

The 20-year-old woman first noticed two white males sitting inside a black sedan when she arrived home from work about 10:45 p.m. Saturday. She didn't know the men.

She told police the strangers remained in their vehicle until she got out of hers. Then, they got out of the sedan and leaned against the car as they stared at her, a police report said.

The men then got inside the car and drove off.

A similar incident happened about 11:15 p.m. Sunday, but the men remained inside the car. The woman called police, but the men had driven off before officers arrived.

Identity theft

A Canton man received a past-due notice for a \$606 Comcast bill — problem is, he never opened the account.

The 27-year-old man reported the identity theft incident to Canton police, saying he received the notice that was linked to cable service at a home in Taylor. He told authorities he didn't know anyone in Taylor.

Police checked the address associated with the Taylor ad-

dress and learned the residents — both males in their 20s — had warrants for numerous traffic violations. One also had a warrant for domestic violence.

The Canton man told police he didn't want to prosecute the case. He only wanted the delinquent account erased from his record.

Stolen wallet

A Canton woman may have learned the hard way not to leave her purse in her vehicle — a mistake local police have repeatedly warned against.

The 25-year-old woman told police she went to visit a friend in the 48200 block of Central Park, near Beck and Cherry Hill. She arrived at 4 p.m. Saturday and left at noon the following day.

She later realized her wallet was missing from her purse. She told police she believed it was taken from her 2011 Ford Fusion while it was parked on Central Park. She said she didn't remember if she locked the doors.

The wallet contained credit cards and her driver's license.

Wounded raccoon

A wounded raccoon, possibly attacked by another animal, was found squealing and injured in a Canton woman's back yard in the 1600 block of Morton Taylor, near Palmer.

Police shot the wounded

animal and made arrangements for its disposal.

Domestic violence

A report of domestic violence ended with police taking the alleged offender into custody and ticketing a friend who helped him hide from police, a report said.

The incident happened at the Wagon Wheel mobile home community on Mott Road, near Barr.

Police received a call shortly after midnight Wednesday that a 22-year-old man had been involved in a domestic violence incident with a 25-year-old woman and had fled the home, possibly to a neighbor's residence.

Police spoke with the 26-year-old neighbor outside his residence and he said he hadn't seen the suspect for weeks. A report said the neighbor became nervous when police asked to search his residence, saying he would rather not have it searched.

Police noticed that a door was ajar and, according to the report, yelled inside for the suspect to come out. He came out after a second order was given, saying he wanted to tell his side of the story.

Police arrested the suspect for domestic violence and issued the neighbor a citation for interfering with a police officer.

— By Darrell Clem

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Meal assembly stores help you cut time

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Make dinner at home without shopping, chopping or spending hours in the kitchen.

Kelly Gornick can show you how at Dream Dinners, a meal preparation business that enables customers to assemble and freeze ingredients for meals that they thaw and cook at home. They choose from approximately 20 different recipes posted on the company website every month and can make from six to 18 meals portioned for three to six servings. Most customers can assemble 10-12 meals in an hour.

"I wish I had heard about it much sooner," said Gornick, who learned about the concept when a friend threw a meal-making party at the Livonia store. "There was nothing to lose. I tried it and it was fun. Then I came back and made meals here and there throughout the next few months."

When she discovered the Livonia franchise was for sale, Gornick, a recent widow and the mother of a toddler, decided it was time to quit "working long hours in corporate America." She bought the business in December 2015 and held a grand re-opening earlier this week.

"The original (corporate) owners were two busy moms in Washington making meals together with friends," she said. "It morphed from there."

Gornick is the third owner of the Livonia store. Other Dream Dinner stores are located in Rochester Hills and Allen Park. That's about half of the meal prep locations that were active in southeast Michigan just a few years ago.

Brian Kimball has run an independent meal prep business, Time Too Savor, for 10 years. It's located about a block from Gornick's store, on the same side of Seven Mile, just west of Farmington Road. The two Livonia stores are survivors in an industry that expanded rapidly from about 2004-09 and then saw members close their doors.

"There were two franchises, initially — Dream Dinners and Super Suppers, based in Dallas. I read about them in 2005, when I was looking to start my own business," said Kimball, who has 30 years of sales experience and a passion for cooking.

"The franchises jumped on it all over the place. You had Entree Vous, Main Dish Kitchen, Meals Made Easy," he added, recalling stores in Novi, Redford, Dearborn, Birmingham and Canton.

Lifestyle enhancement

Kimball chose to open an independent store because he wanted to create and control his own menu. Marketing was a challenge and Kimball didn't take a paycheck for his store for the first 3½ years.



Kelly Gornick adds spices to an entree.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

"I like to think of us as a lifestyle enhancement. We're going to make people's lives easier when it comes to the dinner table."

BRIAN KIMBALL
owner, Time Too Savor

"It's a slow-growth industry. You're not going to come in and end up with a big customer base the first year or two," he said. "It takes time to create that. If running your own business were easy, everyone would be running their own businesses."

His customers are from a seven-mile radius and use his service for a variety of reasons. They want to save time, waste less food or get help with food portion control. Some assemble food for others, including elderly relatives, or they use the meal-making session as a social event, to reconnect with friends, parents or siblings.

Customers schedule a session online, choosing the recipes they plan to assemble at the store. Each recipe has its own assembly station with required ingredients. All dinners come with a side dish.

"I like to think of us as a lifestyle enhancement. We're going to make people's lives easier when it comes to the dinner table," he said.

Dinner with family

Gornick said Dream Dinners is all about helping families.

"Their number one motto is growing great children. Let's get the kids around the dinner



Brian Kimball's Time Too Savor store is located about a block from Dream Dinners.

SHARON DARGAY



Measuring out the Parmesan cheese at Dream Dinners.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

table. Make those connections," she said. Extended family can include co-workers, com-

munity members and friends. "I have gals who work at Ford and, whenever someone is sick,

they order meals and send them home."

Both stores offer advice on tweaking recipes for those who are allergic to ingredients and they offer alternative cooking methods for some meals.

Kimball's menu for May includes Bacon Wrapped Chicken Breasts, Baja Tacos, Calypso Coconut Stuffed Chicken, Fire Roasted Kebabs, Southern Comfort Pork Chops, Sizzling Medallion Steaks, Porl Vera Cruz, McCheesy Chicken Pot Pie, Maple Glazed Salmon, Kung Pao Chicken, Italian Meatball Casserole, Healthy Orange Chicken, Greek Shrimp Scampi and Flavorful Asian Beef.

Cost ranges from \$18 for a single dinner that feeds two or three people to \$227 for 10 dinners, with four to six servings each.

A sampling of the May menu at Dream Dinners includes Chateau Chicken with Almond Butter Sauce, Lemon Feta Tur-

key Sliders, Southwest Chicken with Ancho Hummus and Pita, Mexican Meatballs, Thai Peanut Chicken with Jasmine Rice, American Sports Grille Steaks with Seasoned Onion Rings, Chicken Parmesan, Coconut Shrimp with Tropical Chili Sauce and Jasmine Rice, Campfire Grilled Pork Chops with Sweet Potato Fries, and Santa Fe Shredded Pork Burritos.

Each meal is priced differently. The turkey sliders, for example, are \$20.99 for a three-serving meal and \$39.99 for six servings. Chateau Chicken is \$13.50 for three servings and \$24.99 for six.

For more information, visit Dream Dinners at 33591 Seven Mile; call 248-477-8300 or go to dreamdinners.com. Time Too Savor is at 33483 Seven Mile; call 248-477-9208 or go to timetoosavor.com.

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Rock with the Plymouth Elks this Friday

Put on those saddle shoes and poodle skirts to dance the night away at Dave Bennett's "Rock in the '50s," 7-10 p.m. Friday, June 3, at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road.

You have seen Bennett do his Benny Goodman persona, but he also knows how to rock and roll when he pays tribute to Jerry Lee Lewis, Johnny Cash and Elvis Presley and more. Joining Bennett will be drummer Doug Cobb and bassist Kurt Krahnke.

There is a \$10 donation at the door.

Blues @ The Elks happens 7-10 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the Elks Lodge. There is a \$5 donation at



Hyde Lower

the door and bring your dancing shoes. Blues @ The Elks is a partnership with the Detroit Blues Society (www.detroit-bluesociety.org).

The amazing Full Tilt Boogie Blues Band will debut Tuesday, June 14. Come and enjoy "Razor" Ray Lauerman on guitar and vocals, Terry "T-Bone" Bradley on bass and vocals, Raul "Big Ru" Saldivar on drums and vocals and Annie Gedert on keys and vo-



The Dave Bennett rock group.

cal. Jazz @ The Elks happens 7-10 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month. There is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres. Enjoy jazz in a listening room setting close to the entertainers.

On Tuesday, June 28, the Terry Lower Trio with Edye Evans Hynde returns for an evening of true jazz entertainment. Hyde is an award-winning jazz singer who engages the audience with the great favorites. Joining Lower on key-



Full Tilt Boogie Blues Band.

board and Hyde on vocals, will be Ray Tini on bass and Jim Ryan on drums.

For more information, call 734-453-1780, go to

www.plymouthannarborelks325.com or email jazzattheelks@gmail.com.

Furniture Bank adds pickup to Canton, Plymouth

The Furniture Bank of Southeastern Michigan will begin helping homeless families in Detroit and Wayne County to establish a new home. This initial expansion for the Pontiac-based nonprofit is made possible with a \$50,000 grant from United Way for Southeastern Michigan, a \$50,000 grant from the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, as well as other generous corporate, individual and local foundation support.

With the additional funding, the Furniture Bank's pickup areas have been extended into most of the communities within Oakland and Macomb counties, along with the Wayne County communities of Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, all the Grosse Pointes and the Detroit neighborhoods of Indian Village, Palmer Woods and Sherwood Forest. Furniture donations can be arranged by calling 248-332-1300 or by going to www.furniture-bank.org.

