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## CONNECTION Prescription take-back

The Canton Police Department will be among participating law enforcement agencies when the Drug Enforcement Agency sponsors a National Prescription Take Back Initiative from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 30.

The event is a good opportunity to dispose of unwanted prescriptions. "Any effort taken to keep potentially harmful drugs out of the hands of traffickers and those who abuse or are dependent on substances is one step toward a healthier community," DEA officials said.

For more information on specific locations, check out the DEA's website at [www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov](http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov).

The Canton Police Department is located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road in Canton.

## Relay rally

Cathi Macko and her family participate in Canton's version of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life in honor of their sister/aunt, Anne Galvin, who lost her battle with uterine cancer April 17, 2009.

To do that, the family is hosting a fundraiser 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, at the Canton Cinema. During the fundraiser, the Canton Cinema will donate 50 percent of its concession sales, up to a total of \$500.

For more information, call Cathi Macko, (734) 751-8705.

## Comedy night

Canton resident John Friday has announced a fundraiser that promises laughs while fighting a serious disease, multiple sclerosis.

A night of comedy with Rob Little and special guest Tom McCarthy is set for 8 p.m. Thursday, May 12, at Joey's Comedy Club in Livonia, upstairs from Kicker's at 36071 Plymouth Road, just east of Levan, in Livonia.

Little has appeared on Comics Unleashed and NBC's Last Comic Standing and is a popular comedian on the standup circuit.

Tickets are \$15. For ticket information, call John Friday at (734) 546-4022, Courtney MacDonelli at (734) 776-7679, Jeannette Solo at (218) 280-3468 or Donna Bachus at (734) 259-9779.

## Soup and salad

The Mayflower/Lt. Gamble Ladies Auxiliary Post 6695, 1426 Mill in Plymouth, hosts a "Soup and Salad" night 5-8 p.m. Saturday, April 30.

The event will feature all the soup and salad you can eat. A \$5 donation is requested.

For further details contact Judy Thomason, (734) 545-0184.

# Teacher facing charges after alleged threats

BY BRAD KADRICH AND DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITERS

A 52-year-old Plymouth High School social studies teacher was facing charges following allegations he made threats to co-workers and brought a loaded gun to school Thursday morning, prompting school officials to cancel classes and leading to his arrest by Canton police.

The teacher, who has taught in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools for more than a decade, was in custody as authorities Friday sorted through details of the case to decide charges

against him, police Sgt. Mark Gajeski said.

The teacher, popular among many of his students, particularly those studying military history, has been placed on an indefinite leave of absence pending the outcome of legal proceedings against him, said Frank Ruggirello, the district's director of community relations.

The teacher had not been arraigned as of press time. It is the *Observer's* policy not to name suspects until they are arraigned. Visit [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com) for updated information.

The suspect's troubles started

Wednesday, when he was allegedly heard making threats against co-workers at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, which houses some 6,200 students. District officials said he was sent home Wednesday and told not to return to the park.

District officials released a statement saying they tried to contact the suspect Wednesday evening and Thursday morning but couldn't locate him, prompting them to close the three-high-school park Thursday.

The teacher reportedly left a message on the district's substitute request line saying he'd be at the park

Thursday morning. When he arrived shortly after 6 a.m., officials said he had a loaded handgun and was taken into custody.

"He was arrested without incident," Canton Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said, saying school officials and police worked together to prevent what could have become a much more serious incident.

"It's a good testament to the school district and the police officers who responded efficiently," Schreiner said.

"We had (several) police officers in the

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Library Director Eva Davis said the new automated system for sorting books and other materials allowed the library to become more efficient, but the library still faces stiff budget challenges.

## Library facing wave of red ink

## With falling tax revenues, officials forced to look at ways to trim budget

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Amid declining revenues and soaring circulation figures, the Canton Public Library faces a daunting challenge to maintain the services that patrons have come to expect while struggling against financial woes that are expected to worsen for two more years.

"We are looking at a deficit situation coming in 2012,"

Director Eva Davis said.

It's a troubling situation that will force officials to weigh measures to further cut costs by scaling back services, reducing library hours, trimming the workforce and closing on certain days.

"All of those things are on the table," Davis said.

Touted as the state's busiest one-branch library, the Canton facility has nearly 110 employees, though only 17 are full time. Few workers have

fringe benefits such as health care, and part-timers work 10-30 hours a week.

Moreover, officials say a freeze on pay levels and hiring has occurred even as the demand for materials by patrons rapidly escalated since 2008.

### SINKING REVENUE

The library's revenues plunged by nearly 13.5 percent from 2008 to 2010, declining from \$6,532,648

to \$5,656,533 amid a drop in property tax revenues, state aid and interest income.

Library officials have fought to stave off a wave of red ink by not replacing employees who retire, reducing fringe benefits costs, trimming expenses for materials and supplies, hiring fewer outside contractors and having workers assume more duties.

The library also reached out for more community volunteers to spearhead programs,

installed a self-checkout system and invested in a new, automated sorting machine that separates books and other materials while freeing up countless hours for employees to perform other tasks.

Despite efforts to become more efficient, the library faced other challenges as circulation surged 30 percent from 2008 to 2009 alone,

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## Canton sees rise in new homes

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton is witnessing an uptick in new homes, yet another sign the local housing market could be poised for a gradual rebound.

Developers plan to build 50 site condominiums, essentially single-family homes, in a new Torrey Hill development south of Saltz and east of Beck.

Just a few miles away, developers intend to jump-start new housing at Hamptons Estates by building 60 detached condos south of Cherry Hill between Sheldon and Morton Taylor roads, where 57 attached condos, or multifamily units, already have

been built.

"I think it's positive because it shows there is demand for new development," Canton Community Planner Jeff Goulet said. "And it shows the attractiveness of Canton to home buyers."

Torrey Hill already has received preliminary site plan approval from the Canton Planning Commission. The project is awaiting final site plan approval before it goes to the Canton Township Board of Trustees for a vote.

The Hamptons Estates project has received the planning board's preliminary approval on two issues — the site plan and

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton officials have noticed an uptick in new-home construction, prompting hopes for a rebound.



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# Ross campus taking cell phone donations

Ross Medical Education Center, which has a Canton campus, has partnered with Hope Phones, an organization based in Bloomfield Hills that takes used cell phones and donates them to community health workers and clinics in developing countries.

Donations will be taken from now through Friday, April 29. You can drop off your old cell phone to any Ross location Monday-Thursday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday, from 8 a.m. to noon.

Hope Phones provides cell phones to community health workers in developing countries, enabling patients to obtain medical attention faster. In some remote areas, the only access patients may have is to walk to a clinic that could be located 100 miles or more away from home. With Hope Phones, a doctor or nurse can treat patients quicker - or potentially save their lives.

"As a school whose mission it is to prepare students for careers in allied health care,

we're pleased to be working with Hope Phones. We encourage the community to bring us their used cell phones for this very worthy cause," said Paul Mitchell, CEO, Ross.

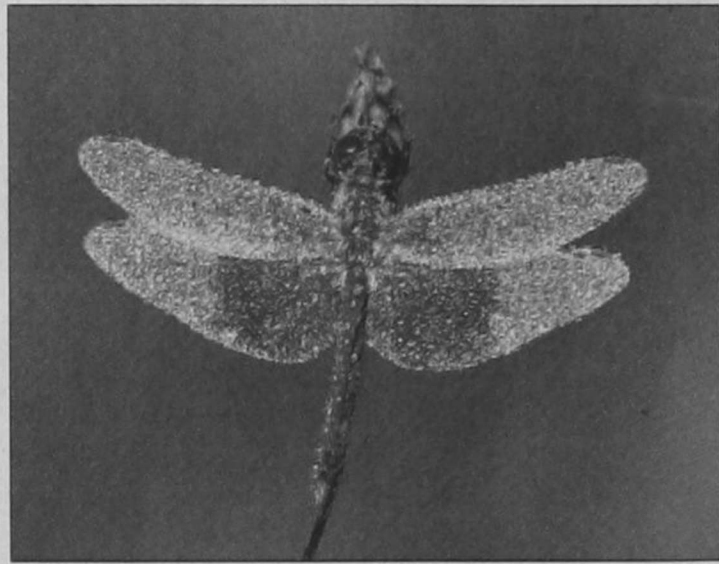
In 2007, the EPA estimated that more than 126 million cell phones ended up in landfills. Here's how to donate:

- Any type of cell phone in any condition (working or non-working) can be donated.
- Completely deactivate the phone and delete any personal information. Should you need instructions on how to delete personal information, visit The Wireless Source and enter your phone's manufacturer and model number.
- Leave the battery in the cell phone.
- You do not need to submit the charger with the cell phone.

Ross' Canton campus is located at 44958 Ford Road. Donations can be made through April 29. For more information, call (734) 459-1723.

"Around Canton" is designed to announce upcoming events taking place in the community. Items will run on a space-available basis. Send details to bkadrich@hometownlife.com

## AROUND CANTON



Street Journal columnist Jeffrey Zaslow, who has authored the best sellers, *The Girls from Ames*, and *The Last Lecture*, as well as *Highest Duty*, a memoir of Captain Sully Sullenberg, the pilot who successfully landed U.S. Airways Flight 1549 in the Hudson River. This is the 25th anniversary of the book and author luncheon.

**Contact:** Tickets may be purchased between April 15 and May 15 at the Plymouth, Canton, Novi, and Northville Public Libraries. No tickets will be available at the door.

### Grief support

**Date/Time:** 1st and 3rd Tuesday monthly, 6-7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lilley, Suite A, Canton

**Details:** Compassionate Care Hospice conducts an ongoing grief support group, *The Grief Journey*, for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. The goal of the group is to provide support and education on the grief process. There is no charge.

**Contact:** Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice Bereavement Coordinator, (888) 983-9050.

### Fish fries

**Time/Date:** 5-9 p.m. Fridays, through April 22

**Location:** Summit on the Park Banquet Center, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton

**Details:** Fish Fry Fridays are in full swing. Adults can dine for \$11.95 per person and children under 12 years of age are just \$4.95 each. Desserts and a full-service bar are available at an additional cost.

**Contact:** Call (734) 394-5460 or visit [www.CantonFun.org](http://www.CantonFun.org).

### Good Friday breakfast

**Date/Time:** Friday, April 22, 8 a.m.

**Location:** St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon in Canton.

**Details:** Chris Shepherd, chaplain of the U-M football team and character coach, will be the guest speaker at this community outreach event. All men and boys are invited to the breakfast.

**Contact:** Tickets may be obtained by calling the church at (734) 459-3333 and are \$6 for men and \$3 for boys 10 and under.

### Achieve Academy

**Date/Time:** Thursday, April 28, 6 p.m.

**Location:** Achieve Academy, 3250 Denton in Canton.

**Details:** Achieve Academy hosts a middle school information meeting for prospective parents Thursday. Principal Claudia Williamson, teachers and staff will be on hand to present information and answer questions about the school. Tours of the school will also be available.

### Photo finish

Nathan Crawford of Canton was the grand prize winner in the Huron-Clinton Metroparks/West Oakland Camera Club's 2010 Nature Photography Contest with his breathtaking image of a dew-coated band-winged meadowhawk dragonfly. Winners were honored Thursday at the West Oakland Camera Club meeting Thursday. Entries were judged by members of the West Oakland Camera Club, whose photographs have been published in *Audubon*, *Sierra* Club and *National Geographic* magazines.

**Contact:** To RSVP for the meetings, call 866-NHA-ENROLL.

### Chieftette tryouts

**Date/Time:** May 4-5, 6:30-9 p.m.; May 6, 6-9 p.m.; May 7, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**Location:** Canton High School Gym

**Details:** The Canton Chieftettes pom pon squad is holding tryouts for its 2011-2012 squad. Potential Chieftettes must have physical dated after April 15, 2011.

**Contact:** Any questions contact Coach Jen at [CoachJenny@cantonchieftettes.com](mailto:CoachJenny@cantonchieftettes.com)

### Library friends

**Date/Time:** Monday, May 23, 11:30 a.m.

**Location:** Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth.

**Details:** The Friends of the Plymouth, Canton, Novi, and Northville Public Libraries are sponsoring a book and author luncheon, which will be held at Fox Hills Country Club. The cost is \$25. The featured speaker will be Wall



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# New charter schools get site plan OK

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A pair of newly proposed Canton-based charter schools gained momentum Tuesday following a supportive vote by the Canton Township Board of Trustees.

The two schools signal an investment that attorney Bryan Amann said will amount to millions of dollars in the Canton community.

The Canton Preparatory High School — under the umbrella of

PrepNet, a network of college preparatory schools — expects to welcome students for the startup of classes in 2012.

On a more ambitious timeline, a K-8 school — a National Heritage Academy facility — expects to be ready to open by the end of August, Amann said.

The one-story, 56,220-square-foot high school is slated for a 22-acre site on the north side of Cherry Hill between Canton Center and Beck, within the boundaries of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

"Anybody in the area has the ability to apply to come to this school," Amann said.

The high school is expected to house as many as 800 students and 40 employees within three years, Amann said.

The project moved forward after the township board voted Tuesday to approve a site plan and a special land use request submitted by school representatives.

Amenities such as additional turn lanes along Cherry Hill are expected

to be built to accommodate the school's traffic.

Township Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin said it appears the high school will be similar in size to Workman Elementary School near Cherry Hill and Denton.

The K-8 school, meanwhile, involves a two-story facility on the east side of Canton Center between Palmer and Geddes, within the boundaries of Wayne-Westland Community Schools. It can house as many as 750 students.

Amann said school officials already received a state-approved site plan for the public charter school, and they cleared another hurdle Tuesday when the township board supported a special land use request for the 15-acre site.

This project also is expected to include traffic-related improvements. Amann said he is confident school officials can meet their goal of opening the K-8 facility for next school year.

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## LIBRARY

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said Laurie Golden, marketing and communications director. Circulation surpassed the two million mark before it dipped, however slightly, to 1.9 million in 2010 — a razor-thin decline officials suggest could have been linked to road construction issues along Canton Center Road.

### STARTLING SURGE

The one-year surge in circulation startled library employees, though they believe the increase partly was attributed to an influx of unemployed people using the facility and its resources to search for jobs. "It was wild," Golden said,

'We are looking at a deficit situation coming in 2012.'

EVA DAVIS, library director

"but we think it has probably stabilized."

Still, the 53,000-square-foot facility, with 307,300 materials in 21 languages, continues to face challenges to stock shelves with books, periodicals, movies and other items that are in demand by Canton's increasingly diverse population.

Davis, Golden and others have said the library has managed to survive financial difficulties because of an influx of grants and an army of supporters, volunteers and community partners who have given their time and, in some

cases, their donations.

Though the library has a \$3.5 million fund balance, \$2.5 million already has been designated for capital equipment and building issues for the 30-year-old library. That leaves only \$1 million in discretionary dollars.

The library also has nearly \$266,000 in a separate endowment fund, but officials decided years ago that, except for interest, the fund would be off limits until it reaches the \$1 million mark.

### GROWING CONCERN

Meanwhile, as Gov. Rick Snyder and state lawmakers battle their own financial woes, Davis said there is growing concern that money for an interlibrary loan service — which allows Canton library

patrons to borrow materials from other facilities — could be in jeopardy. That amounts to \$100,000 in Canton.

"We would be unable to get books for our patrons from other libraries," Davis said, or, "it would cost us \$100,000 to keep it going."

One possible measure could involve having patrons pay a fee to borrow materials from other libraries, though no decisions have been made.

Based on projections, the library expects its financial woes to bottom out by 2013. Hopefully, Davis said, the future will then seem less bleak.

"We have to stay focused on getting us through until then," she said.

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## NEW HOMES

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an amendment to a planned unit development, or PUD, proposal. Much like Torrey Hill, it awaits final approval by the planning commission before it, too, goes to the township board.

The Hamptons Estates development needs the PUD amendment because developers now plan to build 60 detached condos, abandoning an earlier proposal for an additional 106 attached units.

"Nobody is financing multiple-family units right now," Goulet said.

Construction of both projects is expected to begin this year.

Meanwhile, developers already have sold and started building 20 of 32 new single-family homes planned on the township's west side, in an area of Cherry Hill Village south of Jackson Street. Developers also have indicated they hope to gradually move ahead with an additional 90 homes as the village continues to spur inter-

est among homeowners.

The latest development news follows what local officials have called encouraging signs for the local housing market.

Canton Assessor Doug Shaw said the township's residential home values dipped just 1.9 percent, on average, when he revealed the latest assessment figures earlier this year.

Shaw said he believes Canton's housing market, after a dramatic decline in recent years, may have reached its low point and could be poised for a gradual rebound.

The new housing starts also come as the latest U.S. Census figures revealed that Canton had an 18.1-percent spike in population since 2000, climbing from 76,366 to 90,173.

Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy attributed the large influx of residents to quality local schools, Canton's image as a safe community, a wide range of housing opportunities and township amenities such as quality parks and recreational facilities.

LaJoy said the amenities "are appealing to many people."

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## TEACHER

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area of the high school looking for a teacher who had made threats the previous afternoon. They stopped a bad situation

from getting worse."

Police arrested the teacher amid allegations he had a handgun in his car. Some reports had erroneously indicated the suspect had a shotgun.

"It was not a shotgun," Schreiner said.

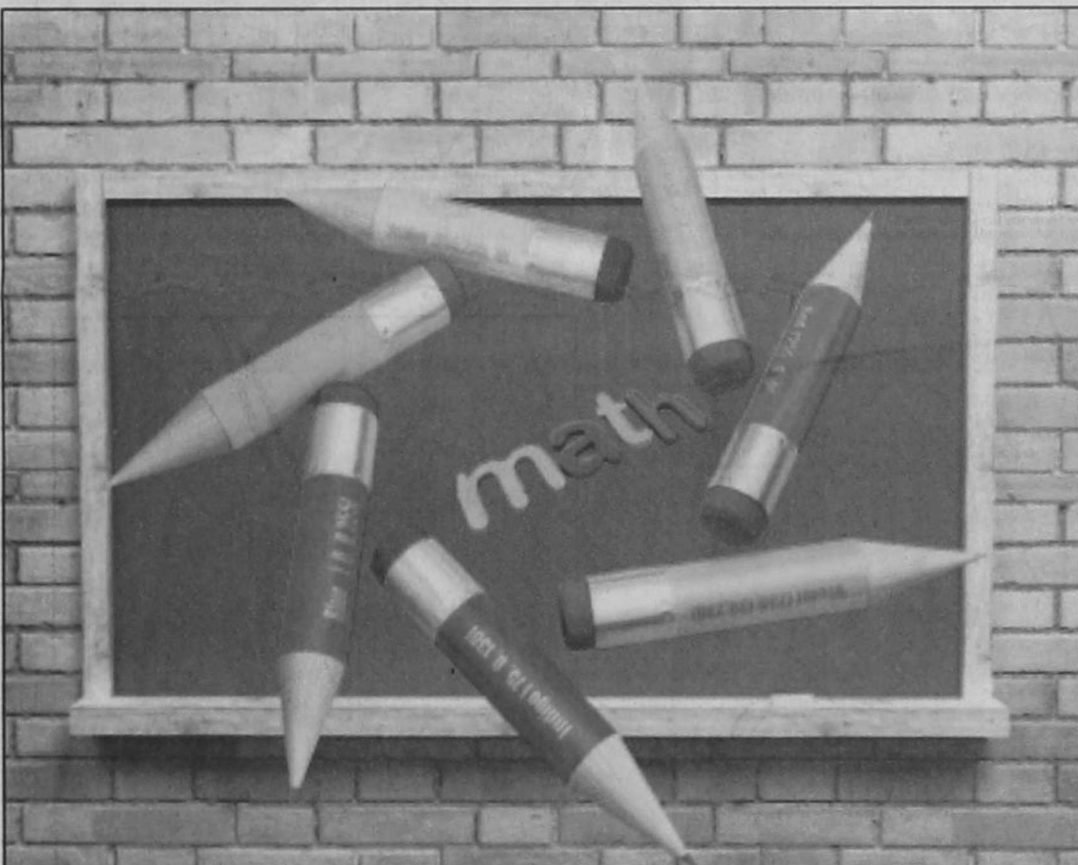
Authorities had initially expected the teacher would be arraigned on criminal charges Friday afternoon in 35th District Court, Gajeski said.

"The police department and the (Wayne County) Prosecutor's Office want to make sure we have all the

details so that the proper charges are levied," Gajeski said.

Meanwhile, Ruggirello said counselors were on hand Thursday morning when students returned to school.

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The meal packaging plant gets busy as kids and volunteers help pack meals to fight hunger in Japan.

## Grant helps Isbister kids fight hunger

A grant from the Community Foundation of Plymouth is helping kids at Isbister Elementary School feed people in need— here and half a world away.

Approximately 14 ounces of rice, soy, dried vegetables and chicken flavoring packs a full day's nutrients in one meal that — when mixed with six cups of boiling water — serves six adults or 12 children.

And no one knows that better than the 50 students at Isbister Elementary School in Plymouth who packaged 10,000 meals to help fight hunger.

Sponsored by a \$2,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Plymouth, the service project is a creative partnership between the Give Club at Isbister, the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth and Kids Against Hunger, a national humanitarian food-aid organization.

While most of the packaged meals will be distributed locally through the Salvation Army, approximately one-third will be used in disaster relief efforts for Japan.

Lee Harrison, Principal of Isbister Elementary School, shared, "This is a great learning experience for our kids," Isbister Elementary School Principal Lee Harrison said. "We could not have tackled a project of this size on our own without the support of the Community Foundation of Plymouth."

