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## CONNECTION Fighting cuts

State Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, is inviting residents to a "Fight School Cuts" Task Force meeting on Wednesday, April 27, in Canton, to hear their concerns about how the governor's budget proposal will affect Michigan schools, area children and the



State Rep. Dian Slavens hosts a forum on fighting school cuts Wednesday.

economy. Slavens is encouraging residents to attend and bring printed copies of their statements, questions and concerns.

The meeting features Slavens, state Reps. Ellen Cogen Lipton, D-Huntington Woods, and Jim Ananich, D-Flint, members of the House Appropriations School Aid Subcommittee. It takes place 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 27, in the Walnut Room at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

For more information, call Slavens' office toll-free at (888) 347-8021 or e-mail her at [DianSlavens@house.mi.gov](mailto:DianSlavens@house.mi.gov). Residents also can visit her website at [www.house.mi.gov/dslavens](http://www.house.mi.gov/dslavens).

## Top teacher

National Heritage Academies announced Canton Charter Academy seventh-grade teacher Kristy Hagan was one of only four teachers chosen to receive the 2011 Excellence in Teaching Award. The award recognizes and affirms the accomplishments of individual teachers across the organization's 67 charter schools.

A primary reason for Hagan's selection, NHA officials said, was that her students' fall-to-spring growth index of 7.1 in math placed them in the top (99th) percentile of all seventh-graders nationally. However, according to Canton Charter Academy Principal Cathy Henkenberns, student performance in the fall-to-spring growth index is only one of many reasons for Hagan's receiving the award.

As an award recipient, Hagan received a trip for two to Jamaica. She will also receive \$1,000 for school supplies for her classroom.

## Closing time

Many of Canton's government buildings and offices will be closed for Good Friday and also on Monday for the fourth furlough day of the year, part of budget cuts. Closings include the Canton Administration Building, Canton Public Safety records bureau, police and fire administrative offices and the ordinance enforcement unit. All police and fire dispatch and emergency services remain in place. Leisure Services programs outside the administration building will continue as scheduled.

# Facebook page supports arrested teacher

BY BRAD KADRIC AND MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITERS

While Ray Schepansky awaits his April 29 preliminary hearing on three felony charges, hundreds of students, friends and supporters are mounting a campaign of support for the 52-year-old social studies teacher.

A Facebook page, "Free Schepansky," has already drawn more than 1,000 "likes" as a variety of people — including current and former students, teachers and even one union official — offer support for Schepansky, the popular teacher arrested last week. Schepansky was arraigned Saturday on three felony charges following allegations that he brought an unloaded pistol to school Thursday morn-

ing, prompting school officials to cancel classes and leading to his arrest by Canton police.

## STUDENTS 'SHOCKED'

Students and former students were shocked by the turn of events involving one of their favorite teachers. Former student Megan Ringler said Schepansky was "by far the most devoted, caring and sincere" teacher she had.

"He would take the time to get to know every student individually," said Ringler, who had Schepansky's military history class in 2006. "He motivates his students. The way he teaches is very different from any other style of teaching I've ever encountered. He's very approachable, and very easy to talk to. He knows what's right and what's wrong, so I was

shocked this would happen, that he would get in trouble."

Schepansky, who has taught in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools for more than a decade, is charged with carrying a concealed weapon, having a gun in a weapons-free zone and using a gun during a felony. He was arrested April 14 as he arrived for school, and police say they found an unloaded 9 mm pistol in his car, plus two loaded magazines for it.

Magistrate Jeffery Fanto dropped a fourth charge of carrying a weapon with unlawful intent after a Canton police detective told him Saturday police had no evidence that Schepansky had made a specific threat.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Teacher Ray Schepansky the way his students view him: Teaching a war simulation in his military history class. Nearly 1,100 supporters have "liked" a Facebook page supporting Schepansky, who was arrested last week.



Michigan Roundtable project manager Freda Sampson explains the exhibit, which traces the racial roots of housing policies and issues, focusing mainly on the metro Detroit area.

# A roof over their heads

## Exhibit traces racial tone of housing policies

BY BRAD KADRIC  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Along a parcel in the Eight Mile/Wyoming area of Detroit sits a fence built years ago as a condition for a developer who wanted to build housing to be sold exclusively to white buyers.

As legend goes, the developer was told by city officials they could not build on their parcel unless a barrier was constructed separating it from an area dominated by African-American residents.

It's that kind of systemic racial policy-setting the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion wants people to see in their historical exhibit, "Race, Residents and Prejudice," on display now in the media center at Salem High School. The exhibit, which took some eight months to put together, chronicles racial housing issues from the 1900s through 2010.

"We were looking at the history of race and housing in the (metro) Detroit area," said Freda Sampson, project manager for the Michigan



The exhibit is made up of panels and banners like this controversial piece of the story.

Roundtable. "There's so much history we had to find a way to communicate it."

## DOING THE RESEARCH

Partnering with the Charles Wright Museum of African-American History in Detroit, Roundtable organizers researched the various issues they wanted to highlight. According to Sampson, the Federal Housing Authority used racial bias as a means for determining housing sub-

Please see **EXHIBIT, A6**

## RACE ON DISPLAY

**What:** Educational exhibit "Race, Residents and Prejudice"  
**Who:** Sponsored by the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion  
**When:** Open to the public 4-8 p.m. Monday, May 2, and Wednesday, May 4  
**Where:** Salem High School Media Center  
**Why:** The exhibit traces housing policies Michigan Roundtable officials say were based in racial bias.

# Hall calls for former trustee

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After a long history of helping his community, Canton resident Karl Zarbo has become the 40th inductee into the Canton Hall of Fame.

"It's just one of the most incredible things in my life," Zarbo, 62, said. "I'm still somewhat numb."

Zarbo was honored Sunday during a ceremony at Summit on the Park recognizing volunteers whose efforts have made a tangible difference in the Canton community.

Zarbo chose Canton as his home after he moved 26 years ago from Buffalo, N.Y., to become then-manager of Westland Shopping Center. He still works in commercial real estate, but it's his community service that has made him a Hall of Famer.

Zarbo has amassed a history of community service to charitable groups such as the Canton Lions Club, Goodfellows and the Partnership for the Arts & Humanities. He has been involved with the Downtown Development Authority, held a Canton Planning Commission seat from 1996 to 2002 and served on the

Canton Township Board of Trustees from 2003 to 2008.

"He's just a very hard-working guy and very committed to the community," township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said. "He has worked toward making Canton the great community it is. He's a key player, and he has been a tremendous asset to the community."

## LONG SERVICE

LaJoy nominated Zarbo, and a three-member panel of past Hall of Famers chose the winner.

Zarbo served in the Franklin Square subdivision on the homeowners association board, including a stint as president, and he was instrumental in pooling resources of similar groups to form an umbrella organization, the Canton Homeowners Advisory Council.

"When we did it, we think it was the only one in the nation," Zarbo said.

He has helped chair Goodfellows newspaper sales to buy Christmas gifts for needy children, and he has received the Canton Chamber of Commerce Excellence Award. On Saturday, one day before he was inducted into the Hall of Fame, Zarbo

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# Honor mom with breakfast in bed

The Matt Prentice Restaurant Group wants to honor metro Detroit's greatest Mom with a special Mother's Day Breakfast in Bed, prepared and served by Prentice and his staff.

To enter, explain in 100 words or less why your mom is a personal hero, unique inspiration and why she deserves the star treatment this Mother's Day. Deadline for nominations is May 1.

Entry form and information for the Breakfast in Bed for Mom competition can be found at: <http://mattprenticerg.com/momsday2011.html>. Contestants must include a 100-word essay on why they have the metro area's most deserving mother. The winner must live within a 50-mile radius of zip code 48207 (Detroit). To mail entry, print out the information from the link above and send it with the essay to: Matt Prentice Restaurant Group, Special Mom, 1380 E. Jefferson, Detroit, MI 48207.

## CORRECTION

Matt Landry will perform on saxophone at the Livonia Prayer Breakfast next month. Information accompanying Landry's photo in the April 14 issue of the *Observer* incorrectly identified his choice of musical instruments for the May 12 event.

"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](mailto:bkadrich@hometownlife.com)

### 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.  
**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

## AROUND CANTON



### Earth awareness

Bentley Elementary students, working with student teacher Stephanie Kozlowski, took the initiative for a project designed to help make the community more aware of Earth Day. Partnering with Kroger, students decorated some 250 paper grocery bags with messages supporting helping the earth. Recycling, reusing, turning off lights, etc., were among the messages. Social studies and community service lessons were incorporated into the project. The bags will be distributed at Kroger on Earth Day Friday.

dated after April 15, 2011.

**Contact:** Any questions contact Coach Jen at [CoachJenny@canton-chiefettes.com](mailto:CoachJenny@canton-chiefettes.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 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.

### Slavens coffee

**Date/Time:** Monday, May 2, 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Canton Big Boy, 45250 Ford Road in Canton.  
**Details:** State Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, invites residents to join her for a cup of coffee and conversation. Slavens hosts regular coffee hours and town hall meetings throughout Canton Township, Belleville and Van Buren Township.  
**Contact:** Businesses or organizations interested in hosting an event

with Slavens, please call her office toll-free at (888) 347-8021 or e-mail her at [DianSlavens@house.mi.gov](mailto:DianSlavens@house.mi.gov). Residents also can sign up for Slavens' e-newsletter and take her brief community survey by visiting her website at [www.house.mi.gov/dslavens](http://www.house.mi.gov/dslavens).

### All Saints Camp

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to noon, July 18-Aug. 5  
**Location:** All Saints Catholic School, Canton  
**Details:** All Saints Catholic School offers early childhood enrichment summer camps for students entering 4 year-old preschool and kindergarten this fall in the Plymouth-Canton Area. The camps enhance early literacy, math, and science skills while including fun elements of summertime: nature, music, and outdoor games. The cost is \$100.00 per week.  
**Contact:** For registration forms and additional information, please visit the school's website at [www.allsaintscs.com](http://www.allsaintscs.com) or e-mail [msswiderek@yahoo.com](mailto:msswiderek@yahoo.com).

### Farm exhibit

**Time/Date:** 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays; 2-5 p.m. Thursdays; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays, April through November  
**Location:** Canton Historical Museum, corner of Canton Center and Heritage Park Drive in Canton  
**Details:** Ever wondered what living in Canton back in the 1800s was like and who lived and worked on the land many now call home? Bring the whole family to experience the 'Canton Historical Museum's highly anticipated new exhibit, "Whose Farm Do You Live On." Learn the history of this thriving farming community from the 1800s and well into the 1900s before its transformation by land developers in the 1930s. Find out who originally purchased the land and the names of families who lived there. View tools used by these families for farming, personal care, cooking, play and education.  
**Contact:** For additional information, visit [www.cantonhistoricalociety.org](http://www.cantonhistoricalociety.org) or call (734) 397-0088.

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# Motorcycle fashion show to raise money

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Canton motorcycle dealership has found a way to help riders look sharp while raising money for charity.

BMW Motorcycles of Southeast Michigan has announced a spring-season fashion show that will benefit the United Cerebral Palsy Foundation.

Owner John Horner said BMW Motorcycles, on the southwest corner of Ford and Lotz roads on Canton's east side, chose to raise money for the foundation because an employee — apparel manager Audrey Wicke-Jackson of Plymouth Township — lost a

brother, Joey, to cerebral palsy when he was only 22.

BMW Motorcycles will open its doors and have motorcyclists model proper riding gear during a fashion show set for 6 p.m. Friday, April 29.

"We think it's real important to be involved in the community," Horner said.

Theresa Bailey, a BMW Motorcycles employee who handles marketing, said riders will model fashions the dealer sells from BMW, REV'IT and Olympia. Helmets made by Schuberth also will be modeled.

Tickets may be bought in advance for \$15 by calling the business at (734) 981-1479 and asking for Bailey or Wicke-Jackson. Admission at the

door is \$20.

BMW Motorcycles has been involved before in charity, such as raising money to help Toys for Tots during the Christmas season, Horner said.

It's the first time the business has had a fashion show to benefit the United Cerebral Palsy Foundation, which provides education and support to help those who have cerebral palsy live as independently and productively as possible.

"We sat down and decided we needed to bring some different kinds of events to the dealership and the market, and we wanted to promote proper riding gear," Horner said. "With that, I suggested we should do it so there's a

charity involved."

Wicke-Jackson suggested the United Cerebral Palsy Foundation — a charity she continues to support even after her brother's death.

The event could bring widespread exposure to the charity. Last year, the Canton business finished the year as the 14th largest BMW motorcycle dealer in the country, Horner said.

Bailey has said all of the proceeds from the fashion show ticket sales will be donated to the United Cerebral Palsy Foundation. The event also will include prizes and will be catered by Hayden's Grill and Bar in Canton.

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BMW MOTORCYCLES OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

Some of the latest motorcycle fashions will be worn by real motorcyclists during an upcoming fund-raiser at BMW Motorcycles of Southeast Michigan in Canton. Money from the benefit will go to the United Cerebral Palsy Foundation.

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# Home invasion suspect ordered to trial

**BY DARRELL CLEM**  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A defendant is facing trial in Wayne County Circuit Court following allegations he wielded a knife during a home invasion that authorities say led to an attempted murder in a normally quiet neighborhood southwest of Cherry Hill and Lilley.

Cedric Javus Browne, 31, faces trial for charges he forced his way into the home of his girlfriend's uncle, assaulted him and threatened him at knifepoint before the victim's roommate entered the room, prompting the suspect to flee and lead Canton police on a car chase that ended in

Westland.

Browne was ordered to stand trial Friday following a preliminary hearing in 35th District Court on charges of assault with intent to murder, assault with intent to do great bodily harm, assault with a dangerous weapon, fleeing a police officer and possession of a controlled substance.

Browne could face penalties ranging up to life in prison if he is convicted as charged.

"The two men knew each other, and they obviously had developed some form of disagreement," Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said.

The incident unfolded about 12:30 p.m. Monday, April

4, on Kings Way. Browne, a Mississippi man who had been staying in Westland, was accompanied by two people who stayed in the car — his girlfriend and their 2-year-old daughter, police Sgt. Mark Gajeski has said.

The girlfriend had earlier been assaulted and isn't expected to face charges, Gajeski said.

"The suspect forced his way in, assaulted the resident, punched him in the face and threatened him with a knife," Gajeski has said.

Browne, who was jailed with a \$1 million/10 percent bond, is accused of fleeing the scene when the roommate walked in, but Canton police spotted

a getaway vehicle, described as a white Lincoln Town Car, on eastbound Cherry Hill near Haggerty.

Browne is accused of leading police on a chase that ended in Westland, where he jumped from a car but was captured on foot in a residential neighborhood southwest of Cherry Hill and John Hix roads, police said.

"He got out of the car and left it running, and it bumped into a house," Gajeski has said.

Police said the drug charges stemmed from allegations Browne dumped small bags of crack cocaine during the course of the incident.

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# Teen charged as juvenile in accidental shooting

**BY DARRELL CLEM**  
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A 15-year-old Canton boy is facing charges as a juvenile following allegations he brought a handgun to another teen's residence, accidentally fired it and left the victim paralyzed, police say, during an April 8 incident at Carriage Cove, an apartment complex southeast of Warren and Lilley.

The defendant has been charged with careless discharge of a firearm causing serious injury and carrying a concealed weapon, but author-

ities haven't released his name because of his juvenile status.

The teen has been released to his mother after a \$2,000 cash bond was posted, Canton Detective Tim Wright said, and the boy is expected to face another court date as early as April 28.

If the defendant is found guilty, juvenile authorities would decide his punishment.

The latest developments surfaced after the teen was accused of taking what police Sgt. Mark Gajeski described as a 9mm handgun to a Carriage Cove residence where the victim lived with his aunt. In

all, four teens and a younger children were inside the apartment when the shooting occurred, Gajeski said.