"Every child needs to sleep in a bed," Furniture Bank executive director Robert Boyle said. "Families should be able to share a meal together on a table, not a floor. Families transitioning from homelessness do not have - and cannot afford - the most basic household furniture that's needed to live with some semblance of stability and dignity."

The Furniture Bank has provided beds and furniture to more than 60,000 Oakland and Macomb county families in its 48-year history and this project will be the first time it extends its services into Detroit. The new funding and expanded programming will provide furniture and delivery services to at least 315 families over a three-year period in conjunction with Southwest Counseling Solutions, a Detroit-based nonprofit that places homeless families and individuals into permanent housing. "The success rate of



The Furniture Bank will expand pickup to Canton and Plymouth.

those we place into housing increases greatly when there is furniture in the home," said Jamie Ebaugh, director of Southwest Counseling Solutions' Housing Resource Center. "Working with the Furniture Bank allows us to provide more furniture to more

people we are placing into homes. This leads to better outcomes."

The Furniture Bank relies on furniture donations to help the families it serves. All furniture donations are tax-deductible and the Furniture Bank's trucks come directly the donor's home

to pick up gently-used beds, dressers, sofas and dining sets, in addition to other furnishings and housewares.

The Furniture Bank's Boyle said he is thrilled with the expansion. "We are truly grateful to United Way, the Community Foundation and everyone

who has made this project possible," he said. "Most of us don't know how difficult it is for a family to live in a house without beds and furniture. There is a tremendous need for what we do in Detroit and Wayne County and this is the beginning of a larger, long-term effort to help meet this need."

The Furniture Bank of Southeastern Michigan has a mission to provide beds and essential home furniture to children and families in need. One of more than 120 independently operated furniture banks throughout North America, FBSEM receives referrals from a network of more than 70 local health and human service agencies and has provided furniture to more than 60,000 families since 1968. This year it is on target to provide 1,400 local families with 8,500 items of furniture and housewares. Additional information can be found at www.furniture-bank.org.

Five Elements Asian Cuisine hosts grand opening

Five Elements Asian Cuisine and Sushi Bar held its grand opening last weekend. Located in the former Cozy Café restaurant at 983 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth, the restaurant has Vietnamese, Thai and Chinese cuisine, as well as a sushi bar. As part of the grand opening celebration, the first 200 guests received a special gift.

"Our goal was to open in Plymouth because it's a destination place, as well as a great family oriented community," said Kulwinder Singh, owner of Five Elements.



Five Elements Asian Cuisine and Sushi Bar is now open at 983 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth.

"We wanted to bring an exemplary example of the many Asian dishes from around the world. We believe Plymouth is

a great place to accomplish that."

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

Brewery, distillery plans October opening

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

First, Schoolcraft College prepares for a brewery in Livonia. Now, another company is looking to set up a brewpub at the site of a closed restaurant on Plymouth Road.

The Livonia Planning Commission recommended approval for a waiver use at the former Midtown Grill and Bar, 36685 Plymouth Road, for Supernatural Spirits and Brewery to move into the space. It now moves on to the city council for its review and approval.

Ernie Pacsai, a Wixom resident and co-owner of the brewery, said he and his partners wanted to bring a brewery to Livonia, since the city doesn't currently have one. They went looking and discovered the zoning for the former restaurant on Plymouth Road, between Levan and Newburgh, was appropriate for such a brewery and are in the process of finalizing the purchase of the building.

"I know it's a great city for families and the kind of people who don't mind going out for a beer in the evening," said Pacsai, a Livonia native and Bentley High School graduate. "How can it be the 10th-largest city in Michigan and not have a brewpub?"

He said while some renovations would be made on the exterior of the building, including the removal of the brightly colored paneling that



DAVID VESELENAK

The sight of the proposed brewery and distillery in Livonia.

has adorned the facility for several years, the interior would remain essentially the same.

Standards plus unique offerings

Pacsai said standard beers, like Scotch ale and wheat ale, would be brewed at the restaurant, though the facility plans on having rotating taps of more unique offerings, such as a ghost pepper stout. The partners plan on distilling such spirits as rum and whiskey as well.

Once open, the restaurant plans on serving traditional American pub fare in addition to the beer and spirits created on-site, though Pacsai said they hope to add their own signature twists to dishes. It would be open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Pacsai said the plan is to open by October.

Midtown Grill and Bar closed about a year ago, leaving the building va-

cant since.

Schoolcraft College, as a part of its brewing and distillation program, is in the process of adding beer to its restaurant. The barrels for brewing at the college were delivered to the Livonia campus earlier this month.

While it doesn't sell beer on-site, Plymouth-based Liberty Street Brewing Co., opened a production facility on Levan in Livonia last spring.

Pacsai said he and his partners are enthusiastic home brewers and decided they wanted to make a business out of their hobby. He said the Michigan craft beer community has been very supportive and he knows it will be difficult, but exciting.

"It's a little crazy, it's a little risky," he said. "We're a bunch of home brewers that have loved brewing at home for years and years."

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Best defense against phone scams is yourself

You would think with all the publicity and warnings about phone scams that the number of people who are victimized by these types of scams would be going down. Unfortunately, that is not the case. In fact, the opposite is true. According to a new study, in 2015 about 27 million Americans (about 11 percent of the adult population in this country) were subject to a phone scam. In 2014, only about 7 percent of adult Americans were subject to phone scams. Unfortunately, I suspect that this year we'll even see more Americans fall prey to phone scams.

When it comes to phone scams, the majority, about three-quarters of them, are now coming from peoples' cellphones, either through unsolicited calls or texts. That probably is not a surprise to most people. What may surprise people is it is not just seniors who are subject to these types of scams; it's across the entire population. In fact, more than one-third of all



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

victims of phone scams were millennial men and another 17 percent were millennial women. In addition, there are nearly double the amount of men who are victims of phone scams as women.

You and I must accept the fact that these phone scam artists are smart, sophisticated and good at what they do. You should never try to outsmart them. This is not a game. As far as I'm concerned, if you get an unsolicited text from someone you do not know, delete it and don't click on any of the links contained within the text. You do not want to give these thieves any opportunity to take advantage of you. Remember, in today's world, just like emails, many texts look official; don't be fooled by them. Many contain links that contain a virus or malware program, which is a way to

steal information from you. Don't give them the opportunity to infect your phone or computer.

From a standpoint of phone calls, once again, if you don't recognize a phone number, let it go to voice mail. My philosophy is if I don't recognize the number, I'm not answering the phone. Furthermore, everyone should be signing up for the "Do Not Call" list. It's not 100-percent effective, but every little bit helps.

It would be nice if the government had the resources to protect us from these scams, but it doesn't. You and I are the last line of defense. Protect yourself and don't think you're smarter than the scam artists. They are smart and they are intelligent and their goal is to rip you off. Don't give them that opportunity.

Good luck!

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Plymouth resident achieves Eagle Scout rank

Paul Kremer, a member of the Boy Scout Troop 777 and a resident of Plymouth, has earned the honor of Eagle Scout, the highest rank that the Boy Scouts offers. Only 3-4 percent of Boy Scout members attain this prestigious honor.

Kremer, 18, of Detroit Catholic Central, achieved the 21 merit badges required to receive the Eagle Scout award. For his final project, he painted the insides of all of the lockers and also painted the posts on the benches in the women's

and men's locker rooms at the new Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex. "I would like to thank my parents and all my friends and family who came out and helped me along in completing my Eagle project. I would also

like to thank Plymouth Arts and Recreation for making it possible to do my eagle project," Kremer said. A ceremony honoring Kremer for his achievements was held in May at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Troop 777 provides adventures where boys learn, lead and serve. Meetings are 7:30 p.m. each Tuesday at First United Methodist Church on Eight Mile in Northville. For more information, go to www.troop777northville.org.

\$4.6B transit plan would connect Detroit, four counties

Eric Lawrence
Michigan.com

The Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan says a truly regional public transportation system for the Detroit area will cost the average homeowner about \$95 per year.

The RTA unveiled its long-awaited master plan Tuesday at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield.

Voters in the four-county RTA region — Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne — are expected to vote in November on a 1.2-mill, 20-year property tax millage to fund new bus rapid transit lines, express service to Detroit Metro Airport and commuter rail and improvements to local bus, paratransit and other mobility options. Before the \$4.6 billion plan can go to voters, the RTA board needs to formally approve it, most likely at the board's July 21 meeting.

RTA Chief Executive Officer Michael Ford called it "a very substantive plan that meets the needs" of the region.

"What we are bringing forward is a plan that connects the region, the four-county region and, in order to do that, we need to build on the existing system to make it more effective, more efficient and to expand services and introduce new levels of service as well," Ford said during a meeting at the Detroit Free Press last week.

The plan is an aggressive response to the more than two dozen failed attempts to create a vibrant regional public transportation system in a long underserved area, which invests a fraction of what other regions do.

"Southeast Michigan is the



A rendering shows how bus rapid transit lines might appear in Detroit's Eastern Market area looking northbound on Gratiot.

only major urban area in the country without a viable, coordinated public transit system. If we are going to be competitive in a 21st century global economy, developing a transit system that meets the needs of a changing world is absolutely essential," RTA chair Paul Hillegonds said in a news release.

The RTA's master plan is designed to address many of the significant gaps in the Detroit area's regional transportation network. As reported previously, the plan calls for bus rapid transit, described as light rail on wheels, along Woodward, Gratiot and Michigan avenues (a separate line would connect Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor) and a commuter rail between Ann Arbor and the Amtrak station in Detroit's New Center.

But a plethora of expanded and other new services are also planned. Many local service improvements would happen in the first five years.

Other services, such as bus rapid transit and commuter rail, would happen from 2022-26.

Because there are no opt-out communities under the RTA, as is the case with the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation, metro Detroit's suburban bus service, the RTA can coordinate bus service to so-called opt-out areas of Wayne and Oakland counties.