Kids Against Hunger provided the ingredients and packaging equipment. Volunteers from the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth set up the assembly lines in the school's gym and helped replenish supplies. Kids from Isbister's Give Club, wearing protective hats and gloves, provided the sweat equity to package the meals.

The Kiwanis Club has partnered with Kids Against Hunger for years, and funded the purchase of a van and trailer to help Kids Against Hunger deliver packaging equipment and ingredients to different locations where volunteers help package meals.

Packaging meals to fight hunger is just one of many service projects Isbister's Give Club hosts throughout the year to connect young students with ways of giving back to the Plymouth community. Organizers note that many students seem especially drawn to the idea of providing food relief for Japan.

The students received an enthusiastic thank you from Michael Burwell, from Kids Against Hunger, who reminded them: Your efforts today will touch thousands of people's lives — not only in your area, but around the world.

## VIP honored for long years of service

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Rod Jenkins has a daughter who teaches at Hulsing Elementary and has been there seven years.

Rod has been there longer, in his 14th year as a volunteer at the Canton elementary school.

And for that 14 years of service, the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Tuesday honored him as a Volunteer In Public Schools (VIP) Award.

Jenkins, a retired Northwest Airlines pilot, has worked with a variety of students once a week for those 14 years. He was nominated by Hulsing principal Carolyn Washington.

"(Jenkins) is definitely part of our village," Washington said. "It takes a village, or in this case a school, to raise a child, and Rod is truly a member of our village."

Board treasurer Judy Mardigian said Jenkins was



Hulsing Elementary School volunteer Rod Jenkins accepts his VIP award from Board of Education Trustee Judy Mardigian (right), after being nominated by Hulsing Principal Carolyn Washington (left).

emblematic of the many volunteers who serve in the district.

"He's worked with a diverse group of students over a long period of time," Mardigian said. "He's very deserving."

Jenkins pointed out he's been there longer than his daughter, Meg, a second-grade

teacher, while humbly accepting the award.

"I've got seniority," he joked. "I got my first exposure to Hulsing many years ago. It's been my pleasure to work with the staff and the kids."

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### ON CAMPUS

#### Research event

Hope College senior Danielle Silletti of Canton was one of only 74 undergraduates nationwide chosen to participate in the annual "Posters on the Hill" reception organized by the Council on Undergraduate Research Wednesday in Washington, D.C.

Silletti, who is majoring in biology and minoring in chemistry, was chosen for research related to the detection of the presence of radioactive materials that she has been conducting with Dr. Graham Peaslee, who is a professor of chemistry and chairperson of the department, and a professor of geology/environmental science.

Silletti has been working with Peaslee on the project since the fall of her sophomore year, including during both the school year and the summer. She is also a co-author with other students of two poster presentations regarding the work that will be made during the college's 10th annual Celebration of Undergraduate Research and Creative Performance on Friday, April 15, from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the DeVos Fieldhouse.

Silletti is a 2007 graduate of Salem High School, and is the daughter of Michael and Sharon Silletti of Canton. After graduation she will hold a year-long internship with the FBI in Quantico, Va., where she had also interned in the summer of

2010, after which she intends to pursue graduate study.

#### Wayne State University

Sara Mahmood of Canton is one of 10 students awarded a 2011 R. Gene Richter Scholarship. Now in its eighth year, the R. Gene Richter Scholarship Program is the largest nationally recognized scholarship program in the field of supply chain management.

Mahmood is entering her senior year at Wayne State University, where she is majoring in global supply chain management. She recently began serving as president of the Global Supply Chain Management Association (GSCMA) at Wayne State's School of Business Administration.

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Supt. Greg Baracy testifies before the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on K-12, School Aid, Education to the effect proposed school aid cuts will have on the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

# W-W's Baracy tells Senate panel cuts are 'too much'

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Greg Baracy went to Lansing last week with a laundry list to show state lawmakers the school district has done plenty to contain costs during these difficult economic times.

The list also came with a message: While Wayne-Westland might be the 14th largest district in the state with 12,500 students, it would be at the top in terms of revenue loss, if either Gov. Rick Snyder's or the Senate's proposed education budgets are approved.

"While we believe in shared sacrifice and pain, the Governor's budget proposal and the Senate Subcommittee recommendations, in my humble opinion, are not equitable or fair," said Baracy in testimony before Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on K-12, School Aid, Education last Wednesday. "Shifting the cuts from one category to another is not the answer and is not shared sacrifice."

In his testimony, Baracy

pointed out that the financial loss goes beyond the governor's proposed \$470 per pupil school aid cut. The district faces an almost 20-percent increase in the retirement rate to 24.46 percent of payroll or an additional \$196 in per pupil loss, and a \$9 per student loss with the elimination of declining enrollment language.

However, the biggest blow is the governor's recommendation to eliminate the Wayne-Westland post Proposal A adjustment to its foundation allowance, which represents another \$475 per pupil loss. When the numbers are crunched, the district faces a \$14.5 million dollar reduction or a \$1,150 per pupil cut.

### 'TOO MUCH TO BEAR'

"The proposed \$14.5 million in lost revenue is 13 percent of our total general fund budget of \$112 million," Baracy told lawmakers. "This is too much for one district to bear when we have already employed best practices, right-sized and cut so much more than other districts. If the \$14.5 million in cuts come to fruition, we will be in deficit next year. We can't

cut our way out."

While Gov. Snyder looks on the Proposal A adjustment as a categorical, Baracy said the money should be included in the district's foundation allowance. The money represents 7.75 mills of 10 mills that voters rejected due to confusion over ballot issues just prior to Proposal A. The district went from a 47-mill to a 37-mill tax base and loss in excess of \$12 million in revenue when Proposal A was implemented in the 1994-95 fiscal year.

The district "was turned upside down and cuts occurred at all levels including a five-hour high school day, elimination of busing, loss of expressive arts at the elementary, pay-to-play and staffing cuts at all levels, just to mention a few," Baracy said.

Baracy's hope is that lawmakers will preserve K-12 funding.

"This is worth the battle and it's not over until its over," he said following his testimony. "All we want is fairness. That extra \$475 is devastating, it goes too far. Wayne-Westland will suffer more than any other school district in the state."

# Colbeck offers new police, VA budgets

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, chair of the Michigan State Police and Military and Veterans Affairs Appropriations subcommittee, this week unveiled a new appropriations bill structure that will be reflected in the FY 2011-12 appropriations budgets for the Michigan State Police and the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

The proposed new structure places the emphasis on delivery of quality services through the use of metrics, incentive programs and a quality review process.

"The old way of thinking about department budgets was to appropriate funds through the use of a line-item budget that tied the hands of the departments, removed the focus from service delivery and discouraged efficiency through innovation," Colbeck said.

"Oftentimes, these old budgets encouraged the use of existing funds even if it wasn't necessary, resulting in inefficient use of taxpayer dollars."

"This proposed new budget structure allows the Departments to shift funds where they are needed to improve services, provides incentives for finding efficiencies and is a major step forward in transparency in government operations," he added.

The proposed new budget will focus on services, not infrastructure, and put in place measurable metrics to evaluate delivery of those services. According to Colbeck, this will give the departments flexibility to allocate funds where they are most needed to improve services. Taxpayers will be safeguarded by restrictions placed on the funds at the department level rather

than at the line-item level, he said.

"The flexibility built into this proposed budget structure will aid the departments in allocating funds based on service needs and not budget restrictions," Colbeck said. "For example, there are no trooper lay-offs in this budget. In fact, the legislation removes the trooper hiring freeze, allowing the Department of State Police to determine how much to allocate to trooper staffing levels. The shift for the Legislature will be from micromanaging the funding of line-items to micromanaging service expectations."

The new appropriations bill was presented in the State Police and Military and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Subcommittee meeting. The bills are expected to be voted out of committee Tuesday.

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# W-W board rates superintendent as outstanding

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Members of the Wayne-Westland school board have found the district's top administrator has been successful in

his handling of such things as student achievement and parent and community relations in the past year.

The board Monday evening unanimously approved Supt. Greg Baracy's annual evaluation, giving him an overall rating of 2.83 on a scale of one to three with three being the highest score.

"Based on the results, the board has reached consensus for an outstanding evaluation,"

school board President Skip Monit said in announcing the results of the March 30 review. "Dr. Baracy has shown his devotion to the job and understanding of what is best for the students of this district. He's

deeply committed and exhibits his dedication to this district on a daily basis."

The evaluation was based on two major topics — the high-priority goals set for Baracy by the school board and his relations with the board, community, media and staff. The latter area also encompassed his professional leadership abilities.

Baracy received a score of 2.73 for high-priority goals, which included student achievement, finance and his relationship with parents and the community. The board looked at such things as his ability to increase academic achievement through data-driven instruction, improve test scores, achieve adequate yearly progress, continue cost containment, increased parental involvement and the effectiveness for parent/community involvement.

The board also gave him top marks for his relationship with the board, the community and media and professional leadership and relationships and a lesser score of 2.67 for his relationship with the staff, ending up with an overall score of 2.92 for relational performance.

This is the first time the board has released information on how the trustees scored Baracy on the evaluation, and the 7-0 vote to approve the evaluation was in sharp contrast to last year, when two board members

deeply committed and exhibits his dedication to this district on a daily basis."

Baracy is the longest serving superintendent in the history of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools. He has been the district's top administrator for 14 years.

"We look forward to working with you to move this district forward, despite the significant challenges in our future," Monit said. "We will continue to work together for the benefit of our district and, most important of all, for our students."

— Carol Middel and John Goci — voted no.

"I'm pleased with the evaluation. I think we have a real solid collaborative relationship to meet the mission of the school district and work for the good of the students," said Baracy, who received a one-year extension of his three-year contract. "I'm glad that they recognized that as a team we are focused on the achievement of the students."

Monit noted that if the district were in a position of financial stability, Baracy's review would merit a pay increase. Instead, he has offered to continue a pay freeze for the third consecutive year.

"He leads from the top to show his willingness to help battle our financial crisis," Monit said, adding that Baracy has "strong leadership, strong work ethic and commitment to the students of this district."

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For the Life Saving Award, nominees can be citizens of any age who live in the HVA service area who have saved, or attempted to save, a life under unusual or extraordinary circumstances. Nominees also must not have received an award for their life saving deed

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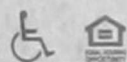
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# Aviation buff still flying through life

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
CORRESPONDENT

Bill Brown smiles when asked if he's often confused with the Ford dealership namesake. Cars and airplanes have played major roles in his nearly 90-years of life. As assistant manager of Canton-Plymouth-Mettetal Airport, Brown remains active in the aviation field. On this afternoon he is standing at the real time weather screen in the main terminal. During the next two hours pilots stream in to check the skies as Brown had done earlier.

"It's very important if any of us were flying," said Brown. "It's so far superior to what we used to have."

Brown, a Northville resident, has observed much aviation progress since receiving a 10-cent glider from his mother while growing up on a New York farm.

Many in this area know him as the former owner of Bill Brown Auto Clinic. Brown bought the original repair shop at Oakman Blvd. and W. Chicago in 1949 after working there as a mechanic. He studied the trade at a school in New York in the 1930s before coming to Michigan to look for a job because "it was the Motor Capital of the World". When World War II broke out, Brown went to work in a machine shop then at the service garage until drafted into the army.

### STORY-TELLER SUPREME

Brown loves telling these stories. This afternoon is spent



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Bill Brown works at Mettetal Airport.

remembering the Detroit police cars that used to warm up in the service garage when touring cars had no windows. After the neighborhood started to decline, Brown started building a new facility in Canton in 1970. He opened the business in 1972 next to Mettetal Airport where his airplane was based.

"I realized my customers in Detroit had moved out here," said Brown. "This was all farmland. I got acquainted with the farmers and was working in Detroit during the day and came out evenings and weekends to build."

Brown sold the business in 1985 to Gerry Folk but stayed on until 2010. He is still active with the Canton Rotary of which he became a charter member in 1977 after being approached by Plymouth Rotarians to form a club. Until about three years ago, members

met at the Roman Forum, the largest restaurant in Canton at the time. Brown helped found the Canton Chamber of Commerce as well. A mix of businessmen, farmers and builders, members used to meet in the boiler room of the first township hall at Cherry Hill and Canton Center roads. He remembers the Palmer brothers having the best sweet corn in Michigan in the late 1970s.

Brown held many positions over the years in many organizations. He is proud of the Rotary programs to eradicate polio and build water wells throughout the world, and locally become involved with the historical society and school system.

### WRITING LAWS

One of the most physically draining endeavors was working on Public Act 300 to license all repair shops

and mechanics. As president of the auto repair shops for the Michigan chapter of the Automotive Service Council, Brown was instrumental in drawing up the legislation.

"We met with congressmen and senators and after a year I had to get back to running my business," said Brown. "I used to fly to Lansing for meetings in the morning and then come back and go to work."

Brown is equally as proud of the mentoring work he does at Lawrence Technological University where he guides engineering students in planning and building radio control model airplanes. SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers) International puts on the national Aero Design competition.

"What amazes me today is their inability to use their hands," said Brown. "They can all use the computers but I tell them, 'now I want you to build it.'"

### EARLY YEARS

Brown's been flying since 1964 so his experience and knowledge are valuable to students and anyone who cares to listen. In his early years, Brown built models and flew them at National Airport at Ford and Lotz in Canton because he couldn't afford flying lessons. After his four children graduated from high school, Brown bought a used Piper Tri-Pacer with two friends and took lessons. Before long he had a private license. By 1966, the three had purchased a Piper Cherokee

180 and moved it to Mettetal from National, which closed after being bought by a lumber company. In 1969, Brown bought the used 1963 Piper Twin Comanche that sits in a hangar at Mettetal. Brown sold it to his son, Bill, Jr. a couple of years ago. Bill, Sr. only flies model airplanes or rides along when junior is at the controls in the sky.

Brown, Sr. is a charter member of the Midwest R/C (Radio Control) aircraft club based at Mettetal. He is also a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), Chapter 13, celebrating its 50th anniversary in April. In addition to building planes at Mettetal, EAA members host a Young Eagles program to introduce children ages 8-18 to aviation by offering educational presentations and an opportunity to ride in an airplane.

Over the years, Brown, Sr. and Mildred his wife of 68-years have flown to vacation destinations from coast to coast, Canada, Mexico, Guatemala, and Costa Rica. Along with flying, Brown enjoys fishing and sailing and is part owner of 2 sailboats. His love of aircraft overrides these hobbies. Brown remains active in aviation as assistant manager of Mettetal Airport. As he tours the grounds, Brown talks about its history including the 1939 hangars where World War II fighter planes were modified. Although recently demolished, plans include building new hangars on the site when the economy improves.

### GREAT ASSET

"I've been plowing snow here 34-years," said Brown. "All work is volunteer. We're owned by the state of Michigan, but all activities are funded by our own ability."

Established around 1938, Mettetal is a reliever airport that relieves smaller aircraft traffic from major airports. More than a hundred tenants and two flying clubs base their planes there. Graduates of its flight school have gone on to become controllers, and airline and commercial pilots.

Doug Kitzke has known Brown for years. He was a mechanic at Mettetal in the late 60s and became airport manager in 1994.

"Bill Brown is a great asset to the airport," said Kitzke. "At 89-years young he gets it done. He plows snow and looks after all of our vehicles to make sure they're maintained. He just kind of took that responsibility to make sure it gets done."

Inside the Piper Comanche, Brown points from one gauge to another on the instrument panel. It's no easy task to fly a plane. He looks at the checklist used by pilots before taking off. Dozens of items need to be executed to insure a safe flight.

"It's like riding in a sports car at 180 miles an hour," said Brown. "People don't have any idea of what a pilot does. If you run a red light in a car, you might not get caught. If you run a red light in the air, you're going to get caught. They got you on radar."

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## Local P.E.O. chapter celebrates 75 years

P.E.O. Chapter AI of Plymouth celebrated its 75th anniversary in April at the home of Holly Hodgson of Canton.

According to chapter officials, Chapter AI was organized in Plymouth on March 24, 1936, by charter members Elizabeth B. Nutting, Clare E. Emory, Nell Curry, Hope M. Hills, Clarisa B. Witwer, Theresa G. Hamilton, Elizabeth L. Worth, Mary I. Richwine, Thelma E., Dykhouse, Florence G. Johns, Margaret K. Smith, Josephine L. Chute and Helen E. Stevens.

Since then, Chapter AI has formed three other chapters: EA of Plymouth, DZ of Livonia, and FL of Northville. Fifteen members were present at the anniversary celebration, along with Michigan State Chapter First Vice President Joan Brown of Chapter AJ in Tecumseh, and Michigan State Chapter Second Vice President Martha Walters of Chapter FL, Northville.

Chapter AI will be honored in May at the Convention of Michigan State Chapter in Saginaw.

P.E.O. is a philanthropic organization where women celebrate the advancement of women; educate women through scholarships, grants, awards, loans, and stewardship of Cottey College; and motivate women to achieve their highest aspirations.



The local P.E.O. chapter celebrated its 75th anniversary, including members (back row, from left) Sally Lindroth, Tina Powell, Karen Jallo, Betsy Mazurkiewicz, Audrey Sauber and Susan Schumacher; (middle, from left) Sally Petersen, Mary Bagnasco, Beth Walch, Marianne Garber, Ginny Downer and Karen Brown; and (front, from left) Holly Hodgson, Bonnie Myhrum, Judy Richardson. Not pictured are chapter members Linda Daily, Mickey Edell, Peggy Blaisdell, Bernice Maurer, Marian Kehrl, Phyllis Nulty, Ann Marie Gilmour, Jeanette Hopkins, Kristen Novak and Sally Schlotz.

Anyone wanting more information about P.E.O. can visit the International website at <http://www.peointernational.org> or contact Judy Richardson at (734) 453-8834.



A scene from 'A Fish Called Martha or: Who's Afraid of H.P. Lovecraft Anyway?' features Ken MacFarlane, William Bertrand, Debora Roventini and the Monster.

## Plymouth producer debuts latest film

Filmmakers Rob Robinson and Debora Roventini were front-and-center this weekend with their latest short film, "A Fish Called Martha or: Who's Really Afraid of H.P. Lovecraft Anyway?" which had its world premiere at the Motor City Nightmares Weekend of Horrors Film Festival in Novi Friday.

"What a terrific opportunity for us to showcase our latest micro-budget effort while supporting Michigan filmmakers," said Robinson, the writer/producer who grew up in Plymouth, but now lives in North Hollywood, Calif., with his partner, Debora Roventini. "Tommy Brunswick of Motor City Nightmares is a terrific Michigan filmmaker who's really making a go of it and we want to support that."

It's out of the frying pan and into George and Martha's rumpus room for a night of supernatural mambo jumbo when young H.P. and his slimhipped wife, fleeing a monster of comic proportions, seek refuge on the campus of the infamous Miskatonic University in the outrageous supernatural spoof, starring Ken MacFarlane



Writer/producer Rob Robinson brought his latest film to the area this weekend.

(Caesar and Otto's Summer Camp Massacre and the upcoming Millenium Bug), William Bertrand (SKF's Attack of the Baby Doll), Lyle Palaski and Roventini, who also directs.

"A Fish Called Martha..." is part of SKF's Hollywood Collection of classic Hollywood spoofs which also includes "Whatever Happened to Debora Roventini?" and "Blob on a Hot Tin Roof." You can see a trailer for "Fish..." and the latter two films in

their entirety at <http://www.youtube.com/stuntkittyfilms>.

The filmmakers are attending the convention, which runs through today (Sunday) at the Sheraton Detroit Novi, 21111 Haggerty in Novi. In its third year, the Motor City Nightmares Weekend of Horrors - Horror, Sci Fi and Comics Convention and Film Festival, is the only event of its kind in Michigan.

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**A:** Predicting the price at the pump is probably as difficult as predicting the movement in the stock market. When it comes to the price of oil, there is more than just the supply and demand factor that all products deal with. Politics and political uncertainties also play an important role.

When I look at the price of oil, I look at the supply and demand issue. There is plenty of oil in the world today. However, because of OPEC (the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries), there is a cartel that limits the amount of oil that enters the market. At the same time, that supply is artificially controlled. There is an insatiable desire for oil in the world markets, not only in developed nations — where countries such as the U.S. continue to increase our need for energy — but also in the developing world. As its economy continues to grow, China has a tremendous need for oil and energy. From a supply and demand standpoint, I see oil prices remaining high into the future. That doesn't mean that we will necessarily level out somewhere in the \$4 a gallon range. It does mean, though, that energy prices will be high.

The second issue, political uncertainty in the Middle East, always affects prices at the pump. No one knows when these political insurrections will end. In addition, we have no idea how the Middle East will fare after things begin to calm down.

Analyzing all these factors leads me to believe that energy prices will remain high for a period of time.

I love the fact that you are considering the cost of gas in making your car purchase. Sometimes people buy cars and never consider the costs associated with maintaining an automobile. I believe these costs should be factored into the equation. In addition, I recommend looking at the price of insurance for each specific car. You'd be surprised by the differences in charges for different makes and models of cars. The difference in premiums can be considerable.

Buying a car is exciting, however, cars are not inexpensive and making a bad decision can be costly. Therefore, take your time, do your homework and hopefully you'll buy the best American-made car for your situation.

Good luck!