The victim was taken to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti, where police said he remains in stable condition after he was paralyzed from the chest down.

Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner has said an investigation revealed the defendant accidentally fired the handgun and then fled to his home in a nearby neighborhood, where he surrendered to police after his mother came home.

Wright has said the defen-

dant is accused of taking the gun from his home without permission after he managed to enter a locked bedroom and then get into a locked gun case.

Though the defendant lives with his mother, the gun belongs to his father, who is divorced from the mother and who no longer lives in the residence, Wright has said.

A single bullet entered the victim's neck, damaged his spinal cord and lodged in his shoulder, leaving him largely paralyzed in an accident Wright has called "tragic."

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# Pair of suspects nabbed in series of vehicle larcenies

Two suspects arrested by Canton Police after a series of automobile break-ins at a local fitness center were arraigned Saturday on multiple felony charges.

Gualberto Morales Barbosa, 38, and Wandalee Figueroa, 35, both of Detroit, were arraigned Saturday on multiple felony charges including break-

ing and entering a vehicle; larceny from a vehicle; and identity theft, all five-year felonies. The pair was also charged with several financial transaction felonies, punishable by up to four years each.

The two suspects were arrested April 13 after police said they broke into parked vehicles at Lifetime Fitness

on Haggerty in Canton. The two are accused of stealing personal property including bank cards, which were used to make purchases at a local retailer.

Bond was set at \$10,000 each for Barbosa and Figueroa. Their preliminary exam is scheduled for April 29 at 35th District Court in Plymouth.



Barbosa



Figueroa

CRIME WATCH

Funny money

A manager of the Wendy's restaurant on Ford Road west of Haggerty notified Canton police after a pair of young males passed a \$50 counterfeit bill at the drive-through window.

The incident happened shortly after 2 p.m. Monday.

The manager told police the suspects first tried to pay for their order with a credit card, which was declined, and then they produced a counterfeit \$50 bill. She said she was on the phone when the males sped off and went east on Ford Road, almost causing an accident.

The manager described the suspects as black males in their 20s, and one had braids. She said it appeared they were riding in an older-model Crown Victoria.

Property damage

Canton police cited a man for leaving the scene of a property damage accident following an incident that happened in the Tim Horton's parking lot on Ford Road east of Haggerty.

A woman notified police to report that a pickup truck with a paper plate in the rear window had struck her Dodge Journey before the driver backed up and pulled away. She described the driver as a white male in his 40s.

Police spotted the suspect's vehicle, a Chevrolet Silverado, in the IKEA parking lot, took the victim to the truck and she identified it as the one that hit her Dodge. When the man came out of IKEA, he told police he thought he had hit the curb rather than a vehicle.

The suspect told police he had borrowed the truck from a friend in Warren and was considering buying it. He was cited for leaving the scene of the accident, having an unregistered vehicle and having no insurance.

Close call

A Canton woman had a close call with a dryer fire in her house, but authorities arrived and put it out.

A police officer arrived and saw the woman standing outside and waving her arms in the 4000 block of Elizabeth, southwest of Geddes and Beck, about 8:40 a.m. Friday.

The door of the woman's attached garage was open, and the officer saw smoke coming from the garage. The officer went into the garage, kicked the door open to the townhouse, saw flames coming from the dryer, grabbed a fire extinguisher from his patrol vehicle and put it out.

Firefighters also arrived on the scene and pulled the dryer from the home.

Smoking Sierra

A man's 1998 GMC Sierra was smoking from the engine after he left it running while he sent inside the Walmart store on Ford Road east of Lotz about 11:40 p.m. Sunday, a police report said.

The man told police he had to leave the vehicle running because he needed to buy a part from the store — and it wouldn't start again if he turned off the ignition.

Canton firefighters arrived on the scene and doused the smoke before it could potentially erupt in fire.

Theft from vehicles

Two men told police that stereo equipment and other items were stolen from their vehicles while they were parked at Motel 6, northeast of Ford and Haggerty.

The thefts occurred between 1 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

The first man told police that a CD player and a case of 40 CDs were stolen from his green Mercury Marquis. He indicated he may have left the door unlocked.

The second man told police a CD player and other equipment were taken from his Lincoln Mark VII. He said he thought he had locked the vehicle but he found the door and the trunk open in the morning.

- Compiled by Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.



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## HALL

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served as master of ceremonies and led a live auction during the chamber's annual fund-raiser at Burton Manor in Livonia.

"Canton is pretty unique," Zarbo said. "Everybody works so hard, it's easy to get lost in the wash. To have the community stop and in a sense say 'thank you' is a special moment in my life."

## OTHER WINNERS

Other awards Sunday included two women honored as Community Achievers:

• Betsy Crapps, who gathered friends together a few years ago for the first Mom Prom, has gained international attention for events that, nationwide, now raise money for charity. Mom Prom has garnered attention from television programs such as *Good Morning America* and *Fox & Friends*.

• Marybeth Levine started the Detroit Area Diaper Bank, which since April 2009 has collected and donated more than 440,000 diapers to organizations such as Starfish Family Services, the Salvation Army and Open Door Ministry, among many others. For the first time, the Canton arts represented two awards:

• Sharon Lee Dillenbeck, owner of D&M Art Studio, was named Canton Artist. She not only is a painter but she also involves the community, from children to adults, in art workshops and classes. She has participated in events such as Sound Garden, an arts event on the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail, and has had student interns at her business.

• Tim Smola and Tamara Nastev-Smola received the Distinguished Service to the Arts award not only for supporting the arts through their



BOB MOSHER

Hall of Fame inductee Karl Zarbo receives an award from Supervisor Phil LaJoy during a ceremony Sunday at Summit on the Park.

business, Central City Dance, but also for their involvement in an array of activities such as the cancer-fighting Relay for Life.

Those honored Sunday as Community Supporters included:

• Bill Brown, a founding member of the Canton Rotary Club who has been involved with the Canton Public

Library, the Canton Historical Society, bus service for seniors and the clock project at Heritage Park. He has been involved in hundreds of community projects.

• Dianne Cojei, former chamber president who has worked countless hours for Relay for Life. She also had been involved in events such as the wine-tasting Toast to

Canton, which gives money to charities, and Leadership Canton, which grooms and motivates local leaders.

• David Loveland, who was instrumental in developing the Exchange Club and raising support and awareness for child abuse prevention. His efforts have involved more than \$15,000 in scholarships for students and \$40,000 for child abuse prevention.

• Jody Nissan, who has led fundraising efforts to fight HHT, a genetic disorder that causes abnormalities of blood vessels. She previously was selected as a "Compassionate Champion" by the HHT Foundation. She has helped raise over \$65,000.

• Linda Robin, a longtime chamber activist who has served on the board and the chamber's Ambassador Committee. She has served on the chamber's auction committee and is an active member of Chicks for Charity,

which raises money to help service organizations. She also has led food drives for Canton Goodfellows.

• Irene Sarkisian, who has volunteered extensively to help the Village Theater, Liberty Fest, Canton Farmers Market, the annual tree-lighting ceremony, the Daddy/Daughter Dance, Goodfellows, Canton Historical Society, Meals on Wheels and others.

• Mark Waldbauer, who has been involved with the Downtown Development Authority, the Brownfield Development Authority, the state's Ford Road Access Management Committee and the Pickwick and Pheasant View homeowners associations. He also has been involved in the local arts, such as a jazz concert series, and he was the Relay for Life entertainment committee chair for years. He also has represented the DDA on the Canton Public Art Committee.

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# TEACHER

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## INDEFINITE LEAVE

A person convicted of carrying a concealed weapon or bringing a gun to a weapons-free zone could face a maximum prison term of five years for each charge. The penalty for a conviction of using a gun during a felony is a mandatory two years' imprisonment.

School officials have placed Schepansky on an indefinite leave of absence while the legal process plays out. His supporters are planning to be at Plymouth's 35th District Court April 29 to show their support. The show of support reached a level that prompted Nancy Wojtowicz, president of the union that represents



Schepansky

Facebook page: "I spoke with Mr. Schepansky's attorney. He and Ray appreciate all the support from everyone. There are many people planning on attending the April 29 court date. Mr. Schepansky's attorney asked that if you are attending, please ... no signs regarding freeing Mr. Schepansky. It will be better and show more support if we are respectful to the court and the judge."

Schepansky's troubles start-

ed April 13, police said, when, while in a dispute with co-workers, he was heard making references to his military background and his weapons collection. Police said they seized three assault-type rifles from Schepansky's home during a search.

### WITHOUT INCIDENT

When he arrived on campus shortly after 6 a.m. April 14, police said, an officer stopped him in a driveway and he told police of the pistol in his car.

"He was arrested without incident," Canton detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said, adding 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 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 said Schepansky does not have a concealed weapons permit. Police said he also has no prior record.

Former student Annie Bergmans, who took Schepansky's U.S. History class in 2004 and his military history class the following year, said she "couldn't believe it" when she heard the news.

"He is an amazing, dedicated teacher who has impacted so many people's lives," she posted on the page. "It's horrible to realize that even if found innocent, he will prob-

ably never teach again. The guy never did anything unless he had a really good reason behind it ... I'm sure all of you who had him as a teacher

remember how he always believed that any person can make a difference."

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# EXHIBIT

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sities, policies, etc., fostering the segregated country that fought racial battles, particularly through the 1960s.

Michigan Roundtable officials said the exhibit focused on housing because it's an area that affects everybody.

"We all need someplace to live," said Stacey Stevens, Michigan Roundtable community organizer. "How you live is impacted by where you live. The realities of how we live today aren't the result of individual choices. It's systemic. It's resources being taken out of one community and put into another."

Sampson said the Michigan Roundtable wanted to put together an exhibit that taught people who "have a sense of history, but may not have an understanding of how we got to the place of being a segregated society."

"The FHA was intentional in their policies that based access to housing on the color of people's skin," said Sampson, who said she found "lots of material" supporting what transpired. "Part of their policy was that people of color ... were not allowed to be in some neighborhoods."



Michigan Roundtable community organizer Stacey Stevens said the exhibit focuses on housing because "we all have to live somewhere."

## SHOWING A TIMELINE

The exhibit features eight banners and 14 panels, as well as a 20-foot panel detailing the timeline from the early 1900s through the elections of President Barack Obama and Detroit Mayor Dave Bing. There are also video and audio components to accompany the exhibit, which has been up at Salem since April 5. The traveling exhibit came to Salem after a stop at the University of Detroit Mercy and earlier exhibits at Wayne State University and the University of Michigan. It's scheduled for the downtown Detroit headquarters of DTE Energy next.

Students have been viewing the exhibit since its arrival. The exhibit has become so popular, according to Salem Assistant Principal Allie Suffety, teachers are asking to have it back every year.

"It's very timely for our students because of the district's diversity initiatives," Suffety said. "This is a very important part of our history that has been overlooked."

George Belvitch, Plymouth-Canton's director of elementary education, said the exhibit is important as a means of dispelling stereotypical views of Detroit as "the place where black people live" or a place



Another panel in the eight-banner, 14-panel housing exhibit.

"you don't go."

"Our students don't really know anything about metro Detroit," Belvitch said. "This (exhibit) allows them to learn about something they need to know. The display has given us a feeling of real responsibility to help our students learn about race."

Sampson said showing the exhibit at a high school helps the Michigan Roundtable attract attention from a core audience officials believe need to know the history before they can help move forward.

"We want to get the attention of young people," Sampson said. "We want them to be aware of what's been out there so they know where they need to go to move forward."

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The group from Canton Computers – (bottom, from left) Walt Demoth, Don Wisniewski and Barb Demoth and (top, from right) Chris Wisniewski, Dave Wisniewski and Jason Lewkut – were all smiles at the auction.

## Chamber auction lives up to hype

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Tracy Rettig has heard all about the quality of the 23-year-old Canton Chamber of Commerce annual dinner auction.

Rettig, the new president of the Canton chamber, wondered whether it could live up to its reputation when it took place Saturday at Burton Manor in Livonia. It did.

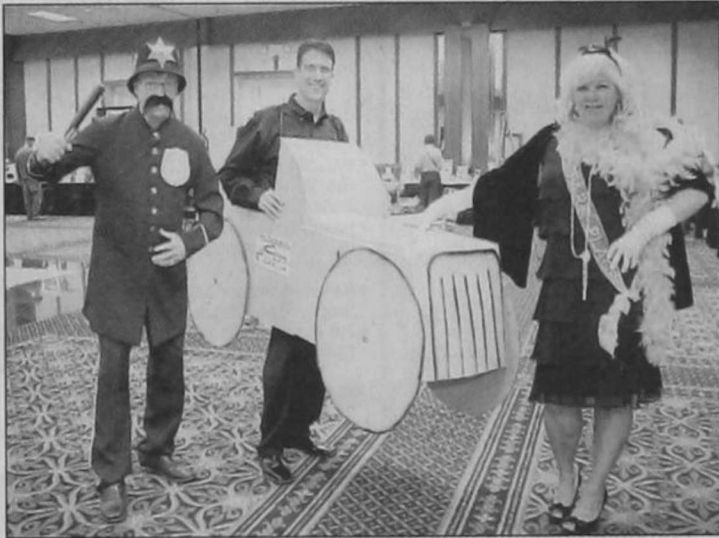
"I'd heard so much about it, it's legendary," said Rettig, who managed her first auction as president. "I think it lived up to every bit of the hype."

Rettig said numbers "are still being crunched" in terms of how much the auction raised but, she said, a good time was had by all. Some 320 people bought tickets, down a little from last year, but Rettig thinks she knows why.

"It was tax day, and a lot of our folks are CPAs who normally would have been done with work," she said. "And, unbeknownst to us, the school district changed when they were having spring break, so people were off with their kids on vacation."

With the event's "Chamberopoly" theme, a few people showed up in costume. Two people dressed as Monopoly properties "Boardwalk" and "Park Place," and a couple others arrived dressed as jailbirds. There was even a Keystone Cop in the crowd.

The event featured more than 200 raffle items, including restaurant packages, gift baskets and jew-



Larry White (from left), Lance Knudsen and Susan Jones from Knudsen Brothers Collision shop the silent auction.



Canton Chamber of Commerce member John Cohen gets a look at life behind bars during Saturday's annual dinner auction.

elry. There were televisions, computers and a remote car starter. Live-auction items included space in condos, a wine dinner, Grub Crawl tickets and lawn service for 28 weeks.

Rettig said one woman walked off with \$920 in 50/50 raffle money, plus some jewelry items. And



Mark Alsager and Judi Fleischaker from Alsager Animal Hospital came as 'Boardwalk' and 'Park Place,' respectively, in keeping with the auction's Chamberopoly theme.

another woman won a basket with some 100 scratch-off lottery tickets. By Tuesday, Rettig said, she thought the woman "had won about \$14."

"She's been scratching like crazy," Rettig said with a laugh. "(The event) was fantastic."

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Free dentistry

Doctors Pinckney, Greenbaum, MacFarland and Timpner, DDS, open their doors to the community, offering a gift of free dental services 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, May 6.

The offer is intended for people who have dental needs but who are unable to afford the cost of treatment. No advance appointments will be made. Patients will be given a time for treatment when they arrive and will be seen on a first-come, first-served basis. Doctors are asking people to arrive early to be guaranteed an appointment.

Doctors will see the first 100 people (more if time allows). Patients must be at least 12 years old in order to be seen, and they must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian if under the age of 18. Free treatment will include exams, X-rays, cleanings, fillings, extractions and pain control.

For more information, visit [www.CantonDentists.com](http://www.CantonDentists.com) or call (734) 981-4040.

### Foot breakthrough

Canton Foot Specialists recently announced what they called "an innovative breakthrough in injection technology." The Vibration Anesthesia Device significantly reduces pain associated with needle injections, the removal of surgical sutures, and intravenous procedures.

