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## Author, author

The Friends of the Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Novi Public Libraries will be holding the annual book and author luncheon noon Tuesday, May 29, at Fox Hills Country Club.

The speaker will be Kevin Boyle, who authored *Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights and Murder in the Jazz Age*. The book was



Boyle

a finalist for both the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Critics Award and is set in Detroit; it is also this year's selection for the Great Michigan Read.

Tickets (\$25) are available from April 15 through May 15. Reservation forms can be obtained at any of the four libraries or can be downloaded at [plymouthlibrary.org](http://plymouthlibrary.org).

## EEF auction

Plymouth-Canton's Educational Excellence Foundation is running an online auction with a variety of items designed to appeal to everyone, as well as unique items specifically for district families.

In conjunction with the online auction, the EEF is selling tickets for its second annual wine tasting event Friday, April 20. Tickets are \$40 per person and are available on the website ([www.pccseef.com](http://www.pccseef.com)) as well as at Busch's, Showroom of Elegance and at the Board of Education, 454 S. Harvey St.

For questions, contact Carole Kody at (734) 416-2718 or [carole.kody@pccsmail.net](mailto:carole.kody@pccsmail.net).

## Boundary changes

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education meets in a special session 7 p.m. Thursday, April 19, at Discovery Middle School to consider changes to the enrollment boundaries for the district's remaining elementary schools.

The changes are being forced by the district's move to all-day kindergarten and the closing of Fiegel Elementary School, which the board approved a few weeks ago.

The meeting is designed to allow board members to hear input from district residents on the three options being presented by the administration.

The board is expected to make a final decision on elementary school boundaries at its regular meeting Tuesday, May 24, also a 7 p.m. gathering at Discovery Middle School.

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# CANTON OBSERVER

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## Canton ordinance targets 'super drunk' drivers

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

Canton drivers who climb behind the wheel after their blood alcohol content reaches .17 percent — more than twice the legal limit — are expected by early May to face prosecution under township ordinance if they are stopped by local police.

Drivers ticketed under Michigan's so-called Super Drunk Law

currently face prosecution only under state law which, as of late October 2010, began allowing stiffer penalties such as higher fines and longer jail sentences.

However, those drivers in May could face prosecution under local ordinance after the Canton Township Board of Trustees rolled out a new measure that received preliminary approval Tuesday.

The board is expected to adopt

the new ordinance with a second reading on April 24, allowing the new rule to become effective May 3.

Township Attorney Kristin Kolb said the change means drunken driving offenses falling under the Super Drunk Law can be handled by local prosecutors in 35th District Court rather than a state attorney.

She said it also means the bulk of fines would stay in Canton

rather than going to the state.

Local authorities say the new ordinance gives Canton a streamlined tool in their fight to keep drunken drivers — including those who are considered "super-drunk" — off the road and to protect other motorists.

"Now what it will mean is that we can write and enforce it under local ordinance, like all

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Lauren Norris of Canton plays the Witch in the Spotlight Players' production of Sondheim's 'Into the Woods.'

## Back in the saddle

Director returns to stage with Sondheim play

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer

Plymouth High School sophomore Katie Szczepanik takes the Village Theater stage Friday with the rest of the cast of the Spotlight Players' production of Steven Sondheim's *Into the Woods*.

But the Canton teenager said she probably wouldn't be if Shannon McNutt weren't sitting in the director's chair.

McNutt, the popular former director of the now-defunct Second Stage Players at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, makes her directorial debut leading *Into the Woods* for Spotlight.

It's her first directing gig since leaving Second Stage a couple of years ago.

"It's a combination of reasons, but basically I just wanted to get back into theater again," said McNutt, still a drama teacher at the Park. "(Spotlight Players) has been around a long time, they have a new way to do things and I wanted to be part of something local."

This production fits that bill. Spotlight Players is the resident artists' group at the Village Theater, and one of its most popular attractions. *Into the Woods* features a cast made up

## SONDHEIM ON STAGE

**What:** Spotlight Players' production of Steven Sondheim's *Into the Woods*

**When:** April 20-22 and April 27-29; 8 p.m. Fridays, 2 and 8 p.m. Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays

**Where:** Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton

**Tickets:** \$18 adults, \$16 seniors and students under 19; by phone at the Village Theater box office, (734) 394-5300, online at [www.spotlightplayersmi.org](http://www.spotlightplayersmi.org) or at the door.

**Contact:** Call (734) 480-4945 or visit [www.spotlightplayersmi.org](http://www.spotlightplayersmi.org).

largely of Plymouth- and Canton-area actors, intertwining the plots of several Brothers' Grimm fairy tales with an original story of a childless baker and his wife, who set the plot in motion by attempting to reverse a curse on their family in order to have a child.

The characters are "all on quests that begin to intertwine with each other." It's about community, about how "we're not alone," and the words are a metaphor for life, according to McNutt, a big fan of Sondheim.

"Sondheim is a god," she said. "His music has such wonderful messages.

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## Pair charged in mail fraud case

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

A still-unfolding mail fraud investigation by Canton police and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service already has led to criminal charges against two suspects arraigned Friday in 35th District Court.

"We have retrieved a large collection of mail (allegedly stolen) from locations in Canton and many area cities," Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said Friday.

Charges against Lee Andrew Qualls, 42, and Herman Robinson III, 35, came after a Canton resident notified police Tuesday, April 3, and reported a suspicious vehicle approaching mailboxes in the Cherry Hill-Beck Road area, Schreiner said.

er said.

Police stopped the vehicle and started questioning the pair of suspects, who suddenly sped off and led authorities on a chase that ended in a shopping center parking lot near Michigan Avenue and Canton Center, Schreiner said.

The suspects abandoned the car and tried to flee on foot, prompting an officer to use a Taser gun against one of the men as he resisted arrest, according to police.

Qualls, the accused driver, was arraigned Friday on charges of second-degree fleeing and eluding police, a 10-year felony; stealing or retaining without consent a financial transaction device, a four-year felony; lar-

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Peg Stevens (right), a Canton Leisure Services employee, speaks with Jill Engel, executive director of the Canton Partnership for the Arts & Humanities, and local artist Sharon Lee Dillenbeck of D&M Art Studio for a local cable program to promote the second Canton Acts of Culture week.

## Canton expands cultural celebration

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

Canton plans to celebrate its cultural and artistic diversity by weaving together musical performances, art shows, stage productions, a historic home tour and other events amid efforts to boost the community's reputation as a vibrant, creative hub of southeast

Michigan.

What started as the second annual Canton Acts of Culture Week already has mushroomed into a 10-day event, April 27 through May 6, sponsored by the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage.

"It's bursting at the seams," said Jill Engel,

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the current OWI (operating while impaired) laws, and it stays with our local prosecutors that we work with every day," Public Safety Director Patrick Nemecek said. "Why we like it is because it keeps everything consistent within our court and with our prosecutors."

He said some critics may view the new ordinance solely as a way to boost local revenues because it keeps the bulk of fines here rather than sending them to Lansing, but "that is not the most important issue to us," Nemecek said.

The overriding issue, authorities say, is to continue taking drunken drivers off the road to protect them and those they encounter from harm.

Groups such as Mothers Against Drunk Driving

have supported efforts such as the Super Drunk Law.

According to a state website, a first offense for a typical operating while impaired incident carries fines of \$100 to \$500, up to 93 days in jail, as much as 360 hours of community service and a driver's license suspension for 150 days, among other possible measures.

With a blood alcohol content of .17 or higher, the fines are \$200 to \$700, up to 180 days in jail, the same amount of community service and a driver's license suspension for one year. The potential for a restricted license comes after 45 days if an ignition interlock device is installed to force a driver to blow air into an alcohol-sensor unit.

Moreover, those penalties don't include other costs such as soaring auto insurance rates.

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keny between \$1,000 and \$20,000, a five-year felony; forging a driver's license with the intent to commit a crime, a five-year felony; assaulting, resisting and obstructing a police officer, punishable by two years in jail; and operating a vehicle with a suspended or revoked license, a misdemeanor.

Qualls, who gave authorities a Valleyview, Ohio, address, was arraigned as a fourth-time habitual offender, meaning he could face penalties ranging up to life in prison if he is convicted.

Robinson, who gave an Ypsilanti address, was charged with assaulting, resisting and obstructing a police officer and being a habitual offender, second offense. If convicted,

he could face penalties ranging up to three years in prison.

In court Friday, Canton Detective Jeremy Quinn told 35th District Judge Michael Gerou the charges against Qualls and Robinson came as Canton police and U.S. postal authorities continue to investigate a mail fraud case.

Qualls



Robinson

Gerou set a \$500,000/10 percent bond for Qualls, meaning he would have to post \$50,000 to leave jail. Robinson's bond was set at \$50,000/10 percent, an amount requiring \$5,000 for his release.

Gerou entered not-guilty pleas for the defendants and ordered them back in court for an April 27 preliminary examination to determine if they should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

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## AROUND CANTON

"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

### STROLLING BRIDAL SHOW

**Date/Time:** Saturday, April 28, 1-4 p.m.

**Location:** Showroom of Elegance, 6018 Canton Center, Canton

**Details:** As wedding season approaches, Showroom of Elegance has decided to host a "Mix and Mingle: Strolling Bridal Fashion Show and Mini-Expo." More than 10 vendors will take over the building, providing information to help brides plan their special day. Models wearing the latest fashions in bridal gowns and bridesmaid's dresses will be strolling through the crowd, provided by Diane's Dream Brides of Livonia. Admission is free for everyone. Vendors include You're The Bride event planner, Shea Sounds, Vintner's Canton Winery and more.

**Contact:** RSVPs recommended (though not required) at (734) 207-1906

### BIGGEST LOSER

**Date/Time:** first weigh-in Monday, April 16, 6:30 p.m.

**Location:** Salem High School gym

**Details:** Fitness and Sports Performance sponsors its second Biggest Loser contest. Anyone age 18 and older is eligible, and can enter as individuals or part of a team. The team that loses the largest percentage of body weight in the six-week contest wins \$1,000. A donation of \$1 per pound lost will be donated to "No Student Athlete Left Behind." One perk to the contest: Unlimited participation in "boot camps" at Salem High School.

**Contact:** For more information, visit [www.fitnessandsportsperformance.com](http://www.fitnessandsportsperformance.com) or call (734) 255-0103.

### ALL SAINTS EVENT

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, April 18, 6-8 p.m.

**Location:** All Saints Catholic School, 48735 Warren in Canton

**Details:** All Saints Catholic School hosts an open house for prospective families. Parents who are interested in learning more about All Saints can tour the school and meet faculty, staff and parents of current students. All Saints boasts a modern facility with "smart board" technology for every grade, all new computers and workstations, and a mobile computer lab with 30 netbook computers. The school also maintains an average class size of 21 students and offers a variety of activities and leadership opportunities for all grade levels.

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**Initial weigh in:**

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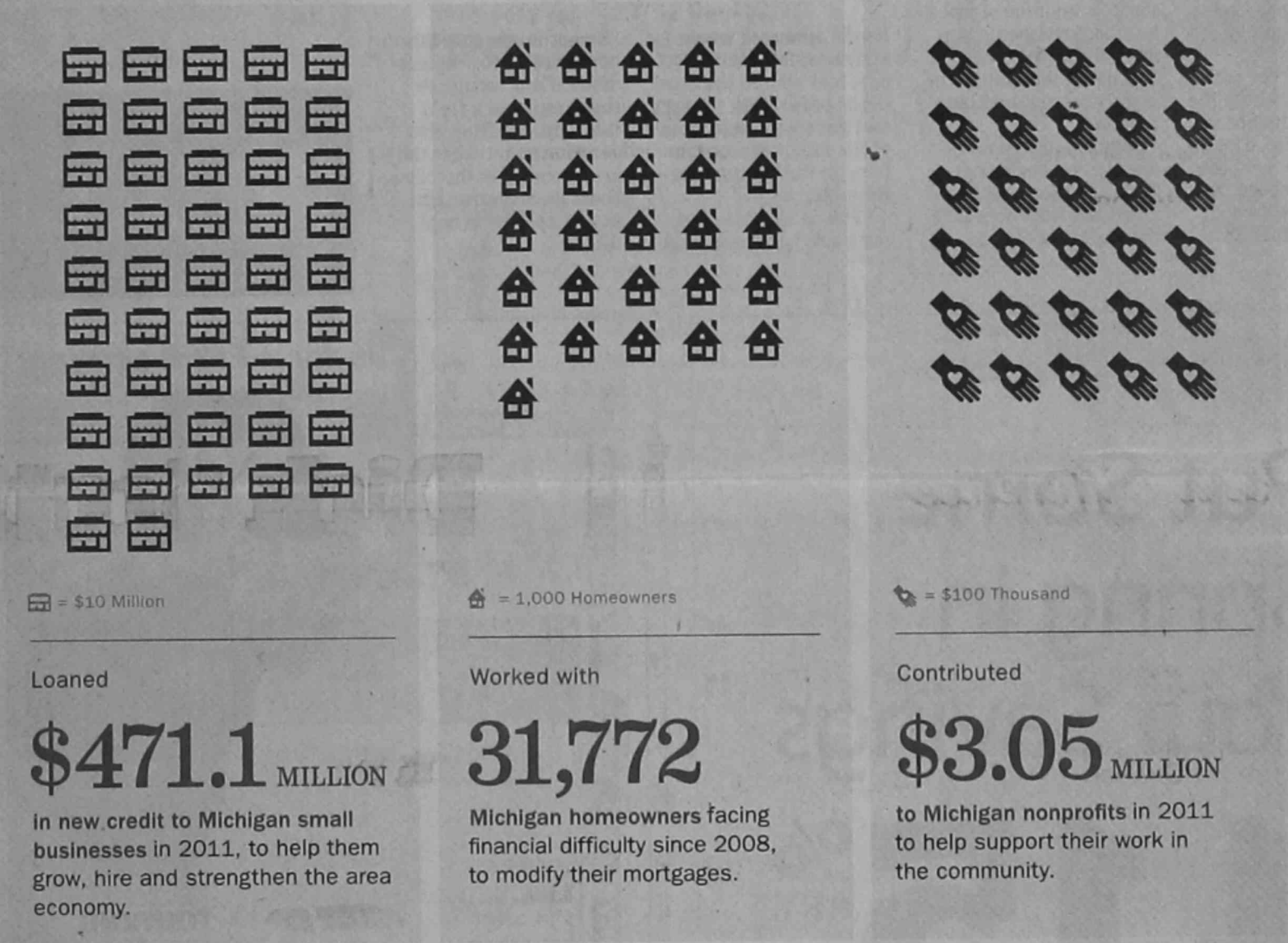


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## Students watch live surgery broadcast

Honors biology students from the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park were trying to listen for possible questions on their next test – but they weren't focused on their teacher. Instead, they were absorbed in watching a live broadcast of a laparoscopic pelvic surgery being performed at St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

Timothy Johnson, MD, Obstetrics and Gynecology, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, performed the minimally invasive procedure as 55 students watched from a hospital classroom last Wednesday, April 4.

