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Work begins on new Art Van store

Officials say it will be unlike any other in Michigan

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Preliminary work has begun in Canton on the site of what Art Van Furniture officials say will be a new store like none other in Michigan.

Diane Charles, the company's vice president of corporate communications, said Monday the two-story, 71,187-square-foot store is on target to open late this year or early next year on the south side of Ford Road, west of Haggerty,

across from Michigan's only IKEA.

"Everything is on schedule," she said.

Art Van is expanding as some retailers are shrinking — a move that appears to bode well for the Michigan company. The Canton store will employ about 60 workers.

"After 58 years, people know Art Van isn't going anywhere," Charles said.

To that end, Art Van also is remodeling the former Hill-side Furniture store it bought

in Bloomfield Township and planning to open another store on a 45,000-square-foot, former Kmart site in Rochester Hills, Charles said, though work there has not yet begun.

Canton's store reflects a next-generation Art Van store and marks the first time the company has built a completely new store in Michigan in nearly 20 years.

"What makes the Canton store so special is that it's being built new from the ground up," Charles said.

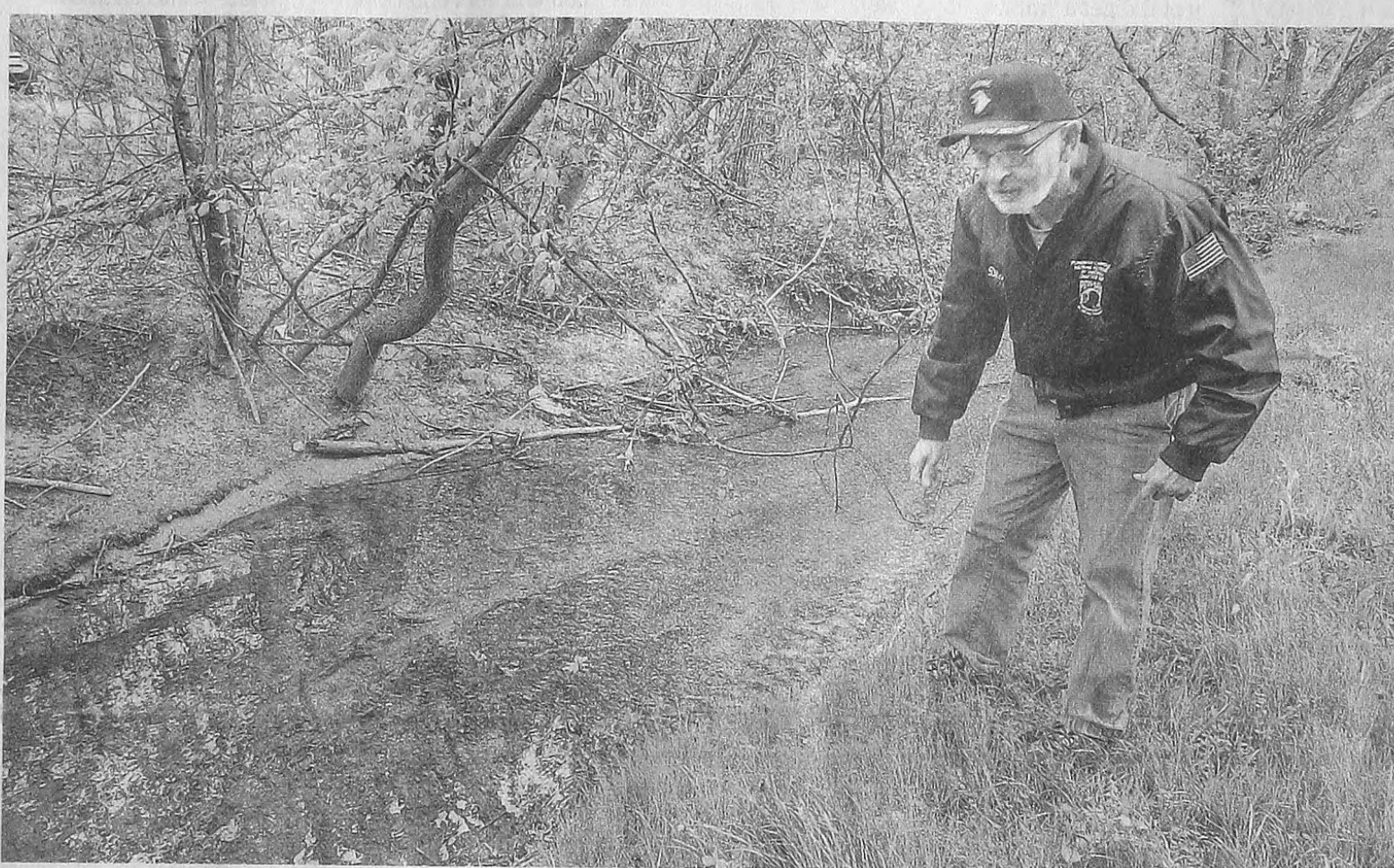
It will carry Magnolia home



ART VAN

Work has begun on the site of what will be an Art Van Furniture store unlike any other in Michigan.

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Dick Waldecker says the flow of the creek causes loss of the stream bank. He's concerned with what will happen when vegetation is replaced by asphalt.

Residents concerned about Willow Creek development

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Dick Waldecker looks in the creek that runs behind his house and through most of the Carriage Hills subdivision and sees the fish that make the creek home.

His wife, he said, has seen a variety of wildlife, from deer to a crane, living in the greenery that makes up much of the more than three acres of undeveloped property in the 987-home subdivision, located at the southeast corner of Sheldon and Warren roads in Canton Township.

He and other residents wonder what will happen to all the "critters" that make

their home in that part of the Rouge River Watershed if developers are allowed to build an office building and a day care center on that 3.11 acres of property.

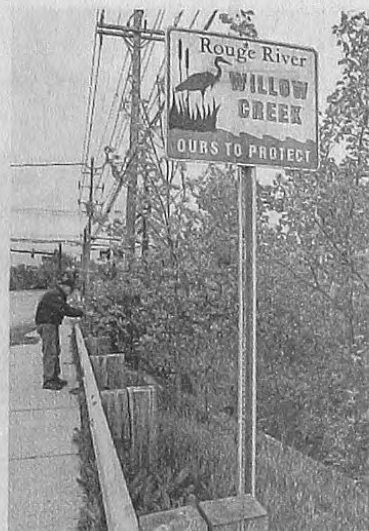
That's why the residents are dismayed by the proposal, the site plan for which gained Canton Township Board of Trustees approval during a March 28 meeting. Waldecker says the board approved the plan without ever seeing the property.

"Trustees have never set foot on the property," said Waldecker, a former president of the Canton Historical Society. "How do you approve a plan without seeing the property?"

The developer plans to put a single-story, 10,000-square-foot day care center and a 3,200-square-foot office building on the parcel, all to be located south of the creek. Township officials said development is not currently proposed for the Warren Road frontage north of the creek.

The residents believe their concerns haven't been adequately addressed by the board, as evidenced by the unanimous approval of the site plan. However, minutes of the March 28 township meeting indicate a meeting was held March 9 between the developer, township engineers and some 25 residents.

"The whole focus of the



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Willow Creek divides the 3.11-acre commercial property.

township has been on the development," Waldecker said. "The residents around it ... they don't care about us." Township Clerk Michael

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Muslims mark Ramadan with charity run in Canton

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Using the holy month of Ramadan as a springboard to help others, Detroit-area Muslims plan to gather Saturday in Canton for a 5K run/walk to raise money for organizations that promote youth civic engagement.

It marks the third year the Muslim Community of Western Suburbs, or Canton Mosque, has joined a nationwide Fasting 5K event that comes after Muslims have fasted for 17 hours.

"We do this purely in the Ramadan spirit of giving," said Jabeen Siddiqui Hamzavi, a physician and leader of the Detroit-area event.

More than 100 people are expected to participate — a number that has steadily grown. It draws Muslims from across metro Detroit, including Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, West Bloomfield and Rochester Hills, among others communities.

Canton's Fasting 5K is set to kick off at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 10, with runners and walkers heading to the Metro I-275 Trail by 8 p.m. It coincides with Ramadan, a special month when Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset and take extra time to pray, reflect and give to charity.

Detroit-area Muslims are joining their counterparts in Atlanta, Boston, Buffalo, Chicago, Columbus, Los Angeles, New York City, the San Francisco Bay area, Washington, D.C., and Toronto. Last year, participating cities raised \$140,000 and had 500 runners.

"The Fasting 5K is unique because it unites people around the country for the benefit of youth," Hamzavi said. "Today's youth are the

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Canton inspectors go to summer hours

Beginning this month, inspectors from Canton's Building and Inspection Services Division will adjust their work hours to 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday for the summer months. The time shift is for inspectors only. Clerical staff, as well as the building official and permit and plan reviewer, will be available from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The time shift was necessary to accommodate demand. Starting earlier allows inspectors to get out into the field quicker and they will still be accessible

by phone 7:30-8:30 a.m. Inspectors will resume their regular time schedule of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sept. 3.

As a homeowner, you will need to obtain a permit if you are building an addition such as a room or sunroom, making an alteration to your home such as windows or basement remodeling, if you're building a shed, detached garage, deck or if you're putting in a pool or installing a sprinkler system. You will also need to obtain a permit if you are adding or altering electrical, plumbing, heating or air conditioning.

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Siegrist disagrees. He doesn't much care for green space around the township being sold to developers and then being built on.

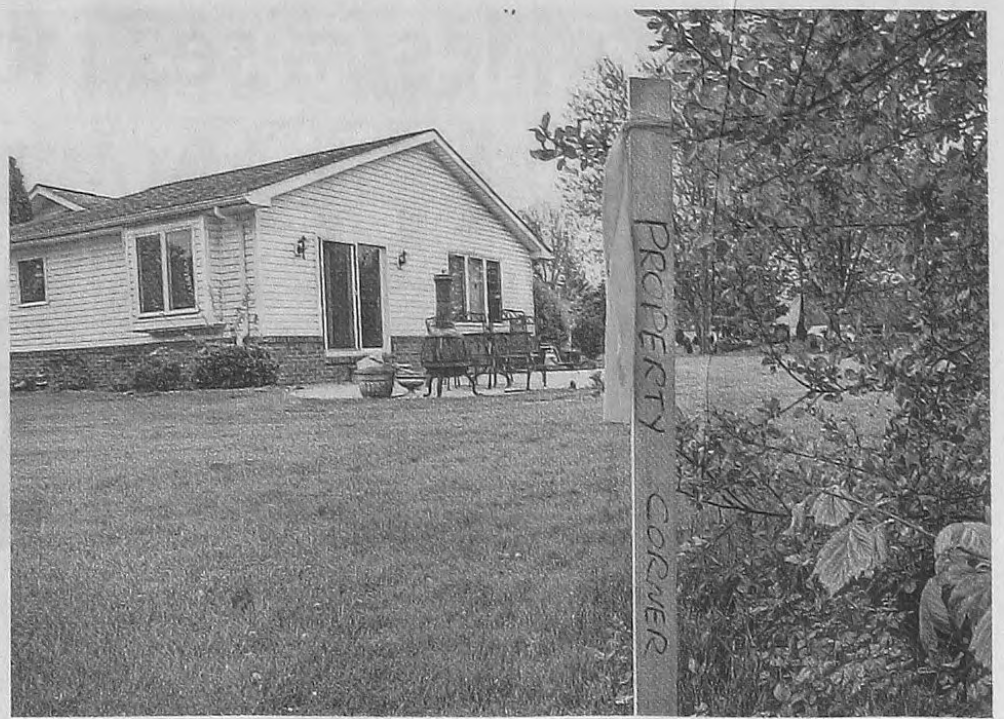
But he said the law is on the property owners' side.

"I don't like that these pieces of property get gobbled up and developed," Siegrist said. "But someone came in and bought the property and (law) doesn't allow us to stop them from developing it as long as it meets the zoning requirements. I'm sure the residents enjoy the green space and I understand their frustration, but they don't own the property."

One complaint residents have is the lack of distance between their homes and the development. Waldecker said that in some places, the development will come within 30 feet of Carriage Hills homes.

But township planner Jeff Goulet said those concerns have been addressed. While the project did get a "minor variance" to the setback of the playground area associated with the day care center (it abuts the parking lot of St. Michael's Church), the rest of the project will be pushed back.

"They have to maintain a buffer from the



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The corner of the proposed commercial development is 30 feet from this residence.

"We're concerned about flooding to our property and our houses. We feel strongly this project will flood our homes. The homeowners don't want it built. It's a simple as that."

DICK WALDECKER
Carriage Hills resident

creek of 25 feet from the top of the bank," Goulet said.

The bigger issue for Waldecker is the strain the plan will put on the creek. Waldecker believes it will flood an already-wet area.

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strongly this project will flood our homes. The homeowners don't want it built. It's a simple as that."