Under the plan, 11 cross-county connector routes along major thoroughfares, such as Van Dyke, Fort Street, Grand River, Greenfield, Plymouth, Jefferson/Harper and numerous mile roads, would build on existing SMART and Detroit Department of Transportation networks but provide buses in some cases every 15 minutes and eliminate the hassle of transfers between DDOT and SMART.

Four commuter express routes — Ann Arbor-Plymouth-Livonia, Canton Express, I-75

and M-59 — would provide weekday express rush hour service to and from job centers.

Five premium airport express routes would connect Ann Arbor, Troy, Novi, Macomb County and Detroit to Metro Airport.

Local bus service would be expanded in the Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti areas and other extensions would, according to a draft map, add service to the Livonia, Northville, Canton, Utica, Farmington Hills and Rochester Hills areas. A Groesbeck Highway route would be added in Macomb County and Detroit and another extension would connect Pontiac to Oakland County International Airport.

Transit center and maintenance facility upgrades would be in the works as would a unified fare card for the various transit providers.

If passed, the millage would start in 2017. It's expected to raise about \$150 million per year and cost the owner of a home assessed at \$78,856 — the average in southeast Michigan, according to the RTA — about \$95 per year. For homes with an assessed value of \$100,000 (\$200,000 market value), the cost would be about \$120 per year.

The millage would be on top of the millages for property owners in areas served by SMART and the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority.

The RTA, which was created by the Legislature in 2012, is an umbrella organization charged with coordinating DDOT, SMART, AAATA and the Detroit People Mover. In 2024, it will also take over responsibility for the QLINE, the streetcar line being built on Woodward Avenue in De-

troit, which is expected to be operational next year.

Regarding the difference between this attempt at regional transit and all the previous unsuccessful efforts, Ford noted that he reports to a 10-member board with two representatives from each of the counties and members representing the governor and the city of Detroit and that the real focus is to ensure regional cooperation and coordination through the existing providers. The RTA projects that the plan would have a \$6-billion economic development impact.

The likelihood of the millage's passage is unknown at this point. The RTA cites polling the organization did showing a majority of 800 respondents support such a plan — 53% before information was provided and 65% afterward — and experts say transit millage requests tend to do well. While transit advocates and groups like the Detroit Regional Chamber are supporting the effort, some prominent public officials, including Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson and Macomb County Executive Mark Hackel have so far declined to endorse the millage request, saying it will be up to voters.

Although the plan would significantly boost transit spending in the region, southeast Michigan would still lag other parts of the country. Regions like New York (\$886), San Francisco (\$615) and Washington, D.C. (\$435), invest far more, according to federal data of operating expenditures per capita provided by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

Staff writer Kristi Tanner contributed to this report.

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Voices of violent crime victims are starting to be heard in public arena

For far too long, victims of violent crime have been left to pick up the pieces of their shattered lives as best they can. Government is stepping in to fill that gap, relying on grants based on experts' recommendations, plus grassroots community efforts that rely on dedicated volunteers.

Victims themselves have often shown great initiative in organizing for greater advocacy, reaching out to others and to promote crime prevention whenever possible. Crime Stoppers has addressed the "don't snitch" mentality by providing anonymity for crime-solving tips, for example.

The federal Victims of Crime Act of 1984 ushered in a new era in crime victim assistance in America, michigan.gov/crimevictims notes. In response to findings and recommendations issued by the President's Task Force on Victims of Crime and the Attorney General's Task Force on Violent Crime, VOCA established the first significant national program in support of crime victim services. Under VOCA, federal funding is available to every state to support crime victim assistance and compensation programs. Support for the Crime Victims Fund created by VOCA is derived from federal criminal fines and

forfeitures.

The michigan.gov website lists the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-799-SAFE or 800-787-3224 (TTD). Its links also allow you to learn to use a computer safely and privately, as well as learn more on health information sharing (including safety and confidentiality concerns for individuals and professionals).

The Crime Victim Services Commission is empowered by statute to administer the annual formula based VOCA grant, the website notes. The purpose is to increase and enhance victim assistance in local communities and neighborhoods. A minimum of 40 percent of each grant (10 percent each) must be allocated to programs supporting services to victims of domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault and underserved victims of crime.

Agencies eligible to receive grant funding are public or private nonprofit agencies that provide, or plan to provide, effective direct services to crime victims. Eligible applicants must meet the 20 percent cash or in-kind match requirement (5 percent for Native American tribal programs), use volunteers, promote community efforts to aid crime victims, help

victims apply for compensation benefits, provide services at no charge to the victim and maintain confidentiality of client-counselor and research information.

Allowable services under the grant include services that immediately respond to health and safety issues, that assist victims in understanding the dynamics of victimization, that assist victims participating in the criminal justice system and services that assist victims with managing practical problems created by the victimization.

In 2001, the commission installed a web-based, online grant application and reporting system for local agencies. To access this system, go to <https://sigma2web.mdch.state.mi.us/sigma2/>. The link to request VOCA funds for an agency is only open during the annual application request and submission period.

In the splash of daily headlines, it's easy to forget the pain of being a crime victim, unless you've experienced it firsthand. Efforts to reach out to crime victims and improve their quality of life merit recognition and support, as does listening to the stories of crime victims told firsthand.

LETTERS

Consider August vote

The campaign season has started again in Plymouth Township. And, of course, the negative mailing and robo-calls have started. I'm sure I will see and hear many similar before the August primary. I'm also sure most of it will come from special interest PACs. But this is nothing new. We have seen it before here in the town-

ship. We are going to have the opportunity to make choices about who our elected officials will be at the August primary.

I will ask the voters of Plymouth Township to look around at our hometown, not the negative campaign matter, before you make up your mind as to how to vote for the various candidates.

Our community is a very attractive and desirable place to live. We are safe, with sources plac-

ing us as second safest in Michigan, thanks to fine police and fire departments. Many high-end businesses are located in our community, with more coming. Our trash and recyclables are picked up timely and at a cost lower than many surrounding communities. Our streets are clean. Our water rates are among the lowest in the area. We enjoy several beautiful parks. We have seen several improvements to the Township Park, with many more improvements planned. All this with some of the lowest tax rates in Michigan.

Are things really all that bad in Plymouth Township that there is so much negativity coming from a few people? I

don't think so. In fact, I would say we live in a pretty good community. Safe, great services and low taxes. Let's keep the good things going. Let's continue the progress.

Harry Jachym
Plymouth Township

Senseless edict

On a foray to the Netherlands years ago, I made the egregious faux pas of failing to correctly comprehend the Dutch word "vrouwen" and unwittingly entered a women's restroom. When I emerged from a stall, a woman who spotted me nearly went ballistic with outrage. I tried to explain my honest mistake, but she refused to believe my trespass was not deliberate.

I wonder how such a

gaffe would play out in today's brave new world? Despite the fact that my birth certificate says male, maybe I identify more with the opposite sex and women I encounter behind what used to be a sacrosanct barrier against male intrusion should be accepting of this and unquestioningly allow me to rub elbows with them? Were they to react like the incensed woman in Amsterdam, they run the risk of political incorrectness by defying the president's recent edict that bathrooms be made gender-neutral so as to avoid appearing prejudicial to transgenders. Federal funding, the decree admonishes, could be pun- itively withheld from schools that fail to com-

ply. Lawsuits are also implied.

Will Northville Public Schools similarly refuse to kowtow to the moral ambiguity coming out of Washington, D.C., or will signs proclaiming "Gender Neutral" displace the "Boys" and "Girls" and "Men" and "Women" society has historically considered the practicable and proper norm?

I recognize the need to accommodate persons whose sense of sexual identity lies outside the mainstream. But at the expense of decency? At the expense of childhood innocence?

Am I glad I no longer have a school-age daughter who has to wade into this mess? You bet I am.

Ken Kilpatrick
Northville

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Plymouth ninth-grader Braun one weekend away from winning state title at No. 1 singles

Tim Smith
Staff Writer



More than a decade after first becoming interested in the game of tennis, Plymouth freshman Jessica Braun is within reach of a state championship at No. 1 singles. She takes a 22-0 record into the finals Friday and Saturday at Midland.



Jessica Braun (left) greets an opponent after a regional match at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

When Jessica Braun was a little girl, she batted a tennis ball back and forth in the driveway with her sister. That driveway must have been paved with gold.

The Plymouth High School freshman has burst onto the varsity girls tennis scene in 2016, going undefeated and winning the Division 1 regional championship at No. 1 singles.

"I just wanted to play a sport and that's what my sister (Kayla Braun) always played in the driveway, so I wanted to try it out," said Jessica, 15, who perhaps doesn't know just yet how sensational a season she's actually had.

After Braun won the regional title with a 6-4, 6-2 victory over Emma Worley of defending state champion Northville, she almost shrugged.

"A little bit, yeah, I think it's pretty cool," Braun said. "It's been fun. ... I had to be aggressive and move her around."

Finals await

She might be feeling some added pressure as the stakes get higher — she now will go for the state championship June 3-4 at the Midland Tennis Center.

Braun (22-0) goes in as the fifth seed, so she will play the winner of the second-round match-up between Worley and Stevenson's Sam Cyrus.

Plymouth head coach Rob McLaren doesn't let Braun's soft-spoken demeanor fool anybody. He knows he has a player who flat-out hates to give any ground to an opponent on the court.

"Jessica is so mentally tough and her persistence is her strength," McLaren said. "She sometimes will lose a game or two and then she gets right back on track. She's so mentally tough. I've never seen her get down where she wants to give up. She's always in the game."

"She is quiet on the outside, but she's a lion on the inside. She's a really, really tough player. It's an unenviable situation to play Jessica, because she's so mentally tough."

That competitive edge has

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ROB McLAREN
Plymouth coach

CANTON CUP

LaJoy proud of tourney legacy

Cup's first director honored for his contributions

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

On Nov. 20, Phil LaJoy's eight-year tenure as Canton Township supervisor will reach its conclusion.

But anybody on hand Saturday at the 34th annual Canton Cup fully realizes that LaJoy's impact on youth soccer isn't going to go away for years to come.