The live video feeds – a first for St. Mary Mercy – of the operating room and the laparoscopic camera were broadcast onto a wide-screen TV and two projector screens. The students asked Dr. Johnson questions as he was navigating the laparoscopic camera around the organs. The procedure lasted about an hour and a half.

"They all said to me at the end, 'Wow, it doesn't look like this in the book,'" said Sharon Caldwell, an honors biology teacher at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, a campus that encompasses Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools.

It was among the activities designed to help the students gain insight in the medical field. The students also toured the surgery department, an operating room, as well as tried their skills in



Honors biology students from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park watch a live broadcast of a laparoscopic pelvic surgery. Dr. Timothy Johnson, Obstetrics and Gynecology, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, performed the procedure as the honors biology students asked questions.



Nurse Kathy Borromeo of Perioperative Services, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, demonstrates the latest technology used in brain surgery. The activity was among the demonstrations Wednesday, April 4, designed to give honors biology students insight in the medical field.

various medical simulations: orthopedic surgery, orthopedic casting, using technology in brain surgery, and laparoscopy.

Johnson and Perioperative Services at St. Mary Mercy organized the activities for the high school stu-



Alex Johnson (left), a sophomore at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, tries his skill in a laparoscopic surgery simulation at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. The activity was among the demonstrations designed to give honors biology students insight in the medical field.

dents. Johnson, whose son attends honors biology, had visited the students before the surgery and gave a presentation of his medical mission trips in the Dominican Republic.

"This is all part of giving back," Johnson said.

"I want to provide this opportunity for the students. I am fortunate that I entered a field that I enjoy. They also get to see that what they are learning in the classroom does matter and how it applies in real life."

## SCHOOL BRIEFS

### Virtual choir

With the help of 3,726 other singers from around the world, and a brilliant composer, 20 Plymouth-Canton Educational Park student-singers debuted as number one on the US iTunes and Billboard classical charts last week.

The project, "Virtual Choir 3: Water Night," is comprised of 3,746 videos from 73 countries around the world singing the song, "Water Night." Eric Whitacre is the renowned composer who dreamed up and executed this project, and brought the thousands of voices together to sing as one choir. The final product was launched on April 2 at a live event at Lincoln Center in New York.

The 20 P-CEP choir students who were cast in Virtual Choir 3 for this cutting-edge project were honored to be a part of the project. The truly amazing performance can be viewed at <http://ericwhitacre.com/the-virtual-choir>

### Online auction

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Educational Excellence Foundation is hosting the first ever online auction at [www.PccsEEF.com](http://www.PccsEEF.com).

All proceeds from this event benefit the Educational Excellence Foundation, which provides educational enhancements throughout the District. Some of the items available are: reserved seats at Canton, Salem and Plymouth graduations, professional and college level athletic event tickets, restaurant gift cards and more.

The auction ends today at 8 p.m.

### Biggest losers

The employees of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools have been invited to participate in a weight loss and fitness challenge to determine the biggest loser. The Plymouth-Canton athletic department has teamed with Fitness and Sport Performance to make this program possible.

Competitors will train in daily boot camps, learn about proper nutrition, get workout plan ideas, and be motivated by personal trainer Tiffany Grubaugh. Grubaugh has many certifications, including Certified Strength & Conditioning Specialist.

The initial weigh in will be April 20 and the competition will end on May 31; the biggest loser team will win \$1,000.



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## PLAY

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The music in this play, in particular, is very challenging."

It's McNutt's presence that drew Szczepanik to the show. The Plymouth High School sophomore, fresh off a role in the Park Players' production of *Nine*, plays Florinda, one of Cinderella's evil stepsisters.

"I love Miss McNutt, and she's really fun to work with," said Szczepanik, who also played Marty in a Forever After Players production of *Grease*. "Usually in shows I play the sweet, innocent character, and in this one I get to be mean. (Florinda) is different from anything else I've played."

One of the things that drew McNutt to the production was the ensemble aspect to the cast. Actors have come from theater groups around the area, many from right at home in Plymouth and Canton,

"This is an ensemble piece, which are the kinds of shows I'm drawn to, where everybody has their moment to shine," McNutt said. "There are no small roles."

One of the biggest roles

is being played by Christine Kapusky of Canton, who plays the pivotal role of the Baker's Wife. A self-described "Sondheim junkie," Kapusky called the Baker's Wife "one of my dream roles."

"She's a very independent character," said Kapusky, an actress currently traveling with a four-person show titled *Tumbledown Town*. "(The play) carries a good message about being responsible within your community. You have to look out for each other."

According to McNutt, the actors have learned what the play's characters learn: People have a common course, come together and find out what they have in common and realize they're not alone.

"It's really a profound message," McNutt said. "Every member of the cast has discovered it really makes us better citizens of the world, you take this journey into the woods, and you come out on the other side changed."

It's delivering that kind of message McNutt missed about being away from the theater. She and former Park Players director Kristen Quesada left at the same time, and the Park has since



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The Princess Cinderella is played by Melissa Perry of Walled Lake.

merged their two groups so that only Park Players exist, though they put on multiple productions at both Canton and Salem High Schools.

But McNutt, who is still a popular drama teacher, yearned to get back

on stage.

"I miss being involved," she admitted. "I don't think I could function if I wasn't involved in the arts somehow."

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The Princes of 'Into the Woods' are Tyler Dean and Michael Petrillo.



Cinderella (Melissa Perry of Walled Lake), surrounded by Florinda (Kati Szczepanik of Canton), Stepmother (Lindsey MacDonald of Canton), Dad (Bob Nelson of Canton), and Lucinda (Bethany Basanese of Canton).

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## CULTURE

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executive director of the Partnership for the Arts & Humanities. "We're going to do it every year. It's important that we learn about each other's cultures."

Former commission leader ReGina Shamberger spearheaded last year's debut Canton Acts of Culture, and the group, now chaired by local artist Sharon Dillenbeck, has rolled out myriad ways the community can embrace the latest effort. Some events are free; others are not.

Anchoring the event, the Michigan Philharmonic follows up last year's Bollywood show by performing Asian music during "From Canton To Canton: The Music of China" — acknowledging how this community took its name from the China province, said Nan Wash-

burn, music director and conductor.

The concert happens 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, April 30, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, preceded at 6 p.m. by a reception and silent auction to raise money to support local arts efforts. The concert also features the children's dance troupe of the Chinese American Cultural Center, student violinists from the Canton Chinese School and Chinese pipa master Mr. Tian. For more information including tickets, go to [www.cantonvillage theater.org](http://www.cantonvillage theater.org) or [www.michiganphil.org](http://www.michiganphil.org), or call (734) 394-5300 or (734) 451-2112.

Another highlight centers on the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' fourth annual K-12 Art Show, 4-8 p.m. Saturday, April 28, and 1-4 p.m. Sunday, April 29, inside the Plymouth High School cafeteria. It showcases over 2,000 pieces of student artwork from



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Amy Morgan (from left), coordinator for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' visual and performance arts program, and Nan Washburn, conductor from the Michigan Philharmonic, film a Canton cable television segment with host Peg Stevens to promote Canton Acts of Culture Week.

25 school locations, along with student performances, desserts prepared by the district's culinary arts program, a silent artwork auction and an awards ceremony.

Amy Morgan, the school district's visual and performing arts coordinator, said the art show has been expanded from one day to two this year, another example of the

burgeoning Canton Acts of Culture Week.

"It puts the students' art in a larger context. They get to see their work alongside all the other kids' work," Morgan said.

Numerous other Canton Acts of Culture events are listed at [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org), along with ticket information. Among the events:

- A weeklong silent auction at The Village Theater occurs April 27-May 5, allowing visitors to bid on hotel packages, artwork, golf outings, theater tickets and restaurant passes to help raise money for the Partnership for the Arts & Humanities. The auction raised \$2,300 last year but was only one day, coinciding with the Bollywood concert.

- Dillenbeck plans to assemble the art of local women for a champagne reception 2-4 p.m. Sunday, May 6, at D&M Art Studio, in the Golden Gate shopping center on Lilley south of Joy. The Ladies Dillenbeck Exhibition features for-sale original watercolors, oils, acrylics, charcoals, pastels and oil pastels. The exhibition continues through May.

- The Park Players Theatre Co. perform *You're A Good Man Charlie Brown* 7 p.m. April 27-28 at Canton High School.

- Tours of the historic Bartlett-Travis House in Cherry Hill Village are set for 1-4 p.m. April 28, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 29, 9:30-11:30 a.m. April 30, May 2 and May 4, and 1-4 p.m. May 5.

- Kandee G, a Florida-based motivational speaker and radio talk show host, appears at 7:30 a.m. Friday, May 4, for a continental breakfast at The Village Theater. She inspires people and companies to reach their potential.

- The Plymouth Community Arts Council has a benefit including history, art and musical experiences 6-10 p.m. April 27

and 7-10 p.m. April 28.

- Michigan Philharmonic musicians perform "Classical Gas: Music of the 1960s and 1970s" during a wine-tasting event 7:30 p.m. April 28 at Tipping Point Theatre in Northville.

- The Canton Public Library hosts photographer Rick Lieder, author of *Step Out Gently*, 7 p.m. May 1 in the Purple Room. His book is a study of backyard creatures accompanied by poetry and pictures.

- "A Night on the Town" by Cherry Hill Singers happens 8 p.m. May 4 at The Village Theater and includes some of the best of Broadway.

- The Spotlight Players' *Into the Woods* — billed as a fractured fairy tale involving Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Prince Charming and a witch who raps — occurs 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. April 27-29 at The Village Theater.

- St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon in Plymouth, offers "Resounding Art in a Sacred Space." The 7 p.m. May 4 event includes Italian organ virtuoso Eugenio Fagiani performing on the church's Gabriel Kney pipe organ.

- The annual Family Fishing Derby is set for 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 5 at Heritage Park, where ponds will be stocked with rainbow trout. It's open only to Canton residents.

- The Canton Concert Band performs what is billed as a European tour spring concert 8 p.m. May 5 at The Village Theater.

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# Search team trains to dig for rescue

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer

When an explosion rocked the William C. Franks Furniture store in Wayne in December 2010, Pete Bukis remembers spending "probably in excess of 18 hours" on the scene, cutting through concrete and trying to save the lives of potential victims.

Bukis, a firefighter with the Plymouth Community Fire Department, was at the site of the explosion as part of western Wayne County's search-and-rescue team, formed four years ago to help in just such emergencies. His team spent hours digging through the rubble, much of it from the building's concrete roof, in a failed search for survivors (the explosion killed two people and severely injured the store's owner, Paul Franks).

The SAR team was formed with firefighters picked from fire departments in 21 jurisdictions, including Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Redford, Westland and Garden City. Bukis, a 10-year veteran in Plymouth, has been with the team since its inception.

"It's something outside the every-day stuff a firefighter faces," said Bukis, who volunteered for the team with fellow PCFD firefighter Chris Mack. "It's a very skilled training (regimen) you can use to perfect your skills."

#### Added resource

The team, which rotates its monthly training sessions among various search-and-rescue disciplines, is called on to help out in a variety of emergencies. In addition to building collapses like the one in Wayne, the team might be called out for

confined-space rescues, high-angle or rope rescues (from towers, antennas, etc.), trench collapses and the like.

"The team exists as a resource to handle complex incidents most fire departments don't have the resources to handle," said Chief Shadd Whitehead of the Livonia Fire Department, who serves as director of operations for the SAR team. "One of the main parts of our mission is to respond to building collapses, and that's a skill set most firefighters don't have experience in."

In addition to the Wayne explosion, the team responded to a Plymouth Township apartment collapse following a tornado a couple of years ago, and to a Detroit trench rescue situation. They even responded when a potential suicide climbed a radio tower in Garden City and threatened to jump (he eventually came down on his own).

Those certainly aren't normal occurrences, but Whitehead said the team was formed to respond to them.

"They don't happen every day," Whitehead said of such incidents. "But you have to have the resources to deal with it when they do."

#### Reaping benefits

One of the biggest benefits, team members acknowledge, is the idea that a community gets access to a search-and-rescue team without having to fund it entirely on their own. Each department in the 21 jurisdictions puts two volunteers on the team, then reaps the benefits when something happens.

"It's probably the best insurance policy you can

have ... by training a couple of guys, you're getting an entire team," said Capt. Derek LaPerriere of the Garden City Fire Department, who serves as a team leader for the SAR. "You're getting a group of people who train together and respond together. It's a service to the community, and that's what it's all about."

The team was in Plymouth Township Tuesday, training in how to deal with heavy concrete. It's one of several disciplines team members are trained in, and one of the more physically demanding.

Bukis heads the team's structural collapse committee, and is in charge of all their training in that discipline.