The Wayne County Conservation District agrees with the residents. In a letter to Canton Township Supervisor Pat Williams, executive director Dr. Connie Boris said a combination of

development and climate change has increased the number of flooding events expected in Willow Creek and the surrounding wetlands.

"Flooding of yards of homes, damage to basements, foundations of buildings, outdoor storage units and the flooding of the Warren and Sheldon road intersection ... has occurred in the past and will be exacerbated by any new development," Boris wrote. "If the forested wetland and emergent wetland are destroyed, flooding will be exacerbated because the storage capacity of the wetlands will be destroyed."

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leaders of tomorrow and we must work together to help them become a force for positive change in our communities."

Local Muslims hope to top the \$18,500 raised last

year in metro Detroit — money that benefited the Detroit-based Children's Center and specifically its Crisis Care Center, a walk-in alternative to the hospital emergency room for non-medical crises affecting the mental health of children ages 4-17.

This year, local Fasting 5K participants are raising money for Emgage Michigan, an area nonprofit that educates and empowers Muslim Americans through educational events, voter initiatives and leadership development. Its aim is to create a community of people who are knowledgeable and motivated to help their communities.

Emgage Michigan will get 70 percent of funds raised, while 30 percent goes to an international charity, the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, or WAGGGS, which supports girls and young women in developing their full potential as leaders and active citizens. It offers training and resources to support their ongoing leadership development.

The latest effort by area Muslims has been lauded by local leaders such as Canton Township Trustee Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, who is coor-



Area Muslims make their way along the I-275 Metro Trail during last year's Fasting 5K for charity.

dinator of the Plymouth-Canton Interfaith Community Outreach.

"This says that our Muslim community is very engaged in Canton Township and the surrounding area," she said. "This shows how invested they are in the community and the success of the community."

Graham-Hudak also commended the Canton Mosque and area Muslims for past events, such as food and clothing drives.

In past years, Fasting 5K has raised more than \$225,000 nationwide for youth charities. It was started in 2013 by Boston-area Muslims.

Hamzavi said a 5K can be a challenge on the

heels of a 17-hour fast, but she said participants can walk, jog or run at their own pace.

"This is not a timed run," she said. "It is not a competitive run at all."

She said participants will share a meal after the event has ended.

As always, she said, the focus is on helping organizations that help youngsters.

"It's all about youth empowerment," Hamzavi said.

For more, go to the Fasting5K website, where donors can give to the Detroit-area event.

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furniture by Joanna Gaines of HGTV fame and will feature an Art Van PureSleep mattress section inside the store, Scott Shuptrine Interiors and a clearance center for budget-conscious customers, among other amenities. It also will broaden the company's selection of modern and urban furniture styles, Charles said.

Project manager Lana Vrabel has said the Canton site will become a "flagship store" in Michigan, due to its new design.

Art Van confirmed its plans last year and is moving ahead after Canton's elected leaders approved a site plan for the project. The store is being built after work



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Art Van has begun construction of a new state-of-the-art store on Ford Road, just west of Haggerty.

crews demolished a former medical office building fronting Ford Road and, behind that, a vacant, two-story structure that once housed businesses and a racquetball club.

Some Canton residents have voiced ongoing concerns about Ford Road traffic congestion,

but Art Van hopes to help traffic flow by lining up its driveway with an existing IKEA traffic light.

Charles has called the Ford Road corridor "a great location."

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BAPS Charities raises money at annual walkathon

Eager to compare and share his success with his friends, Dhruv Kaneria excitedly arrived early to submit all the donations he had diligently collected over the past month. Along with his peers, Dhyaan Patel supported his friends and family with encouragement and reminders to raise money and awareness about the community involvement of BAPS Charities.

Kaneria is just one of 445 community members who supported the annual BAPS Charities' Walk Green 2017 walkathon June 4 in Canton. Building off an existing relationship with The Nature Conservancy, this year's walkathon had participants of all ages come out and support the Na-



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ture Conservancy and its Plant a Billion Trees campaign. The Nature Conservancy's efforts focus on protecting habitats and preserving biodiversity across the world. Its current cam-

campaign aims to plant one billion trees by 2025, to which BAPS Charities contributed \$100,000 to plant 70,000 trees in 2016. In addition to targeted conservation efforts, The Nature Conservancy also

invests in research related to conservation and climate change to drive international efforts.

Additionally, with a firm belief to think globally, act locally, this year's BAPS Charities

walkathon also supported the Educational Excellence Foundation. The EEF aims to benefit of students and teachers in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Through the efforts of BAPS Charities' volunteer base, who come together to participate in service projects throughout the year, Patel's hard work not only inspires his friends, but encourages participants of all ages to get involved in BAPS Charities initiatives.

"Participating in the BAPS Charities walkathon is a tradition for my family. Every year, we come together and use the opportunity to teach our children about the various causes that BAPS Charities supports," said

Manubhai Patel.

"BAPS Charities activities reinforces the importance of serving others, raising awareness about important causes, and this year, protecting the planet," said state Rep. Kristy Pagan, a participant in the day's activities.

BAPS Charities uses these opportunities to instill a spirit of service and commitment to preservation and environmental responsibility in community members. Through participation in events and fundraising activities like the walkathon, participants are actively engaged in conversations and actions around sustainability and conservation, becoming owners rather than bystanders.

CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS

Summer Storytimes @ Canton Farmers Market

When: 10 a.m. June 11
Details: Celebrate the summer and the community at our Summer Storytimes at the Canton Farmers Market.

Starfish Family Services Early Literacy Workshops

When: 6:30 p.m. June 12
Details: Starfish Family Services provides free and high-quality early literacy training to day care providers, caregivers and parents, through teaching over 30 topics developed by the HighScope Educational Research Foundation. June's workshop includes the topic of heuristic play, which appeals to most sensory-motor

learners, and the importance of it for young children. Treasure baskets will be made at this workshop with materials to take home.

Minecraft Club

When: 4:30 p.m. June 13
Details: Use Minecraft's Creative Mode to participate in themed builds with your friends while showing off your skills. Participants must have basic knowledge of the game and have their own PC account. Demo, Playstation, tablet and Xbox accounts are not compatible with the library's server. This program is for ages 7 and up. Registration is required.

Trivia Night at the Library

When: 6:30 p.m. June 14

Details: Another round of trivia is set at the library and you can drop in whether you are part of a team or flying solo. Participants will compete for prizes by answering questions about pop culture, sports, science, history and more. Light refreshments will be provided.

Library closed for Liberty Fest

Details: The library closes at 6 p.m. Thursday, June 15, for Canton Liberty Fest. We'll remain closed June 16-17 all day and reopen at 9 a.m. June 18.

Connect Your Summer kickoff party

When: 10 a.m. June 19
Details: Connect Your Summer reading program is back to help you

have your best summer ever with a StoryBox starter kit, different challenges and opportunities to experience the community. At the Kick Off Party, you can pick up your StoryBox and decorate it at our Creation Station, stop at our photo op spot and our wheel of fun and a whole lot more. Don't forget to pick up a CYS yard sign while supplies last so that you can place it in your yard and possibly get a drop-in visit from the CYS Prize Patrol. Go to www.cantonpl.org or stop in at the library for a full calendar of summer programming.

Library board meeting

When: 7:30 p.m. June 22
Details: The library board meets the third Thursday of each month.

The public is invited to attend.

Count Me In Special Needs Storytime

When: 4 p.m. June 24
Details: Count Me In Special Needs Storytime is a sensory-friendly storytime with songs, stories and sign language. This program is designed for young chil-

dren with developmental delays and disabilities.

Dance Your Fanny Off

When: 7 p.m. June 28
Details: For new walkers to 5-year-olds, Dance Your Fanny Off is an opportunity to have fun and build gross motor skills.

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Fox Hills pro inducted into state Golf Hall of Fame

Brian Cairns, a PGA teaching professional at Fox Hills Learning Center in Plymouth, was inducted June 3 into the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame at Ferris State University's Katke Golf Facility in Big Rapids. Cairns was named to the Michigan PGA Section's Hall of Fame last year, with a prestigious record of credentials that

include being a three-time Michigan PGA professional champion, playing in the 2016 U.S. Senior Open and playing in three PGA Championships. In 2015, Cairns was



Cairns

named Senior PGA Professional Player of the Year, the first Michigan PGA Section member to be named a national player of the year in any division. Cairns has also been the Michigan PGA Section Player of the Year five times and held Champions Tour status in 2014. While Cairns's PGA accolades are impres-

sive, what the 53-year-old teaching pro has achieved less publicly demonstrates the true heart of a champion. Cairns overcame a number of personal struggles, including a battle with alcoholism that nearly cost him everything, to make a comeback in the PGA circuit. His profound love of the game drives

him to not only compete, but to share his knowledge with young golfers at Fox Hills and throughout metro Detroit. For years, Cairns has been actively involved in the renowned Midnight Golf program to benefit inner-city youth. Cairns's passion for golf started early. As an accomplished junior player, he lettered in golf

for four years at Bishop Foley High School before earning a scholarship to play Division II college golf at Barry University in Miami, Fla. He credits his success in golf for having worked with the late Ed Furgol, who was the 1954 U.S. Open champion and a 1957 Ryder Cup team member. Cairns joins the ranks of 113 MGHOF members.

Plymouth church certified as national Earth Care Congregation

First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth was certified as an Earth Care Congregation by Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s Environmental Ministries through February 2018, according to a press release.

To become an Earth Care Congregation, this congregation affirmed the Earth Care Pledge to integrate environmental practices and thinking into all facets of its church life and completed projects and activities in the fields of worship, education, facilities, and outreach.

The Earth Care Congregation certification is designed to recognize churches that make the commitment to take seriously God's charge to "till and keep" the garden.

"It is exciting that FPCP is dedicated to intentional care of God's earth. The congregation's activities and commitment will inspire others to respond intentionally to

God's call to care for the earth," says Jessica Maudlin, associate for Sustainable Living and Earth Care Concerns for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

The Earth Care Congregations program was started in 2010 by PC (USA) Environmental Ministries. The goal of the program is to inspire churches to care for God's earth in a holistic way, through integrating earth care into all of their church life. The Earth Care Congregation certification honors churches that make that commitment and encourages others to follow their example.

For more information about FPCP's earth care program, contact Ailsa Blunk at lem-onblunk@aol.com or 248-344-4094.

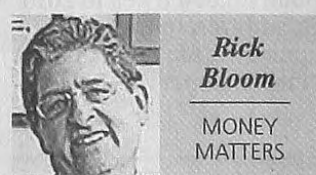
For more information on the Earth Care Congregations program, go to www.pcusa.org/earthcarecongregations.

Tips on making money last throughout your retirement

The other night, I had the privilege of talking to a group of people at the Livonia Public Library. My topic was about how to make your money last in retirement. I thought I would share with you some of the issues that I discussed.

The first thing I highlighted was the obvious, that we are living longer than ever and our cost of living continues to rise throughout our lifetime. In the old days, you didn't have to worry about a rising income; a fixed income was sufficient. In addition, back then 10 years was considered a long retirement. Today, people need to plan for 20 or 30 years in retirement.

In making your money last through retirement, I highlighted the importance of protecting your money and not getting scammed. Seniors are very susceptible to scams and they must recognize that. I stressed how important it is to take time with decisions, ask questions and check



Rick Bloom

MONEY MATTERS

things out independently. It doesn't matter if the person approaching you is a member of your church or synagogue or if you know them from a club you belong to. Never let your guard down. Remember, scams come in many different forms and some of them are run by out and out crooks who just want to steal your money, while others are more of getting you to invest in something that is inappropriate for you.

Another issue is being extremely cautious before you help others financially through gifts of loans. I recognize it is difficult to say no to children and grandchildren. However, it won't do anyone any good if you don't have the resources to protect yourself. As selfish as it may seem, you have to protect yourself first.

Investing your money wisely is key. The only way you're going to have a rising income throughout your lifetime is to have a portion of your

It is essential in retirement that you monitor your spending to make sure that you are living within your means.

portfolio invested long term. For the great majority of people, that means investing a portion of their portfolio in the stock market. My advice for people who are nervous about the market is to learn a little bit about investing and use the services of a true professional, not a salesman. There are many places where you can go to hire professional services to help you manage your investments. The belief that when you retire you should put the majority of your investment monies in vehicles such as CDs and U.S. treasuries is about as obsolete as 8-tracks. In today's world, CDs and U.S. treasuries are not safe investments if you want to have a rising income throughout your lifetime. Unfortunately, the rates of return on these investments don't keep up with your increased cost of living.

The last topic, and probably the most important, is spending. It is essential in retirement that you monitor your spending to make sure that you are living within your means. One of the best ways to monitor your spending is to do a cash-flow statement at least twice a year. A cash-flow statement is nothing more than looking at what comes in and what goes out. By regularly doing a cash-flow statement, you will be able to determine if your expenses have changed, allowing you to make adjustments before a crisis develops. Too many people don't monitor their spending until it is out of control, making things much more difficult to resolve.