LaJoy — tournament director of the Canton Cup when it sprung to life in the early 1980s — was honored before the Michigan Bucks took on Cincinnati in a Premier Development League contest at sprawling Independence Park.

Current tourney director Darryl Noel presented a trophy to LaJoy for his years of service to the "country, community and partnership with the Canton Cup."

LaJoy, who was in the U.S. Marine Corps, then served up some brief remarks about the honor and the way the Canton Cup evolved over the decades into one of the biggest tournaments of its kind.

"This weekend is very special to our community and it really holds a special place in my heart, as well," LaJoy said. "Darryl mentioned I happened to be the first tournament director here and I couldn't be any prouder how this tournament, this event has (become) one of the largest tournaments in the country and has grown in such a special way."

"But even with its success, we should never lose sight of why we're able to be here on this special weekend. It's Memorial Day weekend."

Following the ceremony, while the Bucks and Cincinnati Dutch Lions loosened up to take the pitch on Field No. 3, LaJoy said the township's development of Independence Park (located on Denton Road, south of Cherry Hill Road) proved to be the catalyst for turning the Canton Cup into a mammoth annual event.

"It's special. You look around and see all the families," LaJoy said. "You're doing something so great. It's satisfying."

"We thought we'd grow year after year and, of course, once we were able to put together Independence Park,

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BASEBALL PRE-DISTRICT

Chiefs win 10-0 to open tournament

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The Canton Chiefs had just polished off Wayne Memorial, 10-0, in Tuesday's Division 1 pre-district baseball game at Plymouth.

Yet Canton coaches remained huddled in right field with players for a relatively lengthy chat. Why such a meeting was necessary following a five-inning mercy-rule victory was explained later by head coach Mark Blomshield.

"I told them that we're going to have to really hustle and play hard" when the Chiefs return to action Saturday against Westland John Glenn, Blomshield said. "If we don't do that, it's going to be a quick day on Saturday. There's a lot of competition; they're going to take nothing for granted. We didn't take this game for

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Canton's Jake O'Donnell gets a secondary lead off of second base Tuesday.

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SOFTBALL PRE-DISTRICT

Aggressive Chiefs don't hold back

Canton breaks out early and mercies Zebras, 21-0

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The hits and runs piled up right from the start Tuesday for Canton's varsity softball team.

By the time three full innings had been played at Plymouth High School, the Chiefs pocketed a lopsided, 21-0 pre-district victory against Wayne Memorial.

According to the MHSAA website, the Chiefs move on to face Westland John Glenn at noon Saturday. Following the Canton-Glenn game is the showdown between Salem and

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Rounding the bases Tuesday to score yet another run for the Canton Chiefs is Sydney Dawson.

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PDL SOCCER

Canton Cup brings best out of Bucks

Michigan blanks Cincinnati, 3-0, in annual game at Canton Soccer Club's marquee tournament

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

A strong second half Saturday afternoon catapulted the Michigan Bucks to a 3-0 victory over the Cincinnati Dutch Lions before an enthusiastic Canton Cup crowd of about 1,500 at Independence Park.

The Bucks' Alexi Souahy scored about 15 minutes into the Premier Development League contest, followed by Marco Charalambous and Andre Landell, who added goals within five minutes of one another midway during the second half.

And for Bucks players with local ties — such as 2014 Novi Detroit Catholic Central graduate Zach Bock, a Shamrocks football all-stater who played club soccer for the Michigan Jaguars — the Canton Cup game is a highlight of the season.

"This is the second year playing here for me," said Bock, a defender who helped stymie the Dutch Lions with a steady possession game in the back. "It's the biggest tournament in Michigan, arguably, and being able to come out and play in front of hometown fans is incredible, it's awesome."

Bock, who remembered playing in similar tournaments as a teenager, echoed the sentiments of Bucks owner Dan Duggan and head coach Demir Muftari. Namely, being part of the Canton Cup lineup (Saturday was the team's ninth straight appearance) is something they relish year in and year out.

"It's one of the things we look forward to as we do our scheduling every December," Duggan said. "This is the first game we put on the calendar. This is our ninth year. This is one of the most professionally run tournaments anywhere in the country. These people (Canton Soccer Club) are just wonderful hosts; they get it."

"So for them to make the investment to bring this game here every year, for all the youth people for free, it just shows their support of soccer."

Community link

Concurring was Muftari, whose team composed of college-age players improved to 3-0 this season. He noted a group of players from a Canton Celtic Under-10 boys team that worked the Bucks game, retrieving balls that went out of bounds.

"Canton Cup kids, we talk to them, it's great," Muftari said. "As you can see now, the guys are signing autographs for the boys. That's what we want this to be about."

"It's just the community and letting the young players look up and see a better level, something for them to keep aspiring to and keep growing and

learning. That's what we want, is people to love the game and keep playing."

Those youngsters and other fans who stopped by Independence Field No. 3 to catch all or part of Saturday's fast-paced, 90-minute game were treated to plenty of precision passing, physical plays and frantic pace.

Yet the Bucks only enjoyed a 1-0 edge at the break, thanks to the Souahy goal (set up by Nicolas Jeausserann).

The Dutch Lions did have a brief flurry in the late stages of the first half. A low direct kick by Christopher Dupont was scooped up by Bucks goalkeeper Drew Shepherd (who plays for Western Michigan, along with Bock and Nick Wysong).

Moments later, Michigan defenders blocked successive shots taken from near the top of the box to help Shepherd keep his shutout intact.

"We felt we let a couple (chances) slide in the first half," Muftari said. "We could have done a little bit better with our chances. And we started the second half real positive. The guys felt confident about it (at halftime) and we just felt it was a matter of time before we could get that other one."

That second goal was scored in the 63rd minute, when Landell — stationed in front — tapped in Jordan Snell's feed from the left flank. Starting the sequence with a pass to Snell was Bradley Dunwell.

"Jordan Snell goes in the game and made a big difference," Muftari said. "He makes a great play and we get a goal out of it, five or six minutes into him entering the game."

"That's great to see as you make changes, that the game changes for the better."

The Bucks tacked on another goal in the 68th minute to go up 3-0.

Dunwell, who hails from Grand Rapids, threaded a pass to Charalambous, who in turn dribbled into the box and drove an 18-yard kick that hit the top-left corner.

"We'll feel good about this for the weekend and then get back to work Tuesday getting ready for the next one," Muftari said, referring to a June 3 game at Dayton.

Rematch at CC

Meanwhile, the Bucks, who play their home games at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac, get another chance to square off against Cincinnati when the teams play at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 16.

That game will take place at Catholic Central, on the same turf field where Bock starred as a football player.

"I haven't been on the football field in a while," Bock said. "So playing football at Catholic Central, it's going to bring back some memories, for sure. I'm excited to be back there."

For more info about the June 16 game, go to bucksoccer.com or call 800-925-2160. Tickets are \$6 if purchased in advance.

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Bucks defender Zach Bock (right) of Novi watches as a teammate heads the ball during Saturday's Canton Cup game against Cincinnati.



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Dribbling up field Saturday for the Michigan Bucks is midfielder Marco Charalambous (middle). Trying to defend for the Cincinnati Dutch Lions are Christian Hay (left) and Ryan Melink.

CANTON CUP ODDS AND ENDS

CUP RUNNETH OVER WITH FUN

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Organizers of the 34th annual Canton Cup must have been sprouting worry lines all week leading up to the tournament, what will the forecast of thunderstorms and all.

But those worries quickly blew away, because storm clouds were few and far between during the Canton Soccer Club's signature event.

Hundreds of teams from all over the Midwest and Ontario gathered for what is considered one of the biggest club soccer tournaments anywhere.

The action began at 5 p.m. Friday at Independence Park and continued through Sunday evening, with finals and medal ceremonies taking place at Independence and Heritage Park.

Also hosting contests over the weekend were Plymouth-Canton Educational Park and Griffin Park.

One of the highlights undoubtedly was Saturday's Premier Development League game on Independence Field No. 3 between the Michigan Bucks and Cincinnati Dutch Lions.

Prior to that game, longtime Canton



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One of the many dedicated Canton Cup volunteers, Madison Archibald, motors around in her golf cart looking to help any of the guests at Independence Park.

Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy — who was tourney director for the first Canton Cup in the early 1980s — was honored for his contributions to area soccer.

As always, soccer fans and players of all ages, including teams waiting between their own games, watched the fast-paced PDL action.

Soccer might have been the main course, but there were plenty of appetizers — and we're talking literally.

Many food booths were stationed in the middle of Independence, with corn on the cob, gourmet pretzels, burgers and walking tacos just a few of the tasty offerings.

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Of course, there was plenty of soccer action all weekend. Here players from the Canton Celtic and Kingdom U13 boys teams compete.

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that's when it really took off."

Soccer always has been in LaJoy's blood, however. So it was no surprise when the one-time varsity soccer coach at Detroit Catholic Central (when it was located in Redford) joined the initial board of directors for the Canton Soccer Club.

More than 30 years later, as he prepares to step down from his township post, LaJoy is as proud as he can be that the Canton Cup continues to thrive.

He expects to still keep his finger on the pulse of the tournament as it rolls toward its 40th anniversary.



"I'm sure I'll come back. I'll come around," LaJoy said.

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Mary Ronayne of the Plymouth Reign and her mom Denise stop to talk, then go search for the right soccer field.

PREP SOFTBALL

Wildcats hand Marlins their first loss

Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Farmington Hills Mercy sustained its second loss of the 2016 softball season as visiting Plymouth won a well-played battle between state-ranked teams Saturday, 1-0.

Each side had just three hits as the pitchers engaged in a game-long duel — Jennifer Bressler for the No. 8-ranked Wildcats and Andrea Elmore for the No. 2 Marlins.

Plymouth won the game in the sixth inning, when Jessica Tucci hit a lead-off double and scored on Haley Gagnon's single.