"This is physically demanding work," said Bukis, who has been with the Plymouth Community Fire Department 10 years. "There's nothing light about heavy concrete work. I really like the teamwork aspect. It takes guys from all over. You can't do any tasks here by yourself."

Tuesday's training took place at National Concrete Products in Plymouth Township, which donated all the concrete (slabs, pipes, etc.) the team needed to conduct its training sessions.

Partnerships like those, Whitehead said, make the team's job much easier.

"National Concrete has been awesome," Whitehead said. "They gave us what we needed, they put it where we needed it, and they did everything they could do to help," Whitehead said. "We couldn't possibly simulate this kind of event without the help of local people like this."

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Members of the search-and-rescue team practice cutting through concrete during a training session Tuesday.

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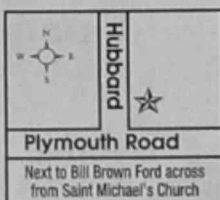
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# Local man who lost family to drunk driver inspires Project: Forgive

By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer

## PROJECT: FORGIVE

Hear Gary Weinstein's story and read about 'Project: Forgive' at [www.projectforgive.com](http://www.projectforgive.com).

To donate to the project, visit the website before the April 23 deadline.

Forgiveness.

It is a word one man yearned for and another man knew right away he would grant.

And while it doesn't make sense to many, it makes perfect sense to Gary Weinstein.

Weinstein, of Farmington Hills, who owns Weinstein Jewelers of Novi, is the one who offered up forgiveness, and Thomas Wellinger was the man who needed it.

Tragedy brought these two men together in May 2005 when Wellinger got

realized he was alone.

But it was also in that moment that he realized he had an opportunity.

"When this happened and they were gone, in that instant I realized I was still here ... and there was no reason for me to disappear or run away," he said. "I had an opportunity in that moment to say I still am strong."

"Even right away for me, forgiveness was present."

Weinstein even told Wellinger — who was sentenced to 19-30 years for three counts of second-degree murder — as much the only time they

met at the Oakland County Jail. He even posed the question back, asking Wellinger if he could ever forgive himself.

"He was remorseful," Weinstein said.

When asked why he forgave him, Weinstein said there was "no power" in blaming him. He said he is a person who lives in the moment and doesn't hold on to things.

"My expression of love and care for them was complete," he said. "It can be a tough road for loss if it was not complete."

Now Weinstein hopes to help others on that road to forgiveness. And when talking about happiness, Weinstein said it has never been something he has searched out; he comes from it.

"Now I have an opportunity to be the poster child for this conversation," he said.

### 'Project: Forgive'

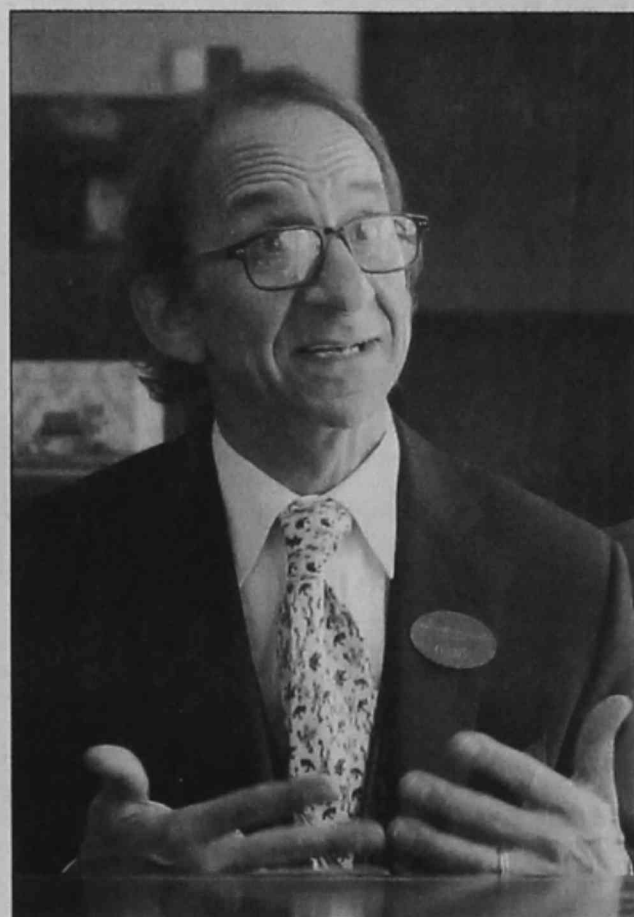
That is where filmmaker and Michigan resident Shawne Duperon comes in.

Duperon has a unique connection to the story as her children used to baby-sit Weinstein's children and Judy was her husband's business coach. On the other side of the equation, Wellinger was a close family friend.

"I knew in that moment something miraculous was going to come of this," she said.

Now nearly seven years later, that miracle is taking shape through the creation of a movie on forgiveness called "Project: Forgive."

Duperon said Weinstein



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Novi business owner Gary Weinstein tells why he got involved in filmmaker Shawne Duperon's 'Project: Forgive' effort. Weinstein's wife and two sons were killed by an alcohol-impaired driver in 2005.

was the catalyst for the film, which she said will explore and explain forgiveness on a variety of levels. Scott Rosenfelt, who executive produced *Home Alone*, has signed on to be the co-producer.

A trailer for the film can be found at [www.projectforgive.com](http://www.projectforgive.com), and Duperon said they need to raise \$100,000 to fund the campaign. As of Friday, \$71,850 had been raised. Visit the website to donate, before the April 23 deadline.

The budget for the film

is \$1 million, and the goal is to have it completed by the end of the year with a release in the fall of 2013.

"It's my dream come true and my life mission," Duperon said.

For Weinstein, it's all about honoring Judy, Alex and Sam.

"What my family has given me, even in this horrific loss, is to have a voice and make a difference in this world," he said.

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# Secretary of State visits area to promote organ donation

By Ken Abramczyk  
Observer Staff Writer

Cassandra Perry almost lost her sight.

In 2008 the Northville resident was diagnosed with Fuch's dystrophy, a cornea disease that leads to blindness. Her only option was bilateral cornea transplants.

She received the first of two transplants and noticed that a car was purple, not black that she saw during the deterioration of her vision along with the other details of items that she could not see. Perry received two corneas through two eye donors.

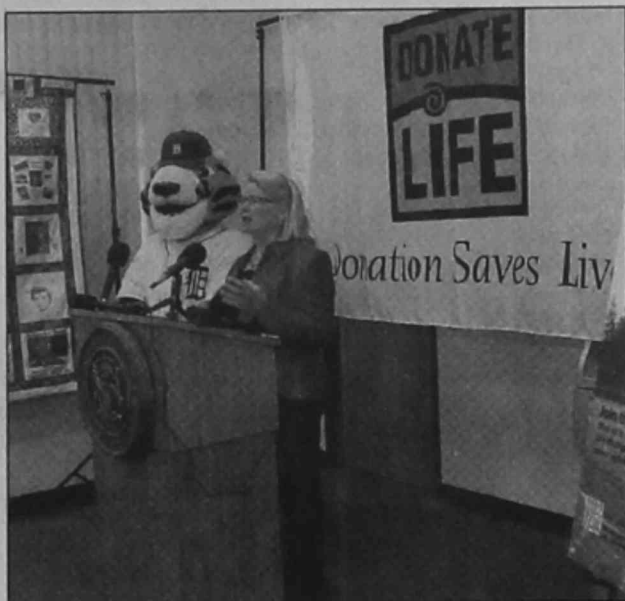
"I just think about what my fate could have been," Perry said through tears. "I could have missed so many things."

"I see more than I should. I appreciate that so very much, I really do."

## Donate Life Month

Perry told her story Wednesday at a press conference at the Livonia Secretary of State office at 17176 Farmington, known as a SUPER!Center, and one of the top Secretary of State offices for organ donor sign-ups. The press conference promoted Donate Life Month and the need for potential organ donors to register, which they can do at any Secretary of State office or at the SOS site online at [www.Michigan.gov/sos](http://www.Michigan.gov/sos).

Flanked by Gift of Life Michigan and Michigan Eye Bank officials, along with Detroit Tigers mascot PAWS, Secretary of State Ruth Johnson urged residents to "Join the Team" and sign up to become organ, tissue and eye donors.



Secretary of State Ruth Johnson highlighted the month of April as Donate Life Month at the Secretary of State office on Farmington Road in Livonia. Tiger mascot PAWS also attended the public awareness event.

Johnson said signing up more donors was a top priority for her since she took office 16 months ago. Last year 400,000 people signed up to become donors, a 25 percent increase. The Livonia office alone registered about 35 people a day, Johnson said.

Johnson encouraged staff to ask residents if they would like to register. She has partnered with organ donor advocates, promoted educational efforts and printed reminders on forms. She supported a new Donate Life Month license plate, available this summer.

"One donor can save the lives of eight people and improve the quality of life for 15 more people," Johnson said.

Last year 792 organs were transplanted. So far this year, donors' generosity has led to 118 transplants. As of March 1, 2,973 Michigan patients were waiting for a transplant.

## 18 a day die waiting

According to national statistics, 18 people die each day from the lack of available organs for transplant.

Johnson highlighted the public awareness campaign and introduced Jai'Wan Davis Harbour, 11, of Taylor, who has been on dialysis since he was 7 months old and needs a kidney. Jai'Wan will be featured on baseball-themed posters in Secretary of State offices

around the state.

"Jai'Wan wants to follow his dream of playing baseball," Johnson said.

Jai'Wan's mother, Cherisse Davis-Harbour, said they wanted to give hope to others who like Jai'Wan, need transplants and encourage organ donation. "He wants to be able to run and to play baseball," she said.

Jai'Wan even wants to name his new kidney, said his mother. "He wants to call it 'Pinocchio' because it will make him a real boy," Davis-Harbour said.

Rich Pietroski, CEO of Gift of Life Michigan, said that organization was appreciative of donors and secretary of state staff who ask residents if they would like to register.

## 'You can become heroes'

Organ donation "used to start in the Intensive Care Unit," Pietroski said. "Now transplants start right here in this office." He also referenced quilts that were displayed that day at the Secretary of State office. "The most common word on these quilts is love, the second most common is used to

describe the donors as heroes," Pietroski said. "You can become heroes today by signing up."

Bill Ryan spoke about his daughter Michelle, who 25 years ago realized that she was not registered as a donor when she renewed her driver's license. She drove back to where she renewed her license in Florida, and signed up as a donor.

"Six weeks later, she died in a car accident," Ryan said. "My daughter Michelle became a donor." Ryan now chairs the Transplant Games of America, which will be held July 28-31 at Grand Valley State University.

Approximately 1,400 athletes will participate in 14 sports to bring awareness to the causes, Ryan said.

One of them is Terry Gould of Plymouth.

Gould, 59, was diagnosed with cardiomyopathy and an enlarged heart. He went through three surgeries and needed a ventricular assist device to stay alive.

## Transplant Games

"I went into renal failure and received a heart transplant just in time," Gould said.

At the Transplant

Games, he will be swimming in five events and playing volleyball. "I haven't felt this good in 30 years," Gould said.

The Transplant Games help bring awareness to the success stories of organ donations and survival for recipients. Approximately 112,000 Americans are waiting for organ transplants, Gould said. Seven percent die waiting for one.

"It happens every day that someone dies waiting for a transplant," Gould said. "We want people out there to sign up so people like us can live on."

Because of transplants, Gould's life continues with his wife and five children, and now, four grandchildren. "Without the transplant, I would not have been able to enjoy them," Gould said of his grandchildren.

Gould has also befriended a family to whom he is forever grateful, that is the family of his donor, a 20-year-old male, the youngest of four brothers. "We celebrate special occasions, the (transplant) games and the years together," Gould said. "They're an inspiration to everyone."

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# Canton launches 'May is for Moms' program

To help mothers obtain important information, support and resources to make motherhood an even more enriching experience, Canton Leisure Services is launching its new "May is for Moms!" initiative — a new series of health, fitness and lifestyle programming kicking-off with the Lessons in Greener Mommyhood workshop on Monday, April 23, taught by local eco-warrior Gina Adams-Levy of Peace, Love and Planet.

Area mothers and their infants are welcome to attend:

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Canton Leisure Services is launching its new 'May is for Moms!' initiative, a new series of health, fitness and lifestyle programming.

tainable practices for the home beginning at 10 a.m. on Monday, April 23 in the Summit on the Park Arts II room. The cost is \$14 for residents and \$17 for non-residents. Addi-

tional dates and times are also available.

- Shutterbug Babies Photography Workshops. Beth Hutter of the B&B Photography Studio will share professional tricks

for capturing outstanding candid baby photos starting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1 in the Summit on the Park Professional Development Center. Prices are \$30 for residents and \$36 for non-residents. Additional dates and times this summer are also available.

- Happiest Baby on the Block, a 90-minute class discussing infant sleep and colic-calming techniques led by Dawn Blackburn, RN. Participants will receive a copy of Dr. Harvey Karp's award-winning DVD-a \$15 value. Classes kick-off at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 15 in the Arts II room. The cost is \$45 for residents and \$48 for non-residents. Thousands of

new parent testimonials call this an absolute lifesaver during your baby's first three months! Additional dates and times are also available.

Additional "May is for Moms!" programs include:

- Mother/Son Dance, Canton's Mother's Day tradition at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, May 11 in the Summit on the Park Grand Ballroom. Complimenting the Dance's annual balloon-drop finale are light refreshments and souvenir photos. Semi-formal attire is recommended. Tickets are \$9; children aged two and under are free.

- Become a Coupon Mom, offering tips from cost-cutting experts at

6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 22 in the Arts II room. The cost is \$10 for residents and \$12 for non-residents. This class will pay for itself during your next trip to the grocery store!

- Make Your Own Baby Food featuring Chef Paul. Chef Paul Penney will cover best preparation, sterilization and storage of homemade baby purees and table food at 6 p.m. on Monday, June 4 in the Summit on the Park Oak room. Prices are \$15 for Summit on the Park members, \$17 for residents and \$23 for non-residents.