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# Church: Easter is all about 'winning'

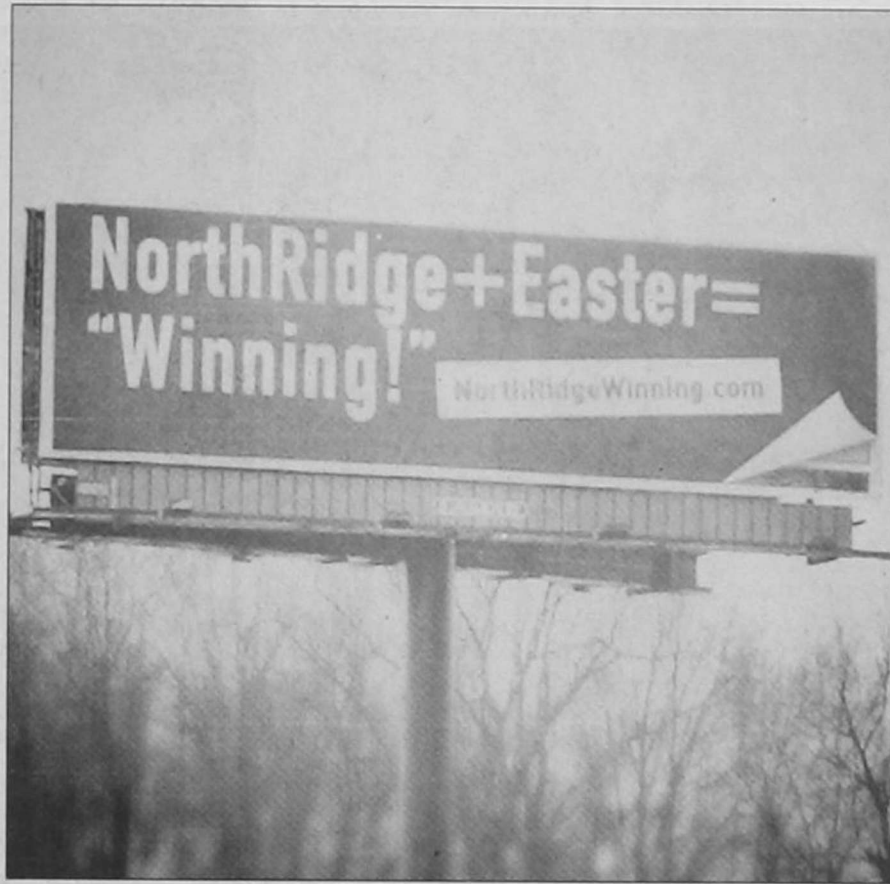
A big house, cars and money are held in high esteem in everyday life. People that attain such riches are, in the words of actor Charlie Sheen, "winning."

NorthRidge Church launched a new campaign for Easter to demonstrate a different kind of winning.

"We believe that Charlie Sheen is not alone in presenting a concept of what genuine winning is all about," said Brad Powell, NorthRidge's senior pastor. "Our culture tends to get it wrong as well. We want to present what we believe to be a true path to winning. NorthRidge is a church that is committed to sharing the truth of Christ which sets people free and gives them hope. And, Easter is the ultimate celebration of that truth and hope. When you put them together, then you can genuinely experience winning. Anything else is, to put it bluntly, a false promise, at best, an illusion."

NorthRidge will hold a total of 11 services at its three locations over the Easter weekend of April 22-24. Church officials promise it won't be the typical Easter service, with a theme this year of "MARVEL — be astounded by the truth."

"We are trying to wake people up to the fact that, though all of us have experienced boredom with church at one time or another, it doesn't have to be that way," Powell said. "We want people to wake up to a new and different opportunity this Easter. Church can and should be authentic — a place



NorthRidge Church's new Easter campaign will include billboard advertising, direct mailing, digital ads and social network activities.

where people can genuinely get to know God and His truth, move past their failures and experience the hope and promises of God. That's really winning."

The campaign will include billboard advertising, direct mailing, digital ads and social network activities. Information will also be available on a NorthRidge site,

<http://NorthRidgeWinning.com> and the church's main website at <http://NorthridgeChurch.com>.

NorthRidge has used similar advertising campaigns in the past. Make no mistake, though, the campaigns are about bringing people closer to God. Powell noted that past campaigns have drawn some criticism, but argues that Christ used "unconventional" tactics to wake people up, too.

"Though there may be some backlash, it won't be from the people we're trying to reach," Powell said. "It will tend to come from people who believe that Jesus only speaks the language of tradition rather than God's truth in the language of the world."

NorthRidge works every week to show that the Gospel is as relevant today as it was in the time of Christ.

"Sadly, many people are seeking to lock God in the past," Powell said. "The good news is that He's alive and speaking right now. Of course, as was proven when Jesus was rejected and crucified, not everyone loves to hear God speak."

With its main campus at 49555 North Territorial Road in Plymouth, and locations in Ann Arbor-Saline and Brighton-Howell, NorthRidge Church is a non-denominational ministry that serves approximately 20,000 southeastern Michigan residents. Senior Pastor Brad Powell has led the congregation for the past 20 years. NorthRidge offers six services each weekend; four at the Plymouth location and one at each of their satellite locations.

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# D-Movement engages suburbs in supporting Detroit

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
CORRESPONDENT

The D-Movement brought its message to Schoolcraft College in Livonia Tuesday evening and it was inspirational. Throughout the audience, there was a buzz about working, living and playing in Detroit.

Thanh Tran founded the D-Movement and D-NewTech to encourage entrepreneurship. One by one, six speakers took to the stage of the Presentation Room in the VisTaTech Center to talk about startup businesses as well as showcase groups that cheer on Detroit.

Tran used the event to reach out to the suburbs to promote the city's economic and cultural comeback and as a result benefit the southeast Michigan community.

"D-NewTech is riding the wave of supporting the city," said Tran of Novi. "We want to go out and recruit people to come into the city. We feel they're disconnected. You don't have to live in Detroit to support it."

Tran's business, H & T Medical Solutions, is in Novi and provides electronic medical records' software to psychiatric practices. Marzen Baldonado of Canton was answering questions by the company's Mental Notes display in the DiPonio Room across the hall from the Presentation Room. He attends D-NewTech meetings the first Monday of the month at Quicken Loans headquarters downtown. The H & T sales and marketing director spent last weekend enjoying Detroit's cultural and sports offerings with his wife.

#### 'A DETROIT WEEKEND'

"We had a Detroit weekend, went to the Red Wings game Friday and on Sunday to the Fakes and Forgeries exhibit at the DIA," said Baldonado. "I go to the D-NewTech meet-



Amy Kaheri, co-founder of 'Detroit SOUP,' speaks to the D-Movement audience at Schoolcraft College.

ings for information. We have a keynote speaker, usually an investor. It's an opportunity for people with startup businesses. I like the fact there's a Midtown resurgence and for people to move back to the city."

Back at the Presentation Room, Kathleen Zadroga sat listening to speakers from the D-Movement, the grassroots effort composed of professionals, students, businesses and organizations. Zadroga is human resources representative for rconnect in Farmington Hills. The business provides applications for wireless technology.

"I'm always interested in innovative ideas and am concerned with linking businesses and finding new talent, what's working. There's a lot of talent still here," said Zadroga of Redford.

Zadroga was one of the

audience members who raised their hands when Andrew Humphrey asked how those in attendance heard about the event. She found information on LinkedIn. Others read details on Facebook, Twitter and the *Livonia Observer*. Humphrey, a meteorologist and reporter for WDIV-TV, encouraged the audience to tweet about the event as it was happening. Humphrey was master of ceremonies. He was excited about meeting people at the event to share ideas. He introduced speakers Shane Sevo, founder of the user group Joomla! Detroit; Amy Kaheri, co-founder of Detroit SOUP; Linda Daichendt, co-founder of Mobile Monday Michigan; Shawn Neal, executive producer of The Sugar People, a musical duo that provided entertainment; Margarita Barry, founder and publisher of I Am Young

Detroit; and Jon Zemke, managing editor and a business journalist for SE Michigan Startup.

Mike Mehall led off the presentations. Mehall chairs the Computer Graphic Technology Department at Schoolcraft College, one of the event sponsors. Students from the Practical Applications capstone class displayed their work in the lobby between the Presentation and DiPonio rooms so guests could learn about the program that offers training in areas ranging from 3D to video graphics and Web design. Students designed the logo for the evening's program. A show of their computer graphics runs Saturday, April 16, to Tuesday, April 26, in the Bradner Library on campus.

"We want to show the community what we offer educationally," said Mehall, former director of computer technologies at Center for Creative Studies (now College



Musicians from 'The Sugar People' perform for the D-movement audience.

for Creative Studies) before coming to Schoolcraft College 12 years ago. "Events like this bring industry in and shows students how networking is important."

Tran graduated from the Schoolcraft program then went on to earn bachelor's and master's degrees from Michigan State University.

#### 'GREAT TIME FOR STARTUPS'

"Our mission is encouraging entrepreneurship in the city and southeast Michigan," said Tran. "It's a great time for startups."

Tran said collaboration and working together were key to success. "We may have the next Facebook in Detroit."

Shane Sevo lost his job in 2007 and through networking with a Joomla user group received the support he needed to start a Web design business. Margarita Barry is encouraging those under age 35 through IAmYoungDetroit.com "to pursue their passions and do it successfully." She featured several startups including Hostel Detroit and Burn Rubber, a sneaker boutique owned by rapper Ro Spit in Royal Oak. I Am Young Detroit offers entrepreneurial training as well as seed grants.

"We bring inspirational stories to life through on- and off-line events," said Barry. "The time is now and Detroit is the place."

Quicken Loans and Compuware are helping to make that possible by offering space for groups like Joomla! Detroit and Mobile Monday Michigan to meet. Detroit SOUP holds collaborative dinners in the loft above Mexicantown Bakery, 4304 Vernor, across from Clark Park. For \$5, guests not only receive soup, salad and bread but a chance to win the pot of proceeds from the evening. Those in attendance vie for money to support their creative projects. One man biked to work every day and drew Detroit. A coloring book is now available at the Cass Café.

"It's a chance to share your voice," said Kaheri.

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The next meeting of D-NewTech is 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 4, at Quicken Loans in Detroit. For information, visit [dnewtech.org](http://dnewtech.org).

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# Centenarian and her family celebrate a life filled with compassion

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



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Helen Forsythe is 102.

Helen Forsythe is simply too busy to bother with getting old.

A Minnesota native who moved to the Plymouth area about 40 years ago, she took care of her ill father when she was just a girl, helped her mother raise her two brothers, struck out on her own in the business world, married and raised a daughter, continued her career, cared for her husband in his later years and helped raise two grandsons.

"She's always been taking care of people," said her daughter, Carol Worscheck of Canton Township.

Until injuries in the last few years slowed her down, she rode public transportation, shopped for groceries, kept house, traveled on trains and airplanes to vacation with family, and wrote letters on an ancient manual typewriter.

"I have like stacks of these letters in a couple of boxes at home," said a grandson, Toby Worscheck of Chicago. "I really miss the letters."

## A CENTURY PLUS

Now, at 102 — her birthday was Thursday — Mrs. Forsythe and family members are looking back at her life, laughing at stories from long ago and marveling at the changes she's witnessed.

"I think about it and wonder if it has a meaning to it," Mrs. Forsythe said Thursday of a life that's reached into two centuries. She's lived at Medilodge of Plymouth since last June.

Family members attribute Mrs. Forsythe's longevity to hard work, staying active — she never got a driver's license and walked frequently — plus a good attitude and a healthy dose of humor.

"She always had a positive attitude," said her other grandson, Todd Worscheck, of Savage, Minn. "She never said a bad word about anything or anybody. She never complained."

She was born in Faribault, Minn., to Leona and Howard Bemis; her father worked in a shoe factory and owned a pool hall, but died when Helen was 16.

"She took care of her father when he was sick," her daughter said.

Good memories of those days remain, however.

"The Shattuck boys, for one thing," Mrs. Forsythe said, referring to students at the Shattuck military academy in Faribault. "Yep. We used to go to the dances. We liked the dances and the suppers and just about everything."

Mrs. Forsythe survived the worldwide influenza pandemic of 1918, the Great Depression,

and the retired Albert moved to Michigan in the early 1970s to be near Carol and her family, who had moved earlier. Albert Forsythe died in 1972.

"She lived at home with us and provided a lot of caregiving," said grandson Todd Worscheck. "She was like our second mom," said his

brother Toby.

Toby Worscheck said his grandmother remained remarkably engaged in their lives for many years, writing letters, keeping up with their interests, playing games like cribbage and backgammon, and traveling to see them. Mrs. Forsythe attended Toby and wife Katie Brown's wedding

in Chicago at age 96, and took the train with her daughter to spend Thanksgiving with them at age 99.

Toby Worscheck is a producer of electronic music, and his grandmother's mail to him often included news clippings about funk pioneer George Clinton, or the latest news about the Detroit Electronic

Music Festival.

"All my friends were always floored when I opened my care packages," he said. "She always knew the type of music I was into."

"She has always been a marvelously sensitive and kind individual," said Alderson.

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the home front during World War II and the deaths of family members and friends.

"I had a job. It was OK. I didn't have a lot of money coming in," she said of Depression times.

## CAREER GIRL

She left home shortly after high school, with a background in business courses — she was a champion typist at 125 words per minute — took a train to Minneapolis with a friend, Melba, and became a secretary. They lived in a dormitory for unmarried career women.

"Before a lot of women went to work, she was working," said Carol Worscheck.

Helen's mother Leona took on a career, too, becoming the assistant manager of a famous gift shop in Rochester, Minn., after moving there with her second husband, Fred Alderson, in the 1930s.

"She was the buyer," said Alderson's grandson, Stephen Alderson of Minneapolis. "She used to run down to Chicago regularly."

Helen met Albert Forsythe at the Minneapolis butcher shop where he worked. Originally from Michigan, a cousin who owned the shop had taught him the trade in the midst of the Depression.

Albert would tie young Helen's purchases with twine, said Toby Worscheck, leaving one end looped to a finger. When she took the package, he said, it was stuck to Albert briefly, and he would take the opportunity to flirt with her.

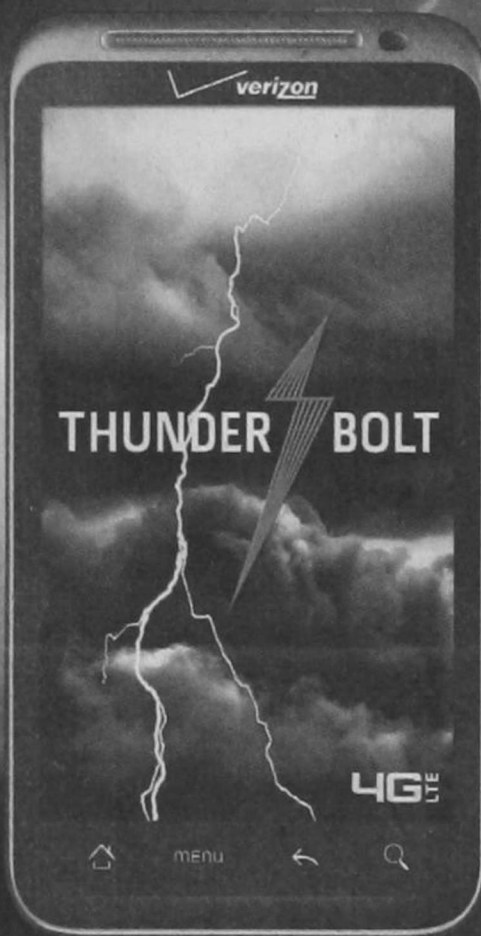
Albert became a mechanic for Northwest Airlines (merged into Delta in 2008), and even spent six months in Tokyo, training mechanics on that side of the Pacific. Helen, who was afraid to fly (she got braver as the years went on), stayed home with their daughter, Carol.

## 'A LOT OF CAREGIVING'

She went back to work when Carol was in high school, and worked until she

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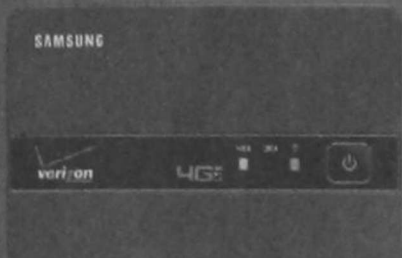
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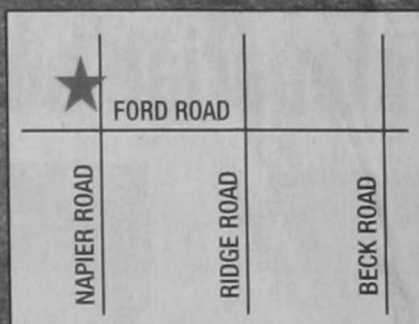
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Plymouth sophomore Natalie Puckett leads the way in the 100-meter hurdles during Thursday's city meet. Trying to catch her is Canton's Marina Milad and an unidentified Salem runner.

## Rocks fall to champs

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Salem's girls soccer team gave defending Division 1 state champion Novi all it could handle Thursday night.

The Rocks ultimately lost 2-1 on a cool, crisp evening at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. But the Wildcats needed to score with 11:23 left to break a 1-1 tie in order to earn the KLAAs Central Division victory.

"I thought they (Wildcats) were the most organized team I've seen all year, and for obvious reasons," Salem head coach Joe Nora said. "They're defending state champs. But our girls rose to the occasion."

Nora liked the effort of his team, as well as the play of sophomore goalkeeper Ali Eggenberger (12 saves) and the fact that "after they got one, we were able to get the equalizer."

Novi (2-0-1, 1-0-1 in the Central) got on the board midway through the second half.

But Salem senior midfielder Kristina Klusek's nifty shot from 20 yards in front of Novi senior goalkeeper Gabby Gauruder (seven saves) knotted the game with 15:01 to play.

"It was a good goal by Kristina and a great play (by sophomore forward Emily Barfuss) to get it up to her," Nora said. "Emily chipped it over the 'D' and Kristina's just a good ballplayer."

"She made a nice play and beat the keeper. Then we tried to hold on, but Novi's a tough team."

In fact, just 3:38 later, the

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## SIDELINES

### Baseball wraps

• **PLYMOUTH 4-9, FRANKLIN 3-6:** The Plymouth Wildcats swept Wednesday's baseball twinbill against Livonia Franklin, 4-3 and 9-6.

In Game 1, starting and winning pitcher Harrison Michels was outstanding. He allowed one run and two hits and fanned six Patriots over five innings. Austin Ebeling earned the save.

At the plate, Ben Wohl had three hits and Tyler Gobel two.

The nightcap featured Justin Thompson's first varsity win, allowing one run on two hits in a four-inning stint. Helping close out the win were relievers James Wiley (four strikeouts) and Nick Sandberg, who recorded the final out for the save.

Contributing on offense for Plymouth (5-0 overall, 3-0 in the KLAAs South) were Wohl (three hits, two runs), Phil Emminger (two hits, three RBI), Jamarl Eiland (three runs) and Rich Guglielmi (three RBI).

• **CANTON 9, SALEM 4:** Canton spoiled the season opener for Salem on Tuesday, scoring five runs in the first inning en route to a 9-4 KLAAs crossover win.

The Rocks gave up four unearned runs in that opening frame and trailed 7-0 after four before staging a late bid to get back into the game.

Matt Rowland, the pitcher victimized by six Salem errors, suffered the loss. But he collected two hits and a run at the plate.

Scott Devine (single, RBI), Demetrius Dunlap (double, run, two RBI) and Brett Ramirez (RBI hit) also contributed.

• **PCA 10, ROEPER 0:** On Tuesday in Plymouth Christian's MIAC opener, the Eagles romped in a five-inning mercy win.

Jon Slater had a big day, going five innings on the mound for the victory (striking out seven) and going 2-for-4 at the plate.

Caleb York drove in four runs with a pair of doubles while Daniel Slater and Dillon Rahill had two hits each.

### Softball wraps

• **CANTON 8-6, WAYNE 0-0:** Wednesday's season-opening twinbill was all Canton, with Alyssa Boucher and Hannah Warren each pitching shutouts (Warren's was a perfect game with 13 strikeouts).

In the opener, Catherine Porter (4-for-4), Samantha Partain (2-for-4, three RBI), Kaitlyn Mattson (2-for-4, two RBI) and Heidi Lucke (2-for-3, one RBI) swung hot bats.

They continued in Game 2, led by Porter, Partain and Mattson, who all went 2-for-4.

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## Nothing can stop cherished city meet

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's one of the biggest events on the annual prep calendar in the Plymouth-Canton district.

And nothing could stop the Bolger-Mangan Memorial Track and Field Meet from proceeding Thursday — not even an emergency that forced all three high schools in the Park to shut down for the day.

"The kids were worried," said Salem boys varsity coach Kyle Meteyer, whose school hosted the event. "I got a lot of phone calls this morning from worried kids and parents, not 'How am I going to get my kid to the meet?' or 'When is it going to be rescheduled?'"

"But it's 'We want to have this meet today because we've been looking forward to it all year.'"

The memorial, named in honor of two Salem athletes who passed away — Mark Bolger and Jeff Mangan — pitted the varsity and junior varsity teams from the Canton, Plymouth and Salem boys and girls programs.

Despite the earlier emergency and cancellation of classes, everything went off without a hitch.

In the boys' varsity meet, Canton won with 72 points, trailed by Salem (51) and last year's winner Plymouth with 44.

Winning the girls varsity competition was Plymouth, with 73 points. Salem and Canton followed with 60 and 42 points, respectively. (See related story and stats.)

### LIKE FACING FAMILY

Anticipation for this year's boys meet was even more ratcheted up than usual.

A big reason: the meet included the top three teams at the 2010 Division 1 regional, first-place Plymouth followed by Salem and Canton.

"Nowhere else I know on earth do we have what we have here," Canton head boys coach Bob Richardson said.

Ricky Styes, who coaches the Plymouth girls team, said kids really want to show what they've got at the Bolger-Mangan meet.