Retirement should be a period of relaxation and spending time doing the things you love. To achieve that type of retirement, you must take care of your money. Unless you win the lottery, there really is no other choice than to be smart with your money.

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Local cadet graduates from U.S. Military Academy

Cadet Linda Erickson, daughter of Keith and Lauren Erickson of Plymouth, graduated May 27 from the U.S. Military Academy.

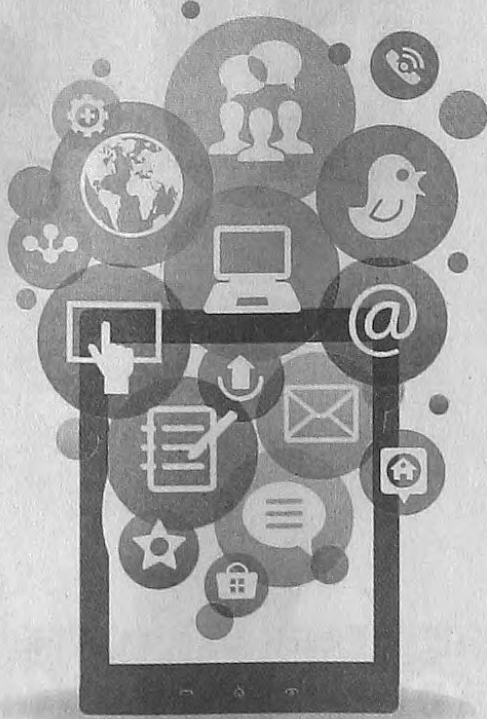
Erickson graduated from Plymouth High School in 2013. While at West Point, she concentrated her studies in international history. She was commissioned as a second lieutenant in Chemical Corps and will transition to military intelligence after the Captain's Career Course. She will report to Fort



Erickson

Leonard Wood, Mo., for officer training and then to Fort Riley, Kan., for her first assignment.

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A goat helped me to do the 'downward dog'

New craze of yoga with goats sweeping across the area

Sharon Dargay
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"Hello, goats." I greeted my yoga classmates, a half-dozen baby Swiss oberhasli and alpine goats, as I walked into the barn at Golder Walsh nursery in Pontiac on an unseasonably cold early May morning.

My excitement had been building since I registered for the Hug a Goat yoga session, which sold out in March. I had always wanted to try yoga and this hour-long class came with a bonus. Goats were everywhere.

Kids munched on straw strewn over the barn floor, snooped into shoes, sampled a water bottle, wandered over and around yoga mats and welcomed hugs from their human classmates. Adult goats watched the action from behind a gate that stretched the length of the barn. Some poked their heads through the bars and stretched toward the yoga students lined up just beyond their touch.

Hug a Goat yoga, taught by Ula Kajtoch of Farmington Hills with goats owned by Amy and John McIntire of City Girls Farm, is part of the goat yoga craze that got its start in Oregon and has swept the country. Kajtoch leads the "super



Jolene Kijorski of Dearborn Heights watches a curious goat at yoga class.

laid back" limb-stretching poses in the pasture, weather permitting, or in the barn if it's too wet or cold outside. She holds traditional yoga classes at Tree of Life in Farmington, but she's also accustomed to teaching in unusual settings, such as local craft breweries. She paired yoga with beer drinking, wine sipping and chocolate before adding goats.

McIntire's 24 goats live at Golder Walsh and supply milk for her product line of handmade soaps and lotions. She also employed a few for conservation grazing along the Polly Ann Trail in northern Oakland County and for educational events at libraries and schools. An annual party in July will bring goats together with patrons who donate baby shower items to Lighthouse of Oakland County.

"Like goats in pajamas, people have been sending us video on goat yoga for at least a year. We thought, last May, of

calling it GoGa! Then we decided to move on it in April when we had enough babies," she said. They teamed with Kajtoch for the twice-monthly Saturday classes and guest teachers for Friday twilight classes.

Wild time

I was in their third Saturday session, the first held in the barn. I plopped my old and rarely used exercise mat between Debbra Popp of Highland Township and her friend, Cheri Frink of Commerce Township.

"This is wild," Popp said, admitting she was more interested in the goats than the yoga moves. Frink, who regularly practices yoga, had suggested the outing.

An adult goat stretched its head through the gate and nuzzled Popp's hair as she settled back on her mat. A few mats down, Jolene Kijorski of Dearborn Heights scratched and petted a passing kid. A friendly white goat



A goat attempts a piggyback move during an outdoor yoga session at Golder Walsh in Pontiac.

stopped by my outstretched legs, sniffed at my socks and moved on.

"I do yoga. I've been asking (Kajtoch) to do goat yoga. It's pretty much because of the goats," Kijorski said, explaining why she attended the class. "I love animals and I went to an animal sanctuary last year. I fell in love with the goats. They are so peaceful."

I spent a lot of time in class exercising my camera shutter finger and focusing more on bleating and belly laughs than my own body movements.

"If you came here for very traditional yoga, it's definitely not this place," Kajtoch told the class. "If you feel you just want to sit down or lay down and

hug the s--- out of these goats. I will not get offended."

McIntire isn't surprised that students fuss over her goats. She says the animals are inquisitive and quirky, sassy and funny, with individual personalities. They are intuitive and can "pick up on your moods."

"It also shows how removed we are as a society from our agricultural roots," she said. "What's old is new again."

Watch your mat!

Students always make her laugh when they realize their yoga mat can turn into a goat toilet at any time.

"I mean, everybody poops, right?"

No one understood

that better than Gregory Pasquesoone of Waterford. While the edge of my mat was slightly damp, hopefully from a nearby water bucket, his met with a goat's behind—twice.

"I brought him here as a surprise," his wife Sarah told me. "He loves watching goat videos."

Pasquesoone didn't seem to mind, explaining, "I love goats."

Hug-A-Goat sessions cost \$25. Saturday sessions are sold out through June and most of July. Tickets are available for twilight sessions next month. Visit Golder Walsh for tickets. Check out Kajtoch's website at ah-fitness.net for tickets.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Protect our resources

Based on what I read in recent articles on the Trump administrations budget cuts, I am deeply concerned about what the proposed Trump budget would mean for clean water here in Michigan.

The Great Lakes are vital to our ecology, our health, and our way of life here in Michigan. Federal EPA funding has been critical in helping the Great Lakes address major challenges - including the Asian Carp threat, and algal blooms. Yet, the Trump administration's budget would drastically cut funding to address these problems, and would mean less environmental cops on the beat to go after polluters.

The budget virtually eliminates funding for the Great Lakes restoration which is vital in maintaining our clean water.

Senators Peters and Stabenow should reject this budget. The Great Lakes comes in dead last in this so-called "America First" budget. Let's get a budget that helps us secure clean water for all Michiganders.

Sincerely,

Misbah Arshad
Canton

Keep pension plan as is

An open letter to my state legislators.

A vote for HB 4647 and/or SB 401 would be both a mistake and a breach of faith. For decades the negotiated pay package accepted by teachers included the retirement benefits. The pension is a result of contracts negotiated and signed. This pension is not an entitlement program. Its deferred wages that have been earned.

Now, through fiscal irresponsibility that pension fund is seriously underfunded. Now, the Republican party in Michigan is actively attacking the fund on two fronts. First, by trying to find a further way to

pass a further tax cut, which the state cannot afford. Second, the passage of these bills would eliminate the only remaining source of revenue for the pension fund.

The state needs revenue to fund its responsibilities. The Legislature needs to fulfill its oath of office and find the money to fulfill this obligation. Even if it means raising taxes.

Lee Estes
Milford

Presidential support

While President Donald Trump is far from perfect, the non-stop attacks by the left-wing main-stream media, regardless of what he does, are largely unfair. According to a recent Harvard study, 80 percent of the daily reports on Trump by the main-stream media are negative (93 percent negative on CNN and NBC). This is nothing more than a propaganda campaign, mostly devoid of facts.

Here are some positive facts that hopefully will provide a more balanced perspective.

It was Trump who finally had the courage to authorize a missile attack against Syria's use of chemical weapons on innocent civilians (unlike President Barack Obama, who drew red lines but did nothing). It is Trump who is leading a world-wide war against radical Islamic terrorists, including a thoughtful but direct speech to the major Muslim leaders.

It is Trump who is reversing the tsunami of heavy-handed government regulations and endless intrusion by the Obama administration into our daily lives. He has initiated actions to boost our nation's economy for everyone, rebuild our weakened military, secure our borders, deport illegal alien convicted criminals and restore the enforcement of our laws in order to keep our citizens safe and allow them to pursue their individual dreams. Hal-lujah!

Trump has appointed a top-notch cabinet and an outstanding pro-life judge, Neil Gorsuch, to the Supreme Court.

In addition, lots of new jobs are on the way, based on recent major corporate announcements. Do not believe the negative media propaganda campaign.

Randy Kniebes
Brighton

Hire private companies

In a recent Northville Record, Matt Jachman reported on some paving coming in July to the Northville area namely Beck Road and Northville roads.

I am objecting to the county crews paving these two projects in the Northville area, the objection is not the actual paving, but the work being done by county DPS forces.

I don't know why the county continues to insist on doing these jobs that should be performed by private industry. There are plenty of available private MDOT and Wayne county prequalified contractors able to perform this work. This work should be performed by contractors who have the experience and skills honed by doing this work every day of the paving season.

The private contractors also have to pay sales and use taxes (and other taxes) on their materials, equipment, and profits and still remain in the very competitive construction and paving market. I object to the county forces paving these roads in competition with the private industry. Private industry should not have to compete with government organizations. I suspect the quality will suffer.

Why does the pavement on Beck Road have poor ride quality? It was also paved by Wayne DPS forces approximately 20 years ago.

John MacInnis
Northville

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Moran



Deralynn Lee (Crowe) Born February 14, 1939 in Detroit, Michigan, has returned to her heavenly home on December 20, 2016 after a valiant struggle with dementia. Her devotion to her family and her firm belief in God supported her and ultimately gave her peace. Deralynn was preceded in death by her father and mother, William & Evelyn Crowe. She is survived by her husband Thomas Moran, whom she married in 1964, her sister Dawn Worthington, children Colleen (Tom) Donner, Kevin (Kim) Moran, Christine (Mark) Cygan, Karen (Brian) Smith, and thirteen grandchildren. Deralynn graduated from Brighton High School in 1957. She was a stay-at-home mother, a loving wife of 52 years to husband Thomas, tending to her home and her four children, later returning to work for George H. Pastor & Sons. She enjoyed vacationing, golfing, shopping and spending time with her grandchildren. For 50 years they called Livonia home. In 2001 they retired to Bradenton, FL. Along with the many memorable sunsets, she also enjoyed dinner with friends, walking the beaches and collecting unique sea shells. Service for Deralynn Moran, to celebrate her life with her friends and family, will be held on June 17, 2017 at St. Michael's Parish in Livonia (11441 Hubbard Livonia, MI 48150) at 10:00am. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America in her honor at alzfdn.org

Shaffer

Nancy Jane (Snook) Age 86, May 26, 2017. Loving mother of Terri Jill, Melinda Lee (Jay) Kirkman, and Todd Jeffrey (Eve). Beloved grandmother of Connor, Lachlan, Sarah, Matthew and Michael, and great-grandmother of Makiyah and Maddox. Dear sister of Jim Snook and aunt of David, Greg & Brian. A graduate of Grandview High School and The Ohio State University. Nancy was a long-time resident of Birmingham and later of Novi, MI. She worked as a legal secretary, was an avid collector, and was actively involved in the Michigan Quilters Guild, NALS of Michigan, Girl Scouts of Southeast Michigan, and the Oakland County alumni chapter of Alpha Xi Delta. A private memorial service will be held. Meanwhile, the family requests that memorials be directed to Henry Ford Hospital or the American Diabetes Association. Please share a memory at www.cremationmichigan.com.

Toma



Edward passed away May 30th at his home in Canton, age 66, after his battle with pancreatic cancer, surrounded by family. Loving husband of Chris. Beloved father of Julie (Keith) Thompson of Westland and Scott (Christie) Toma of Manteo, VA. Cherished Papa of Luke Toma. Dear brother of Michael (Sandy) Toma of Saratoga Springs, NY. Also leaves behind several aunts, uncles, cousins, brother in laws and sister in laws in NY. Family will receive guests Friday June 9, 2-7 pm, at the Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, 45100 Warren Road (between Sheldon and Canton Center Rds) with a service at 7 pm. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to St. Joseph Mercy Home Care & Hospice Ann Arbor. To sign the online guestbook, visit www.turowskifuneralhome.com

Verville



Elizabeth Ann age 73 of Westland Michigan died December 13, 2016 with her sister by her side. Elizabeth was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania on June 10, 1943. Known to many as Betty, she was the daughter of the late Charles and Anne (Andrake) Newton. After her family moved to Michigan, she grew up in Dearborn Heights and graduated from Henry Ford Community College. She was a longtime resident of Westland, Michigan. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Verville and her daughter, Robin Arnold. She is survived by her sister, Charlene Zajac, her nephew David Zajac, her niece Julie Goff and numerous relatives and friends. Betty will be remembered at a mass at St Mary's Cause of Our Joy Catholic Church (formerly St. Theodore's) on June 11, 2017 at 12:00. Cremation has taken place.