To register for an activity, or for more information, please visit [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org).

## St. Paul's hosts rain barrel workshop

To celebrate Earth Day, St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia will hold a rain barrel workshop 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 28.

The purpose of the workshop is to teach people how to harvest rainwater using rain barrels. Attendees will be taught how to build a rain barrel from recycled barrels

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All are welcome to attend this free event. The workshop is open to families and all ages are welcome. If attendees wish to purchase a complete rain barrel kit and receive assistance in assembling the kit to completion at the work-

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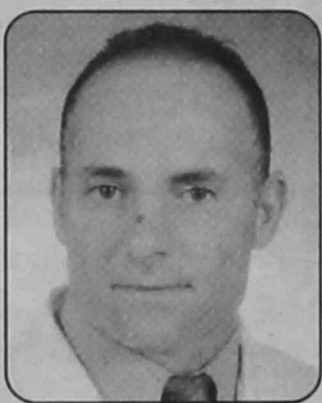
- Application 1490, 15237 Lakewood: The applicant is in an R-1 zoning district and is requesting one variance in accessory structure height. Allowable height is 12 feet; proposed roof height 16 feet, variance requested is 4 feet in roof height.

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

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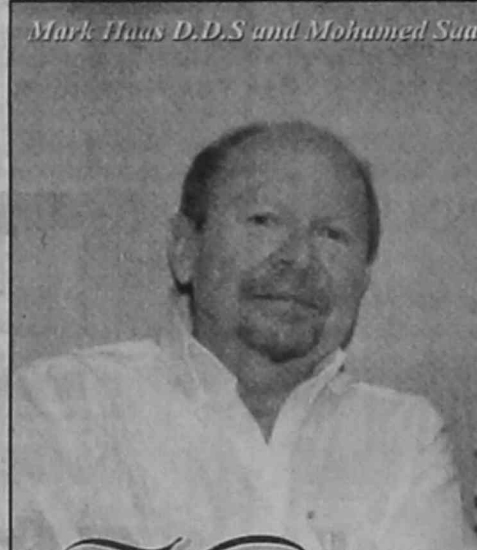
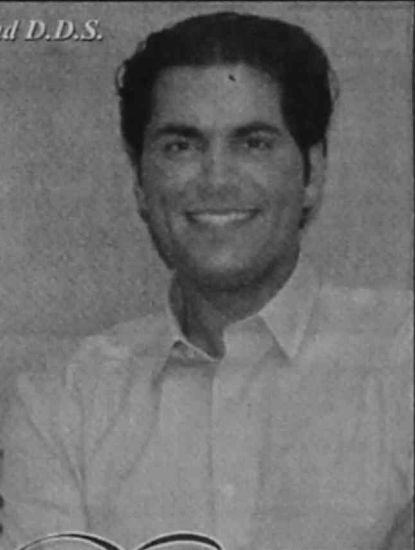
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Accepting new patients



# Schoolcraft cooking team hopes to capture regional title today

By Ken Abramczyk  
Observer Staff Writer

Some of the best student chefs in the Midwest will converge on Schoolcraft College today to show off their knife skills with tournet cuts, and prepare a supreme de volaille a l'ecarlate.

Students will complete chopping and slicing of vegetables to create an oblong, almost football-shaped cut of vegetables, one of several cuts, and during a hot-dish competition, create the classic French chicken dish inspired by Escoffier.

Schoolcraft hosts the American Culinary Federation's Midwestern regional cooking competition of student teams with the hot food competition today. The competition takes place in conjunction with the 2012 ACF Central Regional Conference at the Motor City Casino Hotel, April 14-16. The school also hosted other regional competitions yesterday (Saturday), including Chef of the Year, Pastry Chef of the Year and Student Chef of the Year. Ten teams who have won their Midwestern state's titles will be competing.

The public can attend today's competition at the VisTaTech Center. The winners will be announced Monday at the Motor City Casino. The winning team of the



Katie Kilanski and Brandon Zarb prepare a trout galantine.

regional competition will advance to the national competition in Orlando in July.

**Creating a classic**

The student team or Salon team competition consists of three phases: cold-food presentation, skills and cooking, where teams will prepare four portions of a fish starter, salad and dessert of their choice, and the pre-assigned classical entree from Escoffier: The Complete Guide to the Art of Modern Cookery.

Schoolcraft's team of second-year students consists of Katie Kilanski, who is the team's captain; Tyler Bergquist of Canton; Michelle Collett, Romulus; Brandon Zarb, Milford; and Carla Spicuzzi, West Bloomfield. The team won the state title in February at Oakland Community College.

The Schoolcraft team has practiced since January on its dishes with assistance and oversight from Schoolcraft's instructors. Shawn Loving, department chair of the culinary arts department, credited the instructors for their assistance and direction of the students and their success so far. "Every

one of them has had a part in this," Loving said.

Their cold plate display, "River's Treasures," was featured at the Motor City Casino on Friday. The dish featured smoked trout, terrine with walleye, gravlax salmon and gallantine trout, which features a forcemeat cooked sous-vide, or under pressure.

Dan Hugelier, instructor and certified master chef, assisted and directed the team with their cold plate of fish.

Bergquist worked with chef-instructor Brian Polcyn on the Great Lakes Walleye appetizer, Col-

## 2012 SCHOOLCRAFT TEAM MENU

- Great Lakes Walleye wrapped in house-made Pancetta on Fennel Palette, Spring Vegetables and Beurre Blanc (Tyler Bergquist under direction of chef-instructor Brian Polcyn)
- Artichoke Carpaccio: A Bouquet of Mache, Pea Shoots and Sorrel, Golden Beet Puree, Raw Cashew Nut Butter, Crisp Tomato Tuile, Warm Artichoke Souffle and Lemon Vinaigrette (Michelle Collett under direction of chef-instructor Jeff Gabriel)
- Supreme de Volaille a l'ecarlate with Braised Swiss Chard "Two Ways," Tender Onion Sets, New Garden Peas, Fondant Potato Sauce Supreme (Katie Kilanski under direction of chef-instructor Daniel Hugelier)
- A Study of Tropical Flavors: A Passion Fruit and Coconut Tart Presented with Caramelized Bananas, Rice Pudding Roll and Tropical Fruit Salad (Carla Spicuzzi under direction of chef-instructor Joe Decker)

lett received instruction and direction from Jeff Gabriel, certified master chef, on the Artichoke Carpaccio salad; Kilanski will create the Supreme de Volaille a l'ecarlate after she worked with Hugelier, and the Tropical Flavors dessert by Spicuzzi under the tutelage of certified master pastry chef Joe Decker.

Kilanski appreciated the assistance from the instructors. "They've given us a lot of time and attention, even during their own time," Kilanski said during a practice on Thursday.

On Sunday, the students will butcher chickens and fish, showing their knife skills in exhibiting small dice, julienne, concasse

and tournet cuts, making pastry cream and dough, and "supreming" or segmenting one orange.

Zarb is the team's alternate, which requires him to know all of the dishes in case one of the team members cannot compete. "He hands us equipment and keeps on track," Bergquist said. "He can step in at any time."

Students started planning to compete in November. In January, they practiced, sometimes four or five days a week, which has evolved to five or six days a week.

"There's a lot of reps and a lot of practice involved," Zarb said.

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# Do homework on a franchise option

**By Rick Bloom**  
Guest Columnist

**Q:** Dear Rick: I lost my job about six months ago and my severance is about to end. I've been looking for opportunities and I've been thinking about buying a franchise. They seem to be a good way of starting your own business. I'm not sure which kind to look at or what company. What is your opinion of franchises and do you think they are a good idea?

**A:** Franchises are a lot like mutual funds. There are some good ones and some really bad ones. There are some franchises that are very fair in their dealings with their investors while there are others who charge high fees and take advantage of their investors. Not all franchises are created the same.

On the whole, I don't have a problem with fran-



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

chises. It can be a very good way of starting a business. However, they are not necessarily the best option for an entrepreneurial person. The reason is most franchises have a variety of rules and regulations that they want their franchisees follow. Generally, an entrepreneurial individual likes to have more freedom than a franchise would allow.

For someone who likes the idea of having structure, a franchise can be a very good way of going. A good franchise provides you with the methodology and structure to be successful.

A key ingredient when looking at franchises is how strong is the management behind the franchise. Successful franchises have an entire team behind them to help the franchisees run their business. Some franchises basically have no support team and those are ones I would avoid. I recommend that once you narrow down the type of franchise you want, talk to other franchisees and do some Internet research. In addition, it's not a bad idea to look to the Better Business Bureau for any information they may have on the franchisor (the company). The bottom line is, even before you contact the franchisor, you should have done a fair amount of research.

Once you contact the franchisor they're going to send you a variety of legal documents. Like most legal documents, these are written by lawyers for lawyers. I strongly recommend that you hire an attorney who is familiar with franchises to assist you in understanding the documents. You may be surprised as

to some of the restrictions, fees, and requirements involved in becoming a franchisee. One fee that tends to surprise many people is that some franchises will charge you an advertising fee based upon your revenue.

It is very important to research the franchise that you select. That is where the Internet is a great tool for you. I recognize that there's a lot of misinformation on the Internet, however, there's also a lot of good information that can help you in selecting the right one.

My last piece of advice: Take your time and don't rush into it. A lot of people get overly excited after hearing the sales pitch and the result is the franchise doesn't even come close to meeting expectations. Be patient, ask a lot of questions, and always proceed with caution. Good luck!

**Rick Bloom** is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at [moneymatters@hometownlife.com](mailto:moneymatters@hometownlife.com). For more information, visit his website at [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com).

## First Step offers tips on teen dating violence

Teen dating violence can be lethal. First Step, a nonprofit organization in out-Wayne County, brings attention to pervasive teen dating violence and offers tips for communities and parents on how to recognize and end it.

Organizations and communities across the country are rising to the occasion by offering a variety of resources and tools to help teens recognize abusive patterns that may emerge in dating relationships, and take steps to prevent or stop the abuse. Also, parents can raise their awareness of teen dating abuse.

Parents may encounter a number of warning signs that their teen is in an abusive relationship, according to First Step Program Coordinator Desiree Herrick. For example, a child may have fewer friends than before meeting her dating partner, as he may iso-

late her from friends, outside activities and even her family.

Parents may notice emotional changes in their child, including crying and wanting to be alone. Another red flag is a partner who constantly calls or texts your teen, demanding to know who they are with and where they are. Although your teen may make excuses for this behavior, don't ignore your suspicions.

First Step offers a 24-hour helpline (734-722-6800 or toll-free at 888-453-5900) where teens and parents can receive one-on-one phone support from a trained domestic violence advocate. Also, the National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline is a 24-hour hotline, specifically designed for teens and young adults. It is accessible by phone at (866) 331-9474, or via the Internet at [loveisrespect.org](http://loveisrespect.org).

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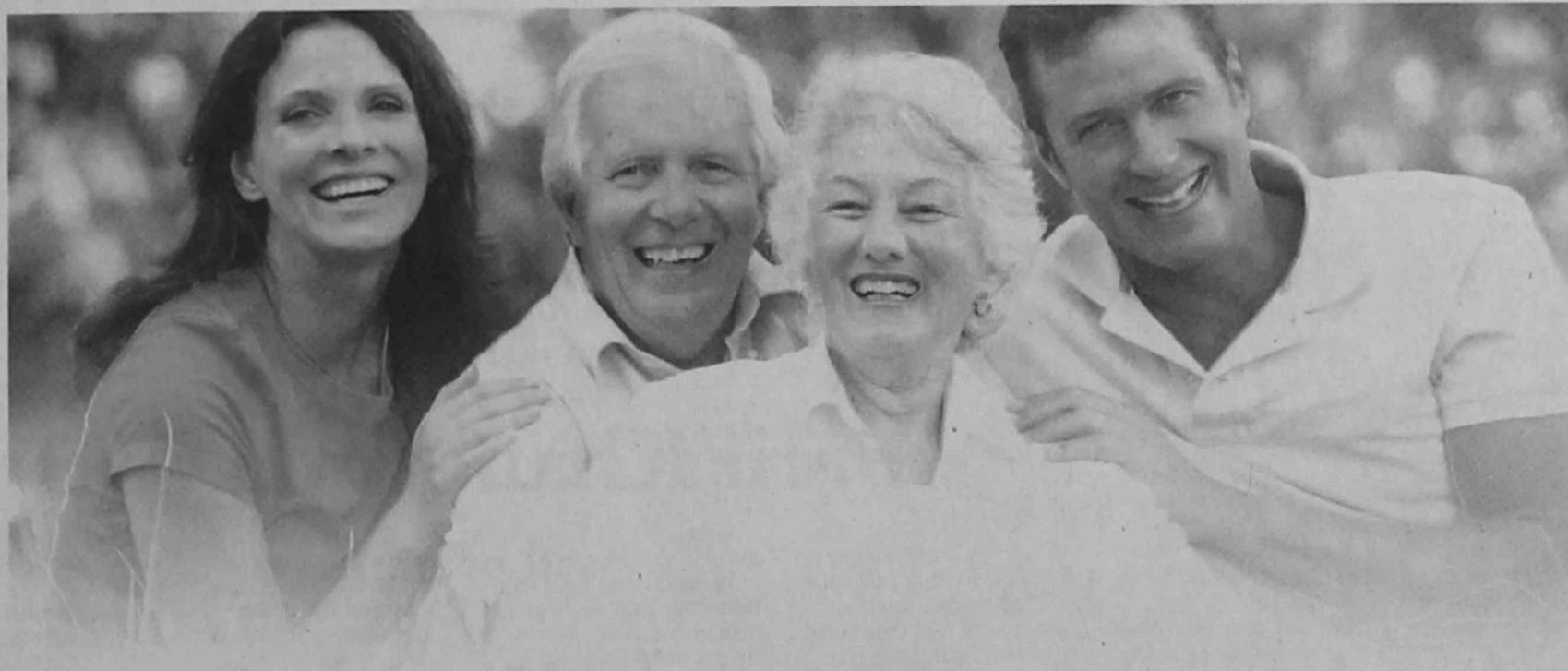
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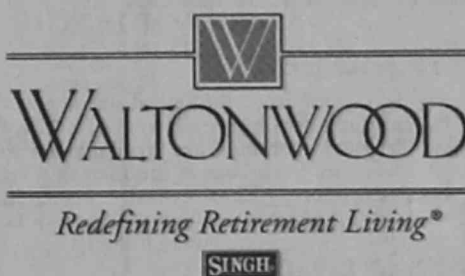
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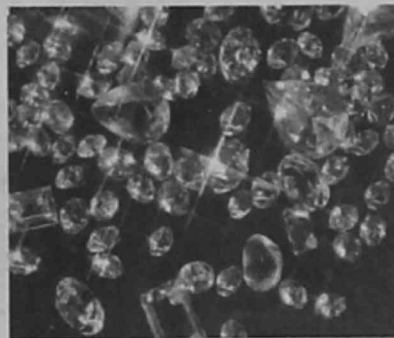
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## New-look Chiefs show promise

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

### GIRLS TRACK PREVIEW

When Tiffany Grubaugh went to Salem High School more than a decade ago, she was a record-setting thrower for the girls track and field team.