"There's always a little something extra here," Styes said. "It's nice that they get to put their chest out a little bit. It is a

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## OHL PLAYOFFS

### Whalers get swept

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After the Plymouth Whalers let leads slip away in each of the first two games against Owen Sound, it seemed inevitable that they wouldn't escape Round 2 of the OHL Western Conference playoffs.

On Wednesday night before 1,535 fans at Compuware Arena, that's exactly what happened as the efficient, close-checking Attack skated into the Western Conference finals with a never-in-doubt 4-1 victory.

The tone was set early, after Plymouth winger and Farmington Hills native Alex Aleardi was robbed on the

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## Wildcats rout Chiefs in debut of new lax rivalry

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Rivalries between teams from Plymouth and Canton are definitely strong these days, led by the football squads.

But girls lacrosse is now joining the fun, and Friday night brought the first-ever meeting between the Wildcats and Chiefs — two of three new squads that emerged from the former PCS Lady Warriors.

And the first victory went to Plymouth in decisive fashion, 18-8 at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. Leading the Wildcats with eight goals, eight ground balls and 12 draw controls was Katie Hill.

"It's definitely exciting, kind of weird talking to them on the field," said Plymouth senior Taylor Birman, who scored six goals. "But it picks up the intensity when you want to beat people that you know and people you played



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Canton's Jordan Richter (No. 3) tries to put defensive pressure on Plymouth's Taylor Birman (No. 1), who scored six goals Friday night.

with last year."

There was plenty of physical play between the squads, too, particularly as the match reached the end at P-CEP's

JV football field.

Plymouth (4-4) got off fast, building an early 7-0 lead and taking an 11-4 lead at the intermission.

Birman set up Hill's eighth goal with about six minutes to go in the game, which made it 17-7 and started the running clock due to the 10-goal differential.

Hill corraled the pass, walked in front of Canton goalkeeper Melissa Neal and ripped it into the cage.

According to Canton head coach Dave Bower, the early woes Friday mirrored how the season has gone for his team, now 3-4.

"It's something we've struggled with this year," Bower said. "We've started slow, and we knew that this team (Plymouth) was going to be explosive and come out hard after us."

"But our girls couldn't react to it quick enough."

The Chiefs did get four goals and an assist from Stephanie Bower, and two goals from Kaitlyn Allard. Adding the other goals were Julia Beard and Annelise

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bragging rights type of thing.” Styes added that athletes from the high schools “talk to each other, they Facebook each other. It’s almost like running against family members out here.” Salem’s Meteyer agreed. “In Plymouth-Canton they go to elementary and middle school with these kids and there’s a lottery to see what high school you go to,” Meteyer said. “So a lot of times they’re competing against kids they went to kindergarten or sixth grade with.” According to Salem varsity runner Dan Adsit, whose older brother Matt went to school with Bolger, the memorial aspect of the meet is really important. But he loves the unique competitive flavor where three top teams from the same campus can get after it. “It’s great to come out here and compete against all the kids I see every day at school,” Adsit said. “That’s just a lot of fun.”

## BRING IT ON

For Salem freshman Brooke Allgeyer, who ran in the JV meet, it was the chance to see what all the Park-wide buzz was about. “It’s pretty intense,” Allgeyer said. “I really like it because I get to see people that are my best friends on other teams. And yeah, I’ve been talking a lot about it.”

Coaches from all three high schools said the Bolger-Mangan meet also is like a mini-state tournament, something to prepare for competition later in the spring.

“It’s usually a pretty balanced competition,” said Brad Waidmann, co-coach for Canton’s girls team. “There’s usually quite a few talented people in every event.”

“Plus it has a rivalry factor, where the kids always want to beat each other. It kind of lets you know how to handle the pressure of bigger meets.”

Judging by all the grins sported by young men and women at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park’s varsity stadium, they definitely will.

# Bragging rights for Canton boys, Plymouth girls

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Six varsity track and field teams gave spirited performances at Thursday’s annual Bolger-Mangan Memorial Meet.

But only two squads came away with trophies.

The Canton boys scored 72 points to outlast Salem (51) and Plymouth (44). On the girls side, Plymouth took first with 73 points, followed by Salem (60) and Canton (42).

“I was very, very proud of our young men today,” said Canton head coach Bob Richardson, whose squad is off to a strong start this season.

The Chiefs got rolling with strong showings in the field events and carried on through the individual running events.

Canton’s Nick Alaniva won both the pole vault (13-feet, 06-inches) and long jump (20-9) while Ben Spreitzer (high jump, 6-6) and Alex Marsh (shot put, 44-02) also took firsts. Only in the discus did the Chiefs fall short, with Salem’s Cameron Werner prevailing with a toss of 108-11.

In other events, victorious for the Chiefs were Spreitzer (110-meter hurdles) Tyler Wunningham (800 run) and Bradon Conley (3200 run).

Salem grabbed two of the three relay events, however. Dan Martin, Thomas Crawford and Dan Adsit were on the



JOHN KEMSKI

The Bolger-Mangan city meet also gave junior varsity runners from the three high schools the chance to compete. Here, Kenny McManimon and AJ Smith of Salem’s JV set the pace.

(first, shot put, 29-10) and a victory by sophomore Natalie Puckett (100 hurdles, 17.99).

“Madi is going to score and we expect her to do that,” he added. “But Tione and Natalie really stepped up and did something special today.”

The Wildcats also were strong in the relays with two wins.

In the 3200 relay, Rachael Hille, Kyra Neumann, Brianna Lax and Nicole Traitses won with a time of 10:19.79.

Plymouth’s Rachel Burnard, Becca Knox, Lewis and Lindsey Russell won the 800 relay (1:49.42), and B800

Salem highlights included the first-place 1600 relay, with Kathryn Binsfeld, Victoria Tripp, Nancy Krutty and Adrianna Beltran finishing in 4:20.05.

Winning two individual events for the Rocks was freshman distance runner Kayla Kavulich (1600 run, 5:26.51; 800 run, 2:26.74).

Megan Paruta (300 hurdles, 52.71) posted the other Salem win.

For Canton, garnering firsts were Jordan Clark (100 dash, 11.79), Bianca Kubicki (3200 run, 12:09.68) and Lindsay Lipa (high jump, 5-01).

The 400 relay team of Lipa, Robyn Piwowar, Caitlyn Wakefield and Elena Valetti also won, finishing in 53.45 seconds.

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winning 800 and 1600 relays, with Jose Amado anchoring the former and Brandon Barfuss leading off the latter.

Martin also had a good day in individual events, winning the 200- and 400-meter dashes with times of 22.17 and 50.52 seconds, respectively.

Canton did take the 400 relay, with the tandem of Josh Nolen, Scott Piwowar, Alaniva and Ryan Jones getting it done in 45.20 seconds.

For Plymouth, the 2010 Bolger-Mangan boys champion, bright spots included William Askew II and Nick Eiben, first in the 100 dash and 1600 run, with marks of 11.03 and 4:46.71, respectively.

## QUICK 'CATS

The day went much better for the Plymouth girls team, however.

Led by multiple event winners Madi Lewis (200, 400 dashes) and Rebekah Engstrom (discus, pole vault), the Wildcats enjoyed a nice cushion over the Rocks and Chiefs.

“We just had a lot of girls really step up today,” Plymouth girls coach Ricky Styes said. “Just performing, breaking school records, giving us points we didn’t expect.”

He expected the way Lewis ran, however.

“Madi Lewis re-broke the school record in the 400 (59.34),” Styes said. “Every meet this year she’s broken it and re-broken it.”

“She’s just getting faster, and her running the way she did today was pretty exciting as well as a highlight.”

Styes emphasized the contributions of freshman Tione Johnson

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#### BOYS RESULTS

**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Canton, 72 points; 2. Salem, 51; 3. Plymouth, 44.  
**110-meter hurdles:** 1. Ben Spreitzer (C), 15.71; 2. Jose Amado (S), 15.72; 3. Dion Walker (S), 15.72; 4. Doug Deykes (P), 16.92; 5. Daniel Edgerton (P), 17.53.  
**100-meter dash:** 1. William Askew II (P), 11.03; 2. Ryan Jones (C), 11.04; 3. Kevin Buford (C), 11.26; 4. Franklin Okolo (S), 11.54; 5. Tony Daniels (C), 11.78.  
**800-meter relay:** 1. Salem (Dan Adsit, Dan Martin, Thomas Crawford, Jose Amado), 1:33.90; 2. Plymouth (Devin McMillian, Jeff Pattison, Josh Dennard, Jessie Barnes), 1:42.06.  
**1600-meter run:** 1. Nick Eiben (P), 4:46.71; 2. Brandon Dalton (P), 4:53.71; 3. Jeff Molchan (C), 4:59.43; 4. Keegan Sullivan (C), 5:04.48; 5. Andrew Rabe (S), 5:07.74.  
**400-meter relay:** 1. Canton (Josh Nolen, Scott Piwowar, Nicholas Alaniva, Ryan Jones), 45.20; 2. Salem (Adsit, Walker, Drake Jordan, Okolo), 46.16; 3. Plymouth (McMillian, Pattison, Dennard, Barnes), 50.02.  
**400-meter dash:** 1. Martin (S), 50.52; 2. Askew II (P), 51.84; 3. Buford (C), 53.95; 4. Matt Schacht (C), 55.15; 5. Sapan Patel (C), 55.34.  
**300-meter hurdles:** 1. Amado (S), 41.30; 2. Ben Spreitzer

(C), 41.61; 3. Deykes (P), 41.99; 4. Walker (S), 46.45; 5. Herve Nonga (S), 46.88.  
**800-meter run:** 1. Tyler Wunningham (C), 2:07.72; 2. Shean Krolicki (C), 2:08.53; 3. Max Rogowski (P), 2:08.95; 4. Brandon Dalton (P), 2:12.49; 5. Evan Johnson (P), 2:16.92.  
**200-meter dash:** 1. Martin (S), 22.17; 2. Askew II (P), 22.21; 3. Alaniva (C), 23.51; 4. Colby Morris (C), 24.06; 5. Williams (S), 24.17.  
**3200-meter run:** 1. Bradon Conley (C), 10:24.20; 2. Derek Gielarowski (P), 10:27.80; 3. Zach Cox (C), 11:04.50; 4. Liam Cardenas (P), 11:05.00.  
**1600-meter relay:** 1. Salem (Brandon Barfuss, Adsit, Martin, Thomas Crawford), 3:32.55; 2. Canton (Spreitzer, S. Patel, Piwowar, Charlie Steslick), 3:39.29; 3. Plymouth (Askew II, Lucas Bunting, Deykes, n/a), 3:40.91.  
**High jump:** 1. Spreitzer (C), 6-feet, 6-inches; 2. Chris Dierker (S), 5-09; 3. Josh Peterson (S), 5-09; 4. Schacht (C), 5-07; 5. Josh Smith (P), 5-05.  
**Shot put:** 1. Alex Marsh (C), 44-02; 2. Dan Carrigan (S), 42-05.5; 3. Ben Poirier (C), 38-07; 4. Mike Diltzer (C), 35-05.5; 5. Cameron Werner (S), 35-01.  
**Discus:** 1. Werner (S), 108-11; 2. Steve Voglewede (S), 108-09; 3. Marty Brudzinski (C), 107-01; 4. Carrigan (S), 106-09.  
**Pole vault:** 1. Alaniva (C), 13-06; 2. Andy Bihn (P), 18-06.75; 3. Crawford (S), 18-02.5; 4. Zach Smilo (C), 17-05.5.  
**Long jump:** 1. Alaniva (C), 20-9.25; 2. Bihn (P), 18-06.75; 3. Crawford (S), 18-02.5; 4. Smilo (C), 17-05.5.

#### GIRLS RESULTS

**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Plymouth, 73 points; 2. Salem, 60; 3. Canton, 42.  
**3200-meter relay:** 1. Plymouth (Rachael Hille, Kyra Neumann, Brianna Lax, Nicole Traitses), 10:19.79; 2. Salem (Alejandra Beltran, Victoria Tripp, Kathryn Binsfeld, Adrianna Beltran), 10:22.30; 3. Canton (Bianca Kubicki, Chelsea Smith, Jessica Siegler, Cathy Huang), 10:52.01.  
**100-meter hurdles:** 1. Natalie Puckett (P), 17.99; 2. Sarah Martin (S), 18.46; 3. Marina Milad (C), 18.50; 4. Gabby Williams (C), 18.80; 5. Rachel Falzon (S), 19.05.  
**100-meter dash:** 1. Jordan Clark (C), 11.79; 2. Lindsay Lipa (C), 12.91; 3. Elena Valetti (C), 13.17; 4. Breanna Frye (S), 13.18; 5. Lindsey Russell (P), 13.37.  
**800-meter relay:** 1. Plymouth (Rachel Burnard, Becca Knox, Madi Lewis, Russell), 1:49.42; 2. Salem (Breanna Frye, Camri Cook, Falzon, Megan Paruta), 1:55.75; 3. Canton (Robyn Piwowar, Sherice Moore, Caitlin Wakefield, Valetti), 1:55.99.  
**1600-meter run:** 1. Kayla Kavulich (S), 5:26.51; 2. Kubicki, 5:29.92; 3. Traitses (P), 5:35.77; Lax (P), 5:44.34; 4. Alejandra Beltran (S), 5:44.78.  
**400-meter relay:** 1. Canton (Lipa, Piwowar, Wakefield, Valetti), 53.45; 2. Salem (Morgan Tilley, Chinez Mbanugo, Cook, Frye), 54.85; 3. Plymouth (Hannah Dembny, Russell, Bailey Marco, Abbey Rembanski), 55.25.  
**400-meter dash:** 1. Lewis (P), 59.34; 2. Kavulich (S), 1:01.15; 3. Adrianna Beltran (S), 1:02.65; 4. Knox (P), 1:04.87; 5. Rachel Martin (C), 1:07.13.

**300-meter hurdles:** 1. Paruta (S), 52.71; 2. Williams (C), 52.79; 3. Milad (C), 54.78; 4. Carissa Buttermore (P), 55.03; 5. S. Martin (S), 56.59.  
**800-meter run:** 1. Kavulich (S), 2:26.74; 2. Adrianna Beltran (S), 2:29.66; 3. Hille (P), 2:31.66; 4. Binsfeld (S), 2:35.25; 5. Kyra Neumann (P), 2:43.41.  
**200-meter dash:** 1. Lewis (P), 25.91; 2. Piwowar (C), 27.88; 3. Russell (P), 28.19; 4. Frye (S), 28.44; 5. Falzon (S), 28.88.  
**3200-meter run:** 1. Kubicki (C), 12:09.68; 2. Lax (P), 12:24.81; 3. Traitses (P), 12:24.82; 4. Alejandra Beltran (S), 12:43.95.  
**1600-meter relay:** 1. Salem (Binsfeld, Tripp, Nancy Krutty, Adrianna Beltran), 4:20.05; 2. Plymouth (Buttermore, Hille, Knox, Lewis), 4:21.74; 3. Canton (Lipa, Milad, R. Martin, Huang), 4:27.95.  
**High jump:** 1. Lipa (C), 5-01; 2. Ashley Kretschmer (S), 4-06; 3. Taylor Rieckhoff (P), 4-06; 4. Morgan Tilley (S), 4-03; 5. Krutty (S), 4-03.  
**Shot put:** 1. Tione Johnson (P), 29-10; 2. Chyna Williams (P), 28-07; 3. Lydia Plencner (P), 28-0.5; 4. Jess Bihn (P), 27-09.  
**Discus:** 1. Rebekah Engstrom (P), 10-00; 2. Megan Paruta (S), 9-00; 3. Jane McCurry (P), 9-00; 4. Emily Lang (C), 8-00.  
**Pole vault:** 1. Reagan Engstrom (P), 10-00; 2. Paruta (S), 9-00; 3. McCurry (P), 9-00; 4. Lang (C), 8-00.  
**Long jump:** 1. Knox (P), 16-10; 2. Engstrom (P), 15-08.75; 3. Kristina Klusek (S), 15-04.5; 4. Tripp (S), 14-05.25; 5. Carolyn Benner (C), 13-08.25.



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# All-Observer gymnasts vaulted to top with supreme skills

**FIRST TEAM - DIVISION 1**

**Kristen McKelvey, Sr., Farmington United:** McKelvey was all-state in all four events and the Division 1 all-around. She was fourth overall (37.525) after placing fourth on vault, fifth on bars, seventh on beam and fourth on floor exercise.

McKelvey was the regional champion on vault and beam and the runner-up on floor. She also was first on vault in the OAA championships and second in the all-around.

"She's so tough mentally," coach Jeff Dwyer said. "Her scores helped carry the team all season. When we needed a high score to compensate for a lower score, she got it. She saved us in a couple meets with her mental toughness and natural abilities."

"She was in a zone the last two days at state. She had her highest vault score of the year. She had never thrown a pike Yurchenko, and she did that both days."

**Robyn Piwowar, Sr., Canton:** Piwowar, according to veteran Canton head coach John Cunningham, "was one of our best gymnasts the day she walked into the gym" as a freshman.

Four splendid seasons later, she leaves quite a legacy, including what she did as a senior.

"When she walked out she had been our best gymnast for (the last) two years, nobody beat her," he continued. "I think she had more focus than anybody else in the gym, she devoted herself to getting better."

After winning the regional championship on beam, she captured all-state honors in four of five events at the D1 state meet.

Piwowar placed sixth on vault (9.300) and floor exercise (9.400), seventh in the all-around (36.875) and ninth on beam (9.225).

The two-year captain and an Elite All-American Gymnast, Piwowar capped it all off by winning "Senior State Gymnast of the Year" honors from the Michigan High School Gymnastics Coaches and Gymnastics Association.

**Kyoko Yamamoto, Sr., Farmington United:** Yamamoto had competed in Division 2 all season, but she opted for a return to D1 at the state meet. She earned all-state on bars (third) and just missed on floor (11th) and beam (13th). She is all-state in the all-around, having finished 10th (36.275).

Yamamoto was third on beam and bars at the regional and qualified for the all-around in fifth place. She is the OAA D2 champion on beam and bars.

"I look at the all-around as the true sign of a complete gymnast," Dwyer said. "To do that at state in Division 1, when she's been out of club for three years, I think it surprised her but, hopefully, makes her realize how good a gymnast she is."

"She did her typical warmups (on bars) that made you wonder what was going to happen. The running joke is, when she has crummy warmups, she's going to hit. That was true to the end."

**Alex Fideler, Soph., Canton:** The sophomore was a state champion as a rookie in 2009-10 on balance beam, and followed up with a top-notch second season.

Fideler, an Elite All-American, qualified for the D1

**2010-11 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS GYMNASTICS TEAMS**

**FIRST TEAM - DIVISION 1**

Kristen McKelvey, Sr., Farmington United  
 Robyn Piwowar, Sr., Canton  
 Kyoko Yamamoto, Sr., Farmington United  
 Alex Fideler, Soph., Canton  
 Melissa Green, Fr., Canton  
 Alyssa Bresso, Jr., Farmington United

**FIRST TEAM - DIVISION 2**

Ayana Lewis, Jr., Canton  
 Amanda Lumley, Jr., Farmington United  
 Stephanie Sanders, Sr., Farmington Harrison  
 Erica Lucas, Fr., Canton  
 Alex Kitz, Jr., Livonia Blue  
 Haley Olson, Jr., Livonia Blue  
 Kall Pierce, Sr., Canton  
 Meredith Jonik, Fr., Farmington United  
 Nicole Jacobs, Jr., Salem

**SECOND TEAM**

Meghan Lark, Sr., Livonia Red  
 Nicole Lasecki, Soph., Canton  
 Reagan Engstrom, Jr., Plymouth  
 Adalaida Jepperson, Soph., Salem  
 Hanna Berlin, Sr., Farmington United  
 Brooke Allgeyer, Fr., Salem  
 Sara Bridges, Jr., Livonia Blue  
 Hayley Baker, Sr., Farmington United  
 Brooke Granowicz, Sr., Canton  
 Morgan Soper, Fr., Salem

**COACH OF THE YEAR**

John Cunningham, Canton

**HONORABLE MENTION**

Canton: Marina Milad, Shelby Roberts; Plymouth: Jane McCurry, Jessica Luibakka, Kennedy Lewis, Sarah Uhlman; Salem: Kristina Klusek; Farmington United: Marissa Lapinsky, Megan Campbell, Karen Johnson; Harrison: Julia Matherly, Elizabeth James; Livonia Blue: Andrea Irvine, Cassie Morford, Allison White; Livonia Red: Maggie McGowan, Rose Preboba, Shannon Diaz.



**Kristen McKelvey**  
Farmington United



**Robyn Piwowar**  
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**Kall Pierce**  
Canton



**Meredith Jonik**  
Farmington United



**Nicole Jacobs**  
Salem



**John Cunningham**  
Canton coach

state meet in all five events.

She earned all-state honors in two of those — tying for third on beam (9.450) and tying for sixth on floor (9.400).

At regionals, she took second place both on bars and beam.

"She has taken the fact she was only third (at state meet on vault) as a challenge of how well she's going to do next year," Cunningham said.

He duly noted that Fideler won division championships on beam and floor.

"That's a level of consistency where you take 10 different meets, toss out the best and the worst and average it in the middle," the coach said. "She was better than anyone else in our division."

**Melissa Green, Fr., Canton:** It seems that there's a revolving door of excellent gymnasts at Canton.

Although standouts such as Piwowar are graduating, the Chiefs have youngsters such as Green and Erica Lucas to lead the next wave of success.