Mercy (32-2) had runners at second and third with one out in the fourth, but Bressler pitched out of the tight spot with a ground out and a strikeout. The Marlins also had two runners aboard in the first and sixth innings, but Bressler ended the threat each time with a strikeout.

Bressler struck out 10 batters in all and Elmore 13 for the Marlins. Bressler walked three and her Mercy counterpart two.

Rachel Zerona had the other hit for Plymouth. Sophia VanAcker, Abby Krzywiecki and Nicole Belans (double) had the Mercy hits.

In their first game Saturday, the Marlins took a 4-0 lead at the end of four innings and defeated Howell, 8-5.

Mercy doubled its run total and led 8-2 after five, following a grand slam by Elmore, who hit her third homer of the season — all of them in a one-week span. Elmore also had a run-scoring double in the second inning for five RBIs in the game. Cari Padula hit a solo homer — her fourth of the season. Anna Dixon was 3-for-4; Elmore, Belans and VanAcker had two hits apiece. Shannon Gibbons also had an RBI.

Krzywiecki allowed 10 hits, but didn't walk anybody while striking out seven batters.

The Marlins swept a non-league doubleheader May 26 from South Lyon East, 13-2 in five innings and 7-4.

In the first game, Krzywiecki hit two home runs, pushing her season total to 17, scored four runs and batted in four. One of the dingers was a three-run blast.

Dixon was 4-for-4 and Padula 3-for-4; Padula had three RBIs and Dixon, who scored three runs, two. Both hit a two-run single.

Gibbons, Mary Reeber and VanAcker contributed two hits each to the 18-hit total. Elmore allowed just three hits; she had eight strikeouts and no walks.

Mercy was ahead early in the nightcap with a six-run first inning in which Krzywiecki hit a two-run double, Padula a two-run homer and Elmore a solo homer.

Krzywiecki, who drove in the other runs with a pair of RBI singles, was the winning pitcher. East had six hits and no walks.

Krzywiecki, who struck out six, was 3-for-4; Dixon and Reeber had two hits apiece.

Mercy will play host to Walled Lake Northern in a non-league doubleheader at 4 p.m. Thursday.

In the Division 1 district tournament at Livonia Stevenson, the Marlins will play Harrison at 10 a.m. Saturday.



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Andrea Elmore pitched well and hit two more home runs for the Marlins.

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been honed from countless hours striking balls at the Ann Arbor Tennis Academy, with assistance from coach Pedja Rakic. It's a year-long quest and she has no intention of slowing down anytime soon.

"I practice almost every day of the week," Braun said.

Why would a high school freshman be constantly at the tennis club, working on her game instead of enjoying the company of classmates?

"Because I really like to play," she said. "And I really want a scholarship to a college."

Of course, she still has three years of playing for the Wildcats yet to come. That is something McLaren is very happy about. Led by Braun, Plymouth won the KLASA South Division.

"It's something special to have a player of Jessica's caliber and it's something even more special to have someone of Jessica's caliber walk in as a freshman," said McLaren, a 10th-year coach who does not recall ever seeing a ninth-grader make such a fast impact. "And coaches across the league and across our association have complimented Jessica on her composure and (how) she plays like a senior as a freshman."

All-around talent

McLaren noted that Braun is a gifted athlete who has few, if any, holes in her game.

"Her ground strokes are incredible," McLaren said. "She can hit passing shots. I was talking with other coaches (about how) she can hit passing shots from awkward situations."

"She's got a big serve and her return of serve is great. She just keeps the ball deep and she sets herself up really well. She'll get players moving one way and hit a passing shot the other."

Having an impeccable work ethic takes her talent to another level.

It started by growing up in a tennis-loving family. She said she was encouraged from her youth by her dad Brian Braun and by her older sister.

At age 3 or 4, Jessica started hitting the ball around at the Ann Arbor Tennis Academy, too. She hasn't stopped since.

And even though Braun said she really enjoys the individuality of being a singles player, being part of a team is



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO
Plymouth freshman Jessica Braun gets ready to backhand the ball during the recent Division 1 regional. She won at No. 1 singles and advanced to this weekend's state finals.

pretty neat, too.

"All my teammates are really nice; they encourage me," Braun said. "I just want to do my best and make it to

states every year."

No matter what happens in Midland, that means the future is very bright for Jessica Braun and her talented

Plymouth teammates.

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SOFTBALL

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Plymouth at 2 p.m., with the district final scheduled for 4 p.m.

"We talked about it before the game," veteran Canton coach Al White said. "Just go out there and play hard that first inning, get ahead and get a jump on them. That's what they did."

Although the Zebras did not give the Chiefs (29-8) much of a battle Tuesday, White said it was important for his players to stay on script and continue to play as hard and miscue-free as possible.

That is to help avoid falling into any bad habits ahead of the tests awaiting them Saturday.

White said the Division 1 district at Plymouth is a "feast or famine" situation, adding that it will be tough for two state-ranked teams to not be able to advance to regional action.

"We got three teams that's been in the top 10 in our district," White said. "And only one's going to get out. Then you have some districts where it's a cakewalk."

For one game, at least, that's exactly what the Chiefs enjoyed.

Piling it on

Canton pitcher Mackenna Payne, who went the distance, set the tone at the plate with a two-run triple as the Chiefs went up 3-0 in the first.



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO
Sliding safely into third base during Tuesday's pre-district softball game is Canton senior Elizabeth Yager. The Chiefs mercied Wayne Memorial, 21-0, in three innings.

A 13-run second inning broke the game wide open, with a bunt single by speedy Elizabeth Yager turning into a four-base trek by the time the sequence had ended.

"It was a bunt and there was an overthrow and I took the next three bases on it," said Yager, one of the Canton players with multiple hits. Yager smiled and nodded when

asked if the way she approached that play is how the team plans to get after it Saturday and, hopefully, beyond.

"Definitely, we're not going to stop until they make us stop," Yager said. "We just have to take it one game at a time. I know we're not guaranteed into that final (on Saturday). We still have another game to get there."

According to Sydney Dawson, the key to the victory was coming out swinging out of the gate.

"This is our first step. We came out there and we hit, we did what we had to do and we're moving on," Dawson said. "In the first inning we just play like we always play."

"We're always getting out there, hitting the ball and getting on top in the first inning."

Meanwhile, White said a nice test between district games will be Wednesday's scheduled contest against White Lake Lakeland.

And if the Chiefs are able to defeat the Rockets in Saturday's opener, they will get to watch two "great teams" in Salem and Plymouth battle for the right to play Canton in the final.

"It's tough to get out of your district," White said. "Not only this one, but look at other ones. All through the state, it's like that."

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MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Warriors Park buzzing with Beavers baseball

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Brother Rice did not have a home game nor was it practicing inside its swanky stadium one day last week, but Warriors Park still was buzzing with baseball.

Players donning T-shirts of the three teams which comprise the United Shore Professional Baseball League — the new independent circuit founded by Bloomfield Township resident Andy Appleby — swarmed the field under sunny skies and sanguine dreams of playing next-level baseball.

The Utica Unicorns, Birmingham-Bloomfield Beavers and East Side Diamond Hoppers, in that order, sped through their expedited two-hour practice sessions with major league intensity.

Managers, coaches and league executives feverishly surveyed the activity with emotions ranging from the anxiety of assembling competitive teams to the excitement of opening a new era of minor league baseball in the metropolitan area.

“First and foremost, I loved the energy of our guys,” Beavers manager Chris Newell said. “In my own saying, ‘If you’re early, you’re on time; if you’re on time, you’re late.’ I told them to be here by 9 (a.m.) and they were here by 8:45, which is great. I love the energy and I love the passion that these guys showed today.”

Newell and assistant coach Rich Donnelly, after scouring young baseball talent at tryouts and in a draft room the past couple of weeks, had their first official Beavers practice rolling right along. From the opening exercises to infield practice to batting practice to base-running lessons, players were zoned in on their responsibilities and took their session seriously.

A total of 35 players were out practicing with the Beavers and 23 ultimately were picked for the opening day roster.

In addition to some local Michigan talent, Birmingham-Bloomfield’s hopefuls included players from all over the country — Florida, Texas, California and Georgia, to name a few. A couple

of area players — Chris McDonald, a Livonia Stevenson graduate, and Luke Ortes of Troy — were hoping to make the Eastside Diamond Hoppers.

“I’m just looking for players who can compete,” Newell said. “That’s what Rich and I both want to see from these kids. Unfortunately, for the kids, there isn’t whole lot of time.”

“With that being said, we’re all in the same boat — all three clubs,” he said. “It is what it is. But the 23 guys who are the best players out there during that duration are going to make our roster.”

Alex Kinch, a pitcher from Ann Arbor, came to the Beavers camp fresh out of the Wayne State University program. The 6-foot-2, power-throwing right-hander finished with an 8-5 overall record for WSU this past spring, including a 3.46 ERA and 97 strikeouts in 91 innings.