The VAD, manufactured by Blaine Labs, Inc., stimulates a zone around the injection site with a vibrating sensation inhibiting neurosensory fibers from transmitting pain stimuli to the brain. In other words, doctors said, the VAD produces a local anesthetic effect around the injection site that significantly reduces needle-prick pain typically experienced during common procedures of this kind.

Dr. Watson, podiatrist

and surgeon at Canton Foot Specialists, uses the VAD at his offices and has tremendously positive results by utilizing this method.

"The problem in the past has been that patients are very apprehensive about even the thought of an injection. We tell them we can minimize their discomfort with the VAD. After we are done with the treatment, most patients say they felt the vibrations of the device, but not the discomfort of the injection," noted Dr. Watson.

Canton Foot Specialists is located on Ford Road in Canton. To schedule an appointment at Canton Foot Specialists, call (734) 981-7800, and for more information, visit [www.cantonfoot.com](http://www.cantonfoot.com).

### Disc repair

Dr. Nilesh Patel of Michigan Orthopedic Specialists is one of the first spine surgeons in the Detroit metropolitan area to use the FDA-approved device called the Xclose Plus Tissue Repair System, developed by Anulex Technologies, Inc.

The device is utilized during Anular Disc Repair and enables surgeons to re-approximate the soft tissue to facilitate the healing process of the annulus fibrosus.

According to recent studies, spine surgery is an effective treatment for many people suffering from radiating pain caused by a herniated disc. The standard of care is to remove the portion of the disc that is applying pressure to the nerves. This procedure is referred to as a discectomy and typically requires the surgeon to make an incision in the outer layer of the disc which is called the annulus fibrosus.

"The Xclose Plus Tissue Repair System provides a unique method for treating the compromised tissue of the annulus fibrosus following a

discectomy procedure," said Dr. Patel. "Previously, we did not have a reliable method of closing the annulus of the disc and when it is not properly repaired, the material inside may re-extrude, compress the nerve root, and result in recurrent pain and re-operation."

According to Dr. Patel, the Anular Disc Repair procedure adds minimal time to the overall procedure and is easily completed. For more information, call the Michigan Orthopedic Specialists at (313) 277-6700 or log on to [www.miortho.com](http://www.miortho.com).

### Bagel fundraiser

Big Apple Bagels will be participating in a national 65 Roses campaign with the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The campaign launched on April 8 and will continue through May 31.

As "proud members of the Canton community," Big Apple Bagels owners Dennis Griffin and Glenn Nenninger said they're "proud to help find a cure for CF."

"At Big Apple Bagels in Canton, we want to give back to our community which has embraced our business, by helping the search for a cure to this terrible disease," they said. "The children who battle cystic fibrosis are so brave and we are happy to help in any way that we can."

The phrase "65 Roses" was adopted by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation because it is what "Cystic Fibrosis" sounds like to a small child and has historically been used by children of all ages to describe their disease. Fundraising efforts in select Big Apple Bagels and My Favorite Muffin restaurants will include sales of \$1 pin-ups and 65 Roses-themed coffee travel mugs.

One hundred percent of the proceeds from the pin-up sales and \$1 per travel mug sold will be donated to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

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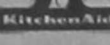
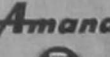
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Three-year-old Julia Montgomery stacks eggs in a basket held by her mom, Jade Montgomery. Brother Grant, 6, was still searching for more eggs.

## The hunt was on!

A little bit of less-than-spring-like weather couldn't stem the enthusiasm of hundreds of youngsters eager to find some early Easter treats. The kids scurried through the fields of Heritage Park Saturday in the annual Canton Township Easter Bunny Eggstravaganza. The egg hunts, which ran for about two hours in two different age categories, provided the usual excitement for the children who took part. In addition to the Easter



Cold and rain doesn't dampen the smiles of Emily Laskie, Jeff Simpson and Kyle Kelly, Canton Leisure Services employees who were in the Easter spirit for Canton's Easter Eggs-stravaganza Saturday at Heritage Park.

Bunny, kids saw characters such as Sesame Street's Elmo and Big Bird. The fun all came after the

annual buffet breakfast, which featured strolling entertainment and a visit with the Easter Bunny.



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Three-year-old Davin Burnell and sister Makiah Burnell, 6, get hugs from Sesame Street characters Big Bird and Elmo. The kids are at the egg hunt with Mom and Dad, Malaika and Dan Burnell.

# Dumping of dogs outrages Humane Society

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
STAFF WRITER

Eleven thin and poorly cared for dogs have been dumped and abandoned in Salem Township since April 6.

The Humane Society of Huron Valley is looking for information leading to the person or persons who dropped the dogs off near Six Mile and Salem roads. Last week, seven pure breed cocker spaniels were abandoned. A few days later, two more cocker spaniels and two cockapoos — cocker spaniel and poodle mixes — were left on the road to fend for themselves.

A \$500 reward from the Humane Society is offered for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the persons responsible, according to Deb Kern, Humane Society of Huron Valley marketing director. "They're all uncared for and heavily matted," Kern said. "It appears they were living in their own feces and urine. None were spayed or neutered. To us it appears that they were used to breed and when they felt their use was over, they were dumped. "Other than that, they appear to be OK," she added. "We're outraged that someone would just dump the dogs."

### DOGS DISCARDED

It is believed the pure breed cocker spaniels were left by the same person or persons, and investigators are looking into whether or not the cockapoos are part of the same case.

Likely, a puppy mill or backyard breeder simply left the dogs on a rural, dirt road and then drove away, said Matt Schaecher, HSHV director of cruelty and rescue.

"It's disturbing to see dogs discarded, because someone decided they could no longer be used to make a profit," Schaecher said. The dogs range in age from 5 to 12 years old. "We are currently evaluating the health of all the dogs," said Dr. Carrie Allen, HSHV veterinarian. "All are in horribly neglectful states, with overgrown, badly matted feces-covered fur. It appears that they have been

"It's disturbing to see dogs discarded, because someone decided they could no longer be used to make a profit."

MATT SCHAECHER, Humane Society of Huron Valley director of cruelty and rescue

housed in small cages amidst their own waste. They range in age, but sadly, some are very old and appear to have had at least one litter of puppies a year for many years."

### SILVER LINING

If there is a silver lining in the case, it is the fact that as of Tuesday, three of the dogs had already been adopted, including a 12-year-old cocker spaniel with cataracts.

Anyone who wants to relinquish their dogs or cats should call the Humane Society to talk about options, like programs to help pay for the food or what to do.

"Please bring them to us," Kern said. "Don't just dump an animal."

There are programs available for people who have a financial need and are burdened by feeding their pets. More information about Bountiful Bowls is available by calling the Humane Society of Huron Valley.

"We have a lot of different programs to help people," Kern said.

Tanya Hilgendorf, executive director of HSHV, said this is a case of "greed on the part of the breeders," who only see the animals as money makers and not as living feeling beings, unfortunately supported by unwitting people who buy pets without doing proper research.

### ADOPTION FIRST

"We always want families to consider adoption first, but if they go to a breeder, they need to make sure it is a responsible one," Hilgendorf said. "Folks need to know that they should never buy companion animals from pet stores or from the Internet, or any other place where you can't see where all the animals are raised and cared for. These dogs weren't family pets. They were 'breeder dogs' kept for the sole purpose of making puppies to make money.



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Dr. Mary Rupley (from left), Dr. Allison VanZant, and Dr. Stacey Weinrick of the Humane Society of Huron Valley working on "Blossom" — one of 11 dogs that were dumped in Salem Township last week.



Deb Kern of the Humane Society of Huron Valley pets one of the dogs HSHV officials named "Daisy."

"As such, they were severely neglected and probably lived tortured lives — never

knowing the joy of a loving family, a happy walk outside, or a warm bed, like all dogs

deserve. People who buy puppies from puppy-mill-like conditions are inadver-

tently supporting animal suffering.

Anyone with any information about where these dogs came from should call an anonymous tip line at (734) 661-3551.

Cocker spaniel lovers interested in adopting one of these dogs should call (734) 662-5585 or go to the shelter. HSHV is open daily from noon to 6 p.m. for adoptions.

The Humane Society of Huron Valley is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization serving all of Washtenaw County, Canton and Plymouth, and relies solely on donations from businesses and individuals to support its community programs. HSHV is not affiliated with, nor does it receive donations from, the Michigan Humane Society or any other humane organization. The mission of HSHV is to promote responsible and compassionate care of all animals in the community. For more information, call (734) 662-5585 or visit [www.hshv.org](http://www.hshv.org).

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## OUR VIEWS

# Work together School board needs to end the bickering

Enough already.

After a 3½-hour meeting April 12 at which very little was accomplished, it is clear the seven members of the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education simply aren't interested in mending fences and moving on.

It's time for all seven to work together for the good of the district.

The 4-3 fissure is as wide as it's been since it became evident last year. That was clear last week, when trustees made virtually every discussion contentious. If it's something one group wants, the other group finds a reason to schedule another meeting or delay the process. Similar ideas get different votes, depending on who suggests them.

Consider the two most important pieces of "business" on the April 12 agenda:

- Superintendent and chief operating officer reviews: Some board members want reviews done on outgoing Supt. Craig Fiegel and COO Ken Jacobs. Trustee Steven Sneiderman wants to do them, others do not. The board has been struggling for months to find common ground on the criteria and have not yet come to it. Truth is, they don't need to be done. Fiegel departs at the end of the school year. Jacobs retires at the start of the next school year.

Sneiderman wants to make sure the board is doing its due diligence by evaluating the two employees who report directly to them. That's an admirable sentiment. However, it can't possibly matter what rating either man gets if they're both gone. The board would do well to focus on the criteria they'll use to both select the next superintendent.

- New superintendent: The fight over the current superintendent is old news, but it's at the heart of the trouble between the two factions. Now trustees can't — or won't — agree on what they want. The administration wrongly placed an internal posting without approval of the full board. However, to be fair, the administration was doing what it was told by John Jackson, board president. Jackson had asked Jacobs to get started, a mistake Jackson acknowledged last week. The search for a new superintendent has been bungled from the start, for political reasons, and the board needs to come together to fix it.

- Delaying everything else until the budget and superintendent situations are resolved: Another area where board opinions vary. Several board members said they'd like to postpone various reports in order to focus on the budget and the superintendent search. Others think all the work of the board is important and shouldn't be put off, because it hasn't been in recent years. In fact, Sneiderman correctly pointed out Fiegel's review was downgraded last year precisely because a report wasn't delivered on time.

These are uncertain, unprecedented times, with an \$18 million hole in the budget, a new superintendent to hire and important issues to discuss. There's a potential school closing, teacher layoffs and expanding class sizes to consider.

It's a time for the seven trustees entrusted with deciding these things to work together. Some of the discourse last week had people in the audience scratching their heads and, in at least one case, chuckling at an attempt to explain a position.

These are tough decisions that will be extraordinarily difficult to make. And they all must be made. Board members can't pick and choose what decisions they'll make. They were elected to make *all* of them.

All seven of them are dedicated, intelligent, caring people who have the best interests of the district and its 19,000 students at heart. But they aren't acting like it.

There's an election in November and board members no longer interested or anxious about making decisions should step aside at that time. Until then, however, the seven board members must find a way to work together for the good of the district. The people who elected them — and the students they represent — deserve that much.

## ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS



The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues, In Your Voices. Find more comments or join the discussion on the Web at hometownlife.com.

### • In response to "Popular PHS teacher faces charges,"

The fact that he wasn't immediately terminated from the school is sickening. Schools and teacher unions do this crap all the time yet they expect us to be sympathetic when they demand lavish compensation and benefits. Why the heck should our tax dollars keep funding our public education system when they shovel this crap at us all the time? What more does a person have to do to get fired?

DTgringo

### • In response to "New charter schools get site plan OK,"

Don't wait any longer. Search for an accredited degree program. Advance your career. Contact your local colleges or read "High Speed University" news article and learn about jobs and degree

Josephcole123

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### What do you think of Canton's water-sewer rates going up 7 percent this year?

We asked this question outside the Canton Public Library.



**"I don't like it, but there's not much you can do when you have to maintain the (water and sewer) system."**

Karen McIntee  
Canton



**"Discouraging, but you have to pay it."**

Wendy Emilio



**"I think it's horrible. I'm retired. I don't need this."**

Ruth King  
Canton



**"Not good."**

Michelle Shaw  
Canton

## LETTERS

### Slash from the top

Many of us have read the Observer's numerous articles reporting budget cuts throughout the state, local governments and schools.

What I, as a taxpayer, don't understand is why, then, do my property taxes continue to rise? Where is the benefit of these supposed cuts to the individual taxpayer?

Current protocol seems to continually protect those government/township employees who already have the highest paying jobs, health care and retirement benefits. When will taxpayers see those cuts?

Yes, so 80 teachers will lose their jobs. Excuse me if I don't join the pity party. Let them join mainstream America in the unemployment line and see how the rest of us live.

Let us add state and township officials and employees to the list of cuts. Some of us worked in the private sector and didn't ever receive their scale of pay and benefits.

Where else can an entry secretarial job pay an unreasonable \$30,000+ per year that Canton Township pays? You would be lucky to get \$15,000 in the private sector. Where else can you deny taxpayer property appeals while at the same time consider allotting funds to buy the police department another new, fancy vehicle as they do in Canton?

I say, let the slashing continue, and let's begin at the top, until we get down to common sense numbers that will allow us ALL to live reasonably, not just government employees.

Phyllis Counts  
Canton

### Disappointed about views

Dear Sen. Colbeck,

I was extremely disappointed with many of your views on public education expressed at the legislative forum held at the board office/Dyer Senior Center on April 7.

I also want to thank you for attending because I have a good idea who will help the public education system and who will not. I was extremely impressed with the comments that Sen. Hopgood made regarding finding additional funding for the public school system. In addition, Rep. LeBlanc seems to be a supporter of public education. I commend Rep. Slavens who quickly spoke up when you said "no one will care if our public schools are not meeting the needs of students when choosing a new state to live in."


I agree throwing money at schools is not the answer, but at least decrease the cuts to the districts that are successfully running their school districts with the current budget. My husband and I are responsible for raising our two boys and making sure they have the best education possible. We are blessed with jobs, and enough money to live comfortably. We do not have additional funds to send our children to private school, and we are not happy with the charter schools in our area. The closest charter school is Gaudior Academy and the children that live on our street and attend that school are not as advanced as our boys.

I am impressed with the Wayne-Westland school district because most of the children I have met or know personally are academically successful. Even the students who are struggling, like one of my sons was last year, are quickly assisted. My son received services, such as speech, free summer school, and free after-school tutoring. I am so impressed because his reading level went up from a beginning first-

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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grade level to a end-of-year second grade level half way through his second grade year. That makes me wonder why Wayne-Westland is receiving the most cuts.

After listening to you I feel that you want the public schools to fail so that we have to send our children to charter schools. I was appalled and amazed at your comments regarding the lottery. Your idea is to cut the education budget, and you don't like piggy-backing on gamblers. What do you propose? I think any funding we can get is welcomed. If you or someone else has a gambling problem then they need help. If people gamble responsibly then I would like that money to benefit K-12 public schools. I also would love to see the cigarette tax, alcohol, beer and wine tax to help meet the budget and eliminate the need for these cuts. Why don't you stop worrying so much and get creative about finding the funding we need.

I am not sure how you got elected, but you need to speak and listen to your constituents. If they feel the same way you do that is great! Thank goodness I don't live in your district. Your views are scaring me to death. Good luck in your future endeavors. Also heaven help our children if there are more people who think like you do.

Vonda L. Newborn  
Inkster

### Radio station support

A few words in support of WSDP.

On Dec. 19, 1980, history teacher Scott Beaman noticed me in the Plymouth Salem library, and asked what I was doing. My answer was, "nothing."

In fact, "nothing" was my outlook in life. High school junior: unmotivated, mediocre grades, no athlete or musician or artisan of any kind. Just one of hundreds upon hundreds at PCEP in that category.