Moore

Chester G. of Livonia, Michigan, passed away May 29, 2017. Chet was born in Detroit, Michigan on May 1, 1927. He married his beloved wife and soul mate, Joyce Stephens on May 14, 1949. Chester was a Marine veteran of World War II, where he served in the South Pacific. Celebration of Chester's Life will be held on Sunday, June 11, 2017, from 12:00-4:00 pm at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI. Memorial donations may be directed to Habitat for Humanity. View the full obituary at www.handlerfuneralhomes.com

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Livonia man named Navy Reserves Sailor of the Year

David Veselenak
hometownlife.com

Mark Brown sees his service in the U.S. Navy Reserves as his duty. That didn't diminish the fact that the Livonia resident was quite honored when selected by the Navy Reserves as Sailor of the Year earlier this spring.

"I say timing is everything. Timing worked out perfectly," said Brown, who was recently named a chief petty officer. "I didn't have the aspirations to become Sailor of the Year. It was just keeping doing what I'm doing, take care of my people."

Brown was selected as the Sailor of the Year over thousands of other sailors nationwide. It was a selection process that



TOM BEAUDOIN
Chief Petty Officer Mark Brown salutes during the Memorial Day ceremony May 27 in Livonia.

took several months and involved Brown heading to Washington, D.C., as a finalist and again to receive the award.

He currently is assigned to the Naval Reserve Mobile Tactical Operations Center Detachment 273 and works out of Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Harrison Township, as well as some support down in Jacksonville, Fla.

Brown competed against members in his unit before moving up to go against others in the region. After being selected up the chain, he was selected of the Sailor of the Year for his region, one of six.

The call

In February, Brown said he got a call from the Pentagon, inviting him to be a finalist for Sailor of the Year and to come to Washington, D.C. The time spent in Washington

involved speaking to superiors, such as the chief of the Naval Reserves, and seeing the nation's capital.

Brown said he saw the event more about the camaraderie between the sailors, rather than a competition.

"So my wife and I got to go out in April," he said. "They call it a competition, but it really was a week of recognition. Because each of us were our respective No. 1's."

After that week, it was announced that Brown had been selected as Sailor of the Year during a ceremony. Brown said emotions ran through him.

"They read my name and it's this incredible feeling. I just drop my head," he said. "It was

just a super-emotional feeling that I never thought that would be on my radar, ever."

They returned to Washington in May for the pinning ceremony, which took place at the Navy Memorial.

Even several weeks after the second trip, he said the feeling hasn't sunk in yet.

"It's an incredible feeling," he said. "It's super, super surreal."

Reservists have been eligible for such an award since the early 1980s, Brown said. He served as an active duty sailor after enlisting in February 2001. He spent six years in the navy before leaving in 2007 and then immediately transitioned into the reserves. He began col-

lege in 2009 at Eastern Michigan University, where he earned a bachelor's degree, and has gone into the nursing field in Livonia, the place he calls home with his wife, a native of the city.

He said he plans on serving in the Navy Reserves so long as he's able to. It's been a part of his life and identity for so long and he's not able to walk away from that easily.

"It's just made me who I am," he said. "It's something I don't think I'll ever really give up willingly. I think I've needed it more than it's needed me at times."

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Pancake breakfast

The Canton Lions Club Charity Pancake Breakfast at Liberty Fest is set for 7 a.m. to noon June 17.

The annual breakfast includes pancakes, sausages, juice or coffee. There is a charge of \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under age 12.

For more information, contact Bill Van Winkle 734 254-9404 or govbill1@wowway.com.

Madonna hosting elder abuse conference

The Aging Studies Department at Madonna University is hosting the Elder Abuse Has No Borders Conference, which was developed by the Coordinated Community Response Coalition (CCRC) of Oakland, Macomb and Wayne Counties.

The conference features an expert panel discussion of elder abuse issues, and guest speakers from the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, PACE Southeast Michigan and the U.S. Postal Service.

The conference is set for 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, June 15, in the Franciscan Center. Registration and continental breakfast start at 8:30, and the last session ends at 2:30. A boxed lunch is included. Register before June 8 and pay \$20 for just admission, or \$25 for admission and Continuing Education Units (CEUs). The rates increase \$10 after June 8. Register at <http://bit.ly/2rLYo2x>

The CCRC mission is to build, strengthen and sustain partnerships to promote coordinated strategic responses to victims of elder abuse, neglect and exploitation while ensuring victim safety and confidentiality.

Lost Voices of Trafficked Kids

Lost Voices of Trafficked Kids: A Concert is set for 8-10 p.m. June 17 at Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex (PARC), 650 Church St. in Plymouth.

Proceeds from the concert will fund programs to enable young victims of trafficking and other at-risk children here in Michigan find their voices through the power of music and songwriting.

Lost Voices founder Mike Ball along with renowned artists Kitty Donohoe, Jen Cass and others will share their songs and experiences working with the children. There will also be a silent auction and merchandise for sale.

Suggested donations are \$15 at the door. For more information or to



Inspire Theatre presents "Death by Design" running June 9 for three weekends, 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturdays, and 3 p.m. Sundays.

make a donation, visit www.lostvoices.org.

Farmers market

The Westland Farmers Market runs 3-7 p.m. each Thursday through Oct. 13. The market is at 1901 N. Carlsson, south of Ford Road. The market features produce, plants, fresh foods, crafts and live music weekly. EBT is accepted. For more information, email westlandchamber@yahoo.com.

Cruise-in for a Cause

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church will again hold Cruise-in for a Cause 5:30-8 p.m. each Monday. Beginning June 5, the church hopes to fill its parking lot with hot rods, muscle cars, custom cars, vintage and antique cars.

Come to show off a vehicle or to look. The family-friendly event includes games and activities and music from the '50s and '60s. There will not be a cruise July 3.

Food and soft beverages will be available for purchase (no alcohol allowed on the premises). Proceeds support the church's Kids Hope USA mentoring program to support at-risk children in Livonia. A 50/50 raffle will be held weekly for Blessings in a Backpack of Livonia to provide food for at-risk children.

Holy Trinity is at 39020 Five Mile Road in Livonia. For more information, call Kathy Weinberg at 734-464-0211 or email cruise@holylivonia.org.

Girls Night Out

The Canton Chamber of Commerce's fourth annual Girls Night Out is set for Thursday, June 8. It's an opportunity to check out some of the great businesses in Canton.

Ladies will start at the chamber office, where they will receive their shopping bag and surprise giveaway, as well as a list of the participating businesses. Ladies can go to any of the participating businesses, where they will be offering refreshments, discounts and other special gifts.

Everyone will head to Fellows Creek Golf Club



Helping at-risk youth

Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Steinman of the U.S. Army Recruiting Station in Livonia presents a giant-sized check for \$4,000 to Livonia Mayor Dennis Wright. The money was raised May 19 during the Livonia Army Recruiting Golf Scramble at Idyl Wyld Golf Course. It will be used by Livonia Youth Assistance to send at-risk youth ages 12-16 to a week-long challenge camp aimed at helping them build self-confidence, set goals and become productive members of society.

for the Girls Night Out After Party for more socializing, drink specials, light refreshments and lots of door prizes. Girls Night Out will feature a special purse raffle during the after party. Ladies will have the chance to bid on the handbag of their choice.

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

Fasting 5K Detroit

In the spirit of Ramadan, Detroit area Muslims will gather together near the end of a 17-hour fast to participate in the Fasting 5K. The Fasting 5K run/walk will take place on Saturday, June 10, to raise funds for youth civic engagement programs on a local and international level. The event will kick off at 7:30 p.m. at Muslim Community of Western Suburbs (MCWS) located at 40440 Palmer Rd. in Canton. register at <http://fasting5k.org/>.

Detroit is participating in the Fasting 5K for its third year, and 50 to 80 people are expected to participate. Detroit has selected Emgage Michigan as their local charity, a nonprofit that educates and empowers Muslim Americans through educational events, voter initiatives, and leadership development for the purpose of creating a community of knowledgeable, motivated and impactful citizens.

For their international charity, all participating Fasting 5K cities are fundraising for the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). WAGGGS supports girls and young women to develop their full potential as leaders and active citizens of the world, and offers training and resources to support their ongoing leadership development.

'Death by Design'

Take a murder mystery, combine it with a farcical comedic script, and add in rapid fire dia-

logue and you have Inspire Theatre's latest offering, "Death by Design." Co-directed by Len Fisher, artistic director of

playwright, Rob Urbinati, giving artistic suggestions," adds Fisher.

The cast includes IT regulars Betty Berryman of Canton, Mark Sopchak and Jazzmin Sharara of Dearborn, Linda Trygg and Mikele Dollani of Westland, and newcomers Deangelo Lemmons of Inkster and Sonya Artman of Plymouth. Providing production support is Rebecca Farrer and Wendy Hardy of Westland and Livonia respectively.

Death by Design opens June 9 and runs for three weekends, 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$16 and available at inspiretheatre.ticketleap.com. Inspire Theatre is located in the former WLND building on Warren Rd. More information can be found online or by calling 734-751-7057.

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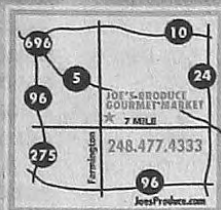
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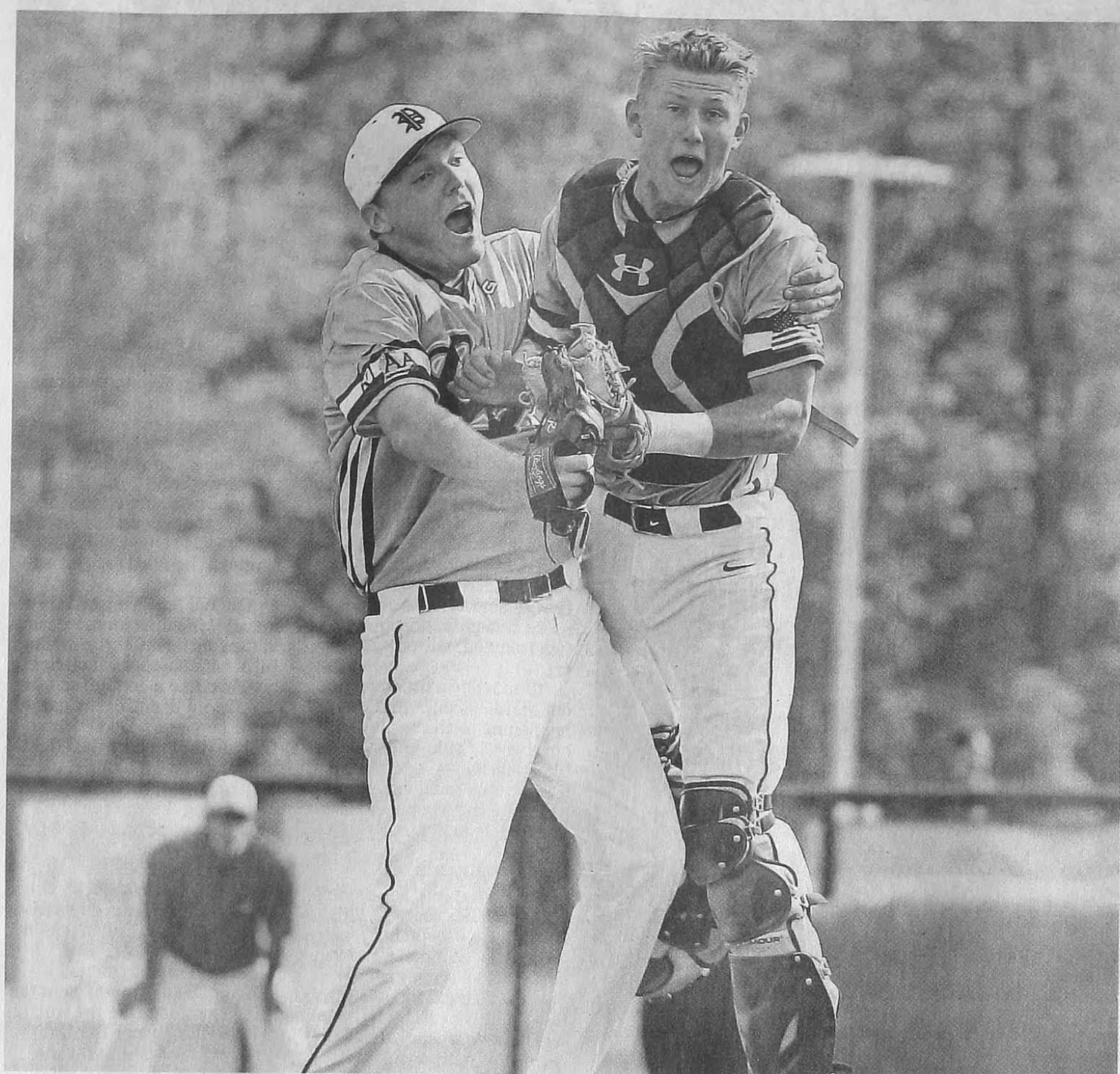
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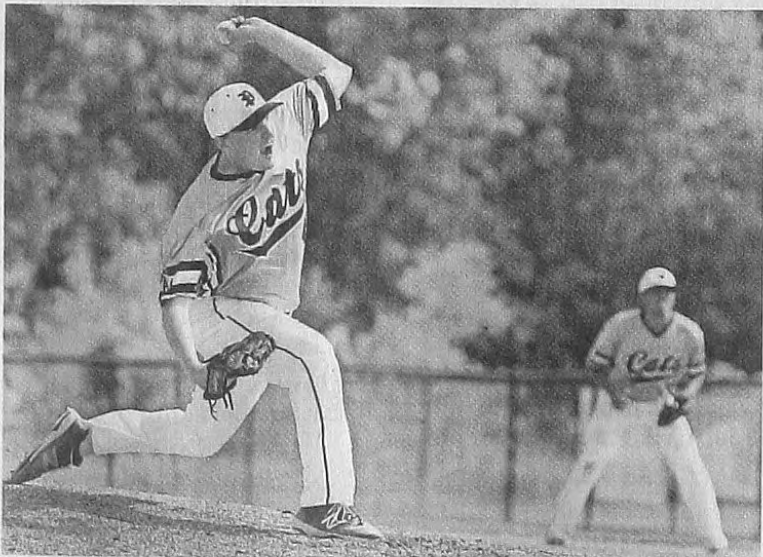