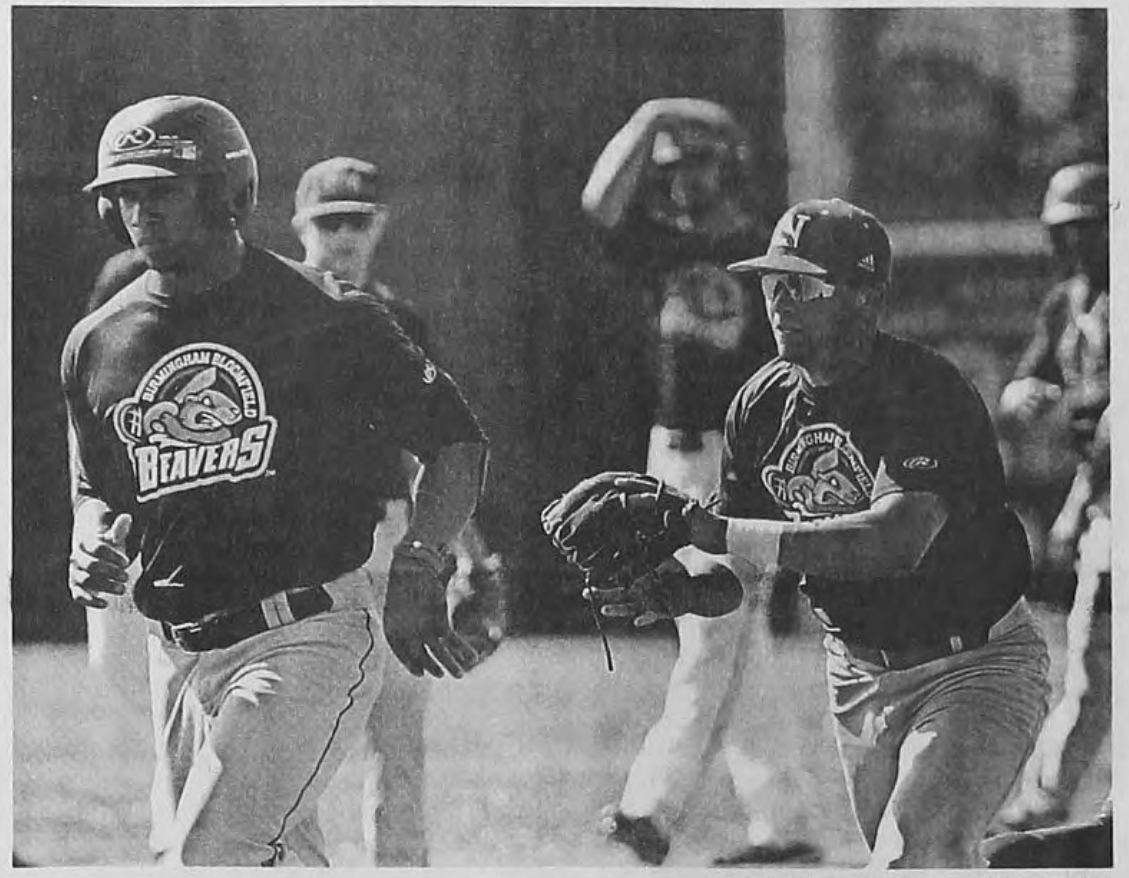
Kinch learned about the USPBL through former WSU teammate Cam Walker of Shelby Township. They are both hoping to continue playing the sport they love with the Beavers this summer at the brand-new Jimmy John’s Field in Utica.

“As soon as our Wayne State season ended, my coach called me to the front of the bus and asked me if I wanted to play independent baseball,” Kinch said following his first practice. “I said, ‘sure.’ He helped set this up and here I am.”

“Obviously, I’m excited to keep playing and continue the dream,” he added. “I love baseball. I was worried I wasn’t going to have a competitive outlet if I didn’t have competitive baseball anymore. Luckily, my college coach helped find something for me.”

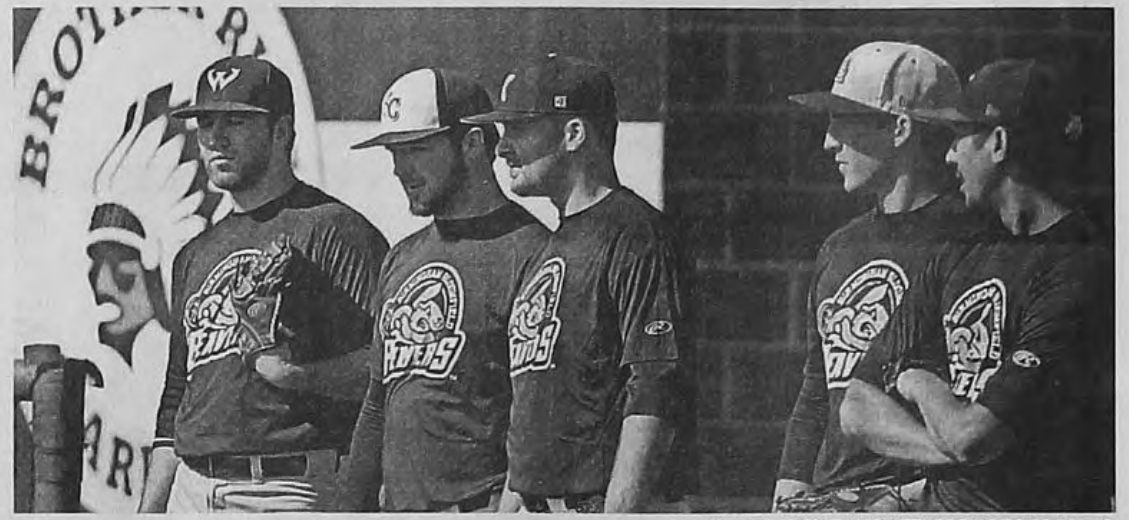
The Beavers opened the inaugural USPBL season Monday, when they played the Unicorns.

“The players are stressing out a bit, because they want to make the roster and Rich and I are stressing out, because we want to make the right decisions,” Newell said. “You know, some dreams are going to kind of get shattered here, but we’re going to do our best to bring Birmingham-Bloomfield the best 23 kids we can come up with. But it’s exciting and we’re ready to go.”



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Members of the Birmingham-Bloomfield Beavers, including outfielder Miles Williams (left) and infielder D.J. Martinez, work through drills May 23 at Warriors Park during the first official day of practice for the United Shore Professional Baseball League.



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Brother Rice's Warriors Park was a flurry of baseball activity early last week as the United Shore Professional Baseball League held practices for the league's three teams, including players from the Birmingham-Bloomfield Beavers (above). At right, it was the job of manager Chris Newell (right) and assistant Rich Donnelly to trim the roster to 23 for the May 30 league-opening game at Jimmy John's Field in Utica.

BOYS GOLF

Smith's 67 leads Catholic Central to district tourney win

Defending champion CC dominates with 280 total

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

How low can Novi Detroit Catholic Central's golf team go?

The defending MHSAA Division 1 state champions posted another eye-popping number May 25 by shooting a four-player total of 283 to capture the district title by a whopping 46 strokes at Chemung Hills Golf Club in Howell.

Runner-up Pinckney (329), Hartland (332), the host Highlanders (336), White Lake Lakeland (336) and Brighton (339), also advanced by making the top six and will play Thursday in the regional at Dunham Hills in Hartland.

CC's dominance was demonstrated by taking the first four individual places, led by junior Ben Smith, who took medalist honors with 67.

Rounding out the Shamrocks' and the tournament's top four were junior James Piot (70), senior Max Palmer (72), junior Sean Niles (74).

Meanwhile, CC junior Sean Sooch was seventh overall with 78.

“It was really neat for us. We had a

good day at the course,” CC assistant coach Jimmy Dewling said. “Ben Smith had a lot of birdies out there. Unfortunately, he hit it out-of-bounds on one hole by a couple of feet or else he'd be way lower. He really played phenomenal, had a lot of strong golf flight. He had a lot of birdies out of the gate. He had a good start and managed to finish strong, too, being as confident a player as he is.”

The Shamrocks were only three strokes off their school record, set when they shot back-to-back scores of 280 during Southern Swing, held April 15-16 at Locust Hills G.C. in Springfield, Ohio.

“We just got a bunch of guys who are mentally tough,” Dewling said. “They really fought off some bad holes today and posted some impressive numbers. James Piot is a great player. Max Palmer and Sean Niles have really had a great year as well.”

Chemung Hills proved to be challenging, to say the least as, CC was the only team to break 300.

“You've got to place the ball off the tee, be smarter around the greens, because they do have some undulations,” Dewling said. “It was obviously a really good day for us, 5-under with our score. Wherever you go, five guys



Smith

got to get the ball in the hole. At 5-under, we're satisfied as coaches, but we know we have regionals coming up and we know Dunham Hills is going to be just as tough. We're really looking forward to playing next Thursday.”

Meanwhile, Lakeland also advanced led by senior Justin LaFrance, who finished seventh with 78. Other scorers for the Eagles included Adam Kleckner, 18th (84); Ben Cohen, 21st (85); and Blake Kocsis, 34th (89).

“Our team play has been inconsistent this year, but we played well enough to advance,” Lakeland coach Hugh Felt said. “Our best this year was a 315. It will take a much better score to make it out. Individually, it will take a 74 or better.”

Novi, which placed seventh with 343, missed the regional cut by four strokes.

But the Wildcats had two individual regional qualifiers, as juniors Ryan Welch and Mike Ulle finished with scores of 78 and 82, respectively.

“I'm proud of them both and thought they both played well,” first-year Novi coach Jason Delo said. “The course was very challenging and both had to learn

to work through some difficulties on the course. They have carried our team this season in our KLAA matches. And while it is disappointing that we could not make it to regionals as a team, I'm happy that they were both able to go as individuals.”

The other four individual regional qualifiers were Milford junior Christian Golich (86), Walled Lake Central junior Alex Sooch (84), Walled Lake Northern senior Tyler Fracassi (85) and Central senior David Lawless (86).

MHSAA DIVISION 1-DISTRICT 7 BOYS GOLF TOURNAMENT
May 25 at Chemung Hills

TEAM STANDINGS (top six advance to regional): 1. Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 283 strokes; 2. Pinckney, 329; 3. Hartland, 332; 4. Howell, 336; 5. White Lake Lakeland, 336; 6. Brighton, 339; 7. Novi, 343; 8. Walled Lake Central, 346; 9. Walled Lake Northern, 350; 10. Milford, 362; 11. South Lyon, 366; 12. Walled Lake Western, 367.