Mr. Beaman (you can't call him anything but "Mr. Beaman") looked at me for a moment and replied, "Follow me." He left me in the WSDP general manager's office with Jeffrey Cardinal, John Seidelman, and Kathy Allen — all faculty members with formal duties at the radio station. I don't know what Mr. Beaman saw in me, other than a b-s'er, and perhaps that fits for the broadcasting profession. But they handed me a long roll of yellow UPI wire copy and told me to edit it and read it for an audition.

The next school year I was WSDP's news director. The year after that, I was working professionally in news radio, and 30 years later, I am a television news anchor in Florida.

I still have that UPI wire copy, now faded to a pale brown, still hastily marked up with my

almost-juvenile pencil scrawls. A reminder that a high school radio station that some consider an extravagance, was absolutely vital to providing me a direction, a career, a life.

All of us who support WSDP recognize school board members have tough choices to make. None of us believe you would blithely cut funds for this program. But as you consider the difficult alternatives in front of you, please keep in mind the fact that WSDP has enormous practical value, that sometimes can only be measured in the lives of people like me — proof that you can make something out of nothing.

David Snyder  
WSDP '82

### Feel the pain

Dear Rep. Dian Slavens, Rep. Kurt Heise, Sen. Patrick Colbeck, and Gov. Snyder:

I am writing to urge you to fulfill your promise to Michigan's students and act now to pass the revenue necessary to fully fund the School Aid budget, this year and into the future.

Michigan schools need a stable revenue stream and the time to address this problem is NOW. The members of the Michigan Legislature have been saying for many years that our children are our future. It is time for them to take action to fulfill that promise. The answer is not K-20 funding. K-12 schools cannot charge tuition or take out student loans as colleges can.

You and your colleagues must take the following steps to ensure that schools can continue to provide our students with the kind of education that will ensure their future:

1. There are huge inequities in school funding across Michigan. The base foundation level needs to be set at an equitable level for all school districts. Additionally, the across the board cuts that were enacted only exacerbated the current inequities. Fair funding must be a priority for the legislature.

2. Allow all districts equal access for local enhancements. These local enhancements should include funding for such things as excess special education costs or other specific general fund expenditures that would allow districts some leeway to fund those programs that current state funding cannot support. Why is my child worth less than children in surrounding districts? We get the same funding per student whether it is elementary, middle school, or high school. It costs more to educate a high school student than a kindergarten student. Where is the fairness?

3. Act now to fix the structural school funding problem and provide students with the level of education that can only come with a stable and predictable school funding source.

4. I personally invite you to attend all future budget meetings for PCCS schools to hear our pain.

I am requesting that you contact me directly to discuss where you stand on this issue.

Specifically, I want to know whether you support the continued taking dollars out of our classrooms, support increasing class size and putting our district into further debt?

I am also asking for your response if you support and will fight to allow the local school districts to raise our own revenue for our schools and revisit Proposal A as it is not working for our kids. Our students are now counting on you to finish the job and provide the revenue necessary to fund school district for this year and into the future.

John Nichols  
Canton



# Repeated economic contractions seen in plight of homeless

They say Michigan was a place where decent jobs were plentiful, where anyone who could turn a wrench, lift a door panel onto a car body or work a typewriter and a telephone could earn a living.

But that hasn't been what I've witnessed, or experienced, during more than 30 years in the work force, and as I look around at the after-shocks of the so-called Great Recession, which in Michigan has been a nearly 10-year ordeal, it becomes ever more difficult to hold onto hope. Michigan's economic golden age is talked about in glowing terms by those who can remember it, but I'm beginning to wonder if the economic slide hasn't actually lasted longer.

Yes, some promising new industries have taken root, with government help, such as advanced battery manufacturing and biomedical research. Yes, there's great excitement about increased automobile sales, with two of the Detroit Three auto manufacturers having benefited mightily from government support.

## BEING SQUEEZED

But with incomes being squeezed between higher medical costs and pay cuts — new auto assembly line workers will earn half the hourly wages of those they're replacing, for example — our homes declining in value and our energy future uncertain, these gains seem like another bubble in the making. Add Gov. Rick Snyder's state budget gamble — tax cuts for large corporations, balanced by new taxes on pensioners, cuts in funding for public education, local communities and support for the poor, and more "shared sacrifice" from public workers — and it gets difficult to see how far this recovery can go.

There have been four major national recessions since I graduated from high school, and with each one, more people seem to get left behind. The economy eventually roars ahead for many — is it even a majority now? — but it invariably leaves in its wake people who are "downsized" and financially disenfranchised, stuck without enough work or in lower-paying jobs for which they're overqualified.

Many give up altogether and stop looking for work, retiring before they're ready, declaring bankruptcy, lowering their living standards and relying on family and friends to get by, or joining the underground economy — all the better for the politicians and corporate types doing the economic cheerleading, as such "discouraged" workers, their unemployment benefits gone, aren't counted in jobless statistics.

## ECONOMIC CYCLES

I landed on the unemployment line for the first time in late 1981, just as the recession of the early 1980s was taking hold. I had lost my job as a handyman and groundskeeper at a small Catholic college in Detroit, and, feeling I had been mistreated there, took to the unemployment office on the city's west side with a certain amount of indignation and anger.

What I saw from my fellow unemployed mostly seemed like resignation, as though they were accustomed to the up-and-down economic cycles. In the 30 years since, those cycles have only accelerated; for the haves, the peaks have gotten higher, and for the have-nots, the lows lower. All this comes to mind now because of an exhibition, *Letters Home*, on display through Friday (9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.) at St. John Episcopal Church in Plymouth Township. Put together by sisters Susan Clinthorne and Sally Thielen, *Letters Home* is a look at homelessness in the U.S.; the artists drew from their encounters with homeless people in Michigan and around the country.



Matt Jachman

## DISPLAY EFFORT

There are signs asking for handouts or work, a cardboard shelter such as a homeless person might sleep in, and large cut-out photographs of homeless people (Clinthorne and Thielen got permission from their subjects, and continue to keep up with many of them). It's a timely exhibition at a fitting location — a Christian church, where concern for one's neighbor is a major theme.

What struck me was not so much the display itself, but the effort behind it. Clinthorne and Thielen weren't passive observers, but actively got to know homeless people, hearing their stories (while respecting privacy) and sharing food and cups of coffee, looking beyond the nameless faces and the stereotypes.

One doesn't need to take in *Letters Home* to see the plight of homeless people. That plight can be seen on the evening news, at local shelters and soup kitchens, and on street corners and freeway exit ramps.

But no matter where it's seen, or how, it's a plight that should be confronted as our economy, having again dumped millions of workers, starts to move on without them.

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# Protect your sensitive information, even at home

BY RICK BLOOM  
GUEST COLUMNIST

This is a very special week for those of the Jewish and Christian faiths.

This week, Jews around the world are celebrating Passover while Christians are celebrating Good Friday and Easter. To all those who are celebrating a holiday this week, I wish you and yours a happy, healthy and peaceful holiday season.

Unfortunately, in the world of personal finance, there are no holidays. When it comes to finances, we can't let our guard down. Whether it's investing money, buying insurance or making a charitable contribution, always be vigilant. I bring this up because I recently read an article about someone who had their credit card numbers stolen and the harm it caused. What caught my eye was that the thief was a friend of the family who stole the information while attending a party at the victim's house.

I mention this not because you should mistrust your family and friends, however, there is a lesson to be learned. In this situation, the individual had guests in her home and had left out a variety of financial papers. The result was the theft of the credit card number. The lesson is sensitive information must be kept private at all times. That means brokerage and credit card statements,

as well as social security numbers and PIN numbers, must be in a safe, secure location at all times. Don't leave that information lying about, because you don't want to give someone an opportunity to steal it.

At the same time, just because someone asks for something — such as your social security number — doesn't mean you have to give it to them. My automatic answer is no. The only way they get the number is if they can give me a pretty good reason why they need it. More often than not, my experience has been that they don't really need the number.

You may not hear as much about identity theft anymore because it's become so common in our society. However, if you're a victim, trust me, it's not something that's pleasant to deal with so no matter where it is — at home or in the office — protect sensitive information.

Many people are under the mistaken belief that only the wealthy have their identity stolen. Nothing could be further from the truth. In fact, there's not one group of people immune to identity theft, including newborns as well as college students. College students are notorious for leaving information out and about and that's where they run into trouble.

I'm frequently asked, "is there a way to prevent identity theft?" and the answer is "no." However, there are ways to reduce the risk, including not only protecting your information, but reviewing all statements that you receive and questioning anything you don't understand. People think identity theft

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involves large sums of money. It doesn't always have to be that way. Some of the more successful identity thefts are actually for small amounts of money because the thieves hope small amounts of money won't draw your attention as easily. However, as you know, small amounts of money over a long period of time do add up.

Twenty years ago, identity theft was something that

most people had never heard about. Today, it's an epidemic and the only way to protect yourself is to be vigilant in protecting your information. Good luck!

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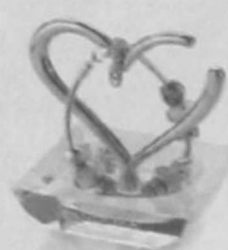
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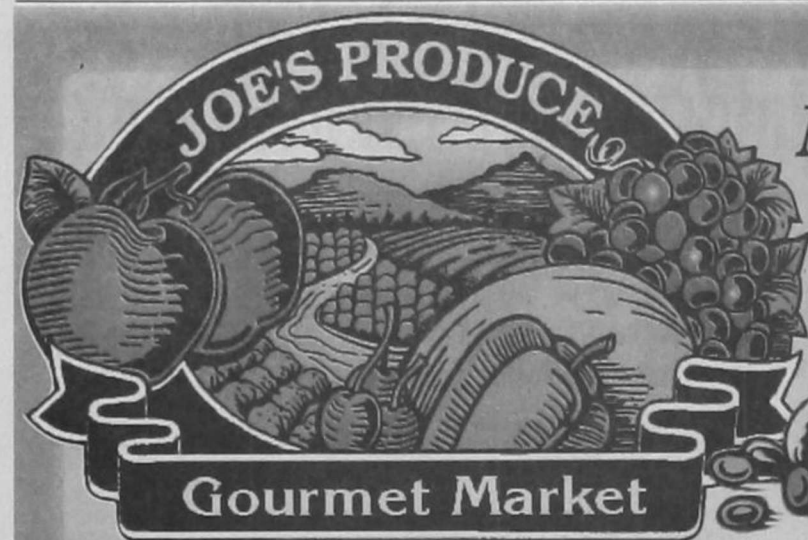
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2011 BOYS GOLF PREVIEW

# Wildcats on prowl for another huge season

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After a sensational 2010 season, Plymouth's varsity boys golf team can't wait to tee it up for 2011.

Many golfers from the team that went 10-0 to win the KLAAs South Division are back in the fold as the Wildcats embark on a new season at 3 p.m. Monday against Westland John Glenn at Fox Hills in Plymouth.

And Wildcats head coach Chris Moore welcomes a solid group of newbies who will seamlessly mesh with the veterans to form another very competitive group in the South.

"I feel that we have a great mix of returners and rookies," Moore said. "The returners have such a great work ethic, they understand what it takes to be successful. And I hope that the rookies can learn from the upperclassmen and returners."

Last year, Plymouth followed up the spotless regular season (which featured winning the Western Wayne Invitational) by earning a trip to the Division 1 golf state finals for the first time in school history.

At Michigan State's Forest Akers, the Wildcats placed eighth, albeit just five shots out of third.

## STILL AIMING HIGH

Back for what they hope is a successful encore are senior Justin Bauer (18-hole average of 78), junior Josh Heinze (who also averaged 78) and sophomores Ryan Rieckhoff and Kyle Rodes, all prominent players in the postseason push.

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CHRIS MOORE, Plymouth boys golf coach

"The 2011 team has set the same type of goals for this season," Moore said. "We hope that we can win our division and conference championship this season and then earn our way back to the state tournament."

Other key returners for the Wildcats include seniors Mark Thompson, Derek Austin, Steven Kirsch and CJ Thompson; juniors Craig Whatley, Eric Thompson and Joel Simpson; and sophomores Ryan Riva, Gunnar Savalo and Thomas Wolf.

Among newcomers are senior Jimmy May (who played varsity baseball in 2010), sophomore Austin Horton and freshmen Chris Kozler, Corey Smith, Chris Bicknell, Alex Decker, John Tatti, Lucas Winkler, Jack Marentic, Kyle Melnick and Evan Chipman.

Moore said the large roster has "allowed us to continue to get better each and every year with a tremendous amount of talented depth on our team."

Another plus, he added, is the team's home facility.

"We are fortunate to practice at Fox Hills with the wide array of options for practice," Moore said, "including range work, short game areas, a par-3 course and, of course, the 27 holes."



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One of the top returnees from last year's undefeated Plymouth varsity boys golf team is senior Justin Bauer, shown in this 2010 file photo.

# Canton boys golfers look to chip toward success

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It figures to be a season of transition for the Canton varsity boys golf team in 2011.

Chiefs head coach Tom Alles said the team that went 8-3 last year in the KLAAs South Division lost several key members to graduation (Zach Conrad, Kyle Korte, Brendan Muir).

That means returnees will

**'The boys are improving steadily and come in with great attitudes.'**

TOM ALLES, Canton boys golf coach

have a chance to move up in the pecking order, while varsity newcomers can make their case.

"We are young and appear to be in a rebuilding mode," Alles said. "The boys are



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improving steadily and come in with great attitudes.

"Our lack of experience could be a factor this season."

Although Alles knows Plymouth and Livonia Churchill will be tough to beat

in the division, the Chiefs can still be competitive.

"I think a .500 season for this team is a real possibility," he said.

A lot of the leadership load falls on the shoulders of senior co-captains Frank Parzynski and Brandon Laabs, who will see plenty of action.

Junior Josh Maxam is likely to see more action, while sophomores Alex Champagne, Justin Legel, Marty Peck and

Brent Perry will vie for varsity playing time.

Alles added that first-year sophomores Chandler Berlin and Brian Gahm could pick up some varsity experience before the season is over.

They'll start to get that opportunity when the season opens at 3 p.m. Monday against visiting Livonia Franklin at Hilltop Golf Course.

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Plymouth senior McKenzie Hengesh (front right) recently signed to play women's soccer at Michigan Tech University. Seated next to her is her mom, Jennifer Hengesh. Standing are (from left) Plymouth varsity girls soccer coach Jeff Neschich and McKenzie's dad, Ed Hengesh.

# Hengesh will help keep family's MTU tradition alive

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Hengesh family lives and breathes Plymouth girls soccer these days. But they love the Upper Peninsula experience, too.

Soon McKenzie Hengesh will follow the Michigan Tech University tradition established by her parents (Ed and Jennifer Hengesh) and her older brother, Eddie.

The parents met at MTU and Plymouth alum Eddie Hengesh also is a Huskie.

As for 18-year-old McKenzie, a

high-scoring forward who sparked the Wildcats to the 2010 Division 1 state finals, it was a natural that Michigan Tech would be her next educational home. She recently signed her national letter of intent to play at MTU on a soccer scholarship.

"I chose Michigan Tech because it just felt like the perfect school for me," she said. "It felt right every time I visited the campus."

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# Chiefs are team to watch

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With a nucleus of talented athletes, the Canton varsity girls track and field team is hopeful of being relevant in the KLAAs South Division this spring.

But co-coaches Brad Waidmann and Pamela Ston also know the team will need to remain injury free and get a

**GIRLS TRACK PREVIEW** spark from the more inexperienced runners, jumpers and throwers in order for that to happen.

Waidmann, at last week's annual Bolger-Mangan Memorial Meet at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, emphasized that the 2011 team remains a work in progress.

"We're a really solid team," Waidmann said. "We just have to get everybody on the same page."

Three members of last year's 1-4 team will lead the way, including Madonna University-bound senior distance runner Bianca Kubicki.