As proof, Green earned D1 all-state honors with her mark of 9.150 on vault (tied for eighth) and she was a state qualifier in all other events.

Green, an Elite All-American, also finished second at the regionals on vault and all-around.

"And I always look at our region as perhaps, other than where Grand Ledge is, the best region in the state," Cunningham said. "At D1, second all-around is a tremendous accomplishment."

She earned team awards for top rookie and most-improved gymnast.

**Alyssa Bresso, Jr., Farmington United:** Bresso missed a large part of the season with a severe ankle injury. Though still not fully recovered, she competed in

the team and individual state meets.

She earned all-state honors on bars with a ninth-place finish, and she also competed on beam. If she had been healthy, Bresso would have been a top-10 contender in every event and a solid candidate for all-state in the all-around.

"Her greatest feat was she worked all-around for the first time (in the state team meet)," Dwyer said. "She was in pain, but she pushed it. She kept us in the meet."

"She went into Saturday pretty beat up. She had a watered-down beam routine, so she really didn't have a chance of making all-state. But she did her typical routine on bars. I'm glad she was able to walk away from a tough season with a medal."

**FIRST TEAM - DIVISION 2**

**Ayana Lewis, Jr., Canton:** Lewis became Canton's fourth state champion during Cunningham's long coaching career with her 9.450 score on vault at the Division 2 state meet.

"Ayana, I expected had an opportunity even last year to be state champion," Cunningham said.

The junior also was all-state on bars and all-around with second-place tallies of 9.5 and 37.275, respectively.

"Those are tremendous accomplishments," Cunningham added.

Another one of the team's Elite All-Americans, Lewis also twice tied the 21-year-old school record on bars with a 9.55 score.

**Amanda Lumley, Jr., Farmington United:** Lumley claimed all-state honors in the D2 all-around, finishing fourth (36.50). She was the state runner-up on floor (9.575) and was seventh on bars; she just missed no vault (11th).

Lumley won the regional championship in the all-around, as well as on floor; she was second on bars. She is the OAA champion on vault and floor, and she tied for second in the all-around with Yamamoto.

"Vault and floor have always been her best events," Dwyer said. "She has really worked on her bars, and her beam has gotten better. Her best medal (at state) was the all-around, because it shows what a complete gymnast she is."

"Obviously, Mandy's best event is floor; that's where she shines. She's getting stronger in other events. She has become a

true all-arounder, and we need her to do that."

**Stephanie Sanders, Sr., Harrison:** Sanders capped her career by being all-state in the D2 all-around, scoring 35.70 to take 10th place. She was third on vault (9.35) and sixth on beam (9.125) to earn all-state honors in those events, too.

Sanders is a regional champion on bars and was second in the all-around (36.225). She also qualified for state on floor and beam.

"I was so happy for her," Dwyer said. "She had a rough meet at the regional last year. She should have been at state, so this was expected of her. She had the right attitude. You could tell in her eyes she had been there — not at the state level — but through enough tough meets that she could handle it."

"She had to count a fall on bars, and she was still able to place in the all-around. That tells you how strong her other events were."

**Erica Lucas, Fr., Canton:** The freshman made an immediate impact on the Chiefs and on Cunningham.

"I just found that she was our most dedicated gymnast," he said. "She works harder at, longer at the different events, particularly vault."

"She's going to get nothing but better next year on all events."

Lucas was a medalist on vault at the conference meet (9.175) and continued to improve during the postseason.

The Elite All-American took second at regionals and ultimately won all-state honors for her third-place finish on vault (9.350) at the state meet.

**Alex Kitz, Jr., Livonia Blue:** The senior is a three-time state qualifier who ended her career with a fifth-place finish on the uneven bars (9.075) to earn all-state laurels.

Kitz placed 21st in the all-around at the state finals (34.65), which also included a 28th on vault and a 30th on floor.

At the regional, Kitz was runner-up in the all-around 35.725 with third on vault (9.15), a fifth on bars (8.65), seventh on beam (8.725) and tied for seventh on floor (9.2).

Alex Kitz is a talented gymnast who will work on a skill until it is perfect. "Alex is a great part of our team," Livonia Blue coach Lisa Fierk said. "She has made it to 'states' the pass three years and has placed on

bars every year. I am proud of her for all she has accomplished. I cannot wait until next season to see her grow even more."

**Haley Olson, Jr., Livonia Blue:** The junior garnered all-state honors after tying for fifth place on vault (9.275).

Olson earned the trip to Grand Rapids by finishing third on vault (9.15) at the Canton regional.

"Haley is a gymnast that stays under the umbrella," Fierk said. "She has lots of talent, but if you don't push her, you would never know it. I cannot wait until next season to see her talents grow even more."

**Kall Pierce, Sr., Canton:** The senior co-captain was all-state on floor exercise, with her 9.275 mark tying for ninth place.

An Elite All-American, Pierce also was a state qualifier on beam.

Cunningham lauded Pierce for how she worked hard and rebounded after two injury-plagued seasons. She sustained a serious knee injury as a sophomore and then dislocated her shoulder in 2009-10.

"She couldn't do bars because of the shoulder and couldn't do vault because of the shoulder," he said. "But she also medaled on floor and easily could have medaled on beam in D2."

"She's one of our comeback gymnasts."

**Meredith Jonik, Fr., Farmington United:** In her first year of high school gymnastics, Jonik was a state qualifier in the all-around and is all-state on beam, taking 10th place.

She was the regional runner-up on beam, and she also qualified on vault (eighth); she just missed on bars (ninth) and floor (11th). Jonik was sixth in the regional all-around at 35.65, and she was seventh in the OAA.

"She was the surprise of the year, and I think you're going to hear her name more and more," Dwyer said. "She's a tough kid and she started showing it toward the end of the year."

"Now that she has realized, 'Hey, I can do what those other gymnasts are doing,' I can count on her next year. To be all-state in her freshman year is a great feat for Meredith."

**Nicole Jacobs, Jr., Salem:** For the third year in a row, Jacobs was a state qualifier. She did so on vault, beam, uneven bars and all-around and earned all-state honors on floor exercise, finishing 10th with a 9.250 tally.

Those accomplishments followed a summer where she had elbow surgery, returning "better and stronger than ever," Salem coach Dana Driscoll said. The junior also excelled at regionals, where she finished first on floor (35.7), third all-around, fifth on vault (9.05), seventh on bars (8.5) and eighth on beam (9.475).

Jacobs also competed at the team states and helped the Rocks to a 10th-place finish.

**COACH OF THE YEAR**

**John Cunningham, Canton:** The seasons keep getting better and better for Canton's gymnastics program, and the 2010-11 season is one Cunningham — who started with the team in 1979 — will always remember.

There were a number of outstanding individuals on the Chiefs, led by Piwowar. But as far as Cunningham was concerned, it was a total team effort all year long.

"This is probably the best year in terms of accomplishment that we've had, ad infinitum," Cunningham said. "Plus, truthfully, I felt that this was the best team."

"How many times during the year did I tell you it was a team accomplishment? It truly was. We had eight, nine, 10 girls who contributed almost every time."

The list of team accomplishments for this season indeed is pretty long and impressive.

After falling short in several regular season invitational, Canton (5-1) shared the KAAA Kensington Division title with Livonia Blue and then captured the association championship.

The team kept on rolling from there, to win regionals for the second straight season and finish in the runner-up spot to Grand Ledge at the state meet.

Meanwhile, because Cunningham conceded before the season that Grand Ledge would finish first anyway, he considered that "second place was winning state meet."

Cunningham noted that the way the team improved throughout the season was the one thing he was most proud of.

And 2011-12 could be yet another successful season for the Chiefs.

"The nucleus is there," he said. "With a little bit of luck, if some freshmen and maybe some of my younger kids step it up, we're going to be a force to contend with."

**SOCCER**

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Wildcats regained the lead for good.

Scoring the winning goal from close range was Natalie Krygier.

"She (Krygier) made a beautiful run," Nora said. "She kind of checked in, drew the defense out and just spun off. They're deadly when they get inside the box."

Salem (1-3-2, 0-1-1) now is idle until Monday, April 25, against visiting South Lyon.

**Chiefs top 'Cats**

In the final game for both P-CEP teams before spring break, host Canton got past 2010 D-1 state finalist Plymouth by a 3-1 score Wednesday night.

Scoring for the Chiefs in the KAAA South Division tilt were Kayln Berinti, Kaitlyn Murphy and Ally Krause.

Canton coach Jeannine Reddy said the team took advantage of Krause's speed up top as well as offensive playmaking by Liz Ferrill.

The defense also "just played together and got it done," Reddy said, adding that both teams played a strong game.

Canton improved to 2-1-1 overall and 2-0 in the South. Plymouth dropped to 1-2-2 and 0-1-1 in the division.

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For the Wildcats, Haley Swanson collected a goal and three helpers and goalkeeper Megan Wielock "made a lot of key stops and outlet passes," Plymouth head coach Bob Hill said. "It all starts with defense."

According to Hill, his team "kept the pressure on. And they worked as a team defensively, which is one of our team goals this year."

About the two schools meeting for the first time, Hill said his players had to walk a competitive tightrope.

"It makes it tough," he said. "Because you're friends with them, but you also want to be competitive with them. I think they handled it pretty well."

Bower, meanwhile, said he was buoyed by the way his players kept their composure when the contest turned physical in the final 10 minutes.

**NORTHVILLE 7, SALEM 3:** In a girls lacrosse matchup at Northville, the Rocks fell to 3-4 with this Wednesday night loss.

Salem head coach Dave Medley said his offense just could not get untracked, trailing 4-2 at halftime.

"Salem is a young team with much to look forward to," Medley said. "But today offensively we are struggling, as we only managed to put six shots on goal."

There was some offense, however. Breanne Beaver scored twice and Lexie O'Connor added the other.

**GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS**

**PLYMOUTH 7 CANTON 2**  
April 14 at Plymouth

**No. 1 singles:** Lindsay Stemberger (P) defeated Taylor Eppler, 6-2, 6-2. **No. 2:** Janani Shanmuga (C) def. Sarah Mitchell, 6-2, 6-3. **No. 3:** Kaitlyn Bunyak (C) def. Kirthi Duraiswamy, 4-6, 7-6(7), 6-1. **No. 4:** Miranda Cerny (P) def. Hayley Cook, 6-2, 6-0.

**No. 1 doubles:** Britta Swanson-Kayla Griffey (P) def. Sydney Liedel-Hannah Ferree, 6-3, 5-7, 6-3. **No. 2:** Brittany Rose-Julia Fratila (P) def. Samantha Klott-Erin Fowler, 6-1, 6-2. **No. 3:** Mariah Tesarz-Marlowe Susselman (P) def. Neena Baghaie-Clarie Babala, 6-2, 4-6. **No. 4:** Erin MacKenzie-Laura Schmid (P) def. Kristen Hollingsworth-Farah Louzon, 6-1, 5-7, 6-1. **No. 5:** Molly Hudgins-Lauren Prochazka (P) def. Maddison Johnson-Kinari Shah, 6-2, 7-6(1).

**Dual match records:** Plymouth, 5-1 overall, 4-0 KAAA South Division; Canton, 4-1 overall, 3-1 KAAA South.

**SALEM 9 SOUTH LYON 0**  
April 14 at South Lyon

**No. 1 singles:** Anna Norman (S) defeated Sophie Welch, 6-0, 6-0. **No. 2:** Ashley Walker (S) def. Brittany Johnston, 6-0, 6-1. **No. 3:** Morgan Spencer (S) def. Katie Karrick, 6-0, 6-0. **No. 4:** Kerry MacDonald (S) def. Yukiko Roy, 6-0, 6-0.

**Dual match records:** Salem, 3-2 overall, 2-2 in KAAA Central.

**NOVI 7 SALEM 2**  
April 12 at Novi

**No. 1 singles:** Abby Wang (N) defeated Anna Norman, 6-1, 6-1. **No. 2:** Ashley Walker (S) def. Ashley Aljajah, 7-6(4), 6-2. **No. 3:** Morgan Spencer (S) def. Rebecca Chen, 4-6, 6-3, 6-0. **No. 4:** Asawari Kanitkar (N) def. Kerry MacDonald, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.

**No. 1 doubles:** Meggie Riegel-Jenna Snyder (N) def. Mellory Rojo-Sarah Bellaire, 6-0, 6-1. **No. 2:** Emily Kwederis-Ori Nagasaka (N) def. Emily Simmons-Emily Borkowicz, 6-2, 6-2. **No. 3:** Caitlin O'Brien-Emily Sheenan (N) def. Lynne Krutty-Narges Pourmandi, 6-3, 5-7, 6-4. **No. 4:** Meng Meng Jie-Amy Zhou (N) def. Sushmi Diraviam-Meghan Barry, 6-0, 6-2. **No. 5:** Angela Huang-Alice Jiang (N) def. Courtney Godfrey-Monica Topolovec, 10-8, 4-6, 6-1.

**Dual match records:** Salem, 2-2 overall, 1-2 in KAAA Central.

**PLYMOUTH 5 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 4**  
April 12 at Churchill

**No. 1 singles:** Lindsay Stemberger (P) defeated Paige Fallu, 6-1, 6-4. **No. 2:** Nicole Kruse (LC) def. Sarah Mitchell, 6-1, 6-0. **No. 3:** Ani Cooper (LC) def. Kirthi Duraiswamy, 6-0, 6-1. **No. 4:** Mara Karagozian (LC) def. Miranda Cerny, 6-1, 6-1. **No. 1 doubles:** Quincey Banini-Rylie Fallu (LC) def. Britta Swanson-Kayla Griffey, 6-1, 6-2. **No. 2:** Brittany Rose-Julia Fratila (P) def. Kristi Fata-Jayde Schulz, 6-3, 7-5. **No. 3:** Mariah Tesarz-Andrea Haidar (P) def. Maria Paul-Becky Snyder, 6-1, 6-4. **No. 4:** Erin MacKenzie-Marlowe Susselman (P) def. Pankti Thaker-Rujuta Patil, 6-1, 4-6, 6-2. **No. 5:** Molly Hudgins-Laura Schmid (P) def. Allison Linder-Claire Rose, 6-2, 6-2.

**Dual match records:** Plymouth, 4-1 overall, 3-0 KAAA South Division; Churchill, 2-1 overall, 2-1 KAAA South.

# WHALERS

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doorstep by Owen Sound netminder Scott Stajcer. Before the Whalers had another dangerous scoring chance, Owen Sound had a 2-0 lead and was off and running.

**HITTING THE WALL**  
"I thought it was a great year," Plymouth head coach Mike Vellucci said. "I thought we overachieved quite a bit. Nobody expected us to even make the playoffs, let alone get out of the first round."

"And then I think we just ran into a better team tonight. They're a really good team, Owen Sound, and I think we ran out of gas."



WALT DMOCH

Plymouth Whalers forward and Farmington Hills native Alex Aleardi (No. 18) comes to the aid of goaltender Scott Wedgewood during the OHL team's playoff series against Owen Sound. Although the Whalers were swept by the Attack, Aleardi is one of the younger players who likely will be part of a strong nucleus for 2011-12.

Both teams killed off a string of minor penalties in the second period before Owen Sound made it 3-0 with just 27 seconds left. Garrett Wilson sent a harmless-looking shot on goal that Mahalak (33 saves) couldn't control. The rebound was sent across the crease right onto the stick of Brayden Rose, who knocked it in from the right side of the crease.

An unassisted goal by Jesse Blacker just 53 seconds into the final period made it 4-0 and the only matter left to decide was whether the Whalers would finish the season being blanked.

Plymouth would have none of that, however. With 1:05 to play, forward Robbie Czarnik sent a slick pass from the left wing boards in front of the Owen Sound net.

**POSITIVE NOTE**  
On the spot to jam it past Stajcer (36 saves) was winger James Livingston, who like fellow overagers Czarnik and center Tyler Brown were playing their final game with the Whalers. Livingston and Brown, both ready to start their professional careers, were understandably dejected about how the series and season ended.

"We came off such a big high beating Kitchener there in the first round," Livingston said. "And when we came down from that, we never really got our legs back, I guess."

"It was unfortunate because I really feel we had a lot more to give in that series. There's nothing you can do about that now."

Concurring was Brown, noting that they "were a lit-

tle tired from the first series and it carried over."

But both said the future looks bright for those Whalers who do return, including dazzling forward Rickard Rakell (injured throughout the playoffs).

"It's too bad we couldn't have gone farther," Brown said. "But they got a great team for next year and I'm looking forward to watching them."

After the final buzzer, the teams went through the traditional handshake line and then the Whalers raised their sticks into the air while Argent's *Hold Your Head Up* blared over the loud speakers.

It seemed appropriate for the way the Whalers gave it their all during 2010-11.

# Canton hockey info meeting April 26

The Canton Chiefs varsity hockey program will be holding an informational meeting 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 26 at the Arctic Edge Arena on Michigan Ave. near Canton Center Drive.

Head coach Jeremy Majszak invites all hockey players who attend Canton High School and their parents to attend the session. Eligible are any students who will be in grades 9-12 in 2011-12.

The Chiefs are looking to improve on a stellar season in 2010-2011, where they won the KLAA South Division Championship with a record of 16-7-2, tied the team record for most wins in a season and were ranked seventh in Division I at the end of the season.

That success aside, Canton will be losing 11 varsity players. "Yes, we are coming off a great season, the best in school history," said Majszak, with two seasons at the Canton helm. "We also are losing 11 seniors who were a big part of that season. It's time to fill some gaps."

"We want a huge turnout (and) we will continue to build a very strong hockey program."

# Salem hockey meeting May 11

The 2010-11 Salem varsity boys hockey team enjoyed much success, finishing 18-6-2 and ranked sixth in Division 1.

But now, head coach Ryan Ossenmacher turns his attention to next season. There will be a brief informational meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 11 in the Salem High School library.

The focus of this meeting will be regarding Salem's varsity and junior varsity hockey programs, including summer hockey information, off-ice training, and introduction of the coaching staff. Both the varsity and JV coaches will be in attendance to answer any questions.

For more information go to: <http://www.hockey.salemrocks.com/>

# SIDELINES

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**PLYMOUTH 6-10, FRANKLIN 1-0:** In a KLAA South Division doubleheader Wednesday, the Wildcats overcame Tuesday's 4-1 loss to South Lyon with a complete performance.

In the first game, Brooke Senkbeil, Jessica Bondy and Elaine Gerou each went 2-for-4 while Lindsey Lutton doubled, knocked in a run and scored twice.

Gerou pitched a complete

game, allowing seven hits and striking out 11.

In Game 2, Senkbeil, Breanna Giordano and Lauren Smith tallied two hits and scored at least once. Gerou again went the distance in the circle.

The Wildcats (2-1) jumped out with three runs in the second and two more in the third and coasted from there.

"We ran the bases extremely well," Plymouth head coach Val Canfield said. "We're a fast-paced team who believes in taking advantage of any given opportunity, and we did that today."

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## Road rally

### Solve your way through Plymouth in annual Newcomers event

BY SHARON DARGAY  
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Reactions range from surprise to perplexed at the starting line during Plymouth Newcomers Club's annual road rally last year. Early bird registration ends April 25 for this year's rally on Saturday, May 14.

Puff up your hair, pair a padded-shoulder top with acid-washed blue jeans and review Trivial Pursuit's Totally 80s version — you'll be more than prepared to join the Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbor's annual Road Rally next month.

The clue-solving road game, culminating with dinner at a local restaurant, takes on a 1980s theme Saturday, May 14. Dressing in 80s attire is optional for participants, although rally clues will draw from the era's popular culture.

Some players will pick a name for their team and dress accordingly — like last year's first place winner, "Purple Haze," a foursome outfitted in tie dye T-shirts and head bands. Others prefer regular street clothing and a few will decorate their cars.

"It's a fun thing. You don't have to live in Plymouth and you don't even have to be new," said Jodi Heiner, who is co-chairing the event with Stephanie Fletcher. Heiner, Fletcher and their husbands, team Black-eyed Peas, won second place last year.

"We have had the

'Recessionistas' who carried Walmart bags and 'Bunco Babies' with fluffy dice in their cars," Fletcher said, recalling some of the costumed teams. "You can have a lot of fun with this."

Teams earn extra points for wearing costumes and decorating their cars. Winners collect the most points and arrive at the finish line ahead of others by correctly figuring the clues that lead them from destination to destination during the game. Players who are stumped by clues can phone for help, but lose points in the process. Every team keeps a map, telephone book and almanac at hand to

help solve puzzles and brain-teasers.

"It's a fun night to have with friends where you get to play games," Fletcher said. "I like the whole idea. It's not meant to be very hard although you will have to find things and travel to places and do various activities. The point is to have fun."

#### ACE PLAYERS

Pete and Eileen Ganster of Plymouth and Stan and Carolyn Gage of Plymouth Township have planned the rally twice, played in it five times and won first place last year.



Plymouth Newcomers Club members Pete and Eileen Ganster (left) and Stan and Carolyn Gage wear hippie costumes for the 2010 rally. Dubbed the "Purple Haze" team, they won first place in the road game last year.

Eileen Ganster's advice to first-time rally players is "not to stress out."

"It takes away from the fun," she said. "There definitely have been some hard clues but they aren't impossible."

Unusual rally stops have included a supermarket, where players assembled items that pointed to the next clue, and a studio where the teams were required to dance.

"We've gone to Skatin Station (in Canton), different bars and restaurants, a lot of parks where we did silly things and a cemetery," Ganster said.

Her team will dress in costume for the event next month. Heiner and Fletcher will too, although they'll be

coordinating the rally rather than participating as players. Last year they also planned parties for the club, which has approximately 80 families.