Plymouth pitcher Josh Janovsky (left) and catcher Zach Beadle celebrate the final out against Canton.

MICHAEL VASILNEK

BATTLE TO THE FINISH

Plymouth survives white-knuckle ride in district final against Canton



Staying cool under pressure Saturday is Plymouth senior pitcher Josh Janovsky, who earned a hard-fought relief win against Canton.

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Saturday's Grand Prix on Belle Isle in Detroit had nothing on the wild, crazy ride that was the Division 1 baseball district final between red-hot Canton and Plymouth.

There were plenty of twists, turns and "wow" moments — such as fence-clearing blasts by Plymouth sophomore Anthony Sharkas and Canton sophomore Aaron Dolney, not to mention a homer by the Wildcats' Chase Every.

But it was the pesky Wildcats who would win 7-6 in eight innings, snapping Canton's 24-game winning streak

and moving on to the D1 regional next weekend at Dearborn Edsel Ford.

After a two-out single by Kyle Aniol scored Logan Dziadzio with the lead run, Plymouth senior lefty (and winning pitcher) Josh Janovsky had to escape a bases-loaded jam with only one out in the bottom of the eighth.

He went to 3-0 against Jake Dattilio and was one errant pitch away from walking in the tying run.

Catcher Zach Beadle went out to settle Janovsky, however, and the pitcher came back to get Dattilio out on a pop-up and then struck out Joe

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D1 SOFTBALL DISTRICTS

Bressler fans 17 in district final

Plymouth advances to regionals with shutout of Canton

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Nearly unhittable, Plymouth junior pitcher Jenny Bressler almost did it all Saturday for the Wildcats.

Bressler singled and scored in the first inning to put Plymouth up 1-0 in the Division 1 softball district final at Salem and that was the opening she needed to slam the door in the Chiefs' collective faces.

She struck out 17 Canton batters and sparked Plymouth to a 2-0 victory to earn a third consecutive district title. The Wildcats will play Monroe at the Dearborn Edsel Ford regional at 10 a.m. June 10.

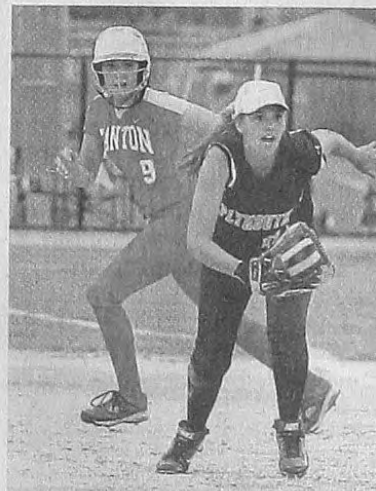
"Jenny Bressler is a girl we know we can always count on, on the mound and at the plate," Plymouth head coach Lauren Evans said. "She's just focused and determined. She won every pitch of every game she played today."

Evans was referring to Bressler's earlier 18-0 shutout of Westland John Glenn, which opened up the day's proceedings.

Bressler gave up only three hits to Canton, two singles by Izzy Dawson and a double in the second inning to Hannah Zajdel. That was it.

"It was definitely her rise ball; she just kept pounding it,"

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Plymouth first baseman Mikayla Rose (right) charges in while Canton's Peyton Philbeck rounds the base.

MICHAEL VASILNEK

D1 BOYS TRACK AND FIELD FINALS

Salem athletes impress on the big stage

Phillips' first-place finish in long jump sparks Rocks

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Mason Phillips's first-place finish in the long jump at Saturday's MHSAA Division 1 boys track and field state finals at East Kentwood sent a surge of confidence through the rest of Salem's lineup.

"We were really happy about it," Salem head coach Dale Maskill said. "We knew we had a good shot to score some points. When Mason won the long jump, everybody just got really excited and it carried over into other events."

Indeed, the Rocks made an impressive showing, tallying 26 points to finish fifth overall

in the team standings. In first place with 78.50 points was East Kentwood.

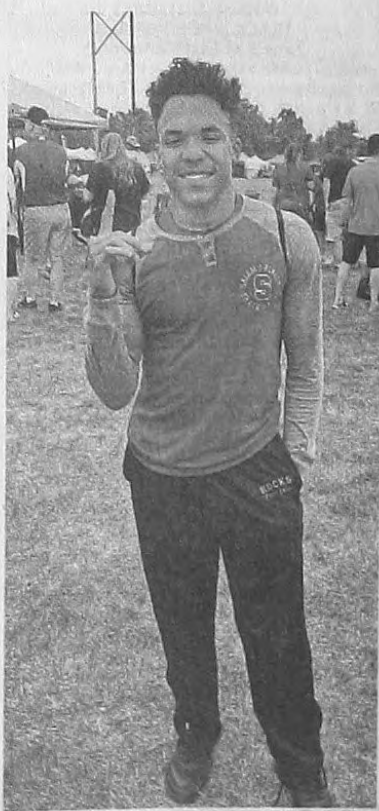
Phillips set a new state meet record with his jump of 24 feet, 2.75 inches.

But the senior also was part of two other all-state performances (the top eight make the cut). In the 400-meter relay, Salem's quartet of senior Ver-Shawn Patrick, Phillips, senior Trevor Nowaske and junior Andrew Davis placed fourth with a time of 42.53 seconds.

The 800-meter relay tandem of Patrick, Phillips, junior Sharriff Dyer and Davis placed seventh (1:27.81).

Other all-state performances were logged by Dyer in the 300 hurdles (third, 38.69, a Salem record) and Davis in

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SALEM ATHLETICS

With a mark of 24-2.75, Salem senior Mason Phillips not only won a state championship in the long jump, he set a new D1 state meet record in the process.

D1 GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

Draper, Sanders spark fifth-place Wildcats

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Throughout the course of the Division 1 girls track and field state meet June 3 at East Kentwood, Plymouth coach Ricky Styes kept his attention on each race as it happened.

When all was said and done, Styes was almost in disbelief that the Wildcats had racked up 26 points to finish fifth overall — the highest "by far" that the team has finished at the meet. In seventh with 18 points was Wayne Memorial, led by senior Anavia Battle, individual champion in the 100 dash (11.95) and second in the 200 dash (24.27).

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Plymouth senior Ryen Draper, shown from a recent meet, earned all-state honors in several events Saturday.

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Vespaziani for the final out. "I had Zach and (Brenden Lacorato) come out to the mound. They calmed me down, they're the team captains," Janovsky said. "They've been leading this from the beginning and they just told me, 'Josh, it's going to be all right, you can do it.'"

"And so I went back out there and just like they said, we got it done."

The Chiefs were still sitting in disbelief following the district trophy presentation, their season over instead of moving on to the next round.

"We definitely feel if we could play a couple more games, we would beat them, for sure," said Canton senior catcher Justin Mattson, who temporarily kept the game tied earlier in the top of the eighth when he tagged a runner trying to score. "I love these boys, the way we come together. There's not one person that's not crying."

The Chiefs were one out away from getting out of the jam. Then came a balk against relief pitcher Aaron Dolney, which set the table for Aniol's winning hit.

"(The umpire) said (Dolney) turned his shoulders, that he wasn't set yet," Mattson said.

Just crazy

Plymouth head coach Jason Crain was able to laugh after the crazy ending, although he said Janovsky "was trying to give me a heart attack. He doesn't know how old I am. We were at Grosse Pointe last weekend in the exact same situation. Obviously, not the same gravity of game, but bases loaded. We were up 2-1 in that game and he struck the kid out after being down 3-0."

"So I have all the confidence in the world in that kid. He's been with us for four years. He's got ice water in his veins and I'll trust him with the ball anytime."

Crain praised the Mark Blomshield-coached Chiefs, who finished with a 33-6 record and KLAA championship to their credit.

"Canton's a very good team. They're on quite a streak," Crain said. "They're playing great baseball and, unfortunately for them, we came up on the better side."

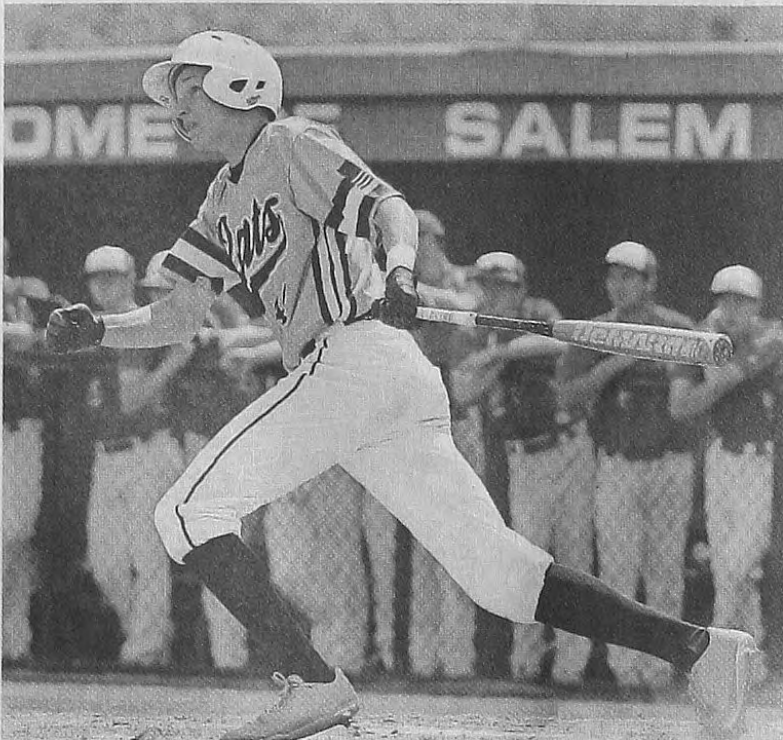
"But they played a great game, a lot of clutch hits on both sides. We had a couple gap shots, one down the line, a few home runs. If the game kept going, who knows how it would have ended up? But I'm glad it ended up where it did."

It was a back-and-forth tussle throughout, with the Chiefs breaking out to a quick 3-0 lead in the first on a three-run double by Dolney — who



Plymouth baseball players hold up three fingers to represent their district three-peat.

MICHAEL VASILNEK



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Watching his home run sail over the left field fence Saturday is Plymouth's Anthony Sharkas.

knocked in five runs, the final two on a moon shot over the right field fence in the fourth which at that point gave Canton a 5-3 lead.

The Dolney blast came right after Sharkas connected on a two-run round-tripper to left off Canton junior starting pitcher Seth Marano, which at the time made it 3-3.

"(Sharkas) came up halfway through the year. He was playing JV to start the year and he's stepped in and been incredible," Crain said. "He's been a great asset to our team."

Back and forth

Yet there was plenty more drama to come.

Plymouth (26-14) got to within 5-4 when Avery laced a homer to left off Marano to open the sixth. Blomshield then brought in senior side-

armer Tyler Newsom, although the Wildcats didn't waste time getting to him, either.