Running the 100-, 200- and 400-meter dashes will be senior Jordan Clark, who the coach said "can pretty much run anywhere she wants (in college), she's that good."

Then there's senior Lindsay Lipa, who went to states in 2010 in the high jump, but who also can do sprints and relays. She will go to Cornerstone University in 2011-12.

"That crew really kind of anchors us," Waidmann said.

Two other key seniors are middle distance runner Rachel Martin and co-captain Robyn Piwowar, who is a dependable sprinter both for relays and individual events.

The Chiefs will also feature junior transfer student Alena Valetti, who came over from Hartland. "She's



One of Canton's senior co-captains is Chelsea Smith, shown competing at last week's Bolger-Mangan Memorial Meet.

one of our top sprinters," Waidmann said.

On the down side, the Chiefs are thin in some of the field events, particularly shot put and discus.

"We're trying to get some younger people on the right track and get some points from them," Waidmann said.

Also are taking a chunk out of the team's depth as the season begins are injuries, such as those to Michele Lu and Melissa Newton.

Waidmann and Ston will look for

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## SIDELINES

### Strike out prostate cancer

Salem Baseball Boosters will host the second annual "Strike Out Prostate Cancer" benefit doubleheader, on Saturday, May 7. The twinbill between Salem and Plymouth starts at 11 a.m.

There will be raffles, baked goods and concessions to help raise money for the cause. Go to [www.salemrocksbasketball.com](http://www.salemrocksbasketball.com) for more information.

### Benefit softball game

Meanwhile, the Plymouth varsity softball team will dedicate its game on Monday, May 9, against Livonia Stevenson to benefit the American Cancer Society.

Spectators are asked to wear pink and bring change for a "miracle inning." There also will be a bake sale and team baskets for bidding. All proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society. Visit [www.softball.plymouthwildcats.com](http://www.softball.plymouthwildcats.com) for more info.

### Baseball wraps

• **SALEM 12-10, S. L. EAST**

**3-0:** Salem swung some hot bats on Wednesday, April 13 in this doubleheader romp at South Lyon East.

The Rocks, who are now embarking on their annual trip to Cincinnati, started strong in the opener with four runs in the first and two more in the second to build a 6-0 lead. They never looked back, parlaying nine hits into the big win.

Senior Devin Price was the big gun for the Rocks. He went 3-for-5 (including a double) and drove in five runs while seniors Scott Devine and Evan Gambino went 2-for-3.

Earning the win was starter Scott Theisen, who gave up just one run and four hits over five innings. Finishing up the pitching duties were Marcus Olind and Jeremy St. Laurent (who struck out four of seven batters over the two games combined in an outstanding varsity debut).

In Game 2, it was more of the same. Senior pitcher Tommy Rodriguez blanked the home team over five innings, giving up just one walk and four hits. St. Laurent finished up with another scoreless frame.

At the plate, the Rocks scored twice in the third and blew it open with eight runs in the sixth. Devine and Gambino each had two hits and two RBI while sophomore center fielder Demetrius Dunlap started with two doubles in three at-bats and three RBI.

The Rocks showed excellent defense all day, turning two double plays in each game. Perhaps the defensive play of the twinbill was a relay from Brad Trubowski to Matt Rowland to catcher Brett Ramirez to cut down a run at the plate.

• **LUTHERAN WESTLAND**

**7, S. CHRISTIAN 5:** Kevin

Wade reached a milestone in his baseball coaching career last Thursday as Lutheran High Westland downed host Southfield Christian, 7-5.

Wade, in his sixth season at the helm with the Warriors, garnered his 100th career victory thanks to an 11-hit attack and the complete game mound performance by Jake Andrzejewski.

Aaron Gartha led the way going 2-for-3 with a double and two-run homer in the fifth inning to put the Warriors up 7-2.

Kent Krzyske added two hits and two RBI, while Nick Andrzejewski and Taurrek Fikes also contributed two hits each.

Jake Andrzejewski went all seven innings, scattering nine hits and three walks while striking out 11. He allowed four earned runs.

"It was good for us to get a quality win on the road against a tough conference opponent," said Wade, whose team improved 2-0 overall and 1-0 in the Blue Division of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Wade is now 100-58 overall at Lutheran Westland.

The loss drops Southfield Christian to 1-1 overall and 1-1 in the MIAC Blue.

• **HURON VALLEY 8,**

**BAPTIST PARK 1:** Ivan Bell went 3-for-4 with an RBI as defending MIAC Red Division champ Westland Huron Valley (3-0, 3-0) rolled last Thursday past visiting Taylor Baptist Park.

Alex Harris also added two hits and RBI for the victorious, who collected 10 hits.



# HENGESH

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"There is tons of snow, the school has an awesome program for environmental science, my future teammates are great and it's kind of a family tradition to attend Tech."

According to Ed Hengesh, "McKenzie fell in love with MTU during the few trips we made to Houghton to see Eddie and meet the women's soccer coaching staff."

Of course, first things first. McKenzie is co-captain for the 2011 season, which the Wildcats hope will mirror last season's success.

Hengesh collected all-conference, all-district and all-state honorable mention honors for her 2010 season.

## HONING HER SKILLS

Now beginning her fourth year as a starter, McKenzie's time with Plymouth's varsity team helped mold her into the player she is today.

But she also said she learned much from playing for teams in the Canton Soccer Club, along with stints with the Canton Quest, Michigan Rush and Michigan Hawks elite teams.

"Playing with all of these different clubs has given me the ability to play all sorts of

formations and styles of play," McKenzie said.

Jennifer Hengesh said the family link with MTU was a plus. But the main things were "joining a great group of girls for the next level of soccer" along with being able to study ecology and wildlife management.

Of course, there also is snowboarding at Mount Bohemia in the off-season, Jennifer added.

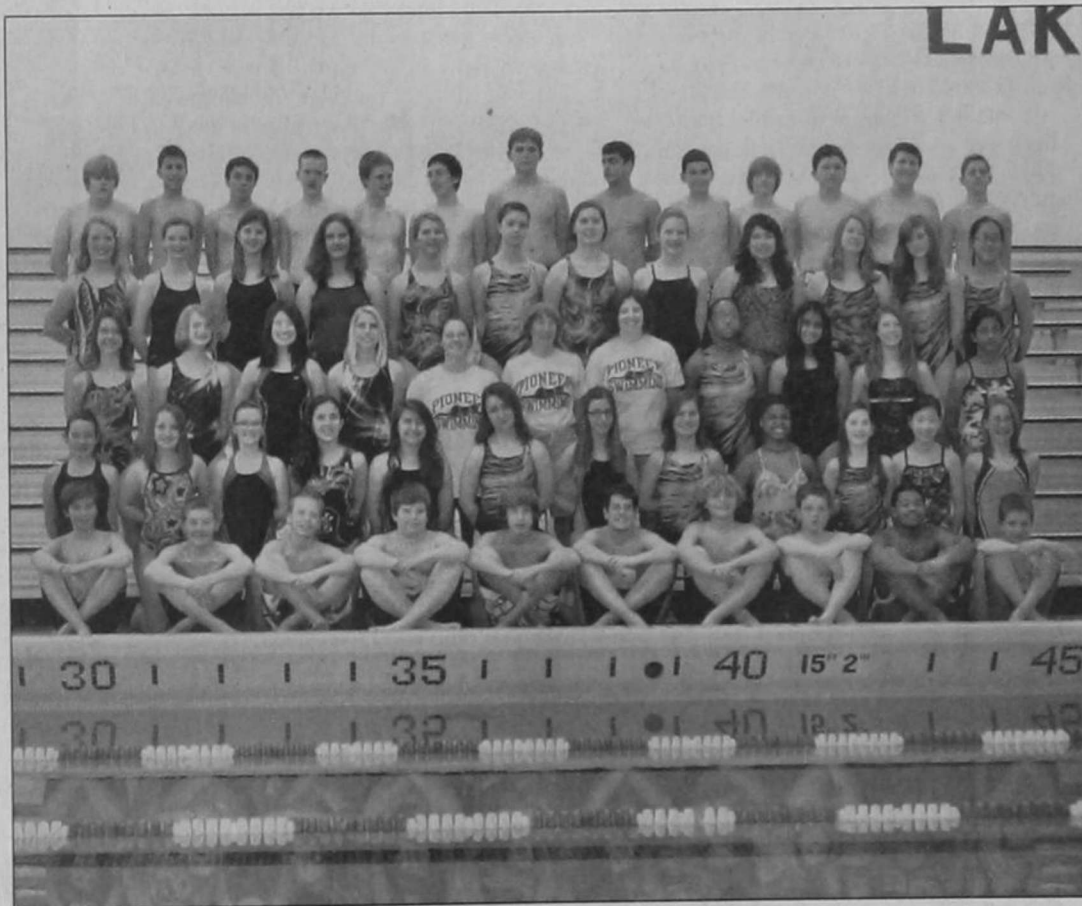
"McKenzie had a big decision to make, and we are thrilled with her choice," she said. "She will have a lot of time to study on the long bus rides to the away games."

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## Thunderous!

Let's hear it for the All Saints Catholic School's Junior Varsity Thunder, champions of their division with a record of 9-1. The Canton-based Thunder includes: (front row, from left) Justin Savona, John Pacente, Jacob Dolan, Joey Tatro and Kenny McCormack; (middle row, from left) Patrick Hegarty, Theodore Day, Daniel Moore, Brendan Doyle, Alec Nordberg and Brendan Nordberg; (back row, from left) coaches John Savona, Jim Day, Bob Dolan and Bob Tatro. Not pictured is Charlie Feichtinger.



## Off to a good start

Pioneer Middle School Swim team won their recent first meet against Central Middle school 147-119. Their coaches names are: Jennifer Fenner, Kathy Sonnanstine, and Heather Colombo (pictured in the middle of the third row). All members of the team live in Canton or Plymouth.

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points from Chelsea Smith, Marina Milad, Sherice Moore,

Caitlin Wakefield, Jessica Siegler, Cathy Huang, Gabby Williams, Emily Lang and Carolyn Benner.

"What do I expect this year? A lot, when we get everybody healthy and on the same page,"

Waidmann said.

Canton (0-2) will visit Westland John Glenn on April 26 as the season resumes following spring break.

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Hickory Creek Golf Course is located at 3625 Napier Road off of Ford Road. Call (734) 731-0238 or send an e-mail to [TrainwithTami@yahoo.com](mailto:TrainwithTami@yahoo.com) if interested in signing up.

Also, Bealert said private lessons are available. Go to [www.HickoryCreekgolf.com](http://www.HickoryCreekgolf.com) for more information.

## Junior classes

• **Juniors (ages 8-17):** The four-week program (Fee \$80) is for 4-8 students with up to two years of golfing experience. They will work on: fundamentals of the golf swing and short game; life skills/etiquette; easy practice drills and fun training tools for each phase of the swing.

Schedule: Saturdays 11 a.m. to 12 noon, through May 7.

### • 3-Day, Mini-Youth Camp:

This program runs for three consecutive half-days for 6-9 students. Juniors will learn golf fundamentals covering all areas of the game, including set up of putting, chipping, pitching and the full swing. Practice drills and teaching tools/aids will be tailored for each student. Golf rules, etiquette and course management will be applied. The \$95 fee includes a gift bag, and daily snack. One year of golfing experience is required.

Schedule: Ages 8-12, Monday, Aug. 15 through Wednesday, Aug. 17, 9-11 a.m.; ages 13-17, Monday, Aug. 15 through Wednesday, Aug. 17, 1-3 p.m.

• **Drop In Clinics (ages 8-17):** The eight-week offering (\$95; drop

in rate: \$20) is a one hour clinic for all skill levels. Depending on class size weekly, students will be divided into age groups. Each week, topics will vary, covering all aspects of the game. There will be games and contests.

Schedule: Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. from June 22 through Aug. 10.

• **Golf Tourney Wrap-Up (ages 5-17):** On Wednesday, Aug. 24, all juniors can take part in the two-person scramble. There will be age divisions, awards and pizza all for \$25. More information is forthcoming.

Schedule: Saturdays 11 a.m. to 12 noon, through May 7. (Fee \$80)

• **Little Linksters (ages 5-7):** The four-week program (\$80) is for 4-8 students, who will learn set-up fundamentals in a safe environment for putting, chipping and swing. They will learn via the use of vivid colors, numbers, hoops and easy to learn training clubs. Life skills, golf etiquette and golf games are part of the fun.

Schedule: 10-11 a.m.

Saturdays, June 4-25; 10-11 a.m. Saturdays July 9-30.

## Adult golf programs

• **New to Golf:** This is a six-week class for 4-10 students (\$105). It is for the new golfer with little or no experience. Learn fundamentals of all aspects of the game (the set up, swing, putting, chipping, rules and etiquette). Easy swing drills and training tools will be applied as well as demonstrations of on-course play and strategies.

Schedule: Tuesdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m., through May 24; Thursdays, 5-6 p.m., from May 5 through June 9.

• **Refresher Course:** The three-week program for 4-8 students (\$75) focuses on review of fundamentals of the short game and full swing. Understand and control ball flight and learn

how to build a repeatable swing for consistent contact with all clubs.

Schedule: Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m., May 10-24; Wednesdays, 4-5 p.m., June 1-15.

• **Short Game:** This is a three-week program for 4-8 students (\$75) and deals with the short game (100 yards and in). Sixty-five percent of scores take place from 100 yards and into the hole, so learn how to execute a chip and pitch shot and dial in the correct distance. Specific drills and skills are on tap.

Schedule: Wednesdays, 12-1 p.m., June 1-15; Thursdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m., June 16-30.

• **Course Management:** Another three-week program for 4-8 students (\$120), this is a chance to receive coaching while on the golf course. Learn strategies on how to manage your thinking to control scores, learn how to play from difficult lies and know where to aim/land the ball with correct trajectory. Cart and green fee included.

Schedule: Thursdays, 7:15-8:30 p.m., May 12-26; Tuesdays, 7:15-8:30 p.m., June 7-21.

• **Golf Enhancement Session:** A year-round program (\$150), this features eight weekly one-hour sessions where participants learn proper warm-ups and how to stretch and practice properly. They'll also receive golf tips on various topics of the swing. There will be optional "Super Twilight" golf following practice.

Schedule: Mondays, 5:30-6:30 p.m., April-through-October.

• **Golf Enhancement Session Level II:** This continues GES Level I, with total body swing assessment, golf-specific fitness program for maximum flexibility and strength. A 12-session package runs \$250, while six-week sessions are \$135.

Schedule: Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m. (start time may vary); Fridays, 10-11 a.m.



Hickory Creek PGA golf pro Tami Bealert (right) helps out Hailey Wasik of Canton during one of the youth clinics held in 2010. Bealert is offering more of the same this spring and summer.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### YMCA spring leagues

The YMCA spring soccer and girls volleyball leagues are now forming.

The soccer leagues are for children ages 4-10 and will run through June 11. There will be one practice and one game per week, on Saturdays.

Volleyball is for girls ages 9-10 and 11-12, also to run through June 11. There will be one practice and one game per week, on Friday evenings.

Both the soccer and volleyball leagues are filled on a first-come, first-served basis and the registration deadline is April 1. For more information about these leagues, or other YMCA programs, go to [www.ymcadowetroit.org](http://www.ymcadowetroit.org) or call the office at (734) 453-2904.

### Captain's Corner

If you know of a senior varsity captain at Canton, Plymouth, Salem or Plymouth Christian who is worthy of recognition,

please submit candidates for "Captain's Corner" to Observer sports editor Tim Smith, [tsmith@hometownlife.com](mailto:tsmith@hometownlife.com).

### Father's Day Run

The Plymouth YMCA Fathers Day Run has again been recognized as a quality physical activity by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness.

This year's run, by the way, is set to begin at 7:30 a.m. Sunday, June 19 in downtown Plymouth.