#### JOINING THE CLUB

Heiner grew up in Plymouth, moved away and then moved back to the area, settling into Salem Township with her family.

"Everyone else was gone when I came back. I felt isolated," Heiner said. "Newcomers was a great way to meet people."

In addition to organizing events like the road rally, parties for both adults and children, and an annual family picnic, Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors

offers smaller groups that appeal to various interests. There's a dog-sitting co-op, a career network, dinner club, bunco nights, men's poker, euchre players, sports teams and more.

Fees this year were \$25-\$30 depending on when they were paid. Most Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors activities run from September-May.

Road rally fees are \$25 for non-members. Members pay \$20 and earn 10 bonus points for registration postmarked on or before April 25 and \$22 afterward. All entry fees include dinner. Registration must be received by May 2. For more information e-mail Fletcher at roadrally@plymouthnewcomers.com



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# Congregation celebrates Passover with annual seder

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER



Youngsters learn about Passover at a children's seder at Bet Chaverim in Canton. Congregation members and guests from the community will participate in a family seder on Tuesday, April 19. That's Rabbi Peter Gluck standing at left.

Bet Chaverim's annual congregation Passover seder is "near and dear" to Ilene Honess' heart.

"I joined the temple after going to one of their seders. I was invited by a friend, my family and I went and ended up joining for the next go around."

Now Bet Chaverim's president, the Canton woman says the Passover seder is the perfect place for unaffiliated members of the Jewish faith, those in interfaith families and even those of different faiths to get acquainted with the small, friendly congregation.

"It's a little family and in a family everyone is supportive," Honess described the Canton synagogue. "We're very accepting. All are welcome. Anyone hungry can come and join us. We're inclusive of all backgrounds."

"A seder is a beautiful time to feel us out and feel what we're like. It's one of our biggest non-temple holidays. It's like going to Easter dinner but not to Easter service. There's a ritual and order to what seder means, but it's not exclusive of anyone."

Bet Chaverim rents facilities at Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, with services at 7 p.m. the third Friday of the month. The seder will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 19 at

its religious school, to help youngsters understand the ritual and taste the foods they'll eat on Tuesday.

"They'll know what to expect," Honess said.

The congregation seder is a pot luck event, with Bet Chaverim members supplying the food, often using favorite recipes from their own holiday meals. Honess gathered a few to share with *Observer & Eccentric* readers. The noodle pudding recipe is from Arleen Green, the cake and tzimmes recipes are from Roberta Malkowski and Honess supplied the roast recipe:

### PASSOVER APPLE CAKE

- 2 eggs
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 1/2 cups matzo meal
- 1/2 cup potato starch
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 8 large apples - peeled, cored, sliced
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg

Preheat oven to 350°F Grease a 9-inch by 13-inch glass baking dish. Combine eggs, oil and sugar in a large bowl and mix with electric mixer. Stir in matzo meal, potato starch and 1 teaspoon cinnamon.

In a separate bowl, toss apples, brown sugar, 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon and nutmeg. Layer half the dough in dish. Pour apple mixture over dough. Pat remaining dough over the apples. Sprinkle lightly with brown sugar, if desired. Bake for 45 minutes.

### CARROT, APPLE, BUTTERNUT SQUASH AND SWEET POTATO TZIMMES

- 4 cups carrots, scraped and sliced 1/4-inch thick
- 2 medium sweet potatoes, peeled and slice 1/4-inch thick
- 2-3 medium apples, peeled and sliced 1/4-inch thick

- 1 medium butternut squash (optional), peeled and sliced 1/4-inch thick
- Cold water to cover
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 3 tablespoons flour

Combine carrots, apples, butternut squash and sweet potatoes in a large saucepan and cover with water. Cook about 15 minutes or until tender enough to pierce with a toothpick. Add salt, honey, lemon juice, nutmeg and cinnamon. Cover and cook over low heat about 45 minutes. Reduce liquid to half way up side of pot.

In another pot, melt butter and then mix in flour. Cook 1 minute.

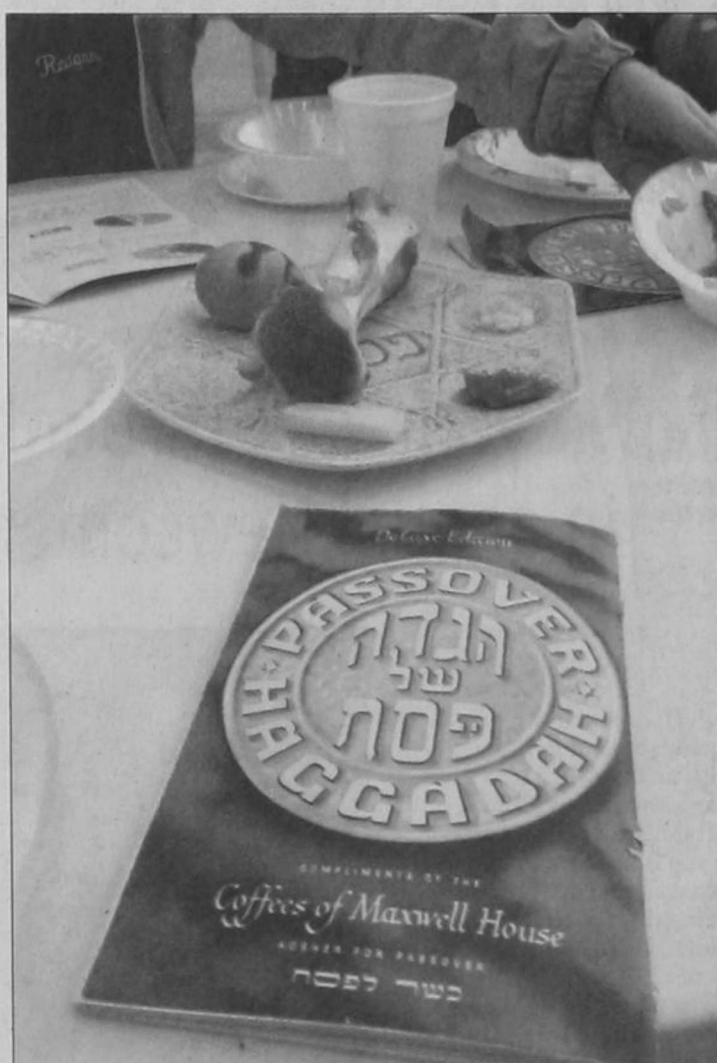
Add to carrot mixture and cook 5 minutes longer until all mixture is coated.

Serve now, or turn into a shallow casserole and put under broiler to brown lightly before serving. Serves 6-8

### NOODLE PUDDING, SERVES 20

- 16 ounce wide noodles
- 1/2 stick of butter (6 ounces)
- 3 eggs beaten
- 1 pint of sour cream
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 pint large curd cottage cheese (creamy)
- 1 pinch of salt
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 1/2 cups crushed pineapple, or apple pie filling or raisins and thinly sliced apples

Directions: Heavily butter a 3-quart glass baking dish. Boil and then rinse the noodles. Mix eggs Vanilla and salt together then pour over the noodles.



A seder plate and text, called a Haggadah, used at the children's seder at Bet Chaverim in Canton.

Add sugar, butter, sour cream, and cottage cheese (undrained) and fruit (pine-apple, apple or raisin apple) and mix into the noodles.

Pour mixture into glass baking pan and top with corn flakes, cinnamon and sugar. Dot with the remaining butter.

Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for an hour; cool before cutting.

### VERY EASY ROAST RECIPE (CROCK POT)

- 1 beef round roast or brisket
- 1 2-liter bottle of regular Verners (ginger ale) pop, (there will be extra)

1 packet of onion soup mix  
1/2 cup Ketchup (to taste)  
Vegetables to go with roast are potatoes, carrots or onions cut into chunks

Place the roast and cut vegetables into the crock pot, pour Verners over the roast and vegetables until the crock is about 3/4 full. Sprinkle the onion soup mix on roast and into Verners. Squeeze Ketchup to cover the roast across the top and add an extra squeeze or two into the crock.

Cook on low for 8 hours or until the temperature reaches 145-160. Let cool slightly before cutting and serving.

## Diabetes and Erectile Dysfunction: Take Control

Erectile Dysfunction (ED) may be the most important diagnostic tool when it comes to general health in the baby-boomer population! Often times, it's the first symptom that men may notice and the one that leads them to the doctor. If a man is experiencing E.D., it is suggested that he be screened for more serious health conditions such as heart disease, hypertension, and diabetes.

Erectile dysfunction is a common complication of diabetes. Up to 85 percent of men who have diabetes may experience E.D. The longer you've had diabetes and the more severe it is, the more likely you are to have trouble with erections. High blood sugar can permanently damage the nerves and blood vessels responsible for erections.

Recent advances and treatment methods have changed the way both diabetes and E.D. are now treated. With regard to E.D., some treatments offer a temporary solution; others provide a more permanent way to resolve the problem. As a urologist specializing in the treatment of E.D., my goal is to provide men with the information they need to find the solution that's most satisfying for them—and their partner!

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Aching differs from pain. The difference is in the intensity of the discomfort. A pain in the shoulder or the leg stops the activity. A pain in the shoulder prevents a person from lifting a suitcase from the floor of a plane to the overhead storage bin. An ache allows one to complete moving the bag to the overhead compartment, but after doing so, the person wants to rub or rest the aching arm.

Pain in the arm or leg will awaken a person from sleep, aching occurs in the morning when the person arises from bed.

A physician can confirm if the problem is an ache by the physical examination. Pain will prevent an individual from walking with a normal gait or bringing the shoulder overhead in a smooth motion. An ache allows usual movement.

An ache reflects a strained tendon or ligament. The usual cause is injury; though often the injury is unapparent. Rest is the best treatment. Resolution of the injury may take months as the problem usually occurs in a shoulder or thigh which are joints that one must use every day.

A physician can assure the patient that the aching does not represent the beginning of a crippling arthritis, but beyond that assurance, there is little more he can do. Anti-inflammatory medications are not helpful, and in people over age 70 these drugs are a potential danger to proper kidney function. Massage helps but only for hours, heat is good, but has the same limitations as massage.

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# Electronic components hurt purse

BY JOE GAGNON  
GUEST COLUMNIST

The following e-mail is an example of many I have received from homeowners in the area who are put out by the fact that their product can not be repaired even though it is fairly new. Parts availability should not be problem on major home appliances but it is. There is no law that makes the manufacturers responsible for providing parts for any period of time. If the part is not accessible to the

repair industry, you are not going to get the product repaired. You are going shopping again and it's as if the plan was designed that way.

Dale writes: "My Whirlpool double oven went out on Friday (dinner guests Saturday). The display board (clock, temp, all electronics) wasn't working. A Whirlpool-authorized repair company came out Saturday morning



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

and told me that it needed Part #8302319 and that part is no longer available — ANYWHERE!  
"I have checked everywhere including companies online. I contacted Whirlpool customer service and they are no longer making that part. Here is the kicker — my oven is just 7 years old! How can they not be making that part? Any suggestions? Whirlpool basically told me I'm out of luck. So, it looks like my only choice is to replace the ovens. Any suggestions on what I should buy? I'm thinking it won't be a Whirlpool!"

"I'm also having issues with the Whirlpool washing machine I bought last year. I had it serviced three times before the warranty ran out in January and Whirlpool won't honor that, saying the warranty has expired and I'm out of luck on that also. Help!"

Dale sent me a follow-up e-mail a few days later: "There is a company in Texas that will 'fix' the part — 'mother board' electronics of my oven. I send the part in and for \$129.99 plus \$11.99 for shipping, they fix it and send it back. Do you know about this and if so, what do you think of my doing it? My Whirlpool double built-in ovens cost me \$3,000 seven years ago."

Reply: Geez Dale, if anyone needs something positive coming their way, it's you. I would be so disturbed I would hire an attorney and take this case all the way to the Supreme Court. Maybe then they would rule that parts have to be carried by the manufacturers for a reasonable amount of time. I wouldn't trust in a rebuilt board because they will replace the diode or resistor that is evidently burnt up, but all the rest of the components are used. Hopefully someone reading this column will disagree with me and call me with a way out for you. Let's hold off a bit on spending another \$3,000. With all the power interruptions lately a whole hose surge protector may be needed in your home. There is no doubt that electronics are adversely affected by power spikes that may occur when power is restored by your utility. If I live long enough I'll be hearing from folks who programmed their stove to cook dinner while they were driving home from work only to come home and find the house burned down. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to [appldr@twmi.rr.com](mailto:appldr@twmi.rr.com).

# Rev up your bike wardrobe at show

Kick off the motorcycle riding season by checking out the fashions at BMW Motorcycles Southeast Michigan's fashion show, "Real Gear for Real Riders," 6 p.m., Friday, April 29, at the store, 39933 Ford Road, Canton.

"BMW does fashion shows for dealerships once a year but this is the first at an actual dealership," said Theresa Bailey, store spokeswoman. "We'll demonstrate the function of the clothing, what's new on the market."

The store is asking for a \$15 donation towards the United Cerebral Palsy Foundation before the event or \$20 at the door. In addition to fashions, the show will include prize giveaways and hors d'oeuvres.

The store choose the charity

because of a strong personal tie. Apparel manager, Audrey Wicke-Jackson, had a brother who suffered from cerebral palsy and died at age 22. She continues to be involved with the organization, which educates, advocates and provides support services for individuals with a spectrum of disabilities. UCP works to advance the independence, productivity and full citizenship of people with disabilities through an affiliate network that has helped millions. All proceeds from show ticket sales will benefit UCP.

Motorcycle riders will walk the runway modeling highlights from the BMW, REV'IT, Olympia and Schuberth collections.

BMW Motorcycles

Southeast Michigan sells bikes as well as helmets and clothing. New spring fashions include the REV'IT Ventura suit for women, an all-weather riding suit with a waterproof liner, ventilation, pockets and crash padding.

Bailey said motorcycle apparel is designed for casual riders as well as off-road "enduro" riders.

"Even the casual riders will find some of the less expensive jackets, like the Olympia line, that run \$200-\$300. It depends on what grade of armor you want."

To reserve tickets for the "Real Gear Real Rider" fashion show, call (734) 981-1479.

— By Sharon Dargay

# Buy a puzzle piece and support autism fight cause

Celebrities Against Autism is selling puzzle pieces for \$1 each this month to support its mission and observe Autism Awareness Month.

Pieces are available through April at the organization's Web site, [www.celebrities-againstaautism.org](http://www.celebrities-againstaautism.org) or at one of its partners, including Women's Lifestyle Magazine, Magic 105.1, the Detroit Red Wings, and LaVida Massage. Val McFarland, a Livonia native and founder of Celebrities Against Autism said pieces are in 132 Kroger stores and 67 Great Clips salons as well as many other local restaurants such as Steve's Family Dining in Livonia.

Individuals also can help by volunteering, sponsoring a fundraiser, organizing a casual day for cash in offices, providing auction items and donating to help Michigan families.

One in 91 children is affected by the neurological disorder. With relatively no insurance coverage for the early intensive therapy the children require, the families are often left to cover most of the expenses, which can total \$50,000 per year. Celebrities Against Autism raises funds to provide assistance to them through the Family Grant Program.

"Michigan has become a destination for some of the finest autism treatment in the world," McFarland said. "I have met people from many different countries who have relocated to get their children the best care available. We are fortunate to have the many fine treatment centers right here in Michigan."

McFarland has personally been in the fight against autism. Her youngest son, Callahan, was diagnosed with autism age 2. After five years of intensive treatment, he remains autistic but can enjoy family activities, such as ice skating, jet skiing and bowling.

She founded Celebrities Against Autism with the mission to raise awareness and acceptance of individuals with autism. The group also helps families with funds and therapy. McFarland hopes to create the World's Largest Autism Awareness Puzzle. The completed puzzle will consist of 1.75 million pieces representing the 1.75 million individuals in the U.S. with autism. The completed puzzle will qualify for the Guinness Book of World Records to raise awareness and \$1.75 million for support to Michigan families.

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#### APRIL 17-20

##### Book Collection

**Time/Date:** Through May 4  
**Location:** Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, Livonia  
**Details:** The church is collecting items for God's Helping Hands, an organization in Rochester that will trade the donations to Tithingbooks.com for food for needy families. Donations may include trade paperbacks, hardcover fiction and non-fiction, movie DVDs, books on CD and music CDs (must contain artwork and case), gently used children's books, textbooks (copyright 1998 or newer), and mass market paperbacks (copyright 2004 or newer) and rare and collectible books. The church can't accept books that are dirty, moldy, water-damaged, with excessive highlighting or writing, with pages missing, excessive damage to covers, or encyclopedias or magazines. Place donations under the awning of the church  
**Contact:** (734) 427-8743

##### Exhibit

**Time/Date:** Church office hours are 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Tuesday-Friday; Sunday services are 7:45 a.m., 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.; exhibit on display through April 22  
**Location:** St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth  
**Details:** "Letters Home," by Susan Clinthome and Sally Thielen, is an art installation piece that draws attention to homelessness through an assemblage of signs that were previously held by individuals on the street, a cardboard home, shopping cart, returnable cans and more  
**Contact:** (734) 453-0190

##### Holy week

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, April 18-20  
**Location:** The Basilica of St. Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia  
**Details:** Bridegroom service Monday and Tuesday, healing service with reading of the seven Gospels and seven Epistles  
**Wednesday**  
**Contact:** (734) 422-0010

##### Palm Sunday

**Time/Date:** 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, April 17  
**Location:** Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia  
**Details:** The church presents the cantata "We Were There" by Pepper Choplin, based on several monologues by those who were on the scene at the cross of Calvary  
**Contact:** (734) 422-0149

##### Seder

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m., April 19  
**Location:** Hanford Clubhouse, 45800 Hanford, Canton  
**Details:** Annual congregation seder  
**Contact:** To RSVP e-mail to betchaverim@yahoo.com or see www.Facebook.com/betchaverim

##### Taizé prayer

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Sunday, April 17  
**Location:** St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia  
**Details:** Taizé prayer is a quiet, simple way of prayer designed for people of all Christian traditions. The meditative candlelit service includes simple chants sung repeatedly, rich silence, and prayers of praise and intercession. Includes orchestra, slide show and the combined parish choirs of St. Edith and St. Isaac Jogues of St. Clair Shores. Choirs will perform Dubois' "The Seven Last Words of Christ."  
**Contact:** (734) 464-1222

#### APRIL 21-27

##### Clothing bank

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., April 23  
**Location:** Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy, Canton  
**Details:** Free clothing and shoes to anyone in need  
**Contact:** (734) 404-2480 or (734) 927-6686

##### Easter service

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m., April 24  
**Location:** Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield  
**Details:** Rev. Kimi Riegel talks about "Miracles Abound." In place of an Easter egg hunt, the children will hunt for canned food to donate to Gleaners. The children will receive

filled Easter eggs after the hunt.

##### Egg Hunt

**Time/Date:** 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 23  
**Location:** Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia  
**Details:** Youngsters, 11 and under, will hunt for eggs, hear a story, make a craft and eat a light snack. Bring your own basket or bag to collect eggs  
**Contact:** Melissa at (734) 466-8694

##### Good Friday

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., April 22  
**Location:** Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy, Canton  
**Details:** Six area churches - Calvary Baptist Church, Charisma Life, Crosswinds, Ekklesia, Solid Rock, and Trinity Presbyterian - will join together with drama, music, testimonies and scripture for services  
**Contact:** (734) 455-0022; www.cbcjoy.org

##### Holy week

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday, April 21 Maundy Thursday service; 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. April 22 Good Friday service; 9:30 a.m. April 24 Easter Sunday service; 8-9 a.m. free Easter breakfast  
**Location:** Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford  
**Details:** All services have the general theme "Jesus, Peter and Me." Thursday sermon is "It's all about Cleansing." Good Friday sermon is "It's all about Death." Easter sermon is "It's all about Life." All visitors will receive the free DVD "The Road to Emmaus."  
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##### Holy week

**Time/Date:** Maundy Thursday service, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 21; Community Good Friday service, 12:15 p.m., Friday, April 22; Easter Services, 6:30 a.m., 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, April 24  
**Location:** Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** A children's Easter egg hunt is scheduled for 10 a.m. Easter Sunday  
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REUNION CALENDAR

**Belleville High School Class of 1971**

Planning 40th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail BHS.1971@yahoo.com. If on Facebook join the group by searching BHS reunion 1971 40th sign up site; also on CLASSMATES/REUNIONS.

**Dearborn Fordson Class of 1971**

The 40th reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 6, 2011 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Tickets are on sale now for \$52 per person for dinner and open bar. Send a check payable to Fordson '71 Reunion to 16124 Golfview, Livonia, MI 48154. For more information go to Facebook, Classmates.com or the Web page at Fordson71Reunion.com.

**Dearborn Heights Robichaud Class of 1961**

50th class reunion Sept. 24, 2011 at the Dearborn Hills Golf Course. All classes are welcome as Robichaud High School also celebrates its 50th anniversary. Contact Bill Haskin at billsmustangs@msn.com; (734)595-4927 or Nancy at woloni@aol.com; (248) 529-6461.

**Detroit Cody Class of 1961**

50th reunion Aug. 27, 2011, at Hellenic Banquet Center, Westland. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail codycomet61@gmail.com. Or call Connie Callear Majeske at (734) 425-7094 or Bernie Lekki Grudzien at (734) 522-3167.

**Class of 1971**

40th reunion, 6:30-11:30 p.m. July 9, at Waterford Lanes/Banquet Hall, 7100 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford. RSVP by May 30 to Karen (Hassa) Leto at (330) 722-5954.