Lining a single was Dziadzio (who had three hits in the game), but Newsom struck out the next two batters. Dziadzio went to third on a double by Max Marco and Nik Patel walked to load the bases.

That brought up the hard-hitting Jacob MacBrien, who did nothing but hit all day. He had four hits in Plymouth's 10-0 rout of Westland John Glenn and he doubled to left to score two runs and put the Wildcats up 6-5.

"Both (Dziadzio and MacBrien) were catalysts, finding their way on base, aggressive on the basepaths," Crain said. "Both of them have been hitting the ball like crazy the last month and a half of the season."

Canton showed its champi-

onship mettle by coming back to tie the game in the bottom of the frame against Janovsky (who relieved starter Evan Good in the fifth).

A.J. Brazelton's single and bad-luck error against left fielder Sharkas was enough to score senior Justin Dolney (who singled) with the equalizer.

"It must be a little bumpy out there, because that was happening to all the players out there," Crain said. "We'd like (Sharkas) to get in front of it more, but you don't anticipate it taking a bounce quite like that."

Had no doubts

Sharkas atoned for the miscue on the next batter. With Brazelton on second, Ryan Cassidy laced a ball that looked certain to split the gap, but Sharkas flagged it down with a nifty running catch.

The seventh gave fans a respite, as both teams went down 1-2-3.

All that did was get them ready for the frantic finish. One player who remained calm through it all was junior catcher Beadle.

"I told (Janovsky) there was not another pitcher in the KLAA that I would have wanted on the mound at that time," Beadle said. "He's a senior, he's been there before and he was perfect for the job."

"I had no questions he was going to get the job done."

PLYMOUTH 10, JOHN GLENN 0 (5 INNINGS): Taking advantage of errors, Plymouth scored runs in every inning to win this Division 1 district contest.

Jacob MacBrien was the big gun for the Wildcats, going 4-for-4 with four RBIs.

Plymouth got off to a 2-0 start against Rockets junior pitcher Brian Martin when Logan Dziadzio singled to left to score Nik Patel (2-for-4) and

Evan Good (2-for-3) in the bottom of the first.

MacBrien singled to score Patel in the second and Anthony Sharkas ripped an RBI single in the third to open a 5-0 edge.

The Wildcats finished the mercy win with two more runs in the fourth and three in the fifth, with another MacBrien hit (this time a double) scoring two. The 10th run of the game came home on a Good double, a fly ball on which the left fielder just missed making a spectacular diving catch.

Earning the win for Plymouth was starting pitcher Brenden Lacorato, who went all five innings.

CANTON 4, WAYNE 0: The Chiefs opened Saturday's Division 1 district at Salem with a shutout of the Zebras.

Canton senior starting pitcher Dean Dawson went the first six innings for the win, with senior Turner Donlin pitching the seventh for the save.

After scoring a run in the first, the Chiefs added two in the second to go up 3-0 against Wayne sophomore pitcher Malik Lewis, who deserved a better fate.

Singles by Justin Dolney and Aaron Dolney opened the inning, with an error on the latter enabling a run to score. A squeeze bunt by Cole Skaisgir resulted in another run.

In the third, Aaron Dolney singled to score Ben Spencer (who walked).

Some good defense by the Zebras kept the game relatively close. In the sixth, Wayne catcher Justin Johnson gunned down a runner trying to steal third and the inning ended on a diving catch by junior center fielder Jalen Adams.

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GIRLS

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"I didn't even know we finished fifth until the end of the meet," Styes said. "We were never really paying attention to that as much as how our kids were doing in their events."

But fueled by the efforts of several athletes who earned all-state (top eight) honors in several events — notably senior Ryen Draper and junior Paige Sanders — the Wildcats enjoyed a day to remember.

"To have a seventh (place), a sixth, a fourth and two seconds against the super-great competition they have there," Styes said, "to perform in five events top eight, we haven't had a day like that ever in Plymouth history."

Draper was her usual stand-out self, finishing second in the 400-meter dash (55.63) and sharing a second-place showing in the 800-meter relay.

Also part of the quartet were Sanders, junior Faith Washington and sophomore Reghan Draper. They came in with a time of 1:39.69.

"Going in, we had a pretty strong idea Ryen would place in both the 200 (sixth place) and the 400," Styes said. "Her

prelim time in the 200 (24.38) was the fastest time she's ever run. She was seeded third going into finals.

"I think she was tired. She had a little bit more of a running load than some of the other people she was running against and I think that hurt. The difference between sixth and third place was three-tenths seconds."

"And our 4 by 200 finished second. We were pretty confident in that one, too."

Another Plymouth standout was Sanders, who finished fourth in the long jump with a mark of 18-6.5.

"We knew Paige had a big jump in her in the long jump," Styes said. "And she just had a great jump in that meet and it ended up getting her fourth."

Styes has Sanders and others for at least one more year. Draper's incomparable Plymouth career came to a close at East Kentwood.

"We're never going to be able to replace her. She's been a rock for us for the last four years," Styes said. "Ryen's qualified for the state meet over her career 12 times. You can look at the Park and school record board, she's the fastest girl that's ever set foot on this campus."

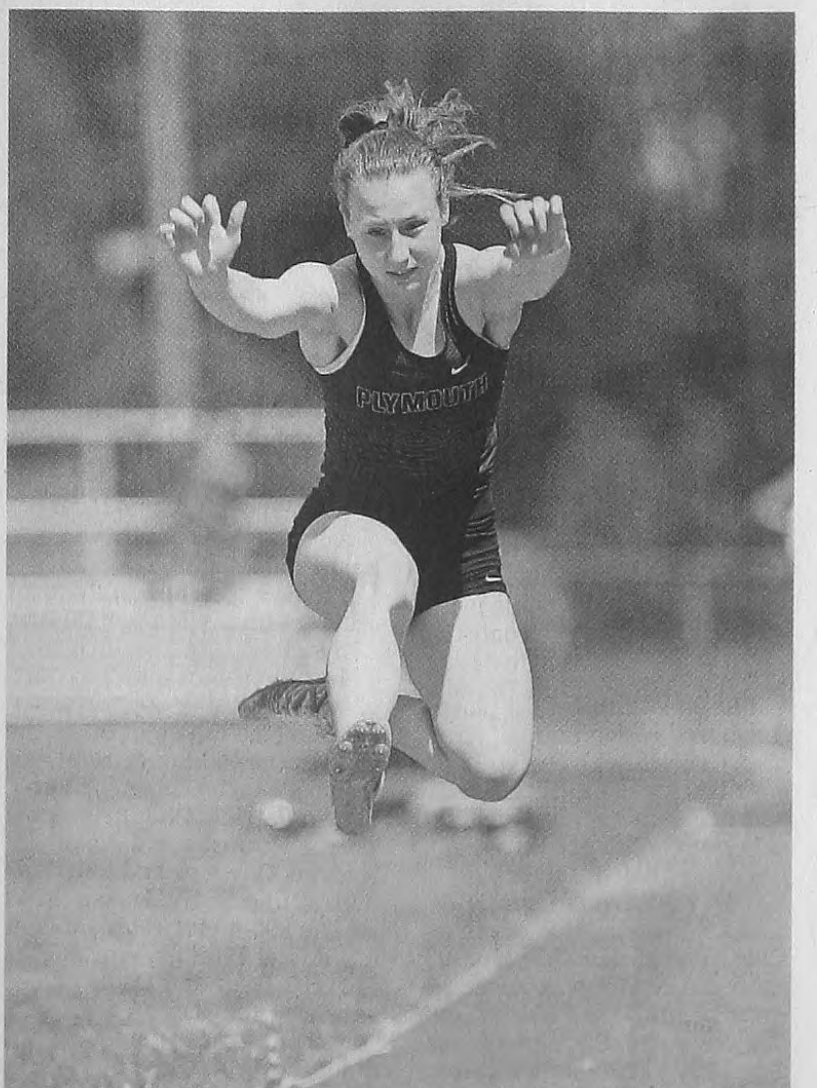
"She's got her name up on the Park record board in three

events. She's putting numbers up that will be hard for any kid, whether Canton, Plymouth or Salem, to attain. We're lucky to have had her with us."

MHSAA DIVISION 1 TRACK & FIELD FINALS June 3 at East Kentwood
GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 69 points; 2. Oak Park, 65; 3. East Kentwood, 57; 5. Plymouth, 26; 7. Wayne Memorial, 18; 37. Livonia Churchill, 5; 55. Salem, 1.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS (Including area finishers)
Shot put: 1. Aniya Davis (Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills), 40 feet, 10.5 inches; 10. Lynia Wilson (Salem), 37-05; **discus:** 1. Corinne Jemison (East Kentwood), 151-0; **high jump:** 1. Breanna Perry (Flushing), 5-7; 5. Hannah Hood-Blaxill (Novi), 5-6; **long jump:** 1. Angelica Floyd (Chippewa Valley), 19-3.5 (meet record); 4. Paige Sanders (Plymouth), 18-6.5; 13. Haven Essien (Salem), 17-01; 16. Mikaela Hille (Franklin), 16-8.5; **pole vault:** 1. Landon Kemp (Greenville), 13-3; 11. Cate Visscher (Churchill), 10-09; 11. Emily Caragay (Plymouth), 10-09; 22. Natalie Yurgil (Churchill), 10-03; 25. Natalie Janke (Plymouth), 9-09; **100-meter hurdles:** 1. Britten Bowen (Pioneer), 13.40 (all-time MHSAA meet record); 8. Haven Essien (Salem), 15.49; **300 hurdles:** 1. Kyana Evans (Wyandotte), 42.64 (meet record); 4. Takiya Bradley (Churchill), 44.63; **100 dash:** 1. Anavia Battle (Wayne), 11.95; **200:** 2. Tamea McKelvey (Oak Park), 24.14; 2. Anavia Battle (Wayne), 24.27; 6. Ryen Draper (Plymouth), 24.86; **400:** 1. Taylor Manson (East Lansing), 53.21; 2. Ryen Draper (Plymouth), 55.63; **800:** 1. Mallory Barrett (Milford), 2:11.06; **1,600:** 1. Anne Forsyth (Pioneer), 4:43.84; 20. Erin Seibert (Franklin), 5:23.36; **3,200:** 1. Maggie Farrell (Battle Creek Lakeview), 10:19.99; 26. Christina Murphy (Churchill), 11:52.12.

400 relay: 1. Oak Park, 46.69; 7. Plymouth (Erin Bradley, Paige Sanders, Delia Brennan, Reghan Draper), 48.90; **800 relay:** 1. Oak Park, 1:38.38; 2. Plymouth (Paige Sanders, Faith Washington, Reghan Draper, Ryen Draper), 1:39.69; 13. Salem (Ayanda Brydie, Madeline Kemahan, Lauren Ogarek, Haven Essien), 1:44.76; **1,600 relay:** 1. Oak Park, 3:49.73; 9. Canton (Ryan Sparks, Jada Sabir, Shilpa Pindolia, Donae Adams), 3:59.01; **3,200 relay:** 1. Pioneer, 9:06.13; 11. Stevenson (Lexi Jenkins, Cassie McDougall, Kylie Callison, Emily Lauzon), 9:31.22; 15. Churchill (Christina Murphy, Megan Gendjar, Kathleen George, Caroline George), 9:34.07; 22. Salem (Hannah Jeffress, Erin McCann, Hallie Younglas, Shea Wilson), 9:47.60.



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Showing her winning technique in the long jump is Plymouth junior Paige Sanders, who finished fourth at Saturday's state meet.

PREP BASEBALL

Eagles rout MIAC rivals, capture district title

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Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity baseball team picked it clean all day Saturday and came away with a Division 4 district championship trophy to hoist in celebration.

The Eagles routed Huron Valley Lutheran 13-1 in the semifinal match-up and came back to defeat Lutheran Westland 16-1 in the final.

PCA moves on to face Royal Oak Shrine at 12:30 p.m. Saturday in a regional semifinal at Ottawa Lake.

"We only had one error combined in the two games and I was very happy with our performance today," Eagles head coach Joe Bottorff said. "It shows what we can accomplish when we play hard and smart."

"(The players) were motivated to prove they could play a complete game and it showed."

Against the Warriors, a six-run second inning opened the floodgates.

Singles by Nathan Bishop, Josh Mason, Norbie Fernandez, Conner Smith and Matt Cusumano sparked the surge and PCA starting pitcher Mason took it from there.



PCA's Austin Andres watches the flight of his base hit during Saturday's district final.

Mason gave up just three singles and two walks while striking out six.

"Josh was close to dominant the entire game, despite struggling with his change-up," Bottorff said.

PCA tacked on two runs in the fourth on a double by Fernandez, a walk, fielder's choice and single by Adam Albert.

Cusumano (three hits) singled as part of a two-run fifth



Plymouth Christian Academy players celebrate after winning the Division 4 baseball district championship game against Lutheran Westland.

and he contributed a double during a six-run sixth that really broke the contest open.