The Governor's Council endorses local, regional and state events to acknowledge an organization's ability to plan and carry out a quality event that significantly contributes to the health and well-being of Michigan residents. The Fathers Day Run exemplifies this core value and is endorsed by the Governor's Council.

"By endorsing local events all across the state, we hope to bring attention to the importance of physical activity and encourage our citizens to take responsibility

for their health," said Marilyn Lieber, president and CEO of the council. "These local events can have a tremendous impact on health care costs that present a significant challenge for our state's economy."

For more information about the Governor's Council endorsement program, go to [www.michiganfitness.org](http://www.michiganfitness.org). For more info on the Fathers Day Run, contact [cmorency@ymcadowetroit.org](mailto:cmorency@ymcadowetroit.org).

### Combine training

Combine training for high school football to prepare for the 2011 season takes place on Sundays at the Auburn Hills Sports Dome.

Players will be taught drills and techniques used to prepare college seniors for the NFL Combine and use SPARQ, Michigan Preps and NUC testing protocols.

To register, visit [www.coachjackson-speed.com](http://www.coachjackson-speed.com); or call coach Jaime Jackson at (248) 535-7404.

## STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

### SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NUMBER C-2011-01

### 2009 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE WITH APPENDICES

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ADOPTING AND INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE 2009 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE WITH APPENDICES; PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF THE SAFEGUARDING OF LIFE AND PROPERTY FROM FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS ARISING FROM THE STORAGE, HANDLING AND USE OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES, MATERIALS, AND DEVICES, AND FROM CONDITIONS HAZARDOUS TO LIFE OR PROPERTY IN THE OCCUPANCY OF BUILDINGS AND PREMISES IN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND HAZARDOUS USES OR OPERATIONS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION HEREOF; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL AND SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

### THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

#### SECTION 1. ADOPTION OF FIRE CODE.

**Section 24.010. Code Adopted.** This section provides that the 2009 Edition of the International Fire Code with Appendices is adopted by reference as the Fire Prevention Code of the Charter Township of Plymouth.

**Section 24.020. Changes in the Code.** This section provides that certain sections and subsections of the 2009 Edition of the International Fire Code are hereby amended as to the title, penalties and stop work orders

#### Section 24.030. Notice; opportunity to correct.

This section provides that if a violation of this Chapter is noted, a Code Enforcement Officer may notify the owner of record and/or the occupant of the property of the violation specifying the violation.

#### SECTION 2. REPEAL.

This section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

#### SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.

This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of this Ordinance.

#### SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

This section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecution for violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance.

#### SECTION 5. PUBLICATION.

This section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

#### SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This section provides that this Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication.

Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the office of the Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, during regular business hours.

Joe Bridgman, MMC  
Township Clerk

Introduced: March 8, 2011  
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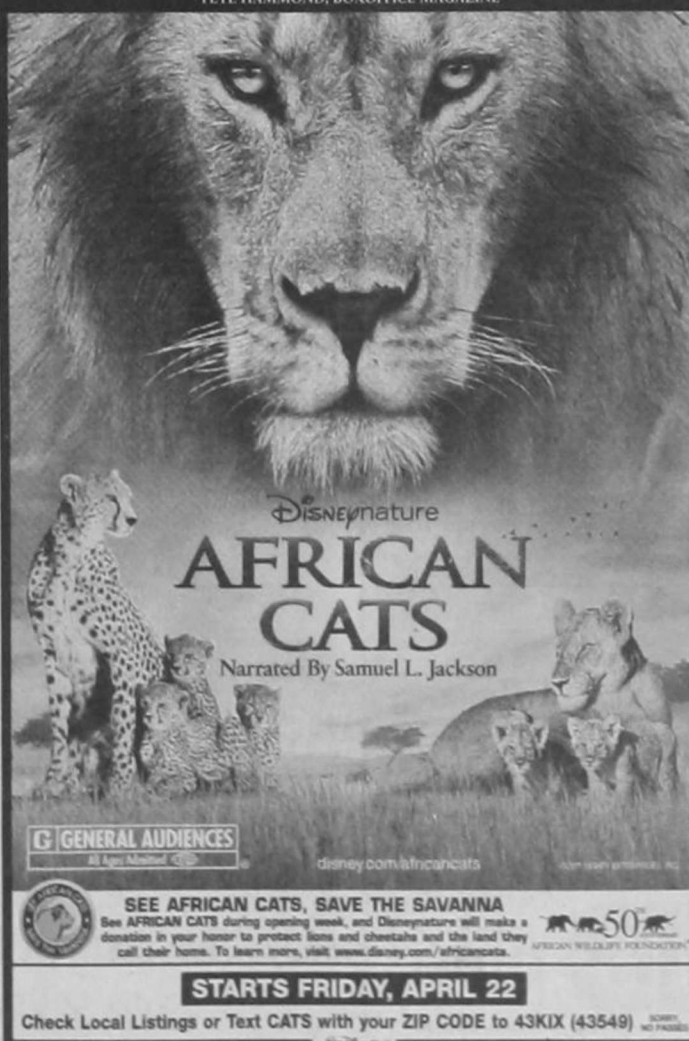
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# Chiefs third at Elks Relays, with a little help from the kids

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Ever since Bob Richardson's been coaching the Canton boys track and field team, he's included the Dearborn Elks Relays on the early season schedule.

With some varsity athletes gone for spring vacation, the Dearborn event provides kids on the junior varsity opportunity to show Richardson what they've got in a "varsity" setting.

This year is no different. With help from JV athletes, the Chiefs finished third out of seven teams at Saturday's Dearborn Elks Relays — held at Dearborn High School.

Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, which has a rule that prohibits athletes from leaving for spring break, placed first with 70 points. Trailing the Shamrocks were Ferndale (36), Canton (34), Woodhaven (33), Dearborn (27), Northville (18) and Westland John Glenn (15).

"A lot of these kids normally aren't varsity kids," Richardson said. "We had so many people out of town that it just opened the door for some of these kids."

"That's what we tell them. 'Here's your opportunity now. Somebody opened the door for you to be varsity. Make sure you close that door and make sure you get to stay varsity.'"

## CHANGE OF PACE

The event is intriguing for coaches such as Richardson for other reasons, such as the inclusion of different events than those found in typical track and field meets or invitational.

Those who throw shot put and discus compete in a running event, for example. Or, how about a 6,400-meter relay or long jump relay?

"It's a lot different than most invitationals," said Richardson, whose Chiefs have participated in the Dearborn Elks Relays since he became the team's head coach in 1989. "That's because it's so



JOHN KEMSKI

Ryan Kilgore of the Canton varsity boys track and field team competes in the pole vault during last week's city meet. Teammates Mitch Nickert and Kyle Zander (far left) wait to go next. Kilgore, Nickert and Nick Alaniva finished first in the pole vault relay at Saturday's Dearborn Elks Relays.

distance-oriented. When you hear some of the events you'll say, 'Wow, more distance?'"

Canton enjoyed a solid showing Saturday, with one first-place finish leading the way, along with two relays placing second and two others third.

Finishing first was the pole vault relay, comprised of Nick Alaniva, Ryan Kilgore and Mike Nickert. The team won with a combined score of 32-feet, 6-inches and Alaniva won a special individual award for the best mark of anybody at the invite (13-6).

"He's just doing a great job," said Richardson, about Alaniva.

In second place was the high jump relay, which collectively tallied 11-8. On the team was

Ben Spreitzer, Matt Schacht and Jamal Dixon.

Canton's other runner-ups were in the 3,200-meter relay, with Shean Krolicki, Tyler Winningham, Keegan Sullivan and Austin Golles registering a mark of eight-minutes, 45.1 seconds.

The Chiefs picked up third-place finishes in the 6,400-meter relay and 800-meter relay.

In the former, the unit of Jeff Molchan, Zach Cox, Bradon Conley and Josh Joy finished in 20:15.8; in the latter, Ryan Jones, Darian Evans, Colby Morris and Alaniva finished in 1:36.3 seconds.

## RARE OPPORTUNITY

Alaniva won his second individual medal of the day as

part of Canton's fourth-place long jump relay.

The relay team (Alaniva, Nickert, Dixon) tallied 50-6, but Alaniva's jump of 19-7.5

again was the best of anybody competing at the invite.

Another fourth-place finish was in the 110-meter, high-hurdle shuttle relay. Spreitzer,

Dixon, Drake Hogan and Javon Hill completed the event in 1:14.1 seconds.

Three other fourths were chalked up by Canton. Those were as follows: 400-meter relay (Jones, Alaniva, Morris, Avery Simms), 46.0; intermediate shuttle hurdles (Spreitzer, Dixon, Hogan, Hill), 1:29.1; 1,600-meter relay (Spreitzer, Matt Schacht, Sapan Patel, Tyler Winningham), 3:38.9.

Canton also registered fifth-place finishes in the 400-meter shot put relay and distance medley.

In the shot put relay, throwers Jack McAllister, Matt Halim, Steve Schacht and Daniel Kidwell had the unique chance to run in an event.

They finished the 400 meters in 55.7 seconds.

"It's interesting and they take a little pride in it," Richardson added. "They were working on their exchanges the other day in practice. None of them had ever taken an exchange before. It just gave them a chance, everybody was watching and cheering for them."

Meanwhile, the distance relay team of Jackson Lytle, Patel, Alex Krul and Evan Dunklee clocked in at 12:25.6 seconds.

Richardson said the 2-0 Chiefs will return to KLAA action on April 26 at John Glenn.

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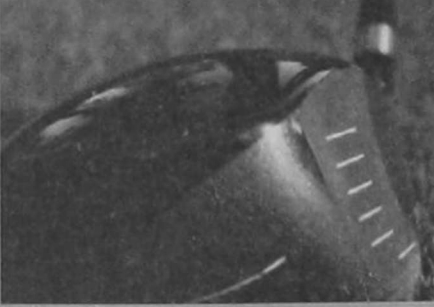
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## Rock-solid behind Jess!

Members of Salem's softball team recently made sure people knew about the upcoming 'Run for Super Jess' 5K run on Sunday, May 1 at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. The run, hosted by the PCEP National Honor Society, will go from 8-11 a.m. and more than 1,300 people have already signed up to take part. Proceeds will help the family of Jesse 'Super Jess' Lindlbauer to help generate funds for the Canton High School sophomore. He is recovering from a brain abscess rupture, but needs physical and speech therapy. The NHS continues to register participants in advance and will also hold limited registration on May 1, beginning at 7 a.m. Costs to run are \$20 for students and \$25 for adults. E-mail Salem senior Tommy Halewicz at thalewicz@aol.com for registration forms.





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# Darkness creates powerful service

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Nativity United Church of Christ in Livonia will start its worship service on Easter Sunday the way it ends it on Good Friday — in darkness. The congregation has already prepared for its "tenebrae" service at 7 p.m. Friday, April 22, by darkening windows in the building.

"It's not all that unusual, although it is unique for us. We take an existing service and modify it," said the Rev. John Landis, describing Nativity's Good Friday service. "More and more churches are doing tenebrae services."

Tenebrae is a service of darkness and shadows celebrated on Maundy Thursday or Good Friday. It includes gospel readings that tell the story of Good Friday, the time between the Good Supper and the Passion of Christ. With each reading a candle is extinguished until the church is left in darkness.

"It's very powerful. With some reformed traditions they take all of the candles out and at the end they take the Christ candle out and then bring it back in," he said, describing the tall pillar candle that symbolizes Christ as the "light" of the world.

Landis, who also pastors the First Congregational Church of Wyandotte, takes a slightly different approach. The sanctuary will be dark and "stripped" of little more than a cross and tables bearing candles. He'll tell the story of Good Friday with readings from all four gospels and will extinguish a candle at the end of each reading. He'll also place items that illustrate the readings on each table.

"As we go along, when we read about Mary anointing Jesus before the Last Supper, we'll distinguish that with a flask of oil. When we read about the flogging, we'll place a whip on the table," Landis explained.

Easter service on Sunday, April 24, will start the way Good Friday service ended. The chalice will be turned on its side. A whip and crown of thorns will hang from the cross and the sanctuary will be dark.

"If I can make it cold, I make it cold," Landis said.

Nativity United Church of Christ is located at 9435 Henry Ruff Road, at W. Chicago Road, in Livonia. Sunday services, including Easter worship, are at 2 p.m. (734) 421-5406.

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**BURTON, CYNTHIA MARIE**

Age 56. Cindy passed away peacefully on March 22, 2011 after a courageous battle with cancer. Words cannot express how much Cindy will be missed by her family and friends. She is survived by her mother Marge Burton of Check, VA, brother Steve Burton of Check, VA, brother Terry Burton (partner Diane Belli) of Livonia, MI, sister Ann Harmon (Dave) of Hamburg, MI, sister Peggy Streetman (James) of Fountain Hills, AZ, and brother Michael Burton of Check, VA. Also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Cindy was preceded in death by her father, Leo R. Burton. Cindy happily lived her entire life in Westland, MI, dedicating her life's work to the restaurant business. She proudly began working at an early age at the family-owned restaurant known as the Windjammer Lounge in Livonia. Later, she continued her career at Sandy's By The Beach in Redford. She was very dedicated to her career, loved working with people, and always had a smile and a kind word for everyone. Cindy also loved animals, especially her two four-legged friends Freddie and rescue dog Max. She gave freely to the Humane Society and had compassion for all animals in need. With respect to her wishes an anatomical donation for medical research has taken place. Close friends and family will gather together to celebrate her life. A "Celebration of Cindy" memorial will be held at "Slings" (formerly the Windjammer Lounge) located at 11791 Farmington Rd. on Saturday, April 30, 2011 between 1:00 and 4:00 pm. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Michigan Humane Society in loving memory of Cindy Burton.

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**CHAPMAN, HARVEY  
WALTER (MIKE)**

Age 82. April 16, 2011. Beloved husband of the late Marie (Petersen) and the late Jenny (Neil). Dearest father of Nancy Kapitan (John), Mike (Mari), Kim, Carol Spreitzer, and Chris. Proud grandfather of Krista, Bryan, Joel, Faith, Christian, and Marie. Dearest brother of the late Butch, Earl, Josie, Hank, Bill, Don, Grace and Dick. Loving uncle of many nieces and nephews. Mike was born on July 28, 1928 in Farmington Township. He graduated from Farmington High School and served in the Korean War. He was a member of the American Legion, Groves Walker Post 0346. Mike was a co-owner of "Mike and Tom's Pub" in Farmington Hills for 26 years. He sponsored golf leagues, the March of Dimes Wild Game Dinner, and other charities. He loved baseball and he loved life! A Funeral Mass was held on Tuesday at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Farmington. [www.thayer-rock.com](http://www.thayer-rock.com)

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**CHRISTIE (STREMICK)  
LOU ANN M.**

Age 74. Memorial services will be 12:00 Noon Saturday at Spear-Mulqueeny Funeral Home 667 Mentor Ave Painesville, OH with Rev. Jimmy Riley officiating. Born on August 29, 1936 in Nekoma, North Dakota, Mrs. Christie grew up in Plymouth, MI and was a resident of Painesville, OH and formerly of Gold Canyon, AZ. She passed away on April 17, 2011 at Kemper House in Mentor, OH. She was a Legal Secretary for Atty Joseph Dillon and an Executive Secretary for Howmet Mfg in Plymouth. Member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Painesville, OH. Lou Ann enjoyed singing with church and community choirs, playing the organ, gardening and arts and crafts. Survived by Husband Jack G. Christie, whom she married on March 10, 1979. Daughters Cheri (Dan) Frantz of Painesville, OH. Cindi (Tim) Chapman of Garden City, MI. Lori Leveille of Greensboro, NC. Son Doug (Jodie) Leveille of Royal Oak, MI. 12 Grandchildren: Kim, Brian, Jacob, Jenny, Laurie, Christine, Ben, T.J., Gabrielle, Lauren, Michael, and Shannon. Preceded in death by 1st Husband Dale Leveille in 2000. Parents Louis and C. Mary (Spanier) Stremick. Friends received from 11:00 am to Noon Saturday at the Spear-Mulqueeny Funeral Home in Painesville, OH. Contributions may be made to Hospice of the Western Reserve 5786 Heisley Rd. Mentor, OH 44060 or to the Alzheimer's Foundation Cleveland Area Chapter P.O. Box 74924 Cleveland, OH 44194-4924.