Now she will try to share her secrets for success in shot put and discuss with the girls on the Canton Chiefs.

Grubaugh will have plenty of time and encouragement for the entire team, of course, as she embarks on helping the Chiefs improve upon last season's 1-4 record in KLAA South Division dual meets.

The 2000 Salem graduate, who went on to collegiate success at Northern Michigan University and now is owner of Canton-based Fitness and Sports Performance, is still getting a read on the athletes.

Thursday's Plymouth-Canton Educational Park meet will undoubtedly help her in that regard. But she already sees a nucleus of promising athletes.

Senior co-captains Marina Milad (hurdles, 1,600-

meter relay) and Alena Valetti (sprints) top the list, for what they bring athletically and leadership-wise.

"Marina is like another coach on the track, (a) very hard worker and great athlete," Grubaugh said.

About Valetti, the coach intends on making sure she is penciled in the lineup in the 100 and 200 sprints, and 400- and 800-meter relays. "She is definitely one of the best short sprinters that we have."

Sophomore Bridget Alaniva and junior Emily Lang both will compete in the pole vault, while Alaniva also can help out in the long jump and running events.

### Promising newbies

A promising development is how quickly senior Kristen Muir is adapting to track and field. This is her first season coming out for the team, following a stellar, four-year career in volleyball at Canton.

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JOHN KEMSKI

Canton's Jocelyn Moraw (left) takes the baton from Marina Milad during a recent dual meet. Both are being counted on to help the Chiefs improve on last year's 1-4 record.

## Whalers Game 6

The Plymouth Whalers and Kitchener Rangers hook up 7 p.m. Sunday in Ontario for Game 6 of their OHL Western Conference semifinal series no matter what.

The question is whether the Whalers or Rangers will have the chance to clinch. The teams were tied at two games each entering Saturday's Game 5 at Compuware Arena, which took place after this issue of the Observer went to press.

Plymouth lost 5-1 to the Rangers Wednesday, evening the series at 2-2. If a seventh game is needed, it would be played 7 p.m. Tuesday at Compuware.

## Canton boys hoop camps

The Canton boys basketball program is hosting camps in June for youngsters entering grades five-nine.

Boys entering ninth grade can sign up for a camp slated for Monday, June 4 through Thursday, June 7 (5-6:30 p.m. daily). Registration is \$50, which includes a T-shirt.

For boys going into grades five-eight, the camp goes from June 25-28, from 9-11 a.m. each day. The cost to sign up is \$60, also including a T-shirt.

Go to: <http://www.facebook.com/cantonchiefsbasketball> to get registration forms or contact coach Jimmy Reddy at [reddyj@slcs.us](mailto:reddyj@slcs.us).

### PREP SOFTBALL PREVIEW — PART 2



Plymouth's Lindsay Lutton, shown sliding into third base in a 2011 game, is one the team's four returning all-conference players.

## 'Cats eager to put on their game faces

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

The games begin Wednesday for the Plymouth varsity softball team.

If the Wildcats are as sound as they are during workouts and scrimmages, veteran head coach Val Canfield noted, KLAA rivals will find them to be fierce foes.

"We're a perfect practice team and I'm hoping that carries over into (being) a perfect game team," Canfield said. "So we're setting the tone

early in the season and looking forward to this team playing tough."

Plymouth will host Salem at 4 p.m. Wednesday as it looks to follow up a very successful 2011. Last spring, the Wildcats went 19-10-2 overall and shared the KLAA South Division title with Canton (both teams went 9-1).

Canfield said the 2012 'Cats are young, but versatile and experienced. "I feel we have depth at each position, which

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Oranges grow in the Florida sunshine and it seems that so do young softball players.

Salem varsity softball coach Bonnie Southerland is enthusiastic about seeing her team open up the 2012 season, particularly after an impressive spring training in Florida.

"The team is looking very good after their week in Florida for spring training," Southerland said this week. "Great attitudes and they work well together. We are very excited to get the season under way."

Weather permitting, the Rocks will do just that in a Monday doubleheader against visiting Dearborn Edsel Ford. They will follow up at 4 p.m. Wednesday in a single game against campus rival Plymouth.

Although the team lost Heidi Schmidt, Kelli Janiczek and Liz Mazorowicz to graduation, Southerland still has a solid group of seniors — nicely complemented by juniors and sophomores now just beginning to hit their stride.

The 2011 Rocks finished 10-9 overall and 3-5 in the KLAA Central Division (third place).

### New dimensions

Fourth-year starter and team captain Alexis Powell is the heart and soul of the squad. She will start behind the plate "and has by far one of the best bats

in the league."

Other returning seniors include first baseman/designated hitter Jennifer First, shortstop/outfielder Bri Berberet and No. 1 pitcher Alyssa Meagher.

"I expect this team to turn heads and impress the other teams," Southerland said. "We are young, but have picked up three players that can really add some new dimensions to the team."

"I'm not sure others will quite know what to expect. I know we are a strong contender and have a lot to look forward

to this season."

The trio of newcomers includes sophomores Sam Weiser and Gabby Zott and freshman Maranda Armstead.

Weiser and Gott "are extremely hard workers and doing a great job in the outfield. Both have strong arms."

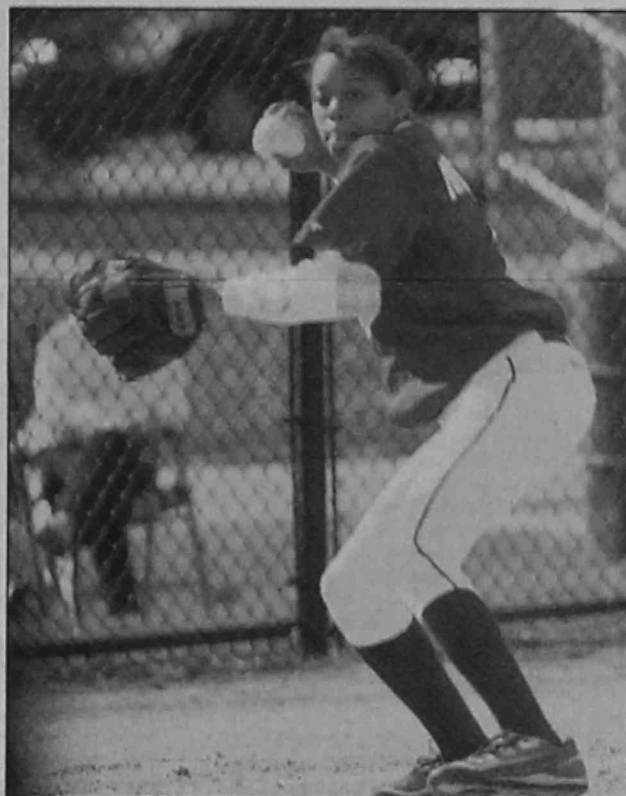
Armstead "has stepped right up and taken charge in the infield," Southerland said, adding that she will get regular playing time at shortstop despite only being a ninth-grader.

"It's like she's been

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## Rocks on the rise

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer



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Elliott Mitchem throws across the diamond in a game from last season. She will handle third base in 2012 for Salem.

## Golf outing

The fifth annual Canton Boys and Girls Basketball Golf Outing is slated for Sunday, June 3, at Fellows Creek Golf Club. A shotgun start will be at 1 p.m.

Included in the \$100 registration fee are 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch at the turn, dinner and a prizes raffle.

Go to: <http://www.facebook.com/cantonchiefsbasketball> to get registration forms or contact Jimmy Reddy at [reddyj@slcs.us](mailto:reddyj@slcs.us).

## MU golf team signs Teer

Madonna University men's golf coach Steve Mato announced Tuesday that he has signed Mott Community College golfer Billy Teer (Grand Blanc) to a letter of intent.

Teer earned all-state honors at Grand Blanc High School and advanced to the state finals in all four of his prep seasons. He helped the Bobcats earn a state championship in 2008 while winning the 2006 and 2007 Big 9 Conference team titles.



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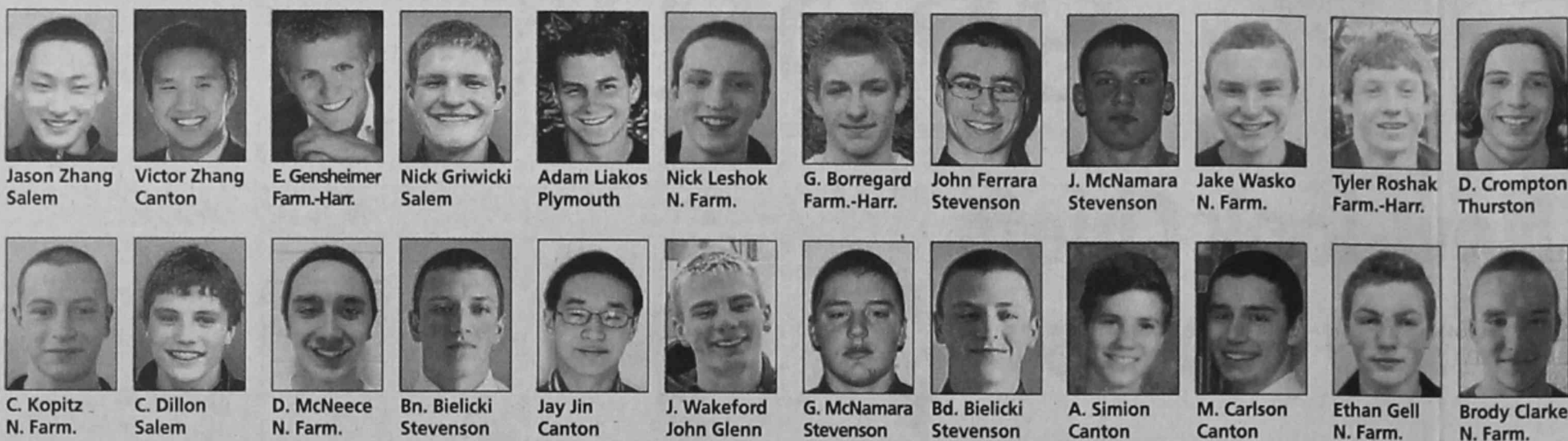
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# Observerland swim talent is second to none

## FIRST-TEAM INDIVIDUALS

**Jason Zhang, 200 free, Salem:** Zhang did it all for the Rocks during his junior season, which is why he was named the team's Most Valuable Swimmer.

He capped it all off at the Division 1 finals at Eastern Michigan University's Jones Natatorium.

There he finished 16th in the 100-yard backstroke (55.65 seconds) and qualifying in the 200 freestyle, 200 individual medley, 100 free and 50 free.

"Jason Zhang is 'Mister Any Event' for Salem swimming," veteran coach Chuck Olson said. "Whatever event he is asked to compete (in) for the team he has the ability through preparation to deliver with state level results."

Owner of a 4.16 grade-point average and perfect score on the ACT test, he will be team captain in 2012-13.

**Victor Zhang, 200 IM, Canton:** The senior capped off one of the best careers by any Canton swimmer.

Zhang was named all-state and All-American for the fourth and second time, respectively, both in the 200 IM.

At the D1 finals, he finished third in the 200 IM with a time of 1:50.23. He also was all-state in the 100 backstroke, placing second (50.86) and as part of the sixth-place 400 relay.

He won the 200 IM (1:51.65) and 100 butterfly (50.43) at the conference meet, where he also was part of two winning relays.

"Victor's a great competitor and racer," Canton coach Dave Le said. "It was always fun to watch him race. I look forward to see him continue to do well in college swimming."

**Eric Gensheimer, 50 free, Farmington-Harrison:** Gensheimer had an outstanding senior season, leading the Phoenix to the OAA White Division crown and earning all-state honors. He finished fourth in the 50-yard freestyle at the D-1 state meet with a school-record time of 21.53. Gensheimer also scored in the 100 freestyle, taking 13th place (48.19). His best time in that event was 47.53 leading off the 400 freestyle relay. He is the OAA White champion in the 50 and 100, and he also helped the Phoenix win both freestyle relays.

"Eric is a very motivated and determined swimmer," coach Brian McNeff said. "He came into the season with some specific goals and did what was necessary to achieve them. He worked hard every day and listened to everything (assistant coach) Driska (McCullough) and I told him to work on. He was a great leader of the team and will definitely be missed next year."

**Nick Griwicki, diving, Salem:** Griwicki, part of Salem's 1-2 punch in diving with Charlie Dillon, finished 10th at the Division 1 finals with 356.50 points. It was his second straight year in the finals.

Following a sixth-place finish (352.80) at the KLAA Kensington Conference meet, the senior co-captain and scholar athlete (3.45 grade-point average) was named to the all-conference first team.