**Detroit Henry Ford Class of 1971**

The 40th reunion, with a "Back to the Bahamas" theme, is scheduled for Aug. 20, at Bahama Breeze Restaurant, 19600 Haggerty, Livonia. The organizers are trying to reach approximately 1,000 graduates from the January and June classes, as well as any other alumni interested in attending the event. Tickets are \$50. Call Barb Blum Douglas at (313) 804-1282, or Marilyn Ogilvy Twa at (616) 802-0305, or e-mail to hfs1971reunion@yahoo.com.

**Detroit Mackenzie June Class of 1961**

50th reunion will be Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011. For more information e-mail lvanerian@msn.com or phone Joanne (Poloway) Glance at (734) 878-6543.

**Class of 1962**

Planning class reunion in 2012. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail the committee at mackenzie1962@gmail.com.

**Garden City East & West Classes of 1966-67**

A casual, joint reunion is planned for Oct. 8. The organizing committee needs addresses of class members. Call Dale Bowes (Whiting) '66W at (734) 427-7148, Carol Gantt Fenner '67W at (734) 326-8467, Karen Colvard (Domanski) '66E at (734) 427-7012, Cheryl Gibbs '67E at (734) 340-9916/(313) 670-2402, or e-mail Dennis Russell at russ027@comcast.net.

**Livewood High School Class of 1961**

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**Livonia Bentley Class of 1961**

Holding a 50th class reunion Sept. 16-17. To register, call Donald Bruner, (734) 524-0979 or e-mail dbruner@twm.rr.com.

**Class of 1981**

30th reunion planned for Aug. 6, at One Under Banquet Facility 35789 Five Mile, Livonia. Visit http://www.freewebs.com/bentley81 for more details.

**Livonia Franklin Class of 1966**

45th high school reunion, Oct. 8 at Laurel Park Marriott. Seeking classmates and contact info. E-mail contact info to Larry Ruzsas at Lruzsas187264mi@comcast.net or call him at (810) 599-3506.

**Rosary High School Class of 1966**

Planning 45th reunion in July of 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail Pam at Taffttoo@aol.com

**St. Mary of Redford Class of 1971**

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**Southfield High School Class of 1981**

The 30th reunion is planned for 7 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 6, at Doc's Sport Retreat in Livonia. Tickets are \$20 per person for appetizers. There will be a cash bar. The group is looking for classmates. For more information go to Facebook Southfield High Class of 1981 or e-mail Terri Jarvi O'Brien at terri@streetmktg.com.

**Wayne High Schools All Classes**

Wayne High Schools Alumni Association 27th Annual All Class Reunion Banquet for alumni of Wayne High School and Wayne Memorial High School, 5-10 p.m. Friday, May 13, at Wayne Tree Manor, 35100 Van Born, Wayne. Dinner starts at 6 p.m. The class of 1961 will be honored. Tickets are \$29 before May 1 and \$34 after. For more information call Wanda Boice at (734) 326-7767. The Alumni Association's annual meeting is 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 6, at Wayne Cafe, 3709 Mero Mall Street, Wayne. Call (734) 729-6023 before March 30. www.waynehighalumni.com

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Visit www.mcancer.org/wfa to register for the event.

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS THURSDAY, May 5, 2011 6:00 P.M.**

PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, May 5, 2011 commencing at 6:00 p.m., to consider:

Application 1476: 11667 Brownell: Requesting a 1'3" front yard variance to enclose an existing front porch and change it into living space.

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

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

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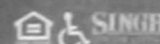
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at Rosedale Gardens

**PALM SUNDAY** - Sunday, April 17  
9:00 a.m. Friends in Faith Service with Praise Team  
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service with Chancel Choir performing Cantata with Orchestra

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** - Thursday, April 21  
7:30 p.m. Sacrament of the Last Supper - Fellowship Hall  
Nursery Care Available

**GOOD FRIDAY** - Friday, April 22  
7:30 p.m. Service of Shadows (Tenebrae) - Chapel  
Nursery Care Available

**EASTER SUNDAY** - Sunday, April 24  
9:00 a.m. Friends in Faith Service with Praise Team  
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**Easter Services**

Sunrise Easter Service  
7:30 a.m. - lead by our youth  
9:30 a.m. Traditional  
11:15 a.m. Casual

**GOOD FRIDAY**

Join us as six area churches combine for a Good Friday service, Friday, April 22, at 7 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church in Canton. Calvary, Charisma Life, Crosswinds, Ekklesia, Solid Rock, and Trinity Presbyterian will partner together to remember and celebrate the work of Jesus Christ. Choir, drama, music, testimonies, and Scripture will challenge us as we remember Christ's suffering on our behalf.

**EASTER**

Celebrate our Risen Lord at Calvary on Easter Sunday morning at 10:45 a.m.

Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Rd, Canton, 48187, 734-455-0022, [www.cbjoy.org](http://www.cbjoy.org)

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APRIL 17  
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APRIL 21  
**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
SERVICE OF SHADOWS & HOLY COMMUNION  
7:30 PM

APRIL 22  
**GOOD FRIDAY**  
SERVICE OF REFLECTION  
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**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 22**  
12 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy  
7 p.m. Choral Stations of the Cross

**HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 23**  
2 p.m. Children's Service and Easter Egg Hunt  
8 p.m. Easter Vigil

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 24**  
7 a.m. Holy Eucharist in Resurrection Chapel  
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Maundy Thursday - April 21st  
Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 pm

Good Friday - April 22nd  
Liturgy of Good Friday - Noon  
Evening Prayer and Stations of the Cross - 6:00 pm

Palm Sunday - April 17th  
Low Mass - 8:30 am  
High Mass - 10:30 am

Easter Sunday - April 24th  
Low Mass - 8:30 am  
High Mass - 10:30 am

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**Holy Week and Easter Day**

**Maundy Thursday, April 21**  
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**Good Friday, April 22**  
- 12:00 Noon - 3:00 p.m.  
Psalms, The Stations of the Cross, and the Good Friday Liturgy, with choral music throughout the Three Hours.  
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**Easter Day, April 24**  
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**Holy Week**

**Kirk of Our Savior**

**Maundy Thursday, April 21**  
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8:25 p.m.

**Easter Morning, April 24**  
8:00 a.m. Breakfast  
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**SERVICES**  
**Palm Sunday, April 17, at 11:00 a.m.**  
**Maundy Thursday, April 21, at 7:00 p.m.** - Communion Service  
**Good Friday, April 22, at 12:00 noon**  
Remembrance of Jesus' hours on the cross.  
**Easter Sunday, April 24**  
9:30 a.m. - Easter Brunch in Fellowship Hall  
10:00 a.m. - Program in Fellowship Hall/ Children's Pageant  
11:00 a.m. - Sunday Service

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**2011 Holy Week Worship Opportunities**

Palm Sunday ..... April 17<sup>th</sup> ..... 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
Maundy Thursday ..... April 21<sup>st</sup> ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Good Friday Afternoon ..... April 22<sup>nd</sup> ..... 1:15 p.m.  
Good Friday Tenebrae ..... April 22<sup>nd</sup> ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Easter Sunday ..... April 24<sup>th</sup> ..... 7:00 & 10:00 a.m.

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**EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 24**  
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Mass of The Last Supper 7:00 p.m.  
Followed by the procession to Altar of Repose-The Stripping of the Main Altar & Adoration at the Altar of Repose until midnight

4/22 GOOD FRIDAY: Stations of the Cross 1:00 p.m.  
Solemn Liturgy of The Passion of Our Lord at 3:00 p.m.  
No Confessions today.

4/23 HOLY SATURDAY: Confessions 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
Easter Vigil 10:30 p.m.

4/24 EASTER SUNDAY: Confessions 9:15 a.m.  
Mass of The Resurrection - 10:00 a.m.

Join us for Holy Week  
**Orchard United Methodist Church**  
Maundy Thursday 7:30p.m.

Community Good Friday Service 12:15p.m.  
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Easter Sunrise Service 6:30a.m.  
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**Holy Thursday, April 21**  
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 PM, followed by adoration until Midnight  
**Good Friday, April 22**  
Scripture Service at 12:00 Noon, Stations of the Cross at 12:30 PM, Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 1:15 PM  
**Holy Saturday, April 23**  
Blessing of Food at 1:00 PM; Easter Vigil at 8:30 PM  
**Easter Sunday, April 24**  
Masses at 8:30 and 10:30 AM, and 12:30 PM in Church  
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**Lenten & Holy Week Schedule 2011**

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April 18, 7 pm Taize Evening Prayer and Penance Services

**Palm Sunday, April 17**  
7:30, 9 and 10:45 am and 12:30 and 6 pm Masses

**Holy Thursday, April 21**  
8:30 am Morning Prayer  
7 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Good Friday, April 22**  
8:30 am Morning Prayer  
12 Noon Stations of the Cross  
1 pm Liturgy of the Passion

**Holy Saturday, April 23**  
8:30 am Morning Prayer  
11 am Blessing of the Baskets  
Easter Vigil, 9 pm

**Easter Sunday, April 24**  
7:30, 9 and 10:45 am and 12:30 pm Masses

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2100 W. 12 Mile Road, Royal Oak, MI 48073  
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MILESTONES

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

It seems only fitting that Janet and Mayo Cheney would celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary Saturday, April 16 at a dinner dance at Bakers of Milford. The Farmington Hills couple met at dance lessons

at Western High School in Detroit four years before they were married, on March 3, 1961 at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Samuel Wasson of Livonia served as Best Man and Alice Sheffield of Canton was the Maid of Honor.

Janet and Mayo both earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Wayne State University, where they also dated. Mayo's degrees were in electrical engineering and Janet studied education.

The Cheney's lived in Livonia and Southfield before moving to their current home.

Mayo retired in 2001 from Detroit Edison and Janet retired from Farmington Public Schools in 2010.

They've been active with their musical band, Special Blend, for more than 25 years. They also teach English through the Oakland University English Language Institute in Guizhou, China. They have traveled and lived in China more than seven times and are actively involved in supporting the Oakland University program.

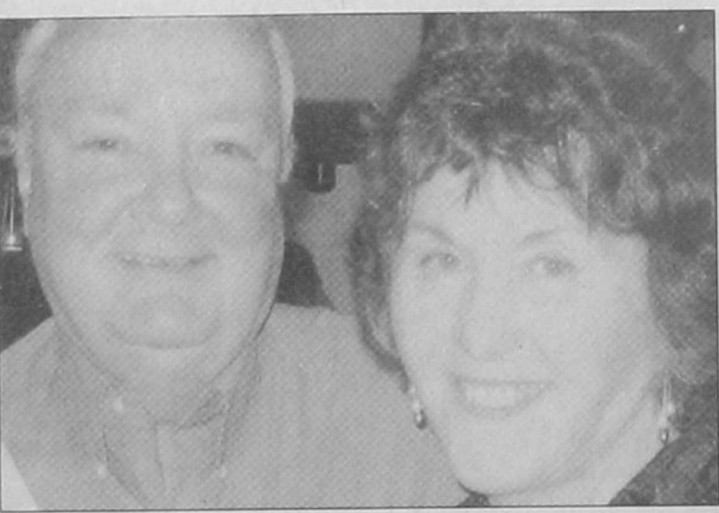
Janet and Mayo have five children who reside in Wixom, Milford and Grand Blanc. They are David (Anna), Danie (Cindy), Jonathan (Jenny), Christopher and Melanie. Christopher and Melanie arranged the party for their parents.

The couple also has 11 grandchildren: Daniel, Sonia, Connor, Scott, Jessica, Max, Jack, Alex, Autumn, Jazmine, and Skylar.

Mayo and Janet say life has been good to them and they wish for a long, happy and prosperous future for their family and dear friends.



Mayo and Janet Cheney on their wedding day.

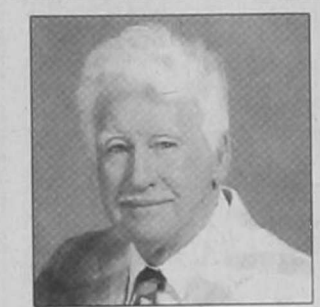


Mayo and Janet Cheney of Farmington Hills

ABAD, MARY JO

Resident of Commerce Twp., and former resident of Farmington Hills, died at her home in the care of her family on April 14, 2011 after a valiant fourteen year battle with cancer. She was 67 years old. She is survived by her husband, John; daughters, Debora (Derek) Ritzel of Phoenix, AZ, Denise (Dave Blouin) Abad of Chicago; son, Dr. John (Georgina) Abad; grandchildren, Drew, Ben, & Jack; sister, Joy (Ron) Majzlik; sister-in-law, Margaret (Tom) Dunn and many nieces, nephews, and loving friends. Mrs. Abad was a graduate of the University of Michigan, and was well known for her work as a librarian at Detroit Catholic Central, and in the Plymouth-Canton School District where she served as the Librarian for many years in Farrand Elementary School. A Funeral Liturgy will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 1955 E. Commerce, Milford, on Wednesday, April 20, at 10AM with Fr. Ron Anderson officiating. Burial will follow at Milford Memorial Cemetery and a luncheon at the church will follow the committal prayers at the cemetery. Friends may visit at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford, on Monday 4-6PM and Tuesday 2-9PM, with a Rosary on Tuesday 7PM. Memorials may be made in her name to St. Jude Children's Hospital. For further information please call 248-684-6645 or visit: www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

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CUMMING, JOHN JAMES

Age 90, went to be with our Lord on March 31, 2011. John was preceded in death by his beloved wife Laura. He is survived by his children Louise (James) LeCourt, Donna Cumming, John (Dianne) Cumming, Grandchildren Steven, Lecia, Amy, Emily, Jamie, James and Melinda and 12 great-grandchildren. John was born on June 14, 1920 to Louisa (Hepburn) and Bruce Cumming in Detroit. He was the older of two sons. John graduated from MacKenzie High School. Following high school he worked in the Civilian Conservation Corps. in Northern Michigan and later served three years in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He attended Plumbing Union Local 98 Trade School and later became a licensed Master Plumber. He married Laura on June 28, 1941, they celebrated their 69th anniversary in 2010. They moved to Plymouth in 1951 where in 1958 he opened John J. Cumming Plumbing & Heating Co. which is still family owned and operated. He was a life time member of the Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780 and Masonic Plymouth Rock Lodge and the Plymouth Lions Club. They moved to Hemlock Lake in Reading, MI in 1987. He enjoyed fishing, walking, reading and GOLF. He was an active member of the Reading United Methodist Church until returning to Plymouth to be near his children in 2005. Words cannot express how much he will be missed by his family and friends. Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

JENKS, RAYMOND L.

Of Livonia. April 15, 2011. Age 81. Beloved husband of Nancy. Loving father of Raymond (Donna), Carole (Jeffrey) Higgins & Matthew (Terri). Dear brother of Bernice Koch & the late Gerald. Proud grandfather of 8. Visitation Monday 3-9pm with 7pm Scripture Service at Czopek Funeral Directors, 2157 Oak St., Wyandotte (734) 285-9000. Funeral Services Tuesday morning at St. Aiden Church, 17500 Farmington Rd, Livonia.

LEWIS, BARBARA

Age 76, of Belleville, died Thursday, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor. She was born May 10, 1934 in PA, daughter of the late Dean Luther Kaylor & Dorothea Eleanor (Nagle) Hildebrandt. Preceded in death by husband James F. Lewis, also daughter Carolyn Lynn Kissau. Survived by daughter Linda Cox of Canton, 3 grandchildren Jennifer (Philip) Denbo, Bradley Tait and Shannon Kissau, 2 great-grandchildren Dylan Dunlop and Lukas Denbo, 2 sisters Sandra (Charles) Rowlett-Wayne and Sharon Brokenshire, both of Belleville, also two nieces, a nephew, and many great-nieces & nephews. Visitation was held at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. A Memorial Service was held at Connection Church, Canton. www.davidcbrownfh.com

MATHEWS, ROBERT WILLIAM

Age 82, of Sarasota, FL, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, died on April 10, 2011. Bob was born in Flint on May 12, 1928. He completed the Cooperative Engineering Program at the University of Cincinnati while working at the Delco Moraine Division of General Motors Corporation. After serving in active duty in the Navy for four years, Bob continued his successful career as an engineer with General Motors Corporation and retired from the GM Technical Center in 1983. He was very active with the Birmingham community theater. Bob is survived by his partner Jack R. Taylor; his daughter Jane M. Denman, Sarasota, FL; his daughter Nancy E. Mathews, Madison, WI; and his grandchildren Erica and Benjamin Lutz, Madison, WI. Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Ringling Museum or a charity of your choice.

STORM, SHANE

Age 24, of Belleville, died Friday at Oakwood Annapolis, Wayne. He was born May 18, 1986 in Garden City, son of David Stephenson Storm & Esther Marie Degillio. Shane spent many days at Childrens Hospital, Detroit and taught staff how to treat Juvenile Diabetes and give Insulin. Throughout his life, Shane kept a positive attitude and was a happy person who will be missed greatly. Survived by his companion Opal Allen, daughter Julianna Esperanza Storm, and a son on-the-way Shane Teddy Marshall Storm, all of Belleville, his mother Esther Degillio of Garden City, father Dave Storm of Riverview, step-father Harold Eugene "Bud" James of Romulus, grandfather Fred Degillio of Garden City, grandparents Florence & Emil Dragostis of Romulus, a brother Jacob Degillio, step-sister Lynn (Chris) Howe, step-brother Harold Eugene James, Jr., step-nephew Cody Howe, also numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Preceded in death by his grandmother Esperanza Degillio, also his dog Buster. Visitation 1-4PM & 6-8PM Wednesday at Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. Prayers 10:15AM Thursday, April 14, 2011 at the funeral home, processing to St. Anthony Catholic Church, Belleville for an 11AM Funeral Mass. Memorials to Children's Hospital, Detroit would be appreciated. www.davidcbrownfh.com



VECELLIO, MARK W.

43, of Livonia, died suddenly April 7, 2011. Mark is the devoted and cherished husband of over 10 years to Lisa; beloved father of Alison; and the dearest son of Joanne and the late Roger (d. 1993). In addition to his father, Mark was preceded in death by his sister, Cynthia, in 2004. Funeral Mass was Wednesday, April 13th at St. Edith Catholic Church, Livonia. Visitation was held at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Prayer Service was Tuesday 7:00 PM. Interment Holy Sepulchre, Southfield. Memorial tributes suggested to American Heart Association, americanheart.org. heeney-sundquist.com



Andrew Paul Fenner (left), Madison Elizabeth Fenner and Aiden Brady Fenner

TRIPLETS ARRIVE

Paul and Theresa (Kuclo) Fenner of Waterford announce the birth of their babies, Andrew Paul, Madison Elizabeth, and Aiden Brady. The triplets were born Dec. 9, 2010 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Grandparents are Chris Kuclo of Farmington, Maureen Galster of Waterford, and David and Connie Fenner of Adrian.

Theresa is a 1992 graduate of Harrison High School and a former Farmington Hills resident.



Rotondo-Battista

FALL WEDDING

Nicole Marie Rotondo and John Arthur Battista announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Karen and Mike Rotondo of Plymouth, graduated from Mercy High School 2006 and from Albion College in 2010 with a BA in Spanish and political science, and certification in secondary education. She plans to obtain a master's degree in education. Nicole currently teaches middle school Spanish at St. Regis Catholic School, in Bloomfield Hills. Her fiancé, son of Lynda and John Battista of Canton, graduated in 2003 from St. Mary's Prep in Orchard Lake and in 2007 from Northeastern University in Boston, Mass. He holds a degree in international business and works as director of business development for his family's business.

An October 2011 wedding is planned at St. Mary's in Orchard Lake.

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Paying Tribute to the Life of Your Loved One

PAGNANI, ALBERT V.

Age 95, of Farmington, MI. Passed away April 8, 2011. Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI.

SINCLAIR, ROBERT EDWARD

Age 64, of Big Rapids, passed away Saturday, April 9, 2011 at Spectrum Health Butterworth. He was born September 19, 1946 in Providence, Rhode Island, the son of Robert and Jessie Anne (LaLonde) Sinclair, and was raised in Garden City, MI. Following his graduation from Garden City High School in 1964, Bob was a musician in the U. S. Navy. After being honorably discharged, Bob earned his B.S. Degree in Education from Eastern Michigan University, and his Master of Education degree from Ohio University. He worked at SUNY College in Brockport, NY as Director of Intramural Sports, until moving to Big Rapids in 1995, where he was Director of Student Recreation at Ferris State University until retiring in February, 2008. Bob was a member of the Mid-Michigan Officials Association, and for many years officiated high school football and softball games. He was active in the Big Rapids Rotary Club, and in 2009 began the Rotary program to provide Thanksgiving meals for area needy families. Bob was also a champion skeet shooter, and enjoyed deer hunting. On October 10, 2008, he married Sandy Jacobsen, who survives. Also surviving are two step-sons, Eric (Amy) Jacobsen of Kirkwood, PA, Pete (Brandy) Jacobsen of Fairbanks, AK; two grandchildren, Avery and Evelyn; his brother Daniel (Karen) of Wayne; four sisters, Peggy (Jim) Burklow of Garden City, Kathi Sinclair (Steve Platt) of Carson City, NV, Eileen White of Warren, and Linda Sinclair of Garden City; dear friends Mike Haas, Ed and Bonnie Dorman, Bob and Bonnie Meadows, Marty Kelley, Donna and Norm Lytle, and Barb and Jim Dyer; and several nieces and nephews. Bob was preceded in death by his parents, his brother-in-law Noel White, and dear friend Dan Kelley. Memorial services for Bob will be 11:00 a.m., Saturday, April 23, 2011 at the Mohnke Funeral Home in Big Rapids, with friend Ed Dorman officiating. Following cremation, burial will be in the Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Garden City later this Spring. Memorial contributions can be made in his name to the Rotary Club in Big Rapids, MI to help continue community projects. Contributions can be left at the funeral home or mailed directly to the Big Rapids Rotary Club at PO Box 521, Big Rapids, MI 49307. Bob's family will greet friends at the funeral home after 10:00 a.m. on Saturday until time of services. Share a memory or express condolences at: www.mohnkefuneralhome.com



VENTURA, RUTH A.