**COIL, SANDRA JEAN**

Age 56, April 16, 2011 Beloved daughter of Mary Ann and the late Harold. Sister of Ronald. Sandy was loved and cherished by all her extended family that cared for her. Funeral was April 20, 2011 at St. James Church, Novi. Donations to ARC of Western Wayne, 2257 South Wayne Rd, Westland MI 48186. Online condolences: [www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

**HEDGER, KIMBERLY A.**

April 17, 2011 Age 49 of Westland. Beloved mother of Tiffany Marie Hedger & Mariah Manier. Dear daughter of Geraldine (William) Smith & William (Joanne) Hedger. Loving grandmother to Devon, Owen, Savanna, Madison & Noah. Also survived by many aunts, uncles & cousins. Funeral at the Uht Funeral Home 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland Thurs. 1 PM. Family will receive friends Thurs. 10-1 PM. Donations to the family appreciated. Please visit and sign a tribute at: [www.uhtfh.com](http://www.uhtfh.com).



**MENSER, BETTE G.**

72, of Walled Lake, passed away at her home on April 15, 2011. She is survived by her high school sweetheart & loving husband of 52 years, William. She was a loving Mother to their 4 children, Grandma to 8. Caring sister, aunt, and friend to many. Bette's most enjoyable times were spent with her family and friends. She will be remembered for always putting others first, her loving thoughtful ways, and giving helpful advice whenever needed. A memorial service will be held at St. Georges Episcopal Church in Milford, MI on Monday April 25, 2011 at 11:00am. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to The American Lung Association.

**STUART, ALAN D.**

Age 81, April 18, 2011. Beloved husband of Lois. Dear father of Lisa (Brent) McVeigh, Jane Stuart and Celia Stuart Whitman. Grandfather of Mariah and Austin McVeigh. Memorial Mass Monday, April 25, 2011 10:30am at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 North Territorial Road, Plymouth, MI Schrader-Howell Funeral Home

**LACY, BLANCHE B.**

Age 88, passed away April 18, 2011. A memorial Mass will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church in South Lyon in the near future. Arrangements entrusted to:

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**MARSTON, GENEVIEVE**

Died April 18, 2011 age 90. Beloved wife of the late Dr. George Marston. Dear mother of Blaine (Jeanette), Nancy (John) Nowak, Dr. Carol (Mark Foucher) Marston, and Joseph (Kimberly). Proud grandmother of Michael, Nicole, Julie, Elizabeth, Matthew, Christopher, Nick and Chris. Sister of Thaddeus Gudsens. Caring for her family was her passion in life. She was happiest at a sewing machine or in the kitchen. An accomplished seamstress and devoted gourmet cook, she took great joy in sharing her delicacies with family, friends and neighbors. Visitation was held at Manns-Ferguson Funeral Home. The funeral Mass took place at St. Michael Catholic Church in Livonia. Share a memory at: [www.mannsfuneralhome.com](http://www.mannsfuneralhome.com)

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Beth Duey, (left) Stephanie Lee, Carol Lipinski, Bobbie Judd, Betty Berryman and Samantha Lowry will perform the "Vagina Monologues" April 29-30 at Barefoot Productions' After Hour Theatre.

## ON STAGE



Michael Ludlum, Piper Grenfell, Jonathon Wennstrom and Kristin Heitmeier rehearse a scene from Barefoot Players' production of "Lips Together Teeth Apart."

## Local troupes gearing up for end-of-season shows

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Laugh with the Still Got it Players in Canton.

Feel the emotion on stage with Barefoot Productions in Plymouth.

Hum along with the Farmington Players and explore your feminist side with After Hours theater.

Local theater troupes are gearing up for their final productions of the 2010-11 season with a little something for everyone.

"The audience likes the full length plays. Last August was the first time I tried it. I wasn't sure if seniors could do a full length play. That's a lot to memorize," said Debbie Lannen, director of Still Got It Players, the senior component of Spotlight Players in Canton. "I was very pleased with the last one."

The troupe, designed for actors who are 50 and over, performed one-act plays its first year and took

on full length comedic spoofs this season, starting with a twist on *Arsenic and Old Lace* in August 2010. Its upcoming production, *Murder by Indecision*, takes a playful jab at mysteries, telling the story of an aging writer Agatha Crispy and the literary characters that come to life as she struggles to write another manuscript.

Lannen chooses shows that call for large casts and roles for older actors. For the first time since the group formed, there weren't enough parts to go around when auditions were held last month.

"People are hearing about us and more and more people are coming to auditions. We're growing. This time I had to turn down five seniors. It killed me to do that," Lannen said, adding that crew positions are open to those without roles in the play.

Curtain is at 1 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, May 11-12, 7 p.m. Friday, May 13 and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 14 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton. Tickets are \$15 for adults, 19-59; \$13 for students under 19 and seniors, 60 and up; and group prices for 15 or more are \$11. Buy them online at spotlightplayersmi.org, by phone at (734) 394-5460 or at the door.

The troupe performs two shows a year and will open next season with another murder mystery spoof Aug. 11-14. She's considering a musical for the spring 2012 production.

"I'm not sure yet," she said. "But we're going to keep pushing the envelope."

### CUTTING EDGE

Barefoot Productions in Plymouth will deliver the final show of this season's "After Hours" series at 10 p.m. April 29 and 30 in the Barefoot Productions Theatre, 240 N. Main, Plymouth. Admission is \$10.

Barefoot artist director Craig Hane

cast the *Vagina Monologues* and let actresses rehearse on their own. They'll all come together for a dress rehearsal next week.

"We cast the show and are mounting it in less than a month, which is unheard of, especially in community theater," said Samantha Lowry, producer and cast member. "Caig and I had rehearsal time with each of the women. We were giving them helpful tweaking. We're not really directing."

Eve Ensler's script is based on interviews she conducted with women on such topics as sex, violence and relationships and includes both humorous and dramatic monologues.

"It will be a funny night and a touching night," Lowry said. "It's a nice way to promote the next show. There are similar themes and both shows are for a mature audience."

The cast will deliver monologues on the set of *Lips Together, Teeth Apart*, Barefoot's final show of the regular season, which opens at 8 p.m.

May 6.

The contemporary drama tells the story of two dysfunctional couples who vacation together on Fourth of July in a beach house on Fire Island, New York.

### CHALLENGING ROLE

"It's got a lot of human facets to it," said Kristin Heitmeier, Barefoot's marketing director and a cast member. "There's poignancy and then some great, sharp humor. It's an intelligent and sophisticated production. It has so many levels and will touch on a lot of subjects...sexuality, race, mortality and family."

Heitmeier was impressed by the script and its complex characters. She welcomed the chance to play a "real person" who had experienced loss, fear and frustrations.

"There are a lot of different aspects to each of these characters. They will

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Exhibit celebrates Glass Month at Village Theater

Stamp show in Plymouth worth sticking around for

Artists from the Furnace Design Studio and The Glass Academy of Dearborn are showing their works through April 29 at the Gallery@VT, located in The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

The exhibit celebrates Glass Month in Michigan and shows glass in many forms — from objects and vessels to its use in mixed media.

Artists at the Furnace Design Studio combine silica and heat, powdered pigments, metal dusts and added color to create pieces of exquisite beauty.

The Furnace Design Studio is the collaboration of internationally-acclaimed glass artists, Chris Nordin and Michelle Plucinsky. This Dearborn-based glass studio is known for custom commission and site-specific installations for homes, commercial spaces

and hospitality interiors. The artists also are known for their classic Venetian-style craftsmanship, modern flair and versatility in creating signature molten glass pieces that range in style from organic and minimalist pieces to works with elaborate detail. The Furnace Design Studio shares a 14,000 square foot working studio with The Glass Academy.

Works are on display 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday at the theater gallery, located at 50400 Cherry Hill, in Canton. The gallery also is open during public performances at the theater and by appointment. For more information about this latest exhibition in the Gallery@VT, call (734) 394-5300 or visit [cantonvillagetheater.org](http://cantonvillagetheater.org). For more information about The Glass Academy visit [www.glassacademy.com](http://www.glassacademy.com).



Glass ornaments are among the works on display this month at the Village Theater in Canton.

The 42nd annual Plymouth Show, sponsored by the West Suburban Stamp Club, will take place on Saturday and Sunday, April 30 and May 1. The show will be held at Central Middle School, 650 Church St., at Church and Main in downtown Plymouth. Show hours are 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday. Admission and parking are free.

Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder has issued a proclamation declaring the week of April 24 as Michigan Stamp Week to coincide with the show dates.

A 40-dealer bourse will offer stamps, covers, cachet covers, and supplies for both new and experienced collectors. The dealers will come from nine states and Canada.

Also the United States and United Nations Postal Services will have booths on-site to sell their current stamp and postal stationary issues.

With 2,000 exhibit pages, the Plymouth Show is a qualifying national show in the APS "World Series of Philately." The Grand Award winner will be eligible to compete in the August Champion of Champion exhibition at STAMPSHOW 2011 in Columbus, Ohio.

The grand award winner will receive a framed duck drawing by noted wildlife artist Larry Hillard. In addition to the Grand Award, a reserve grand award, the customary five levels of medals, and numerous special awards will be presented.

A panel of accredited American Philatelic Society (APS) judges will determine the exhibition award levels at the Plymouth Show.

At the judge's critique, at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, exhibitors can ask judges questions regarding awards and receive constructive help on how to improve their exhibits. This is also an opportunity for future exhibitors to learn the ins and outs of exhibiting.

The successful "Stamps in Your Closet" sessions are scheduled from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. each day. The sessions are patterned after the successful APS national show "What's in Your Attic" program. Experienced collectors and dealers will help identify and provide guidance on a collection's worth.

This year, the show will expand its youth program with "how to" classes for beginning collectors. The young collector will receive the basic collecting tools, free stamps and tips, to start a collection. Following the class the junior collectors will be invited to visit the show bourse and attend a club meeting. The classes are scheduled at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday and 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sunday. Space is limited so preregistration is suggested. To register, e-mail the club at [mywscc@msn.com](mailto:mywscc@msn.com), please type "Youth Seminar" in the subject line and include the child's name and age in the note.

Several stamp collecting societies will participate in this year's show. The show will host the annual meeting of the Peninsular State Philatelic Society, regional meetings of the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club, American Topical Association, China Stamp Society and American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors, and an APS Town Meeting.

The West Suburban Stamp Club meets the first and third Friday of each month at the Plymouth Historical Museum at Main and Church streets in Plymouth. Doors open at 7 p.m. and meetings include a social time, a program and 25-lot stamp auction. The stamp auction lots represent the break down of large lots purchased by the club and then auctioned off to club members each meeting. The auctions give members the opportunity to add to their collections at modest cost.



Benefit fashion show

See spring motorcycle fashions like this BMW Rallye 3 suit at a show designed to raise funds for United Cerebral Palsy Foundation, 6 p.m., Friday, April 29, at BMW Motorcycles Southeast Michigan, 39933 Ford Road, Canton. Admission is a \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. In addition to fashions, the show will include prize giveaways and hors d'oeuvres. Get tickets by calling (734) 981-1479. The Rallye 3 men's suit is \$799 for the jacket and \$549 for the pants.

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**Time/Date:** 2-6 p.m. Thursday, 1-7 p.m. Friday, 3-7 p.m. Saturday, through April 30

**Location:** 15095 Northville Road, between eastbound and westbound Five Mile intersections, Plymouth Township

**Details:** Interactive art project for all ages, "Collaging History," arranges historical imagery across 40 feet of the gallery walls

**Contact:** (734) 420-0775 or [artandideasgallery.com](http://artandideasgallery.com)

**Northville Art House**

**Time/Date:** Entry deadline April 27 for June 3-25 exhibit

**Location:** 215 W. Cady, Northville

**Details:** Call for entries into its "West of Center" all media show. Entry fee is \$25 for up to three entries. Check the website for entry form and guidelines

**Exhibit:** Mosaic art exhibit and online auction runs through April 27. Register for online auction at [BiddingForGood.com](http://BiddingForGood.com)/DWB-MSF and bid on the mosaics by international artists that are on display at the gallery. Auction benefits Doctors

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**Location:** Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive

**Details:** Visual Arts Association of Livonia (VAAL) presents its spring art exhibit, "Artistic Expressions." The exhibit will feature the art work of VAAL members in watercolor, acrylic, oil, pastel, mixed media and more. Show juror is Leslie Masters of the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center.

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make some people uncomfortable but there are characteristics everyone can relate to."

Curtain is at 8 p.m. May 6-7, 13-14, 20-21 and 2 p.m. May 15 and 22. Tickets are \$16 for general admission and \$14 for students and seniors. For tickets call the Barefoot box office at (734) 560-1493 or visit [www.justgobarefoot.com](http://www.justgobarefoot.com).

Because of language and adult themes, no one under 18 will be admitted to the *Vagina Monologues* and *Lips Together, Teeth Apart*.

Other upcoming plays:

- Farmington Players caps off its season with the comedy musical, *The Producers*, directed by Cynthia Tupper, with assistance from Mary Ann Tweedie and Michael Schacherbauer. The story is about two theatrical producers who scheme to get rich by overselling interests in a Broadway flop. The show turns out to be a huge success, creat-



Nana Allen of Plymouth, (left), Jack Galazka of Redford and Philip Lukasik of Westland rehearse a scene from "Murder by Indecision," by the Still Got It Players.

ing complications for everyone. Curtain is at 8 p.m. April 29-30; May 6-7, 12-14 and 19-21 and 2 p.m. May 1, 8 and 15 at The Farmington Players Barn Theater, 32332 West 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. (248) 553-2955. Tickets range from \$16-\$25. Buy online at [farmington-players.org](http://farmington-players.org).

- Inspire Theatre presents *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940* at 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 5-6 and 13-14 and 3 p.m. Sunday, May 15, at 33445 Warren Road, Westland. Admission is \$12. Showbiz folks have gathered in a mansion to flush out a serial killer in this madcap comedy.

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- Joey Catalano of Livonia plays "Lysander" in the classic Shakespeare play, *A Midsummer Night's Dreams*, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday, April 28-May 8, at 1515 Broadway in Detroit. Sixth Street Entertainment in Royal Oak presents a twist on the classic, setting the story in San Francisco, Calif., during the 1960s. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Get advance tickets through [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), or at The Actor's Workshop, 307 W. Sixth, Royal Oak. (248) 398-7744

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# Pantry secrets for EASTER DINNER

**Y**ou probably don't know it, but you may have the secret ingredients for an exceptional Easter dinner in your pantry right now. The holidays are a perfect opportunity to sprinkle creativity into special meals by using staples like pancake mix, syrup and instant mashed potatoes in unexpected ways to craft new and delicious dishes the whole family will love.

Celebrity Chef Adam Gertler, host of Food Network's *Kid in a Candy Store*, along with Hungry Jack®, have come up with original, easy-to-prepare recipes using everyday items to create a memorable Easter meal.

"Planning for a holiday meal can be stressful," Chef Gertler says. "But by looking to your pantry for inspiration, you will find ingredients to make a truly unique and special meal sure to delight your family and guests!"

Here are ways to use up what you already have to make a complete Easter menu, including savory Bacon and Cheese Appetizer Bites, Spinach Salad with Warm Maple Dijon Vinaigrette, Maple Glazed Pork Tenderloin and a sweet Spiced Mocha Fudge Cake. You'll create an Easter meal worth celebrating and make your hungry family a happy one.