He also won Salem's Coaches Award for contributions to team success. "Nick Griwicki had an outstanding senior year," Olson said. "He's a great teammate and leader."

**Adam Liakos, 100 fly, Plymouth:** Determination to be the best possible swimmer helped the senior move to the next level for the Wildcats.

"Adam decided to become a complete swimmer at the end of his junior year," Plymouth coach Doug Schade said. "And he worked really hard in the off-season to make sure that he was better than ever coming back for his senior year."

"He certainly accomplished that goal on our team this year."

At the D1 prelims, Liakos finished 32nd in the 100 fly (54.56) and 28th as part of the 200 medley relay.

Liakos, who is looking to swim at a D2 or D3 college, set school records in the 50 free, 100 fly (53.29) and has the fastest splits in the 400 relay (23.32) and 200 relay.

**Nick Leshok, 100 free, N. Farmington:** Leshok finished fourth in the 100 freestyle in the Division 2 finals with a personal best of 47.15, which was just shy of Jonathan Kershaw's school record of 46.74. Leshok also placed third in the IM at the same meet with a time of 1:55.28 and did break Karl Kozicki's record (1:56.13). He is the OAA Red champion in the 100 freestyle and was second in the IM.

"Nick had a great season, coming off a freshman year when he scored at the state meet to be all-state in two events," coach Mike Harfoot said. "He's just a hard worker. He shows up every day at practice ready to go, looking to improve."

"Nick is a swimming junky. He really is a student of the sport and he really loves it. He's a great kid to coach, and I look forward to two more years with him."

**Grant Borregard, 500 free, Farmington-Harrison:** Borregard is an outstanding backstroke, but he opted for the 500 freestyle at the state meet. He showed his all-round

## 2012 ALL-AREA BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

**200-yard freestyle:** 1. Jason Zhang, jr., Salem; 2. Jake Wasko, soph., North Farmington.

**200 individual medley:** 1. Victor Zhang, sr., Canton; 2. Tyler Roshak, soph., Farmington-Harrison.

**50 freestyle:** 1. Eric Gensheimer, sr., Farmington-Harrison; 2. (tie) Dylan Crompton, sr., Redford Thurston; and Calvin Kopitz, sr., North Farmington.

**One-meter diving:** 1. Nick Griwicki, sr., Salem; 2. Charlie Dillon, soph., Salem.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Adam Liakos, sr., Plymouth; 2. Danny McNeece, soph., North Farmington.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Nick Leshok, soph., North Farmington; 2. Brandon Bielicki, sr., Livonia Stevenson.

**500 freestyle:** 1. Grant Borregard, soph., Farmington-Harrison; 2. Jay Jin, sr., Canton.

**100 backstroke:** 1. John Ferrara, jr., Stevenson; 2. Joey Wakeford, sr., Westland John Glenn.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Jake McNamara, sr., Stevenson; 2. Grant McNamara, soph., Stevenson.

## RELAY TEAMS

**200-yard medley:** 1. Livonia Stevenson (jr. John Ferrara, sr. Jake McNamara, soph. Bradley Bielicki, sr. Brandon Bielicki), 2. Canton (sr. Victor Zhang, sr. Jay Jin, sr. Adrian Simion, jr. Mike Carlson).

**200 freestyle:** 1. North Farmington (sr. Calvin Kopitz, sr. Ethan Gell, soph. Jake Wasko, soph. Nick Leshok), 2. Canton (sr. Victor Zhang, sr. Jay Jin, sr. Adrian Simion, jr. Mike Carlson).

**400 freestyle:** 1. Canton (sr. Victor Zhang, sr. Jay Jin, sr. Adrian Simion, jr. Mike Carlson), 2. North Farmington (sr. Calvin Kopitz, soph. Jake Wasko, soph. Brody Clarke, soph. Nick Leshok).

## CO-COACHES OF YEAR

Brian McNeff, Farmington-Harrison; Bob Harding, Westland John Glenn

ability by finishing fifth, setting a school record and swimming an area-best time (4:39.46). The sophomore dropped seven seconds his previous best in the prelims (4:42.25), and he cut another three seconds and moved up three places in the final. Borregard also competed in the IM at the state meet, and he was a key member of the freestyle relays. He is the OAA White champion in the IM and backstroke.

"Grant came prepared to work hard every day," McNeff said. "No matter what I threw at him, he did it. His goal was to be all-state this year and he was. And he did it in an event he didn't have too much experience. He is a great swimmer; I think he still has a lot more time to drop."

**John Ferrara, 100 back, Stevenson:** The junior took third in the Division 1 state meet's 100 backstroke (51.32) along with an 11th in the 200 IM (1:58.04).

Ferrara added Kensington Conference titles in the 500 freestyle (4:48.37) and 100 backstroke (52.54).

"After a very successful sophomore year John continued dropping time all year for us," Stevenson coach Jeff Shoemaker said. "He is a very versatile swimmer and will swim anything when asked. He was an integral part of all our relays this year."

"His year-round training paid off this year as he came into season in good shape."

Ferrara set the school record in the 100 backstroke and ranks among the fastest backstrokers in the nation, which entitles him to All American honors.

"I am really looking forward to watching all the continued success John will have during his senior year," Shoemaker said.

**Jake McNamara, 100 breast, Stevenson:** The senior placed 10th in the state finals in the 100 breaststroke (59.77) and was also a state qualifier in the 200 IM (2:02.1).

"Jake is a very accomplished state level swimmer," Shoemaker said.

"This year he was able to break the 1:00 mark in the 100 breaststroke which puts him on a very short list of swimmers at Stevenson."

At the Kensington Conference meet, McNamara was champion in the 100 breaststroke (1:00.77) and added fourth in the 200 IM (2:01.97).

"His leadership ability and excellent academics made Jake a very well liked and respected captain," Shoemaker said. "Without a doubt Jake will be successful in his future endeavors. His swimming accomplishments made it possible for Jake to get recruited by a number of institutions and he will be able to continue his swimming career at the collegiate level."

## FIRST-TEAM RELAYS

**200 medley, Stevenson:** John Ferrara, Jake McNamara, Bradley Bielicki and Brandon Bielicki placed sixth in the Division 1 state finals with a time of 1:37.47 after posting a preliminary clocking of 1:37.46.

Three of the four members — Ferrara, a junior; Bradley Bielicki, a sophomore, and Brandon Bielicki, a senior and anchor leg — also teamed up with sophomore Grant McNamara for a first in the Kensington Conference meet (1:38.93).

"I knew this relay had great potential at the beginning of the season," Shoemaker said. "The medley consists of all four strokes and we had three of the four legs returning from last year's third-place finish. We lost our butterfly leg of Kellen Schoff and he proved very hard to replace. In the end we went with sophomore Bradley Bielicki and certainly proved himself. John Ferrara, Jake McNamara, and Brandon Bielicki swam the remaining three legs for the second straight year."

"Two of the four members have graduated and will be hard to replace. Using our tradition and hard work, I'm sure we will once again

return with an all-state medley relay."

**200 freestyle, North Farmington:** Calvin Kopitz, Ethan Gell, Jake Wasko and Nick Leshok went 1:26.62 in the state final to finish fifth and set a school record. Their time was the fastest in the area. The Raiders were second in the OAA Red.

"We got a sense how fast the 200 could go when we swam at MISCA," Harfoot said. "It was the first time it was stacked (with the four best swimmers); it went 1:28 and none of them were rested yet. We were hoping to break the school record (1:28.0) at state, and we had four guys determined to do that."

**400 freestyle, Canton:** Before the season began, seniors Victor Zhang, Jin and Adrian Simion and junior Mike Carlson set a lofty goal, coach Dave Le said.

"These four swam together all season and had their sights set on a top-eight finish at the state meet," Le noted.

In the 400 free relay they were successful in that quest, becoming Canton's first ever all-state relay team thanks to a sixth-place finish at the D1 finals at EMU. They clocked in at 3:12.50.

But the quartet had plenty of accomplishments during the year, most impressively at the conference meet.

They finished first at South Lyon East with a time of 3:12.8 — establishing team, pool and conference records simultaneously.

## SECOND-TEAM INDIVIDUALS

**Jake Wasko, 200 free, N. Farmington:** The sophomore finished 16th in the D-2 finals with a 1:49.5 swim, but he posted his best time the previous day in the prelims (1:47.9), which ranks among the best in the area. Wasko also swam the butterfly at state.

"Jake is a very hard worker and is very talented," Harfoot said. "He's starting to gain more self-confidence. He doesn't understand how could he can be. He puts in the same hard work as Nick and trains very hard. He came into his own this year. His 200 at the state meet was just phenomenal."

**Tyler Roshak, 200 IM, Farmington-Harrison:** Roshak was a state qualifier in the IM and swam one of the area's top-10 times. He is the OAA White Division champion in the butterfly and was fourth in the IM. He was a member of the second-place medley relay team and was instrumental in the Phoenix winning the division title.

"Tyler is another hard worker," McNeff said. "I think he even surprised himself at times at what he did this year. He has set some very high goals for what he wants to accomplish in swimming, and he has already started the work to accomplish those goals. His ceiling is very high as to what he can get done."

**Dylan Crompton, 50 free, Thurston:** The senior closed out his late-starting high school swimming career by becoming one of the most-prolific sprint performers in school history. After not swimming competitively until half-way through his sophomore year, Crompton flourished, combining natural athletic skill with an admirable work ethic. In addition to helping set school relay records, he holds the mark for the 50- and 100-yard freestyle races.

"Dylan was the hardest worker in the pool," said Thurston coach Tom Giummo. "He's a smart swimmer always willing to stay after and work on something new and work to improve himself. What he has done in such a short amount of time was out of this world. He's a great representative of Thurston: an excellent student-athlete who I was proud to have coached."

**Calvin Kopitz, 50 free, N. Farmington:** Kopitz finished ninth in the D-2 state meet with a 21.69 time, which is the second fastest in school history and is close to Matt Zald's record of 21.54. It was the fifth fastest on the final day, but Kopitz was locked in

the consolation heat.

In the same meet, he anchored the medley relay in 21.20 and led off the 200 freestyle relay in 21.73. His leadoff time of 48.15 in the 400 relay would have scored in the open 100. In the OAA Red meet, Kopitz was third in the 50 and seventh in the 100.

"Calvin was a good sprinter his freshmen and sophomore years," Harfoot said. "He turned it on last year and turned into a very good sprinter. He put the work in and became an elite sprinter this year."

"He swam year-round for the first time, and it helped him coming into the season. He had a head start and it really paid off for him."

**Charlie Dillon, diving, Salem:** The sophomore finished 14th in the D1 finals with a mark of 325.50.

At the KLAA conference meet, he took fourth (380.15) and was selected to the all-KLAA second team for his season-long excellence.

Dillon, who carries a 3.24 GPA, also was honored by the team, winning the Most Improved Award.

"Charlie Dillon showed as a sophomore that hard work and dedication with talent will find success at the D1 state meet," Olson said. "Now, he has the experience and talent to be a strong contender for all-state honors the next two years."

**Danny McNeece, 100 fly, N. Farmington:** McNeece finished 16th in the butterfly (55.11) at the D-2 state meet, but his prelim time of 53.95 puts him third among the best filers in the area. He was 11th in the OAA Red. McNeece also swam the IM at state.

"Danny is another hard worker," Harfoot said. "He works on the technical aspect, trying to be as fast as he can. He was a little up and down this year. He went back and forth, so we were really pleased he had a good meet that first day at state and got into scoring position."

**Brandon Bielicki, 100 free, Stevenson:** The senior was the Spartans' top sprinter this season placing 14th in the Division 1 50 freestyle (22.07) and qualifying in the 100 freestyle (18th in 48.17).

"This year he not only participated, but he was able to score in one of the fastest state meets of all time," Shoemaker said. "He was the anchor on our all-state medley relay (sixth place) and also a member of our scoring 400 freestyle relay (12th place)."

Bielicki added a fourth in the 100 freestyle (49.65) and a fifth in the 50 freestyle (22.62) at the Kensington Conference meet.

"He swam all four years for us and was an exceptional captain this year," Shoemaker added. "He is very powerful in the classroom and without a doubt he will be successful in anything he decides to do. His replacement will be very difficult for next year."

**Jay Jin, 500 free, Canton:** Versatility enabled the senior to excel in a number of individual events and relays for the Chiefs.

At the D1 finals, he took 14th in the 200 IM (1:58.70), took 39th in the 100 fly and was part of the 200 medley and 400 free relays.

His time of 4:58.10 in the 500 free was fifth-best among Observerland swimmers.

Jin was part of the victorious 200 and 400 free relays at the conference meet.

"He's always willing to do any event that the team needed him to be in," Le said. "He was willing to help some of the younger swimmers on the team with their stroke technique."

**Joey Wakeford, 100 back, John Glenn:** The senior, headed to the University of Michigan, capped a stellar career with a fifth-place finish in the Division 1 state finals in the 100 backstroke (53.66) after going a personal-best 53.27 in the prelims.

Wakeford also took a third in the backstroke (55.42) along with a sixth in the 100 butterfly (55.79) at the Kensington Conference meet.

"Joey can swim any event," Glenn coach Bob Harding said. "He led the team to undefeated dual meet season, a first in school history, and first-ever division (KLAA South) crown. As a freshman Joey did not qualify to the state meet, did so as a sophomore, scored as a junior, and earned all-state honors as a senior."

Wakeford, the team MVP and two-year captain, also helped Glenn qualify for the state meet in the 200 freestyle relay (1:31.82) and place fifth in the Kensington Conference meet.

Wakeford, who carries a 3.69 grade-point average, will be attending the University of Michigan next fall.

**Grant McNamara, 100 breast, Stevenson:** The sophomore was a state qualifier in the 100 breaststroke (1:00.16) where he finished 16th overall.

McNamara was also a state qualifier in the 500 freestyle (5:00.42).