Individual medalist: Ben Smith (Detroit CC), 67.
Other CC scorers: 2. James Piot, 70; 3. Max Palmer, 72; 4. Sean Niles, 74; 7. Sean Sooch, 78.
Lakeland scorers: 7. Justin LaFrance, 78; 18. Adam Kleckner, 84; 21. Ben Cohen, 85; 34. Blake Kocsis, 89; 57. Andrew Vernon, 100.
Novi scorers: 7. Ryan Welch, 78 (rq); 13. Mike Ulle, 82 (rq); 45. Ryan Havens, 91; 47. Derek DuBois, 92; 52. Trevor Angell, 96.
Milford scorers: 18. Christian Golich, 84 (rq); 27. Jack Chaldecott, 87; 42. Chase Tabor, 90; 58. Joey Vernier, 101; 60. Evan Shaffer, 116.
South Lyon scorers: 27. Jason Ting, 87; 34. Ethan Townsley, 89; 51. Tony Paugh, 94; 52. Noah Arvo, 96; 55. Noah Markham, 98. (rq): additional individual regional qualifier.

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granted.

“We were trying to execute, we were trying to make good pitches, trying to advance extra bases.”

Play chippy

Blomshield emphasized that the team “play with a collective chip and leave it all on the field.”

The Chiefs (27-11) already move on to Saturday's district semifinal (scheduled for noon, according to the MHSAA website) with the confidence gained from swinging the bats well against the Zebras.

They know from past experience that they'll need some good swings against likely Rockets starting pitcher Brian Martin (who defeated Canton, 1-0, in the 2015 pre-district).

But the ninth-year Canton coach said he was not ready to tip his hand as to who was going to toe the pitching rubber against John Glenn — or against the winner of the other semifinal (Salem vs. Plymouth) should the Chiefs reach the final.

“Our fifth or sixth guy is just as good as our second or third guy,” Blomshield said. “Our pitching staff has been outstanding all year. I think it's the lowest ERA (around 2.00) since I've been coaching the team.”

Starting against the Zebras and throwing two shutout innings was senior Mitch Zelenak. He was followed by Greg Goodbred and Tyler Byers; they allowed a combined two hits (by Devin



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Receiving a pitch for the Canton Chiefs during Tuesday's baseball pre-regional against Wayne Memorial is catcher Michael Flaishans.

Puckett and Kent Goodling).

“Just two innings, but I felt pretty good,” Zelenak said. “It was nice to get a couple innings in before the weekend.”

According to junior outfielder Jake O'Donnell, it was good to use the game against Wayne as a tune-up for Saturday.

“It feels really good,” O'Donnell said. “I actually liked playing today, because we got a feel for the field, we got the pitchers ready, got everybody ready for this weekend.”

O'Donnell said the team came out Tuesday the same way it has approached every game this season, to

“come out hard and fast. You never know in this sport. I think it sets us up pretty good. We got a game in this week, it gets us nice and loose.”

They're pumped

Both Zelenak and O'Donnell can't wait to take the next step and reach the district championship game.

“Last year was upsetting, not being able to make it into the weekend,” Zelenak said. “So this will be my first time and I'm really looking forward to it.”

Canton jumped on Wayne starting pitcher Puckett for three runs in the first. Andrew Krafft, Justin Mattson

and Nick Sprosek walked and Lou Baechler scored Krafft with a base hit to center.

Following with a two-run single up the middle was Aaron Brazelton.

The Chiefs kept the offense going in the second. O'Donnell singled and scored on a base hit to left by Noah Spencer to make it 4-0.

In the third, Cody Zidzik singled and courtesy runner Andrey Napolitano scored on a wild throw for the inning's first run. O'Donnell then roped an RBI single to left and the lead was seven runs following Mattson's RBI hit.

An error and two wild pitches helped the Chiefs tack on a run in the fourth, while the final runs came home in the fifth. After an infield hit by O'Donnell, Krafft scorched a double down the left-field line to put two runners in scoring position.

They scored on a passed ball and subsequent ground out.

Blomshield, meanwhile, fully knows that Saturday will be filled with tests. The first, of course, is John Glenn's Martin. Should Canton get past that hurdle, waiting on the other side will be the winner of the Salem-Plymouth semifinal.

“That's going to be a heck of a game; those are two solid teams,” Blomshield said. “Salem had an outstanding season. Plymouth had some injuries early on and it looks like they're back to full strength. I hope that game goes about 18 innings.”

He was only half-smiling when he said that.

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Realtor Scholarship Fund winners are eager to continue their post-secondary studies at a variety of colleges and universities.

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Realtor Scholarship Fund Awards make students' futures brighter

Local high school graduates will have a helping hand with college costs, thanks to the 33rd annual Realtor Scholarship Fund Awards Ceremony May 10.

The Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors, assisted the Realtor Scholarship Fund in awarding 39 scholarships to local high school graduates. Nearly 100 students and guests attended the awards ceremony.

Recipients of the Dorothy McLachlan Awards are: Sarah Buhay, Bishop Foley High School, University of Detroit Mercy; Carly King, Dakota High School, Michigan State University; Natalie Strand, Berkley High School, Northern Michigan University; Christina Thomas, Eisenhower High School, University of Michigan.

Maurice L. Richards Awards recipients are: Arsha Ali, Athens High School, Oakland University; Morgan Barbert, Roseville High School, Central Michigan University; Andrew Irons, Stoney Creek High School, Michigan State University; Harpreet Kalsi, International Academy East, University of Michigan; Molly Minamy, Ferndale High School, Wayne State University; Alexandra Nowicki, Armada High School, College for Creative Studies; Kira Nowicki, Armada High School, Oakland University; Ashley Reece, Richmond High School, Saginaw Valley State University; Nicholas Riesterer, Dakota High School, University of Michigan; Muhammad Shafique, Adlai Stevenson High School, Michigan State University; Evan Stimp-

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son, Rochester High School, Western Michigan University; Trevor Tyle, Bishop Foley, Oakland University; Bailey Webb, Rochester High School, Grand Valley State University; and Alex Wylie, Rochester High School, Oakland Community College.

Jack Kesler Awards went to: Anthony Cholagh, Adlai Stevenson High School, Oakland University; and Michael Kelley, Rochester High School, Michigan State University.

This year's Scholarship Awards winners are: Mari Dowling, International Academy East, Michigan State University; Emily Emerson, Lincoln High School, Grand Valley State University; Maxwell Fahrney, Richmond High School, Central Michigan University; Samantha Jabaro, Regina High School, Oakland University; Kara Lamb, Regina High School, Grand Valley State University; Jessica McCleary, Marian High School, Michigan State University; Emma Perry, Richmond High School, Michigan State University; and Eryn VanderVlucht, Roseville High School, Olivet College.

B.F. Chamberlain Awards went to: Alexia Arthur, Detroit Country Day School, Western Michigan University; Zoe Crowe, Rochester Adams

High School, Michigan State University; Maya Davidson, Warren Mott High School, Western Michigan University; Angelica Ellis, Wylie Groves High School, Grand Valley State University; Diana Evans, Warren Woods Tower High School, Ferris State University; Samantha Glaza, Royal Oak High School, Adrian College; Michaela Hampton, Royal Oak High School, Michigan State University; Darius Hicks, Southfield High School, University of Michigan-Dearborn; Andrew Jaeger, Shrine Catholic High School, University of Michigan; Nicholas Marcopoli, Bishop Foley High School, University of Michigan; and Justin Pauken, DeLaSalle Collegiate, University of Michigan.

The Realtor Scholarship Fund, founded in 1973, provides scholarship awards to students deemed worthy and qualified by the Board of Trustees. The purpose of the Scholarship Fund is to encourage local high school seniors to continue their formal education at Michigan colleges, universities, community colleges, technical institutes, trade schools and other institutions of higher learning.

Scholarship awards are based on scholastic record, character and leadership, school activities, community

and church service, work record and financial need. Each applicant must be a Michigan resident and a graduating senior from a high school within the Fund's jurisdiction.

Contributions are solicited from members of the real estate community, Realtors and affiliated companies and corporations. Awards are made from the annual income of the Fund only. Since 1983, the trustees have awarded 1,089 scholarships from those students interviewed.

Organizers thanked school superintendents, principals, teachers and staff members of the schools in the Scholarship Fund's area for their cooperation in making this public service program a success.

Also thanked were the counselors and parents of the student applicants for their assistance and encouragement given during the application process.

The Maurice L. Richards Award fund was established in 1993 to honor SOCBOR's retiring executive vice president of 24 years and the founder of the Fund.

The B.F. Chamberlain Award fund was established in 2004 through a contribution by Realtor Bud Chamberlain.

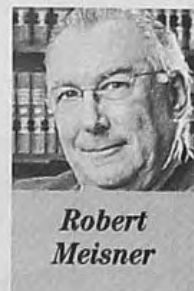
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Check with lawyer on quit claim deed, sheriff's sale

Q: I am wondering whether, as the recipient of a quit claim deed as to certain real property, if I am also entitled to the proceeds of a sheriff's sale? Do you have any idea as to that?

A: In a recent case out of Mississippi, on similar facts, the court held that a quit claim deed transfers any and all interests a grantor has in the property, including the right to equitable redemption and the right to any surplus that may have occurred at the bidding end of the sheriff's sale.



Robert Meisner

Of course, to be sure, you should contact a knowledgeable real estate lawyer to confirm your situation.

Q: We live in a rural site condo and our neighbor is literally keeping hens in the back of his unit. I am on the Board and the Association informed him that this violated the Association Covenants which disallow animals, birds or poultry on resident's lots unless they are kept as a "recognized household pet." We haven't been able to find a good community association lawyer in our area. Should we pursue the matter?

A: Yes, I think you should be "chicken" about proceeding. Believe it or not, in a similar case on similar facts, the New Mexico Appellate Court ruled that a restrictive covenant does not disallow owners from keeping hens. The Appellate Court had reversed the trial court's decision. The ruling was that the "notions expressed in the covenants in maintaining the "pastoral" and "rural" nature of the area and the historical traditions of the region would appear to lend themselves to allowing animals, birds and poultry as recognized pets." The court also reasoned that if the community didn't want domesticated chickens to be recognized as household pets, the residents could have removed the language that anticipates and permits them under the exception. Whether or not the same result would occur in a crowded city is another matter.

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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

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-Eleven, near Trenton Road.

Call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayne Koehler at 313-819-0919.

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.

Call 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com.