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- **Save room and keep dry goods fresh:** When you get home from the grocery store, transfer flours, pastas, cereals and other dry grains into resealable storage bags or containers. Simply label and date them with a marker, and you'll be surprised at how much extra room you'll have in your pantry.



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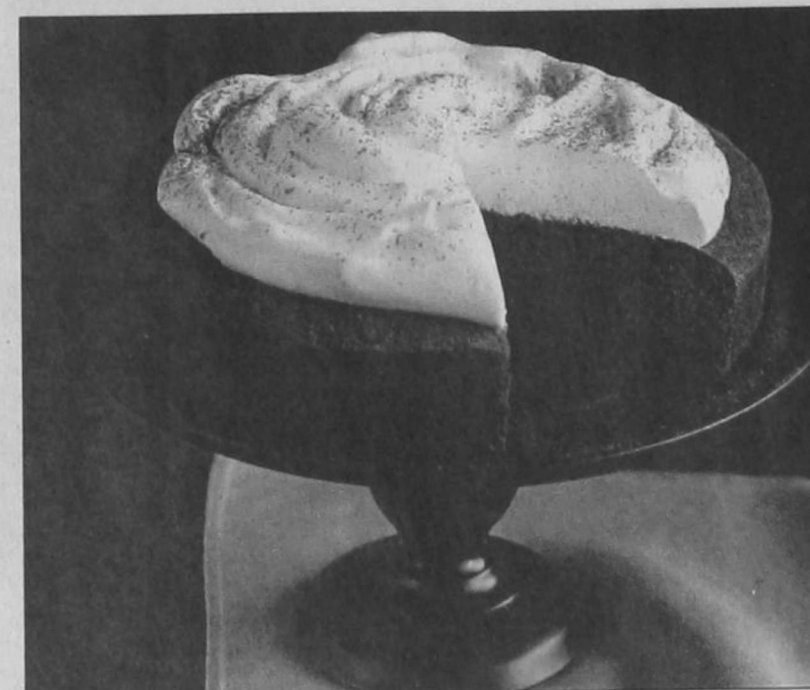
1. **HEAT** oven to 350°F. Line bottom of a 9-inch springform pan with parchment paper. Coat paper with no-stick cooking spray. Place chocolate and butter in medium microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on **HIGH** power 45 to 60 seconds or until chocolate is melted and smooth when stirred.
2. **COMBINE** coffee, potato flakes, cinnamon and cayenne in large mixing bowl, stirring until moistened. Blend in sugar and vanilla. Blend in chocolate mixture and egg yolks. Stir together flour, baking powder and salt. Gradually blend into chocolate mixture.
3. **BEAT** egg whites on medium speed of electric mixer until stiff. Add to chocolate mixture and blend on low speed until completely blended, scraping sides and bottom of bowl frequently. Pour batter into prepared pan. Bake 55 to 60 minutes or until set in center. Cool completely in pan on wire rack. Remove from pan. Sprinkle liberally with powdered sugar.
4. **COMBINE** whipping cream, powdered sugar, cinnamon and vanilla in medium mixing bowl. Beat on medium speed of electric mixer until stiff. Serve with cake.



Spinach Salad with Warm Maple Dijon Vinaigrette



Bacon and Cheese Appetizer Bites



Spiced Mocha Fudge Cake

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*Makes: 4 servings  
Prep Time: 7 minutes  
Cook Time: 12 minutes*

- 1 teaspoon dried thyme leaves, crushed
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- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon onion powder
- ¼ teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 pound pork tenderloin, cut into ½-inch slices
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 2 tablespoons Hungry Jack Original Regular Syrup

1. **COMBINE** thyme, marjoram, salt, onion powder and garlic powder in large resealable food storage bag. Seal bag and shake well. Add pork slices. Seal bag. Shake to coat.
2. **MELT** butter in large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add pork mixture. Cook and stir 8 to 10 minutes or until pork is browned and no longer pink in center. Add syrup. Cook and stir until pork is glazed.

### SPINACH SALAD WITH WARM MAPLE DIJON VINAIGRETTE

*Makes: 4 servings  
Prep Time: 15 minutes  
Cook Time: 1 minute*

- ½ cup Hungry Jack Original Syrup
  - 3 tablespoons cider vinegar
  - 4 teaspoons Dijon mustard
  - 1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves, minced, or ½ teaspoon dried thyme leaves
  - 2 cloves garlic, minced
  - ½ teaspoon salt
  - ½ teaspoon pepper
  - ½ cup Crisco 100% Extra Virgin Olive Oil
  - 1 (6-ounce) bag fresh baby spinach leaves
  - 1 small unpeeled red apple, cored and thinly sliced
  - ½ cup crumbled blue cheese
  - 2 tablespoons crumbled cooked bacon or real bacon bits
1. **WHISK** together syrup, vinegar, mustard, thyme, garlic, salt and pepper in a medium microwave-safe bowl until well blended. Gradually whisk in oil, stirring until thickened.
  2. **COMBINE** spinach, apple, cheese and bacon in a large bowl. Just before serving, microwave vinaigrette on **HIGH** for 30 to 45 seconds or until warm. Drizzle salad with desired amount of vinaigrette; toss salad and serve immediately.

### BACON AND CHEESE APPETIZER BITES

*Makes: 24 appetizers  
Prep Time: 5 minutes  
Cook Time: 10 minutes*  
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½ cup sour cream  
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½ cup (2 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese  
¼ cup bacon, cooked and crumbled  
2 tablespoons butter, melted  
Paprika

1. **HEAT** oven to 400°F. Spray cookie sheet with no-stick cooking spray.
2. **MIX** sour cream and water in medium bowl until well combined. Add pancake mix, cheese and bacon pieces. Stir just until dry ingredients are moistened. Drop by rounded teaspoons onto prepared cookie sheet.
3. **BAKE** 10 to 12 minutes or until lightly browned. Brush with melted butter, sprinkle with paprika. Serve warm.

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# Being a good neighbor can often avert problems

**BY JULIE BROWN**  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Tony Schippa of Plymouth likes his neighbors.

Schippa lives in downtown Plymouth in a home that his wife's a third-generation owner of: "We pretty much know everybody on the street," said Schippa, a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Preferred in Plymouth.

He hasn't heard in his 10 years in real estate a lot of questions from prospective buyers on neighbors. "I don't know if I've ever encountered anybody telling me that," said Schippa, president of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors. WWOCA is merging with the Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors and Schippa will be president-elect of the newly formed group.

His home dates back roughly to the World War I era, although he hasn't researched its history extensively. His father-in-law says the basement was

dug out by his uncles.

"I think more people hang out in their back yards," said Schippa, although his family likes the front porch just as previous generations did for visiting.

"I think communication, talking," he said of what it takes to be a good neighbor. Schippa grew up in rural Milford.

"Back at that time, our nearest friend was four miles away," although neighbors were closer. He recalls neighbors chipping in with food during births, deaths and illnesses.

These days, Schippa will get out his snowblower to be a good neighbor, helping with sidewalks and driveways when possible. His neighbors return the favor.

"It's being a good person," he concluded of a good neighbor.

Renters aren't necessarily bad neighbors. Schippa has a home in the neighborhood he doesn't own but which has had good tenants. One set became good friends.

"I'll say hi" and introduce myself," said Schippa, adding some people think greetings and "Have a nice day" are odd for strangers.

He agreed calling police should be a last resort for neighborhood trouble. "I think it should be very specific to a certain need," Schippa said. "You should try to work it out among yourselves."

Sgt. Mark Gajeski of the Canton Police said it's fine to call police if you feel unsafe. "Anytime you don't feel safe, obviously, contact the police. You can remain anonymous. We never tell anyone who the complainant is on an anonymous complaint."

Those are often loud parties, and the revelers may ask responding police, "Who called?" The name isn't given to them, Gajeski said.

Sometimes problems can be worked out through cordial conversation. "If you want to remain good neighbors, you should always approach them first and work it out," Gajeski said.

"Follow-through is very important."

he noted. Sometimes people complain to police about an ordinance violation but aren't willing to pursue it or go to court. You'll need to make your identity public in court.

Gajeski and colleagues will hear people say, "Oh, no, I don't want to do that." He recommends you check with your township or city to see who owns the property and try contacting the landlord.

"The ordinance people are really good about that," Gajeski said of Canton Township.

If you're moving into an area, it's worth your while to check with local police on any crime/neighbor problems. Canton, along with Livonia, Inkster and Detroit, participates in an Internet crime mapping program. For Canton, it's [www.crimemapping.com/map/mi/canton](http://www.crimemapping.com/map/mi/canton).


"I think any time people live in close proximity they're bound to get on each other's nerves once in a while," Gajeski concluded of neighbors — and families.

Party room  
use: ask  
lawyer

BY ROBERT MEISNER  
GUEST COLUMNIST

**Q:** I am trying to determine whether the association's use of its party room in our clubhouse can be considered a public accommodation under the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) where we do not rent the room to businesses, community organizations or educational seminars?

A: A place of public accommodation is a facility whose operations affect commerce and fall within at least 12 categories, including the following:

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transportation terminals;  
8. Places of public display or collection;  
9. Places of recreation;  
10. Places of education;  
11. Social service center establishments; and,  
12. Places of exercise or recreation.

However these examples could, on occasion, cover a community building if it rents rooms to local businesses, community organizations such as a meeting place for educational seminars or, perhaps, places of exercise or recreation if a fee is charged. In any event, you are best advised to get an opinion from legal counsel regarding the utilization of your clubhouse area.

**Q:** We are thinking about buying a co-op and I am wondering if we can get any financing from any of the big banks, and, what type of security the lending institution will require?

A: I can only tell you by way of example that in New York City where half of the co-ops in the world are located, there are hundreds, if not thousands, of co-op loans made every day. Banks that lend on individual co-ops include Citibank, Chase Wells Fargo, HSBC, Bank of America, Capital One, etc., although, I am not necessarily recommending any particular lender. Typically, the loans are secured by a pledge of the shareholders proprietary lease and stock certificate and a UCC-1 Financing Statement filed with the County Clerk and/or Department of State. Obviously, no mortgage is recorded as the loan does not create an interest in real estate. There is also something called a Recognition Agreement which is a three part agreement between the borrower (shareholder of the co-op), co-op corporation and bank pursuant to which the co-op corporation recognizes the bank's interest in the collateral and agrees to give it notice and time to cure before enforcing its rights under the proprietary lease to terminate a tenancy and evict the shareholder. In some respects, it is actually far more useful than mortgages for condominium clients as the banks that hold co-op loans often cure when they are sent a copy of the default notice in order to preserve their collateral while typically mortgagees never do.

**Robert M. Meisner** is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote *Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium*, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit [bmeisner@meisner-associates.com](http://bmeisner@meisner-associates.com). This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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These are the area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 3-7, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office.					
Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.					
<b>Beverly Hills</b>		1666 Birmingham Blvd	\$970,000	21114 Collingham Ave	\$43,000
17310 Beverly Rd	\$220,000	2460 Buckingham Ave	\$149,000	21322 Country Ridge Cir	\$271,000
19955 Old Pond Ct	\$288,000	1311 Cedar Dr	\$247,000	29952 Eldred St	\$65,000
15805 W 14 Mile Rd	\$50,000	664 Chesterfield Ave	\$660,000	21210 Glen Rd	\$52,000
<b>Bingham Farms</b>		876 Madison St	\$320,000	29434 Glen Oaks Blvd W	\$60,000
32896 Bingham Ln	\$195,000	547 N Old Woodward Ave	\$163,000	22220 Indian Creek Dr	\$45,000
<b>Birmingham</b>		<b>Commerce Township</b>		35163 Knollwood Ln	\$140,000
1560 Ashford Dr	\$255,000	5640 Antlers Ct	\$338,000	24509 Lakeland St	\$125,000
		1965 Applebrook Dr	\$64,000	21326 Mulberry Ct	\$140,000
		4963 Fairgrove Ln	\$230,000	26021 Old Homestead Dr	\$179,000
		8690 Golfside Dr	\$107,000	36321 Old Homestead Dr	\$250,000
		4642 Ponderosa St	\$101,000	29664 Pine Ridge Cir	\$85,000
		4980 S Duck Lake Rd	\$70,000	28236 Shadylane Dr	\$115,000
		1910 Thorncrest Ct	\$325,000	39322 Silverthorne Bnd	\$265,000
		<b>Farmington</b>		23777 Stony Creek Dr	\$200,000
		33635 Alta Loma Dr	\$115,000	36597 Valley Ridge Dr	\$245,000
		<b>Farmington Hills</b>		30038 W 12 Mile Rd Unit 48	\$43,000
		29042 Augusta	\$390,000	29378 Weatherlane Ave	\$290,000
				21820 Lafayette Dr	\$44,000
				44667 Mansfield Dr	\$215,000
				<b>Milford</b>	
				28900 Wellington St	\$190,000
				664 Hill Crest Ct	\$205,000
				910 Panorama Dr	\$135,000
				958 Panorama Dr	\$120,000
				999 Stone Barn	\$245,000
				<b>Novi</b>	
				45441 Addington Ln	\$333,000
				1979 Broadmoor Park Ln	\$40,000
				41491 Burroughs Ave	\$346,000
				28227 Carlton Way Dr	\$120,000
				47648 Cheltenham Dr	\$60,000
				43153 Emerson Way	\$215,000
				24570 Enchanted Dr	\$219,000
				22751 Foxmoor Dr	\$325,000
				44778 Gwinnett Loop	\$63,000
				41850 Lafayette Dr	\$313,000
				44667 Mansfield Dr	\$215,000
				<b>South Lyon</b>	
				15221 Nine Mile Rd	\$17,000
				54125 Birchwood Dr	\$30,000
				57323 Hidden Timbers Dr	\$210,000
				<b>Southfield</b>	
				28429 Everett St	\$30,000
				17030 Hilton St	\$68,000
				26474 Isleworth Pt	\$135,000
				30276 Southfield Rd	\$20,000
				24617 Templar Ave	\$32,000
				<b>White Lake</b>	
				9452 Beechcrest St	\$190,000
				9518 Garforth St	\$33,000

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Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96. E-mail [Georgia@addedvaluerealty.com](mailto:Georgia@addedvaluerealty.com) or visit [FreeForeclosureTour.com](http://FreeForeclosureTour.com).

### At conference

Susan Kellam, Relocation director, and Leslie Smith, Relocation coordinator with the Charles Reinhart Company, Realtors ([www.ReinhartRealtors.com](http://www.ReinhartRealtors.com)) attended the 2011 Leading Real Estate Companies of the World (LeadingRE) conference March 8-10. The annual event attracted 850 top real estate brokers, managers, relocation professionals, sponsors and guests from the U.S. and eight countries around the world. Participating brokers represented one-third of the U.S. real estate market.

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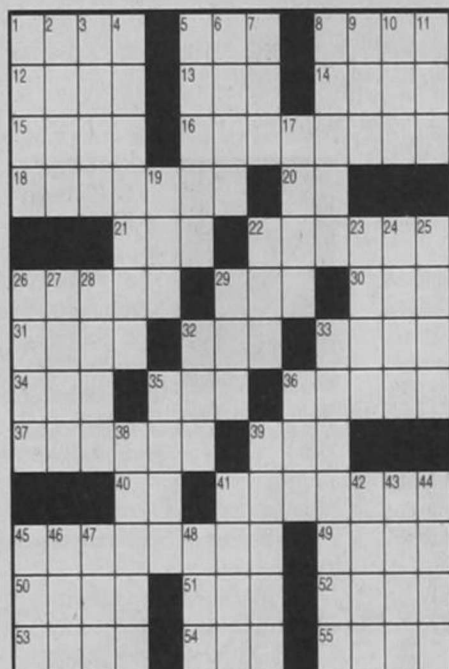
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**Moving Sales** 7130

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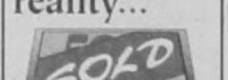
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