"Last year Grant had some huge time drops and was able to qualify for the state meet as a freshman," Shoemaker said. "This year Grant once again had a successful year and

made two individual state cuts. Having most his success in the breaststroke, he was also asked to swim the distance events throughout the year."

At the Kensington Conference meet, McNamara took third in the 500 freestyle (4:57.94) and added a fourth in the 100 breaststroke (1:02.11).

"Grant was our youngest individual state qualifier and has two more years to swim at Stevenson. We are expecting great things from him in his second half of his high school career."

## SECOND-TEAM RELAYS

**200 medley, Canton:** The quartet of Zhang, Jin, Simion and Carlson brought skills and leadership to every event they performed individually or as a relay team.

According to Le, to help the Chiefs at the conference meet, "both Mike and Adrian were willing to give up an individual event to swim all three relays."

They placed eighth that day with a time of 1:46.18 but eclipsed it at the D1 finals, completing the race in 18th place with a team record time of 1:39.26.

"All four swimmers were very versatile so it took us most of the season to come up with the right combination," Le added.

**200 freestyle, Canton:** At the Kensington Conference meet — bookended by record splits by lead-off man Zhang (20.98) and anchor Carlson (21.74) — the Chiefs established pool and conference marks with their first-place time of 1:28.01.

Zhang, Jin, Simion and Carlson turned in "a dominating performance," Le said.

That was the relay team's best time in that event, second only to the 1:26.62 turned in by North Farmington among Observerland squads.

**400 freestyle, North Farmington:** Kopitz, Wasko, Brody Clarke and Leshok combined for a 3:13.46 time in the state final, breaking a school record that had stood for two decades. Their time also clinched an all-area team berth. The same four were third in the OAA Red.

"Honestly, we were surprised how fast we went at the state meet," Harfoot said. "We thought, if everything went well, we could get down to 3:15. All four of them surpassed their best times and had a good day."

"It's not often you get all four relay members to have personal best days together. It just clicked the second day, and they did a tremendous job working as a team and breaking that school record (3:13.74)."

## CO-COACHES OF THE YEAR

**Brian McNeff, Farmington-Harrison:** McNeff led the Phoenix to an outstanding season in his first as head coach. The unified Farmington-Harrison team was undefeated in OAA White Division dual meets

and won the all-schools meet to capture the overall championship. The Phoenix placed ninth in the Oakland County meet and 18th in the Division 1 state meet. McNeff has coached the Farmington girls previously, and he has also coached at

Northville High School.

**Bob Harding, John Glenn:** The sixth-year coach guided the Rockets to an undefeated dual meet season (7-0) along with their first-ever KLAA South Division meet championship.

Glenn's Joey Wakeford also earned all-state honors in the 100 backstroke and the Rockets' 200 freestyle relay team of Cody Hodges, Dave Vader, Josh Wakeford and Joey Wakeford also qualified for the state meet.

Harding, a former swimmer at Eastern Michigan University under

Mike Jones, taught and coached for 32 years at Southfield High before moving over to Glenn.

"During my six years at John Glenn we have come from a team with only about 15 athletes to a team over 30 members the last three years," Harding

said. "In those first two years we won just a handful of meets, but laid a foundation of hard work and determination to become the best athletes and team we could be."

Harding was also named Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association Zone Coach of the Year in 2010-11.

"Each year the team took on the challenge of the past years' actions," said Harding, who in 1999 earned MISCA's highest honor with the Matt Mann award. "I have had the opportunity to work with many fine men during that time and it is they who have made us what we are as a team today. I again would like to thank them for all they have given."



Brian McNeff  
Farm.-Harr.



Bob Harding  
John Glenn



## BEST BOYS SWIM TIMES

## 200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY

Livonia Stevenson 1:37.46  
Canton 1:39.26  
Salem 1:40.27  
North Farmington 1:41.43  
Farmington-Harrison 1:42.48  
**200 FREESTYLE**  
Victor Zhang (Canton) 1:44.10  
Jason Zhang (Salem) 1:47.83  
Jake Wasko (N. Farmington) 1:47.90  
Nick Leshok (N. Farmington) 1:47.92  
John Ferrara (Stevenson) 1:48.12  
Jay Jin (Canton) 1:48.29  
Grant Borregard (Farm. Unified) 1:48.45  
Josh Wakeford (John Glenn) 1:50.29  
Mike Stover (Wayne) 1:51.33  
David Olson (Farm. Unified) 1:51.77  
**200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY**  
Victor Zhang (Canton) 1:50.23  
Nick Leshok (N. Farmington) 1:55.28  
John Ferrara (Stevenson) 1:57.17  
Jay Jin (Canton) 1:58.54  
Grant Borregard (Farm. Unified) 1:59.11  
Jason Zhang (Salem) 2:00.33  
Jake McNamara (Stevenson) 2:01.97  
Tyler Roshak (Farm. Unified) 2:04.30  
Danny McNeece (N. Farmington) 2:05.33  
Bradley Bielicki (Stevenson) 2:06.62  
**50 FREESTYLE**  
Victor Zhang (Canton) 20.98  
Eric Gensheimer (Farm. Unified) 21.53  
Dylan Crompton (Thurston) 21.68  
Calvin Kopitz (N. Farmington) 21.69  
Brandon Bielicki (Stevenson) 22.02  
Jason Zhang (Salem) 22.02  
Mike Carlson (Canton) 22.06  
Ethan Gell (N. Farmington) 22.45  
Adam Liakos (Plymouth) 22.59  
Jerry Bai (Salem) 23.00

## ONE-METER DIVING

Charlie Dillon (Salem) 380.15  
Nick Griwicki (Salem) 373.20  
Ryan Kilgore (Canton) 357.60  
Nick Nader (N. Farmington) 316.95  
Connor McManus (Plymouth) 296.40  
Eric Rathgeber (Stevenson) 278.20  
Ainsworth Orr (John Glenn) 272.85  
Brian Atiyeh (Stevenson) 272.25  
Jay Krebs (Canton) 264.95  
Jessee Damesworth (Stevenson) 259.30  
**100 BUTTERFLY**  
Victor Zhang (Canton) 50.43  
Adam Liakos (Plymouth) 53.29  
Danny McNeece (N. Farmington) 53.95  
Jake Wasko (N. Farmington) 54.05  
Jeremy Wellman (Salem) 54.13  
Ian Landau (N. Farmington) 54.22  
Tyler Roshak (Farm. Unified) 54.87  
Jay Jin (Canton) 55.00  
Luke Crompton (Thurston) 55.12  
Joey Wakeford (John Glenn) 55.79  
**100 FREESTYLE**  
Victor Zhang (Canton) 45.18  
Nick Leshok (N. Farmington) 47.15  
Eric Gensheimer (Farm. Unified) 47.53  
Calvin Kopitz (N. Farmington) 48.15  
Brandon Bielicki (Stevenson) 48.17  
John Ferrara (Stevenson) 48.41  
Dylan Crompton (Thurston) 48.48  
Mike Carlson (Canton) 48.87  
Jake McNamara (Stevenson) 49.19  
Jason Zhang (Salem) 49.24  
**500 FREESTYLE**  
Grant Borregard (Farm. Unified) 4:39.46  
Victor Zhang (Canton) 4:40.19  
John Ferrara (Stevenson) 4:48.37  
Grant McNamara (Stevenson) 4:56.08  
Jay Jin (Canton) 4:58.10

Jason Zhang (Salem) 4:58.64  
Jake Ferguson (John Glenn) 5:00.36  
Matt LaPorte (Stevenson) 5:03.72  
Mike Stover (Wayne) 5:04.68  
Matthew Peters (Farm. Unified) 5:09.84  
**200 FREESTYLE RELAY**  
North Farmington 1:26.62  
Canton 1:28.01  
Farmington-Harrison 1:28.13  
Westland John Glenn 1:31.82  
Salem 1:31.98  
**100 BACKSTROKE**  
Victor Zhang (Canton) 50.86  
John Ferrara (Stevenson) 51.32  
Joey Wakeford (Glenn) 53.27  
Jeremy Wellman (Salem) 54.55  
Jason Zhang (Salem) 54.69  
Grant Borregard (Farm. Unified) 55.37  
Jay Jin (Canton) 56.25  
Adrian Simion (Canton) 56.75  
Joe Paris (N. Farmington) 57.16  
Cameron Earls (Plymouth) 57.77  
**100 BREASTSTROKE**  
Jake McNamara (Stevenson) 59.77  
Grant McNamara (Stevenson) 1:00.06  
Victor Zhang (Canton) 1:00.12  
Nick Leshok (N. Farmington) 1:01.52  
Turner Solterman (Salem) 1:03.56  
Tom O'Donohue (Stevenson) 1:03.79  
Jay Jin (Canton) 1:03.84  
Drake Veit (Garden City) 1:04.43  
Smaran Bhaktavara (Salem) 1:05.23  
Ethan Gell (N. Farmington) 1:05.34  
**400 FREESTYLE RELAY**  
Canton 3:12.11  
North Farmington 3:13.46  
Livonia Stevenson 3:14.87  
Farmington-Harrison 3:16.88  
Salem 3:23.66



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Salem's Madison Koval, shown in this 2011 game, is expected to be one of the heavy hitters in the Rocks lineup this season.

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there for years. When Maranda and (Emily) Marcero are out there, they've got the double (play) down like no other combo team I've seen." Marcero is a sophomore and one of the top three pitchers when not playing second.

Another pitcher to watch is sophomore Kristine Zink, the center fielder on days she isn't in the circle.

Southerland has high praise for the 10th-graders, who both impressed in 2011.

"These two are great leaders on the field and know the game," she said. "They have great work ethic and will do what it takes to get the job done."

"Zink when not pitching will be in the outfield and Marcero when not pitching is solid at second base. She is quick, while Zink is fearless."

## Extra incentive

The Rocks' lineup will also include yet another player who excelled as

a freshman, sophomore first baseman/outfielder Madison Koval. "Madi has a very powerful and strong bat."

Juniors who return, having shown promise last season, are third baseman Elliott Mitchem, outfielders Lexi Epley and Katie Meade and utility player Megan Johnson.

"Elliott stops everything that comes her way and makes this game look so very easy," the coach said.

Epley and Meade have made strides and Johnson is handy because she can play all infield positions "and even catcher at any given time."

Southerland said the team might have some extra incentive to have a strong season — Salem is hosting districts.

"I can assure you those girls want to be there defending their field," she said. "They are capable of doing some really great things and I think they saw what they can do on their spring training trip."

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## Chiefs, Rocks ready to tee off

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## BOYS GOLF PREVIEW

Area boys golf teams will try to parlay promise into results during the 2012 season.

The Canton Chiefs and Salem Rocks are looking to improve in the standings, too.

Last spring, Canton went 3-7 in the KLAA South Division while Salem tallied a 4-6 mark in the KLAA Central.

The Chiefs open up Thursday at the North Farmington Invitational while Salem's opening action comes Monday, April 23 at the East Lansing Invitational.

Following is a look at those two teams (the Plymouth preview will be included in Thursday's Observer).

## Canton

Veteran coach Tom Alles, starting his 18th season with the team, lost Brandon Laabs and Frank Parzynski to graduation.

But a solid group of returnees includes co-captains Josh Maxam and Alex Champagne, along with Marty Peck and Brent Perry. All are juniors except Maxam, who is a senior.

Joining the squad are two transfers from Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, senior Jon McMillan and junior Tyler McMahan. Freshman Donnie Trospen rounds out the roster.

"I'm very optimistic about our chances this

year," Alles said. "I think we can really compete with most teams we will see this season."

"We have some very skilled players and more depth than in the recent past. I'm looking forward to coaching a much improved Chief team."

## Salem

The same is true at Salem, with head coach Ryan Nimmerguth optimistic that the team will make a step up in the standings.

Although Josh Perrin graduated, the other key golfers from 2011 are back — seniors Eric Duprey (40.3 average for nine holes; 81 for 18), Brandon Duprey (38.1; 84), junior Brian Patterson (41.1; 79) and soph-

omore Nick Danis (41.4; 85).

Senior Jake Leib also logged important varsity experience in 2011.

He has an excellent chance for two wide-open varsity spots, but Nimmerguth listed senior returnee David Nikkila as another contender.

Also in the mix for those spots are junior Nate Sass, sophomores Connor Cole and Brady Cole and freshman Jakob Lenders, all new to the team.

Others on the squad are seniors Kyle Eggenberger, Austin Strobridge; junior Kevin Luo; sophomore Noah Hirvela, Josh Eldridge and Jake Sealy.

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## WILDCATS

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makes players focus in more on their expectations," Canfield said.

Not much depth is required in the circle, however, because of the presence of junior ace pitcher Elaine Gerou (1.78 ERA, 192 strikeouts).

"She (Gerou) desires to be the best and puts one foot in front of the other and makes it happen," Canfield said.

Gerou, team MVP and one of four returning all-conference performers, will be backed up by pitchers Celeste Miller and Mikayela Marciniak, a sophomore and freshman, respectively.

They will pitch either to sophomore Brooke Senkbeil or junior Kayla Rebain, bouncing back from injury.

"I strongly believe without Kayla's arm injury she would have been

on top of the list with all stats," Canfield said. "The good thing is she still has two years with me."

## Setting the table

Senkbeil, a returning all-conference player, batted .404 and will lead off what could be a very potent offensive lineup. She can play third but can also catch and brings smarts and leadership that will help the Wildcats.

The other all-KLAA players from 2011 include sophomore short-stop Lindsay Lutton (.378) and junior second baseman Brianna Giordano (.307). Canfield is enthusiastic about seeing what Lutton and Giordano bring after having excellent seasons last year.

Meanwhile, the middle infield should be in good hands — literally — with Lutton and Giordano.

Promising freshman Brittney Miller is a power-hitting contender for plenty of playing time at third base. Miller was

described by the coach as "the final part of the puzzle, with her we have a full circle in the infield."