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Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96. Email Georgia@addevalurealty.com or visit freeforeclosuretour.com.

Suburban Collection in Novi site for State of Industry Breakfast on June 22

Construction Association of Michigan (CAM), American Institute of Architects Michigan (AIA) and Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan (HBA) have partnered to present the sixth annual Mid-Year Economic Forecast and State of the Industry Breakfast on Wednesday, June 22. The event will be held at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi and will feature keynote speakers Kermit Baker, Ph.D., AIA Chief Economist.

The breakfast meeting will begin with a trade show and opportunity for guests to meet the speakers from 7:30-9 a.m., including networking and tabletop displays. This will be followed by a full family style breakfast and the program from 9-10:30 a.m.

Kevin Koehler, president of CAM noted, "With the addition of AIA Michigan as a partner in presenting this event, we have added a dimension that

encompasses even more of the construction industry. This program gives everyone involved in construction the opportunity to convene to learn where the economy is heading."

Michael Stoskopf, CEO of HBA, agrees and added, "This is the sixth year we are producing this event and we welcome the addition of AIA Michigan to make it an even more comprehensive program for our members. I look forward to hearing insights from Dr. Baker on the local, state and national levels."

Cathy Mosley, executive director of AIA, commented, "We are pleased to partner with CAM and HBA in presenting this important program. It is imperative that all of our members have informa-



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tion targeted to the construction industry while planning for the remainder of 2016 and beyond."

Registration fees for the event are \$50/person. For registration information, call HBA at 248-862-1016, CAM at 248-972-1000 or visit www.cam-online.com.

Based in Bloomfield Hills, Construction Association of Michigan is a not-for-profit organization supported by annual dues and service fees. CAM is governed by a 12-member Board of Directors, which is elected annually by over 3,000 member companies. CAM's membership is comprised of general contractors; specialty/sub-contractors; equipment and material suppliers; and service firms (architects, engineers, attorneys, financial management, etc.).

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RELIGION CALENDAR

JUNE CONCERT

Time/Date: 6-8:30 p.m. June 22
Location: Solanus Casey Center, 1780 Mt. Elliott, Detroit
Details: Riccardo Selva, director of the jazz studies program at Schoolcraft College, will perform with the Dr. Riccardo Selva & Friends Jazz Combo in the Center's Creation Garden. Wine, soft drinks and appetizers will be available. The concert is free
Contact: solanuscenter.org

FOOD ASSISTANCE

Time/Date: 9-10 a.m. Saturday, June 4
Location: Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Leverage, Redford
Details: The church's food pantry will be open to anyone with food assistance needs
Contact: 313-937-2424

GOOD NEWS DAY CAMP

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. June 20-24
Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia
Details: Activities include worship, praise singing, games, arts and crafts, Bible study, nature study and more. Includes snacks. Early-bird registration is \$65 for the first child in the family, \$60 for the second child, and \$55 for each additional child. After May 29, registration is \$65 per child. Deadline to register is June 13
Contact: Judy Cook at 248-442-8822

GUEST SPEAKERS

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 7
Location: Atonement Lutheran Church, 6961 Mead, Dearborn
Details: Two female Christian missionaries, both former Muslims, talk about living in the Middle East and their escape to freedom. The presentation is sponsored by the Ladies Aid Society and aimed at women. A free will offering will be taken and light refreshments served
Contact: 313-581-2525

HAWAIIAN LUAU

Time/Date: 5:30 p.m.-dusk, Saturday, June 11
Location: St. Mel's Church, 7506 Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights
Details: Pig roast and catered dinner, Hawaiian dancers with fire wands, and cash bar. Held rain or shine. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for kids, 6-10 and free for ages 5 and under. One free drink is included with admission. Tickets are available at the parish office, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or call 313-274-0684
Contact: Grace Topolewski at 734-525-3607

PARKING LOT SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, June 18
Location: St. John Bosco Church, 12100 Beech Daly, Redford
Details: Participants will sell items to the public. Rent one space for \$15; two for \$25
Contact: Sally at 734-748-8110; church office at 313-937-9690

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday, June 2, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, June 3, and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, June 4
Location: St. Innocent Orthodox Church, 23300 W. Chicago, Redford
Contact: 313-538-1142

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township
Details: Scripture study
Contact: 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel Parish
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday, through May
Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Gary Michuta, author and Catholic apologist, leads a study of Isaiah. Bring your own Bible
Contact: 734-261-1455, ext 200 or on line at www.livoniast-michael.org

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

Saturday
Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Details: This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one
Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

EXERCISE

Time/Date: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday
Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia
Details: Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com
Contact: 313-408-3364

FAMILY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday
Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills
Details: Free meal
Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

HEALING SERVICE

Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month
Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia
Details: The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.
Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@tbsosm.com

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners
Contact: Ethanice Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays
Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford
Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.
Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE
Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday
Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.
Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER
St. Edith Church
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday
Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows
Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223
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St. Michael Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday
Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton
Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.
Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

Recycling
RISEN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. third Saturday of the month
Location: 46250 Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and Beck roads, Plymouth
Details: Recycle your cell phones, laser cartridges, inkjet

cartridges, laptops, iPods, iPads, tablets, eReaders on the third Saturday of each month. Use the doors on east side of church.
Contact: Lynn Hapman at 734-466-9023

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach
Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304
Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.
Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

Steve's Family Restaurant
Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 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

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

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

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

TOUR
Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to noon first Sunday of the month
Location: The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit
Details: Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus, a humble Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. No reservations

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

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

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

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

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

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Saturday
Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: A twice-monthly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available
Contact: 734-421-8451

St. Thomas a' Becket Church
Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-

6:55 p.m.; support group 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton
Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly
Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322

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

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

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are needed, although the center requests an advance phone call for groups of five or more. No cost for the tour, although donations are accepted.
Contact: 313-579-2100, Ext. 149; www.solanuscenter.org

WORSHIP

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

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia
Contact: 734-522-6830

Congregation Bet Chaverim
Time/Date: Services are held 7 p.m. the third Friday of the month
Location: At the shared facilities of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge, Canton
Details: Reformed Jewish Congregation with Rabbi Peter Gluck and Cantorial soloist Robin Liberatore
Contact: www.facebook.com/betchaverim or email to betchaverim@yahoo.com

Due Season Christian Church
Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday, with 7:15 p.m. Tuesday Bible study
Location: Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, in Livonia
Details: Nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church services.
Contact: 248-960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org

Faith Community Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday worship; 9 a.m. Bible study
Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi
Details: Women's group meets 12:30 p.m. third Thursday of the month. Vacation Bible School runs Aug. 8-12
Contact: 248-349-2345; faith-community-novi.org

Faith Community Wesleyan Church
Time/Date: Prayer service, 9 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., Sunday school, 12:30 p.m., Bible study, 6 p.m., Sundays, Soul Retention Discipleship classes, 4 p.m. Saturday
Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Contact: pastor Roger Wright at 313-682-7491

Garden City Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: Adult Bible study at 8:15 a.m.; traditional worship service, youth Sunday school and child care at 10 a.m. Large print order of service is available. Refreshments in the church fellowship hall immediately after service. Elevator and handicap parking
Location: Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Road
Contact: 734-421-7620

Good Hope Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school followed by 10:30 a.m. worship service with Communion each Sunday; Bible study 10 a.m. Wednesday
Location: 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City
Contact: 734-427-3660

Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)
Time/Date: 8:45 a.m. Sunday school/adult Bible study; 10 a.m. Sunday service
Location: 4145 W. Nine Mile, Novi
Contact: Rev. Thomas E. Schroeder at 248-349-0565; GoodShepherdNovi.org

Grace Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 8 a.m. traditional Sunday service and 10:30 a.m. contemporary; Sunday school and adult Bible study at 9:15 a.m.
Location: 46001 Warren Road, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton Township
Contact: 734-637-8160

His Church Anglican
Time/Date: 7:45 a.m. at Trinity and 10 a.m. at Madonna University
Location: Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia, and Kresge Hall on the Madonna University campus, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia
Contact: www.HisChurchAnglican.org; 248-442-0HCA

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ALLEN



GERMAINE M. Age 90, May 24, 2016. Beloved daughter of the late Charles and Germaine Allen. Dearest friend of Betty (Gunner) Bjarnesen and Grace Chang. Germaine was a proud graduate of Marygrove College Detroit and retired from AT&T after many years of devoted service. Instate at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Tuesday, June 7, 2016 from 10:30 a.m. until Funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Memorials may be directed to the charity of your choice. Arrangements by R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Livonia. Please share a memory at www.rggharris.com

MUNN



MAYBELLE M. Age 82, May 30, 2016. Longtime resident of Livonia. Beloved wife of the late Wilson Munn. Loving mother of Teresa (Robert) Moore, Michael (Maria), John (Jill), Matthew (Jill) and Anne. Dear grandmother of nine, great grandmother of nine and great, great grandmother of one. Maybelle was a tireless advocate for the disabled for more than 50 years. Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Saturday, June 4, 2016 from 1 p.m. until her Funeral Service at 5 p.m. Instate at the First Baptist Church of Kalamazoo, 315 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo, Sunday, June 5, 2016 from 1 p.m. until Funeral Service at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the Community Opportunity Center or Northwest Arc, Special Olympics, Wellspring Church (Farmington Hills) and First Baptist Church of Kalamazoo. Donation envelopes will be available at the funeral home and church. Please share a memory at www.rggharris.com.

PEARCE



ARTHUR Age 79, May 28, 2016. Beloved husband of Alice Anne. Dear father of Nancy Bergner (Mario) and Dave Pearce (Shannon). Loving grandfather of Justin, Joy, Christopher, Isaac and Elijah Bergner, Nickolas, Lauren and Annelise Pearce. Brother of Esther Williams. Funeral Service was held Wednesday 11 a.m. at Dunning Park Bible Chapel, Redford. Interment at Glen Eden Memorial Park. Memorials may be made to Dunning Park Kids Camp Fund or Providence Hospital Foundation. Please leave the family cherished memories and condolences at www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

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