In the semifinal victory over the Hawks, Albert went the distance.

The Eagles scored in every inning except the fifth, with

several players contributing multiple hits.

Phillip Morby singled and doubled, Elijah Grit singled and tripled and Smith had two singles to pace PCA. Chipping in one hit each in the semifinal were Cusumano, Albert and

Bishop.

"We have been wildly inconsistent over the past week," Bottorff said. "And I had been challenging the guys all week to be aggressive early and play with intensity. They really came through."



The Plymouth softball team is all smiles after defeating Canton 2-0 Saturday for the Division 1 district championship at Salem.

SOFTBALL

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Zajdel said about what made Bressler so tough. "We couldn't even make contact, to be honest. It starts low and then breaks right at the plate, so there's really nothing you can do about it."

When Bressler was asked about her performance, she chalked it up to being "pumped up" to take care of the Chiefs and return to the regionals.

"The whole team was really excited to play," Bressler said. "We really wanted to beat them."

Veteran Canton coach Al White tipped his cap to Bressler and to the Wildcats, who unofficially are 22-4.

"She dominated," White said. "I told the girls, she's just saying, 'Hey, I'm striking you out.' That's what she was doing. You got to hand it to them."

The Wildcats got the only run they really needed in the bottom of the first and Bressler was part of that rally.

She hit a sharp grounder that just ticked off the glove of Canton second baseman Sydney Dawson, who dove to her left but couldn't come up with the ball.

The next batter, Jessica Tucci, executed a perfect sacrifice bunt and Haley Gagnon stepped up and ripped a single up the middle to score courtesy runner Angela Schmidt.

After the first, Canton pitcher Shae Smith gave up only two more hits — one each to Alexis D'Alexander and Gina Barber.

"It was Jenny Bressler getting on base, Jessica Tucci doing the job and getting the bunt down — we've been stressing the bunt all week," Evans said. "Tucci came through huge. If it wasn't for Tucci's bunt, Angela Schmidt wouldn't have been on second and we wouldn't have scored that run."

"Small ball definitely won that game."

Game saver

Another big moment was in the Canton sixth, with Izzy Dawson on first after a single. Peyton Philbeck struck out,



Plymouth sophomore third baseman Haley Gagnon (right) tags out Canton's Izzy Dawson in a crucial sixth-inning play Saturday.

but Plymouth catcher Arielle Bartholomew tried to pick off Dawson and the ball got away from first baseman Kiersten Metz.

Metz chased the ball down, wheeled and threw across the diamond to third baseman Gagnon — who made the tag on Dawson while absorbing a collision in the process.

"Haley is one of those other kids who's a competitor," Evans said. "She's a natural catcher at heart, so she was ready to take the impact and hold onto the ball. That was huge. That was a game-saving play."

The Wildcats then added an insurance run on two walks and a single to center by senior shortstop Gina Barber. Gagnon beat the throw home, just getting in safely.

According to Evans, sharp focus and determination helped Plymouth come out on top.

Five-second plan

To that end, she kept reminding players Saturday to "win the next five."

Asked about that following the district final, Evans said it is a way to help players not look too far ahead and concentrate on the next pitch, the next play.

"Our season has been great so far, but we like to lose focus," Evans stressed. "Jenny does so well on the mound that sometimes we're not ready for a pop fly."

"So I told our girls, just five seconds at a time. Break the game into five seconds."

"Anyone can do anything for

five seconds. So you can stay focused for five seconds. Looking at the game in five-second increments instead of seven innings helped us today."

CANTON 15, WAYNE 0 (3 INNINGS): The Chiefs got out to a 10-0 lead after one inning and cruised in this Division 1 district contest.

Izzy Dawson and Peyton Philbeck opened up the big inning with RBI hits and Shae Scott doubled to score two and make it 7-0. Philbeck came up again in the inning and tripled to left, scoring the ninth and 10th runs of the inning.

Kathleen Brady's single opened an 11-0 edge in the second and three more runs came home that inning on an assortment of errors. The game ended due to the 15-run mercy rule when Morgan Stephens was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded.

Scott started and pitched the first two innings for Canton, with Avery Kilgore finishing up for the Chiefs.

PLYMOUTH 18, JOHN GLENN 0 (3 INNINGS): In the opening game of Saturday's Division 1 district at Salem, the Wildcats scored 14 runs in the first inning and went on to mercy Westland John Glenn.

Delivering RBI doubles during the opening inning were winning pitcher Jenny Bressler and Mikayla Rose. Haley Gagnon tallied two run-scoring singles in the inning.

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the 100 dash (eighth, 10.99).

In the former event, Dyer nipped Canton senior Jemal Vaunado, also an all-stater with his fifth-place finish of 38.98. For Vaunado, it set a new school record.

Staying focused

Maskill said Phillips qualified for the finals in the long jump after going 23-5 during preliminaries. He then left to run the prelims in the 200, although qualifying for that event seemed to have his mind on the long jump.

"He gave himself a little time to recover from the 200 and came back and it was a pretty good duel (with East Kentwood's Andre Welch)," Maskill said. "Mason's first jump back went 24-2 1/4 and (Welch) really didn't have an answer for him after that, so it was very exciting."

"We needed a PR for him to win it. We were kind of nervous there, but he said, 'Coach, I got it, I know I got it in me.'"

Nearly making all-state status was junior thrower Alex Howie. His mark of 50-7.25 in the shot put was ninth, just shy of the 50-11.25 turned in by eighth-place Max Godsfil of Portage Central.

Another individual state champion from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park was Plymouth freshman Connor Bush. He won the high jump with a mark of 6-6.

"Connor was actually calm and confident, I think from all his high-level AAU basketball," Wildcats assistant coach Dean Clemons said. "He actually told me he thought he could win the night before."

Livonia Stevenson senior Ian Knoph also was an all-state finisher in the high jump. He placed eighth with a mark of 6-3.

In 16th place overall was Canton, sparked by Vaunado and senior pole vaulter Andrew Koenigsknecht (third with a mark of 14-9). In that same event, teammate Chuck Carey had a PR of 13-0.

The Chiefs boasted an all-state quartet in the 1,600 relay as Dirk Thornhill, Caleb Moraw, Srikar Komanduri and Vaunado finished eighth with a



All season long, Canton's Jemal Vaunado (left) and Salem's Sharriff Dyer were neck-and-neck in the 300-meter hurdles. On Saturday, Dyer finished third at the Division 1 state meet, while Vaunado placed fifth. Both earned all-state honors.

time of 3:24.06.

"It was a really exciting day. Those guys worked hard and got all the accolades and awards they deserved," Salem's Maskill said. "They got some good performances in on the big stage."

MHSAA DIVISION 1 TRACK & FIELD FINALS June 3 at East Kentwood
BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. East Kentwood, 78.5 points; 2. Rockford, 62; 3. Oak Park, 44; 5. Salem, 26; 16. Canton, 11; 17. Plymouth, 10; 55. Livonia Stevenson, 1.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS (includes area finishers)
Shot put: 1. Logan Brown (East Kentwood), 60 feet, 1.5 inches; 9. Alex Howie (Salem), 50-7.25; 15. Bobby Madley (Franklin), 47-4.25; **discus:** 1. Randy Prince (Portage Northern), 173-0; **high jump:** 1. Connor Bush (Plymouth), 6-6; 8. Ian Knoph (Stevenson), 6-3; 18. (tie) Cameron Grace (Salem), 6-0; **long jump:** 1. Mason Phillips (Salem), 24-2.75 (all-time MHSAA meet record); 11. Martell Dooley (Churchill), 20-10.75; 12. Evan Cummins (Churchill), 20-9.25; **pole vault:** 1. Cole Snyder (Macomb Dakota), 15-6.3; Andrew Koenigsknecht (Canton), 14-9.17; Chuck Carey (Canton), 13-0; 19. Collin Bowersox (Stevenson), 12-6; **110-meter hurdles:** 1. Kentre Patterson (East Kentwood), 13.84; **300 hurdles:** 1. Patterson (East Kentwood), 38.23; 3. Sharriff Dyer (Salem), 38.69; 5. Jemal Vaunado (Canton), 38.98; **100 dash:** 1. Khance Meyers (East Kentwood), 10.53 (meet record); 4. Andrew Davis (Salem), 10.99; **200:** 2. Meyers (East Kentwood), 21.27; 7. Mason Phillips (Salem), 22.49; **400:** 1. Andrew Moorer (Ypsilanti Lincoln), 47.42; 6. Anthony D'Annibale (Novi), 49.16; **800:** 1. Cameron Cooper (Oak Park), 1:51.22; 12. Dash Dobar (Churchill), 1:56.80; 18. Frank LaFave (Churchill), 2:00.65; **1,600:** 1. Cole Johnson (Rockford), 4:08.60; 16. Ethan Byrnes (Plymouth), 4:20.90; **3,200:** 1. Dominic Dimambro (Fenton), 9:07.79; 15. Ethan Byrnes (Plymouth), 9:23.88; 22. Carter Solomon (Plymouth), 9:29.29; **400 relay:** 1. Rockford, 41.02 (all-time MHSAA meet record); 4. Salem (VerShawn Patrick, Mason Phillips, Trevor Nowaske, Andrew Davis), 42.53; 9. Franklin (Nyassini Crowell, Brandon Smiley, Jacob Clark, Christian Bagnall), 42.77; **800 relay:** 1. East Kentwood, 1:26.07 (meet record); 7. Salem (VerShawn Patrick, Mason Phillips, Sharriff Dyer, Andrew Davis), 1:27.61; 13. Franklin (Khalil Pasha, Christian Bagnall, Jacob Clark, Brandon Smiley), 1:28.88; **1,600 relay:** 1. Oak Park, 3:17.58; 8. Canton (Dirk Thornhill, Caleb Moraw, Srikar Komanduri, Jemal Vaunado), 3:24.06; 12. Churchill (Niguel Smith, Frank LaFave, Josh Momeyer, Dash Dobar), 3:26.46; **3,200 relay:** 1. Oak Park, 7:44.85; 10. Churchill (Frank LaFave, Josh Mussen, Josh Momeyer, Dash Dobar), 7:54.16.



Salem's 400-meter relay team of (from left) VerShawn Patrick, Mason Phillips, Trevor Nowaske and Andrew Davis finished fourth at the Division 1 state meet.

D4 GIRLS SOCCER DISTRICTS

Eagles blank Cabrini for district championship

Teamwork advances PCA into regionals for second straight year

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For the second consecutive year, Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity girls soccer team won a Division 4 district championship.

PCA captured the district on its home field with Friday's 2-0 victory over Allen Park Cabrini. The Eagles (14-5) were scheduled to play Tuesday at Spring Arbor University in a regional semifinal match-up against Manchester (17-4).

Junior goalkeeper Isabel Nunez and PCA defenders teamed to foil the Monarchs and the Eagles scored once in each half for the victory. Tallying the goals were junior midfielder Jessica McHugh, midway through the first half, and senior forward/co-captain Allie Crecelius, with 28 minutes left in regulation.

"It was anyone's game," Crecelius said about her insurance goal. "I just read the play, no one was in that space and I told Jessie (Paulson) to play it to me."

Paulson, a senior midfielder and co-captain, threaded the ball to Crecelius to the right of the 18-yard box and she turned and booted a shot into the top-left corner of the Cabrini goal.

"I'm right-footed and that was my left foot," Crecelius said. "So I just tried to use as much power as I could."

The speedy Crecelius, who did a good job down the stretch of moving the ball deep into the Monarchs' zone, leads the squad with 27 goals.

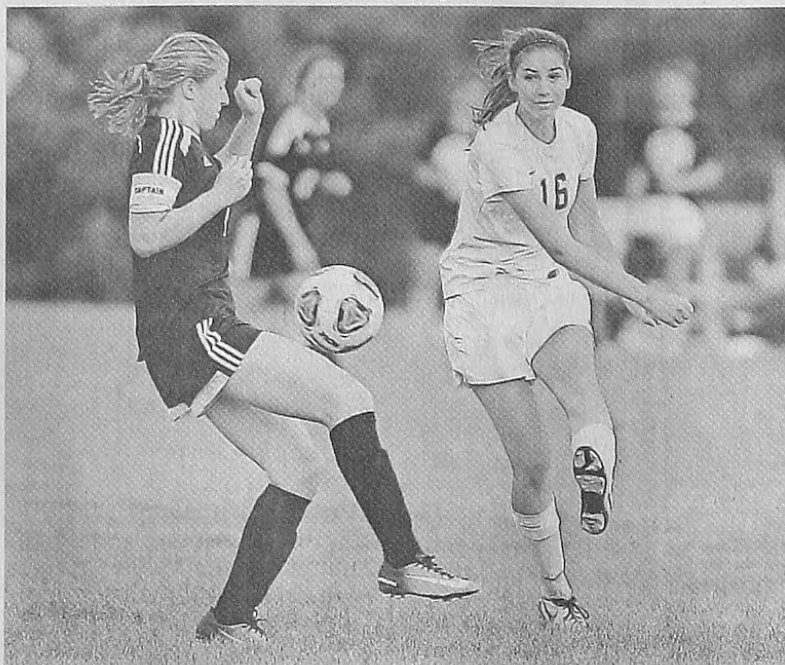
Shutting the door

Nunez said the Crecelius goal really gave the already confident PCA bunch an extra boost. Over the final 20 minutes, the Eagles gave up few quality chances to Cabrini



Celebrating their second consecutive Division 4 district title is Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity girls soccer team.