Age 95, April 12, 2011. Beloved wife of the late Peter A. Ventura. Loving mother of Peter H. (Cindi) Ventura, Ruth J. (Jim) Frazier and David A. Ventura. Dear grandmother of Jeffrey and Heather, Madison and Olivia, Michelle and Melissa and Alexander and Philip. Proud great grandmother of Marc, John, Adam, Ella, Laiken, Gralon, Maya and Isaac. Ruth is also survived by her loving caregivers, Carole Chimelak and Denise DiBiase. A Funeral Service will be held at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Friday at 10 AM. Visitation will be held on Thursday from 1 - 9 PM. Memorial contributions may be directed to Angela Hospice. Please share a memory at: www.rgharris.com.



BIZER, LOUISE

A glad heart makes a cheerful countenance. Proverbs 15:13 Louise Bizer passed away peacefully April 14, 2011 at Renaissance Gardens in Fox Run in Novi, Michigan. She was an inspiration to those who knew her. Louise Jordan was born January 6, 1921. Shortly after high school she married Albert Bizer, and together they raised five children, first in Detroit and then in Farmington Hills. She worked for a number of years as assistant to the Farmington Hills Clerk, where she was well-liked and made many good friends, but as she said many times, the joy of her life was being a mother. She genuinely supported her children's interests and passions, and they responded by pursuing rewarding artistic and creative careers. They all established homes and families in the local area, and cared for their mother following Albert's passing in 2004 after 60 years of marriage. Louise spent her final months as a resident in Renaissance Gardens of Fox Run. No longer able to walk and hampered in her use of language by a stroke, her love for life and for people could not be extinguished, and she greeted everyone she encountered with smiles and enthusiasm. In her final days, she was met with a constant parade of staff, residents, and friends, who spoke of her joy, exuberance, and grateful spirit. Louise is survived by her brother, Robert (Lois) Jordan of Atlanta, Georgia, her children Ron (Christa) of Ann Arbor, Bill (Patricia) of Farmington Hills, Randy (Ann) of South Lyon, Jim (Mary Jo Larson) of Bloomfield, Lori Leighton (David) of Lake Orion, and her grandchildren Tim, Stephen, Kate, Matthew, Melissa, Elizabeth, Jordan, Noah, Bryce, and Elaina. Visitation will be Sunday, April 17, 2:00-6:00 p.m. at Thayer Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Avenue, Farmington (248) 474-4131. On Monday, April 18 there will be visitation at 10:00 a.m. followed by a service at 11:00 a.m. at Antioch Lutheran Church, 33360 W. 13 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. A graveside ceremony will follow at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia. Gifts in her memory may be given to the Alzheimer's Association.



GIBBS, NADINE E "Dena"

April 12, 2011, Age 55. Daughter of William and the late Nancy. Sister of John Gibbs, Beth Becker (Jim) and Paul Gibbs. Aunt of Debra and Amy Gibbs. Memorial Service Saturday 3 p.m. at A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple & Big Beaver). Family will receive friends Saturday 1 p.m. until time of service. Memorial tributes to Michigan Animal Rescue League, 790 Featherstone, Pontiac, MI 48342. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



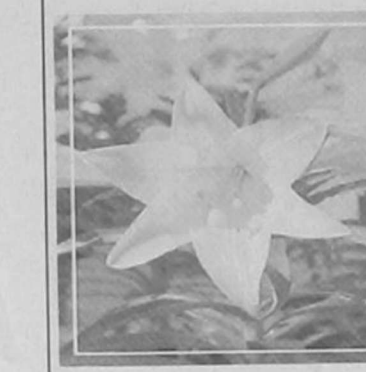
LONGYEAR, MARIAN G. 1918 - 2011

Marian G Longyear, 93, went to be with the Lord on April 4, 2011 in Sarasota, FL. She exemplified unshakable faith in God, a love of life, and family devotion. In service to Jesus Christ, she brought her family and numerous others to the faith. She was an inspiration to all she met. Her loving and giving spirit will live on through all who knew her. Marian Ryckman Longyear was born in Detroit, MI on January 17, 1918 and grew up in Detroit. She attended nursing school at Grace Hospital, where she met her future husband, Harold. The family settled in Bloomfield Hills for 35 years where Marian's adventurous spirit led her to many varied activities with family and friends. She was active as a scout leader, glass art teacher, Sunday school teacher and a member of the Kirk in the Hills Prayer Cordon and Bible study. Marian and Harold retired to Leelanau County where they loved living in the woods with nature, Lake Michigan and the Crystal River. They were "snowbirds," spending the winters in Naples and Sarasota, Florida. With a lively sense of fun and an inquisitive, inventive mind, Marian thoroughly enjoyed life. Songs of praise echoed through the woods from Marian's Bible study group. Family and friends, church fellowship at the Glen Lake Community Church, a love of nature, and a creativity with arts and crafts provided her many interests. Marian was the loving wife of the late Dr. Harold Longyear for 70 years; cherished mother of Sylvia Heggen, Charlotte Tharp and Howard Longyear; grandmother to nine grandchildren and six great grandchildren. A Memorial Service celebrating her life will be at Glen Lake Community Reformed Church in Glen Arbor on Saturday, May 28 at 11:00 a.m. Memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice or to one of Marian's favorites listed on website. Please visit Marian's memorial website, sign the guest book, and write some thoughts about her: http://www.mem.com and search for Longyear.



GIBBS, PATRICIA BARNES

April 14, 2011. Age 85. Beloved wife of Richard Gibbs and the late Rob Barnes. Beloved mother of Debby Moore (James C.), Betsy Barnes, Leslie Karas (Paul A.) and Bob Barnes (Maryann). Grandmother of Katie, Kristen and Carolyn Moore, Andrew Karas, Maddy, Chris and Bridget Barnes. Also survived by many members of the Gibbs family. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile), Sunday 3-8p.m. Rosary 7p.m. Memorial Mass Monday 10a.m. at St. Regis Church, 3695 Lincoln at Lahser Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Visitation begins at the church at 9:30am. Memorial tributes to Detroit Institute of Arts or Beaumont Hospice. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



CLARK, PAUL J.

Age 77, April 15, 2011. Beloved husband of Geraldine. Dear father of Paul (Ruthann), Mark (Peggy), Tim(Barb) & Patsy(Steve) Gregory. Grandfather of Eric, Scott, Rachel, Nick, Courtney(Ryan) Roark & Olivia Gregory. Visitation Sunday 2-8pm. Funeral service Monday 11:30am at the John N. Santeui & Son Funeral Home, 1139 N. Inkster (between Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill). www.santeuiFuneralHome.com

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# Grant designed to improve children's health care

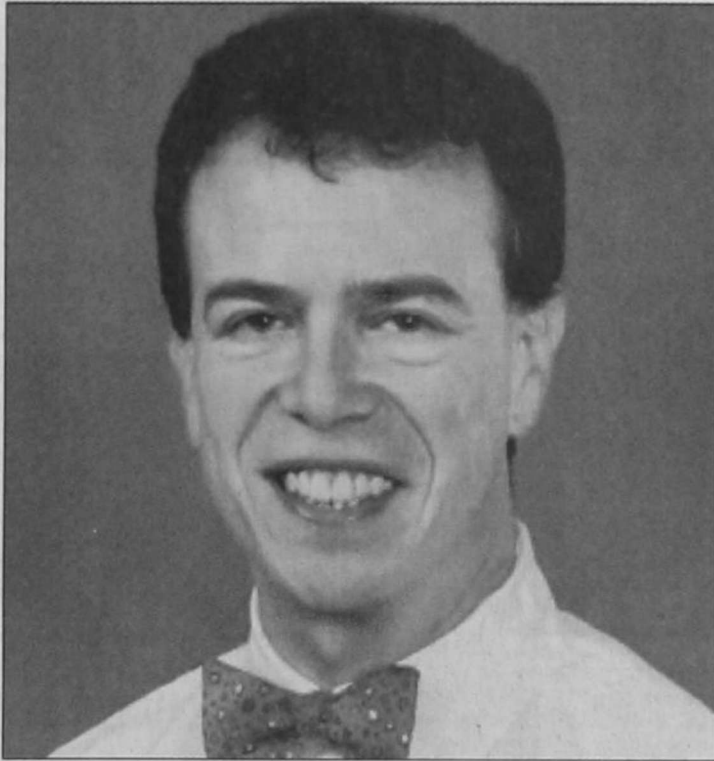
University of Michigan researchers have received a four-year \$8 million grant to help develop, test and refine pediatric health care measures for children in the United States.

Dr. Gary L. Freed, director of the division of General Pediatrics and director of the Children's Health Evaluation and Research (CHEAR) Unit, will be the principal investigator leading a team of at least 10 researchers and at least 8 partners and research centers and organizations, including the State of Michigan Medicaid Program.

The University of Michigan was one of seven top medical centers in the country to receive such grants, which will be used to improve the quality and outcomes of health care for children, including the almost 40 million children enrolled in Medicaid and/or the Children's Health Insurance Program, also known as CHIP.

"We are thrilled to get started on this project, which will affect the way children are cared for in this country in profound ways," Freed stated. "There currently are only very limited ways to measure the quality of care provided to children for in this country. Having standard measures will help to improve the quality of care for our nation's children."

Funding for the work comes from the 2009 Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act, also known as CHIPRA. Since the law was passed, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services have worked together to implement selected provisions of



Dr. Gary L. Freed of the University of Michigan will lead a program to help develop, test and refine pediatric health care measures for children in the U.S.

the legislation related to children's health care quality.

U-M researchers will develop new quality measures to meet objectives identified through a public process; enhance existing measures; develop or enhance methods to allow for data capture and sharing; identify and compare racial and ethnic, socioeconomic, and special health care need disparities; and engage health care providers, state programs, private insurers, patients and families to ensure measures are practical.

Partners include Altarum Institute; HealthCore, Inc;

National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions; National Initiative for Children's Healthcare Quality; Vanderbilt University Department of Medical Informatics; and the American Board of Pediatrics. The project will work with the Michigan Medicaid program, and will include a representative from the family advocacy group Family Voices to ensure involvement of families and patients. The project also will work with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) to ensure additional parent involvement.

## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

## St. Mary Mercy

The Healthy Living, Healthy Woman, health seminar runs 6-8 p.m. Thursday, April 28, in the hospital auditorium. The speaker is St. Mary Mercy physician, Paul Makela who will discuss effective solutions for common women's health conditions including stress incontinence, pelvic organ prolapse, and difficulty emptying the bladder. The presentation is free but registration is required. Call (734) 655-2281 to register. The hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile, Livonia.

## Developmental Disabilities Institute

Jeffrey J. Martin, professor, researcher and author, will speak from 3-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, at Wayne State University's Welcome Center Auditorium, 42 W. Warren Road, Detroit. Martin will discuss his recent book chapter, "Exercise Psychology for Individuals with Disabilities," in Oxford University Press's "Exercise Psychology." Martin is a professor of kinesiology, health and sport studies at Wayne State University. The program is free and open to the public. [http://www.ddi.wayne.edu/author\\_series.php](http://www.ddi.wayne.edu/author_series.php)

## Arthritis expo

The Arthritis Foundation will present its annual expo from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 30, at Greater Grace Temple, 23500 W. Seven Mile, Detroit. Certified instructors from the Arthritis Foundation will demonstrate arthritis friendly exercise and tai-chi. Dr. Joseph Skender of the Oakland Arthritis Center will explain the basic forms of arthritis and how they affect different people. He will discuss some of the latest resources and pain management techniques and will have a question and answer time to hear what concerns the participants the most. Dr. Eric Silberg of Oakwood Hospital will talk about the latest in joint replacement surgery; Dr. Alan Biddinger of North Troy Associates will focus on

conservative treatment options for knee pain and how to better manage osteoarthritis; and Bahram Nadim will discuss the ways to prepare mind, body and home for surgery. He will walk participants through what they might expect during their recovery time. A "Resource Walk" will feature products and services relevant to those living with arthritis. Companies from Southeastern Michigan will be on hand with information. The expo is open to all ages. Boxed lunches will be served. Pre-register by calling the Arthritis Foundation at (800) 968-3030.

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## Michigan Bariatric Institute

The Institute will hold a plus-sized clothing sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, May 7, in the south lobby at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Many post-operative bariatric patients will sell their gently used, plus-sized clothing. There will be a variety of reasonably priced choices of clothing for women (sizes 14-32) and men (sizes 40-60, and up to 5XL. (877) 949-9344 or visit [www.stmarymercy.org](http://www.stmarymercy.org).

## St. Mary Mercy Hospital

Stroke seminar will include a robot demonstration, panel of expert, free blood pressure and stroke screenings and a question and answer session, 4:30-7 p.m. Tuesday, May 10. The seminar is free but registration is required. To register, call (734) 655-2365, or visit [stmarymercy.org/class-es](http://stmarymercy.org/class-es). Refreshments and light snacks will be served. The hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile, Livonia.

## Skin cancer screening

Wayne State University Physician Group is offering a free screening 2:30-5:30 p.m. May 4 at 18100 Oakwood Blvd., Suite 300, in Dearborn. Only walk ins will be accepted. For more information call (313) 240-4900.

## ONGOING Aquatic classes

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis. Classes are held 10-11 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch; 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch; and 2-3 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, at the Birmingham branch. All classes are offered to members and nonmembers of every age and participants do not need to know how to swim to participate. To join, interested individuals can contact their local YMCA branch or visit [www.ymcadowetroit.org](http://www.ymcadowetroit.org).

## Arthritis support group

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Depression Bipolar Support Alliance meets 6:30-8 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday at Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon Road, Suite 160B, Plymouth. It is accessed through the Plymouth Executive Park driveway north of M-14. It is a self-help group for people suffering from depression and bipolar disorders. Meetings are open also to family members. All DBSA leaders are professionally trained and attend two trainings for every year to update their skills in leading the group. Call Nancy at (734) 536-3457 or Katrina (734) 837-7700 with questions.

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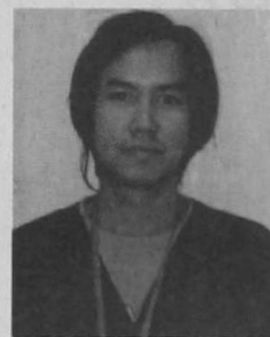
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- Good pay
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- A stable industry
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Everyone would like to be compensated fairly and all workers want the chance climb the professional ladder. Plus, if you know your services are sought after, you can feel confident that you won't be out of a job in the foreseeable future.

In tough economic times, this kind of job sounds like a fantasy. But it's a reality for the health-care industry. Unlike many fields, health care can't be outsourced - unless you want to go overseas to fix your sprained ankle. With a growing population that's living longer, the need for medical personnel continues to rise.

Another attractive aspect of working in health care is that education requirements for various positions range from a high school diploma with some training to advanced medical degrees combined with extensive training.

If you're considering a job in health care, here are 13 jobs that you might want to consider, along with their projected employment growth and mean annual wage, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

**Emergency medical technicians**  
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2006 employment: 201,000\*  
Projected 2016 employment: 240,000  
Mean annual wage: \$30,870

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**Chiropractors**  
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2006 employment: 53,000  
Projected 2016 employment: 60,000  
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**Dental hygienists**  
<<http://www.careerbuilder.com/jobs/keyword/dental+hygienist/>> perform examinations on patients' teeth and gums and assess overall dental health. They often prepare records and reports on patients for the dentist <<http://www.careerbuilder.com/jobs/keyword/dentist/>> .  
2006 employment: 167,000  
Projected 2016 employment: 217,000  
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**Dental assistants**  
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2006 employment: 280,000  
Projected 2016 employment: 362,000  
Mean annual wage: \$32,280

**Dentists**  
<<http://www.careerbuilder.com/jobs/keyword/dentist/>> treat patients for conditions concerning their teeth and gums. They also perform routine checkups for patients in order to prevent any dental problems.  
2006 employment: 136,000  
Projected 2016 employment: 149,000  
Mean annual wage: \$147,010

**Oral and maxillofacial surgeons**  
<<http://www.careerbuilder.com/jobs/keyword/oral+surgery/>> perform surgery on a patient's jaw or mouth. For many people, the first time they see an oral surgeon is for problems with wisdom teeth.  
2006 employment: 7,700  
Projected 2016 employment: 8,400  
Mean annual wage: \$178,440

**Orthodontists**  
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2006 employment: 9,200  
Projected 2016 employment: 10,000  
Mean annual wage: \$185,340

**Nursing aides**  
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2006 employment: 1,447,000  
Projected 2016 employment: 1.71 million  
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Mean annual wage: n/a

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\*Salary data and employment projections based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook <<http://www.bls.gov/OCO/>> . Accessed on Jan. 19, 2009.

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1	8	1	2	7	9	3	5	6
8	5	9	3	7	1	6	2	2
4	4	1	6	5	1	8	3	6
3	6	1	8	2	6	7	4	5
7	2	8	1	5	4	6	9	5
1	6	1	6	2	7	7	8	1
1	6	1	6	2	7	7	8	1

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## CAReport



By Dave Menard  
For Avanti NewsFeatures  
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I'll say it up front: I continue to be impressed with Hyundai's offerings. Every time I test one, I come away impressed. The 2011 Elantra GLS is another one that the Korean automaker has done very well. What I continue to be impressed with is the combination of performance, features and price. Hyundai seems to be able to put together vehicles that give you great value for the money and the Elantra is no exception.

Built in Montgomery, Ala., the Elantra is all-new for 2011, with a new engine and new exterior styling. The styling is sleek, with flowing lines and an overall aggressive look. The hexagonal front grille and swept-back headlights give the front of the Elantra a slick look. Sixteen-inch wheels with full covers are standard; alloy wheels are available in 16- or 17-inch sizes. For some reason, fog lamps are not available, even as an option, on the GLS. You'd have to get the Limited trim line to get those. Dual, heated bodyside mirrors are standard. It's a nicely put-together package.

The GLS is powered by a 1.8-liter, 4-cylinder engine that is smaller in size and 74 pounds lighter than the engine it replaces, which contributes to its 18 percent improvement in fuel

economy. The new engine is rated at 148 horsepower and 131 lb.-ft. of torque, which is the most in its class.

The other half of the powertrain is either a 6-speed manual or a 6-speed automatic transmission. The Elantra is EPA-rated at an impressive 29 mpg in city driving and 40 mpg on the highway.

With the impressive fuel economy comes a satisfying driving experience. The front suspension is a MacPherson strut system with gas shocks and in the rear is a lightweight coupled torsion beam rear suspension system. The ride is good for a small car and it handles and corners well. The turning circle is tight and the power steering is good and it's a quiet cabin.

The cabin has a sports car feel. The instrument panel features cool blue backlighting and easy-to-read round gauges. The center console features easy-to-reach, and well-laid out, controls. The Elantra comes with a trip computer with external temperature display.

There's a good amount of room for a small car. Up front, there's enough leg room and head room, even for tall drivers.

The seats are cloth and are comfortable (leather is not available



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on the GLS trim model). The seats are manually adjusted; the passenger seat comes with a "slid-recline" feature. Room is a little tight in the rear compartment, as you would expect from a small car. The rear seats fold down for more cargo space.

The Elantra GLS comes with a host of standard features. Air conditioning, power windows and locks, cruise control, remote keyless entry with alarm, and power mirrors all come standard.

The standard audio system is a 172-watt AM/FM/CD system that includes six speakers, USB/iPod auxiliary jacks and three months of satellite radio included. You can upgrade to a 360-watt system that includes an integrated navigation system with touchscreen and rearview camera and XM data services (traffic, weather, sports and stocks).

The Elantra comes with side-impact airbags, front and rear passenger side air curtains, Electronic Stability Control with Traction Control, a tire-pressure monitoring system and ABS brakes

with Brake Assist.

The 2011 GLS starts at a hair over \$17,000. The test car added the Preferred Equipment Package (16-inch alloy wheels, steering wheel audio controls, Bluetooth, sliding center armrest and illuminated ignition and illuminated vanity mirrors) for \$550, a \$35 iPod connection cable and \$25 carpeted floor mats, bringing the total to a little under \$18,500 after freight and handling charges.

Hyundai continues to roll out vehicles that feature good engineering, nice features and prices that make it a good value. It's why I continue to be impressed.

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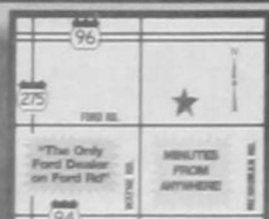
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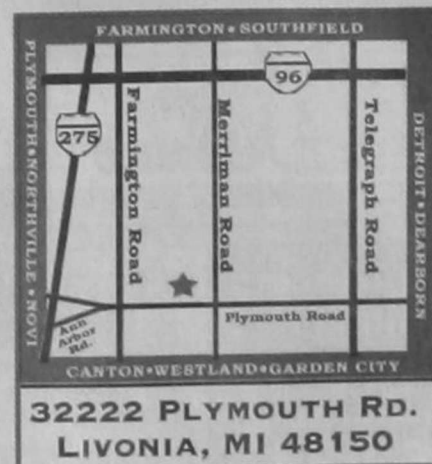
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