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Plymouth Christian's Jessica Paulson (right) battles for the ball with an Allen Park Cabrini player during Friday's district final.

(12-2-2).

When they did, Nunez — who has been splitting time in goal with senior Devon Burns — was more than ready.

The closest the Monarchs got to breaking the goose egg came with just over 13 minutes

to play, when freshman forward Abigail Formella found herself fall alone in front of Nunez.

But Formella's shot slid wide of the left post and PCA maintained its two-goal edge.

"That was the point where I

was, like, 'Nothing's coming in,'" Nunez said. "It changes all the intensity. I think because we got a shutout, in the last 10 minutes we gave it our all and I think that was important."

She gave kudos to her teammates for giving her defensive support, "especially (sophomore/co-captain) Crystal Bock for always being there to have my back."

PCA got on the scoreboard on McHugh's goal in the first half. A direct kick by Crecelius bounced around in the 18-yard box and McHugh was there to chip it past Cabrini senior goalkeeper Abigail Burke.

Once the Eagles had the lead, they weren't about to give it away, head coach Annette Somercik said.

"It's all about team unity and relying on each other," Somercik said. "And making sure they're playing for the right reasons."

Extra energy

With more players on the bench, the Eagles were able to maintain stamina in the second half of the back-to-back situation.

"I think, physically, it's draining and some of the girls

are injured, so that's been a struggle all season," Paulson said. "But we stayed mentally tough through it all."

"We are working as a team and connecting with each other and keeping possession was a key to this game."

Crecelius said it has been helpful to have a larger roster this season, something that could pay off in regionals.

"We ended the (2016) season with 12 girls and this year we have double the size," Crecelius said. "We have more energy on the bench, we have a lot of freshmen who came in this year."

Plymouth Christian opened districts with a resounding 8-0 win May 30 over Lutheran Westland.

"It (district championship) feels really good, I just love my team so much," Crecelius said. "Being my last year, it makes me sad because they all make me so happy."

"They're all my closest friends and I couldn't wish for a better team and God just blessed me with the most incredible girls."

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Plymouth celebrates with its trophy after winning the Division 1 girls soccer district final against Salem.

GIRLS SOCCER

Salem can't catch 'Cats in district final

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One of the toughest girls soccer districts in southeast Michigan came down to a pair of Park rivals Saturday afternoon.

But KLA South Division co-champion Plymouth got out to an early lead at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity soccer stadium and held off a comeback bid by Salem, prevailing 2-1.

The Wildcats were scheduled to play Novi in a regional semifinal Wednesday at Dearborn High School, while the Rocks take pride in a well-played season and look forward to 2018.

"While it is unfortunate that the season has come to an end," Salem head coach Kyle Karns said, "I am extremely proud of the girls and how they played all season long. It was a pleasure to coach each of them in my first season as head coach at Salem."

Plymouth scored early, on a goal by freshman Elle McCaslin. Kenna White later made it 2-0.

The Rocks made a late charge with Anna Faybrick getting one past Plymouth



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Plymouth's Elle McCaslin (right) pushes the ball past Salem's Anna Azarovitz during Saturday's district final.

sophomore goalkeeper Rebecca Przybylo with about five minutes remaining to slice the lead in half.

Drawing the assist was freshman forward Sydney Smith, who played yet another standout game, Karns said.

Karns said it was a "hard-fought district final, (it's) always a competitive game when the Park schools match up for a final. Plymouth played well,

they have some very explosive players in their lineup. They were able to set the tone early by capitalizing on an early goal.

"We weren't particularly sharp today. We played well in stretches, but in this high-pressure game you have to play solid for a full 80 minutes."

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BOYS LACROSSE

Shamrocks book another final four berth

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There was no letdown for Novi Detroit Catholic Central's lacrosse team during Friday's MHSAA Division 1 state quarterfinal.

After an emotional and hard-fought 13-10 regional final victory May 31 over rival Northville, the Shamrocks dismantled Troy Athens in a precision-like manner, 14-5, at Birmingham Seaholm.

Junior attack Peter Thompson, who went pointless in the previous match, pumped in four goals and added two assists as the Shamrocks improved to 14-5 while earning their fourth straight trip to the state semifinals.

After nearly squandering a 9-3 halftime lead against Northville, the Shamrocks built a 10-1 advantage at intermission against Athens (13-5) and increased their lead to 13-2 after three quarters before coach Dave Wilson emptied his bench in the fourth.

"Having the ball is a great thing, isn't it?" Wilson said. "You dictate the tempo of the game and, of course, (Jeff) Lining is a threat, so when he doesn't have the ball, it's good for us. It worked out that we were scoring and keeping it away from a very dangerous weapon."

Athens went 25 minutes, 19 seconds without scoring until Andy Filipis broke through with a goal late in the third quarter to make it 13-2.

"Yesterday in practice, we were really trying to make sure we were moving off the ball," Thompson said. "When other guys are moving off ball, it makes it easier on you to either pass or score. We did a really good job as a collective team

instead of just one guy."

One of Thompson's goals was a nifty behind-the-back effort off a feed from senior Nick Capatina.

"I think a lot of it had to do with the fact the other night we were just kind of stagnate as a team and we tried to play, like, hero ball and not really together," said Thompson, a junior captain. "We let Northville be in the game and they did a good job stopping us. I just think we were kind of watching each other. That was probably the biggest problem in the offense last game, so it was probably good that I didn't

score."

Six different players scored for the Shamrocks, including freshman Ryan Sullivan, who finished with three goals. Adding two apiece were senior Brennan Kamish, sophomore Joey Kamish and Capatina, while Ethan Pattinson had the other.

"Northville is really close to CC, so I think we kind of got a little hyped up or nervous," Thompson said. "I just think letting the game come to you was one of our main points. It was great team win and we, obviously, played a lot better than we did (May 31)."

Also adding assists for CC were Mike Molchan, Patrick Brandemihl and Liam Cunningham.

Senior goalie Hunter Braun also played a pivotal role, making nine saves while allowing just two goals.

The Shamrocks, who have been state runners-up three straight years, were scheduled to face unbeaten Hartland (21-0) in the state semifinals Wednesday at Troy Athens.

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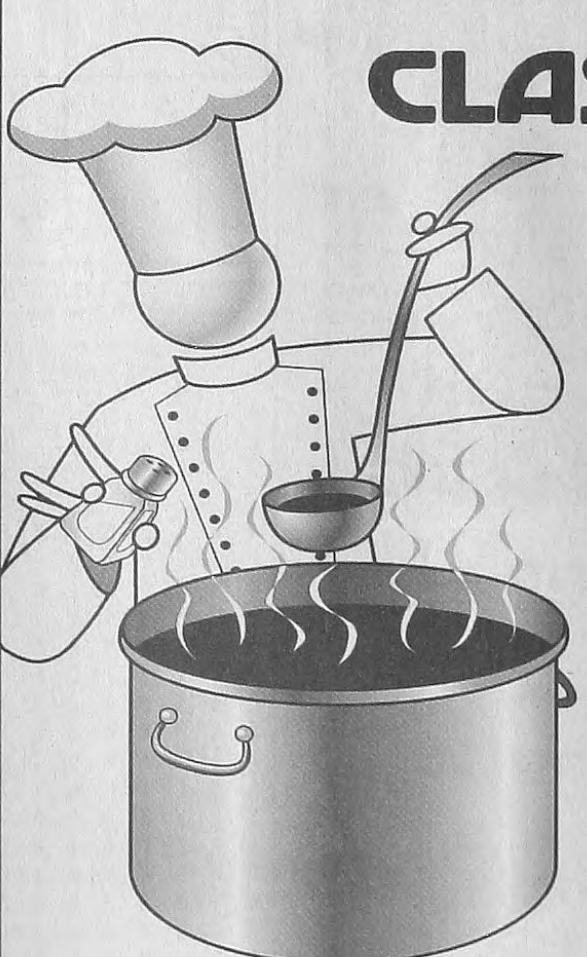
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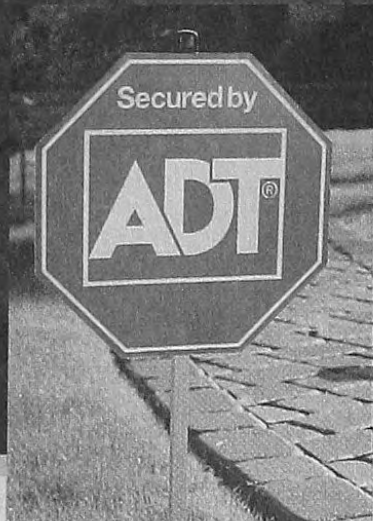
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\$100 Visa Gift Card fulfilled by Protect Your Home through third-party provider, Mpell, upon installation of a security system. Shipping and Handling Fee applies. \$99 Customer Installation Charge. Up to 15 sensors free for pre-wired homes or up to 7 wireless sensors free. No substitutions allowed. Labor charges may apply. \$99 Customer Installation Charge. 36-Month Monitoring Agreement required at \$27.99 per month (\$1,007.64). 24-Month Monitoring Agreement required at \$27.99 per month (\$671.76) for California. Form of payment must be by credit card or electronic charge to your checking or savings account. Offer applies to homeowners only. Certain packages require approved landline phone. Local permit fees may be required. Satisfactory credit history required. Termination Fee applies. Certain restrictions may apply. Offer valid for new ADT Authorized Premier Provider customers only and not on purchases from ADT LLC. Other rate plans available. Cannot be combined with any other offer. The \$27.99 Offer does not include Quality Service Plan (QSP). Quality Service Plan (QSP) is ADT's Extended Limited Warranty. ADT Pulse Interactive Solutions Services, which help you manage your home environment and family lifestyle, require the purchase and/or activation of an ADT alarm system with monitored burglary service and a compatible computer, cell phone or PDA with Internet and email access. These ADT Pulse Interactive Solutions Services are not available with the various levels of ADT Pulse Interactive Solutions Services. All ADT Pulse Interactive Solutions Services may not be available in all geographic areas. You may be required to pay additional charges to purchase equipment required to utilize the ADT Pulse Interactive Solutions Services features you desire. Installation starts at \$399. Burglary, Fire, Carbon Monoxide and Emergency Alert monitoring requires purchase and/or activation of an ADT security system with monitored Burglary, Fire, Carbon Monoxide and Emergency Alert services are an additional charge. Quality Service Plan (QSP) is ADT's Extended Limited Warranty. 36-month monitoring contract required from \$58.99 per month, (\$2,123.64), including Quality Service Plan (QSP). Additional charges may apply in areas that require guard response service for municipal alarm verification. Prices subject to change. Prices may vary by market. Some insurance companies offer discounts on Homeowner's Insurance. Please consult your insurance company. Local permit fees may be required. Satisfactory credit history required. Additional monitoring fees required for some services. Photos are for illustrative purposes only and may not reflect the exact product/service actually provided. Licenses: AL-17-1104, AK-35221, AZ-ROC217517, AR-2008-0014, CA-AC06320, CT-ELC.0193944-L5, DE-07-212, FL-EC13003427, DC-602513000006, GA-LVA205395, HI-CT30946, ID-ELE-SC-39312, IL-127.001042, IN-City of Indianapolis: LAC-000156, IA-AC-0036, KY-City of Louisville: 483, LA-F1082, LA-F1914, LA-F1915, ME-LM50017382, MD-107-1626, MA-1355C, MI-3601205773, MN-TS01807, MS-15007958, MO-City of St. Louis: CC354, St. Louis County: 79853, MT-247, NE-14451, NV-68518, City of Las Vegas: 3000002944, NJ-34BF00021800, NM-353366, NY-Licensed by the N.Y.S. Dept. of State UID#12000317691, #12000286451, NC-1622-CSA, OH-53891446, City of Cincinnati: AC86, OK-1048, OR-170997, Pennsylvania Home Improvement Contractor Registration Number: PA22999, RI-3582, SC-BAC5630, SD-1025-7001-ET, TN-C1520, TX-B13734, ACR-3492, UT-6422596-6501, VT-ES-2382, VA-115120, WA-602588694/PROTEYH934RS, WV-042433, WI-City of Milwaukee: PAS-0002790, WY-LV-G-21499. 3750 Priority Way South Dr. Indianapolis, IN 46240 ©2016 DEFENDERS, Inc. dba Protect Your Home