At first base will be senior co-captain Karen Rebain, who can provide extra-base pop. She also can play third if needed.

Senior co-captain Irene Pool also is ready to help the cause, filling in at first base and swinging a power bat.

Anchoring the outfield is senior Allison Raylean, who batted .274 last year while catching everything coming her way.

"Allison is a gamer and she would make crucial hits at times for us and with runners in scoring position," Canfield said. "I always have confidence in Allison. I'm expecting a big year for her."

Other outfielders are juniors Lindsey Gryniwicz, Cassidy Hewitt and Alex Lemieux and freshman Alex Rakovitis.

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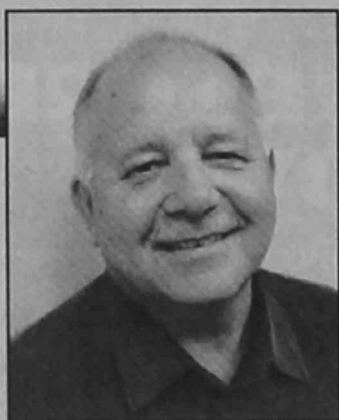


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# Eagles show record-breaking stuff

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Things already are looking rosy for Plymouth Christian's track and field program as the 2012 season gets into gear.

The recent season-opening dual meet against Royal Oak Shrine provided evidence of that.

Jennifer Lemieux, who coaches both the PCA boys and girls teams (they also compete as a coed squad), noted a new school record set in the 3,200-meter relay team of junior co-captain Karen Windle, freshman Megan McHugh, sophomores Rachel Smith and Terra Crown. They finished in 11:17.

Junior co-captain Megan Lemieux set a personal best by throwing the discus 76-feet, 1-inch — good for first place. Crown reset the school

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record by five seconds in the open mile (5:39.2) while Windle, who competed in the Division 4 state finals last year, finished first in the 800-meter run.

Rounding out the girls team — which packs plenty of punch for only having seven members — will be Leah Dotson and Sydney Carpenter.

## Boys excel

Coach Lemieux cited several top showings from boys at Shrine.

Distance runners Jimmy Parks, co-captain Trevor Baloga and Ethan Levack — all state finalists for PCA's cross country team — anchor the 3,200-meter relay, which had an excellent showing in the opening meet. The fourth member of

that relay team is rookie Jacob Bailey.

Stafford threw second in the discus while newcomers Mick Noel and Matt Sumner took 1-2 in the high jump.

Another strong runner is senior sprinter Kurtis McKensie.

"This is one of the largest boys teams in the school's history and every athlete has wonderful gifts from God that we are working hard to develop," Lemieux noted.

To that end, the rest of the team includes co-captain Robert Stafford, Chase Robinson, Chris Young, Ian Rose, Isaac Middleton, Jacob Nichols, Jayme Putney, Joseph Iacopelli, Nathan Harold, Steven Zomermaand and Torre Crown.

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Livonia's Max Iafate of the Kitchener Rangers rises up after knocking the Whalers' Rickard Rakell to his knees after a check in Game 3 of the OHL playoff series.

# NHL DNA

Ex-Whaler Max Iafate looks like his dad on the ice

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Max Iafate's hockey DNA bears some striking similarities to his father Al, who logged 799 regular season games in 12 NHL seasons.

The Livonian, who just turned 18, is a defenseman for the Ontario Hockey League's Kitchener Rangers and wears the same jersey number (34).

Max's listed at 6-feet-2 inches, 220 pounds, while Al was a strapping 6-3, 195-pound prodigy as a 16-year-old when he earned a spot on the 1984 U.S. Olympic hockey team and played in the Winter Games in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia.

Both grew up in the Computware youth hockey program where young Max spent his first OHL season with the Plymouth Whalers, only to be traded to the Rangers during the offseason in 2011.

## Unexpected move

Although the trade caught Max off-guard, he is now thriving on team that is the cradle of blue liners. Facing his ex-team in Round 2 of their OHL, Iafate scored his second goal of the playoffs in Wednesday's 5-1 Kitchener win to even the series at 2-2 heading into Saturday night's pivotal Game 5 at Computware Arena.

"I wasn't expecting it," said Max, who played in 62 Whaler regular season games during the 2010-11 season before getting dealt. "I got a call after the last training camp day and he (Mike Vellucci, the Whalers' head coach and G.M.) just told me they were going to try to move me. That's how it goes, I guess."

Playing for his hometown team appeared to be the perfect fit, but Iafate is not looking back in his rear-view mirror.

"It wasn't ideal, I guess," Max said. "Maybe I wish I went to a different place to help my development out. But I know I'm in the best place to develop as a defenseman in Kitchener, so I'm happy with that."

And Max quickly extinguished any anxieties of being on the opposite side of the ice when going against the Whalers, which has only inten-

sified during the playoffs.

"I got over that the first two games playing here in the regular season ... like the nerves and stuff, and not trying to do too much and getting emotional with the other guys," Max said. "I'm past that."

In 62 OHL regular season games this season, Iafate scored six goals and added 10 assists while getting only 97 minutes in penalties.

## Silver lining

Al Iafate, who once played for the OHL's Belleville Bulls, believes the trade was a blessing in disguise.

"You walk into Kitchener's arena, and in the rafters you'll see — (Larry) Robinson, (Scott) Stevens, (Paul) Coffey — and soon to be it will be (Ryan) Murphy," said Al, referring to Murphy, a 2011 first-round pick of the Carolina Hurricanes. "It's a breeding ground for defensemen, and me being a player that played in the Ontario League ... in my opinion, if you're going to walk away from a full college scholarship like he had to a lot of really good schools, why not experience how the fabric of hockey as a Canadian? It always has been and it's been woven into the fabric of their society."

Playing alongside the highly-skilled Murphy has proven to be an added bonus.

Both Max and Murphy are represented by the same agent, Ian Pulver. "Murph's been my mentor all the time I've been here," Max said. "All the guys have welcomed me nicely, and I'm just watching some great defensemen in front of me play. That's helping me a lot."

The NHL Draft will be in June and Max won't go as high as his father Al did in 1984 (when he was taken fourth overall in the first round by Toronto). But the move to Kitchener has improved his stock. Max is now ranked No. 70 (up from No. 78) among North American skaters that were released recently by the NHL's Central Scouting Bureau final rankings.

"I think anybody that picks him is really going

to be happy because there's not a lot of big defensemen that can skate," Al said. "The draft is always a crap shoot. Look a Torey Krug (from Livonia and Michigan State), for instance. There was 30 NHL scouts that passed on him six times and they all still have their jobs. In the last three years there were a lot of defensemen that were drafted that aren't playing."

Krug, a defenseman, signed as a free agent with Boston just two days after MSU was eliminated in the NCAA Tournament.

"In the last four years, there's 20 defensemen drafted that are playing," Al Iafate said. "He (Krug) hadn't been drafted and actually Chicago and Boston end up bidding for him. The draft's the draft. I think there's golden opportunities to be a free agent ... that's an unbelievable situation."

## Best place for now

Getting drafted by an NHL club would be great. But for now, playing in the OHL can't but help Max. He's completing his second year and could potentially play three more seasons in the major junior circuit (including as an overage).

Max attended Stevenson, but is finishing up his high school studies this summer after being home-schooled in Kitchener where he's been able to set his own curriculum and pace of study.

"It's his decision, his life, his dream," said Al, who scored 152 goals and added 311 assists during his NHL career while making two All-Star games. "Make no bones about it, the best 16-to-18 year-olds in the world play in that league. There's not even a league that's close."

"College hockey is great, but they're not 16. The OHL has the lick on college because they get the kids when they're 16. College has wait until they're 18. So if you want to play against the best 16-, -18 and 19-year-olds in the world, the OHL is where it's at."

Tim Smith contributed to this report.

## CHIEFS

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"She has been training with the distance girls," Grubaugh said. "In our first meet (April 3 against Plymouth) she ran the mile for her first time competitively in her life."

All Muir did was win that event with a time of 5:32, which is good enough to qualify for regionals.

"She is going to have a big season," Grubaugh added. "We just started training her with the high jumpers as well and she looks to have a natural ability there, too."

Senior and German exchange student Pia Simon also is a promising newcomer who can han-



Former Salem track and field standout Tiffany Grubaugh is now head coach of Canton's varsity girls team.

dle just about any event, the coach explained. "She would probably excel in any field event that we put her in," Grubaugh said. "Against

Plymouth she already jumped a regional qualifying distance, and I know she go even farther, because we've seen it in practice. Pia is also a good hurdler and short sprinter."

Two ninth-graders who are quickly fitting in are Jocelyn Moraw and Malina Mandelli.

"Jocelyn will be a stand-out jumper, hurdler and sprinter and Malina will be great for us in the sprints and short relays," she said.

Grubaugh will not have the services of junior Gabby Williams, unfortunately. Williams will have hip surgery in May and miss the season, the coach said Friday.

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## On a mission

Local church members bring friendship, elbow grease to Haiti

By Sharon Dargay  
O&E Staff Writer

Paul DeNapoli helped build a restroom, painted a church, cemented bricks together and planted fruit trees during trips to the Caribbean the last two years.

The retired Livonia firefighter loved every minute of his adventures, which were spent mostly in manual labor, administering basic health checks to children and making friends with his Haitian hosts.

When he returns next year to the poor island nation, he hopes to take a contingent of members from Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church with him.

He said the congregation has been a part of the Haiti project in spirit the past two years as he and Aldersgate pastor Rev. Jeff Nelson, first participated in a mission trip and then led one.

"I told the congregation it's not a one-man show. It's we, not just me when we come back to show you what we did as a church to help these people in Hai-

ti and why it's important to continue this project," said DeNapoli. "We're following in the footsteps of Jesus and being leaders."

### Joining a mission

Nelson was new to Redford Aldersgate when he attended a get-acquainted dinner at Paul and Debbie DeNapoli's Livonia home a few years ago. DeNapoli, aware that the new pastor had spent time in Africa on missions, suggested he go along on the minister's next trip abroad.

"He looked at me and said, okay, set it up. I said, where? He said, I don't care. Pick a spot," DeNapoli recalled the exchange. "I'm the kind of guy who doesn't reinvent the wheel. There was a group getting ready to go back to Haiti. We teamed with them on the first trip."

DeNapoli, Nelson and fellow parishioner Dale Archambeau joined a team led by a Methodist church in Wyandotte last year. This year Nelson and DeNapoli solicited members from other local churches to accompany them on a return vis-



Paul DeNapoli of Livonia works on a safety wall in Haiti.

it to Gommiers, a small seaside Haitian village that is home to a Methodist Church and school. The goal was to partner with smaller churches and help them develop their own mission leadership.

"Now we have three churches with experience that can develop a core group of their own parishioners or get other churches to go with them," DeNapoli said.

Two members each from New Beginnings United Methodist Church in Redford, Metropolitan United Methodist Church in Detroit and Calvary United Methodist Church in Ann Arbor joined mission team.

### Landing in Haiti

"When we got off the plane the first time, last

year, and I saw the kids at the school, I looked at Pastor Jeff and said, I'm hooked. I've got to come back," DeNapoli said. "The next time I came back, I thought, I'm home. It looked familiar. I knew what to expect. There were workers I had made friends with last year who remembered me. They were glad to see us."

DeNapoli, who is married and the father of two grown children, doesn't consider the mission work a "calling" for himself.

"It's just something I've wanted to do. I spent 27 years on the fire department, where I was always helping people."

Because he has paramedic training, he also worked in a Haitian clinic, taking blood pressures, temperatures and check-



This year's mission group included Rev. Jeff Nelson, (left) Dale Thomas, Paul DeNapoli, Carmen Ziegler, Wendy Roe, Rev. John Pajak, Dale Titus and Rev. Beth Titus. The sign at the Jeremie airport in Haiti says "Welcome to Jeremie, city of poets."

ing pulse rates.

"They have a lot of allergies due to the dust from the roads and smoke

because they cook with charcoal," he noted.

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# Stamp collectors gather in Westland for annual show

The West Suburban Stamp Club will present its 43rd annual "Plymouth Show" Saturday-Sunday, April 28-29 at a new, larger location — the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, in Westland.

The show, which previously was held at Plymouth Central Middle School, will run 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission and parking are free.

Nearly 40 vendors will offer stamps, covers, cachet covers, and supplies for both new and experienced collectors. The dealers will come from nine states and Canada. A cachet maker's bourse is planned for Saturday and representatives of the United States, United Nations and Nordica postal services will be on hand to sell their current stamp and postal stationery issues.

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 STAMP-

SHOW 2012 in Sacramento, Calif. and will receive a framed duck drawing by 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 show.

Exhibitors will get a chance to ask judges questions about awards and get help on how to improve their exhibits at 11:30 a.m. Sunday. It's also an opportunity for future exhibitors to learn the ins and outs of exhibiting.

"Stamps in Your Closet" sessions are scheduled from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. both exhibit days. The sessions are patterned after the successful APS national show *What's in Your Attic*. Experienced collectors and dealers will help identify and provide guidance on a collection's worth.

The show also will offer "how to" classes to small groups of beginning collectors. The young collector will receive the basic collecting tools,

free stamps and tips to start a collection, as well as an invitation to visit the show bourse and attend a club meeting. 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. Preregistration is suggested at <http://www.thewssc.com/YouthProgram.html>.

In conjunction with the show, the club will sell a cachet cover with special cancel honoring Owney the Railway Mail Service mascot. Covers are available at the show or by mail for \$3 or \$5 for both show dates. To order by mail send a check or money order plus a No. 10 self-addressed stamped envelope to WSSC, Box 700049, Plymouth, MI, 48170.

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.

For more information visit [www.plymouthshow.com](http://www.plymouthshow.com).



Wendy Roe plants a fruit tree in honor of her late sister, while the Rev. John Pajak (left) of New Beginnings United Methodist Church in Redford and the Rev. Jeff Nelson of Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church watch. They and other members of their missionary team planted 150 trees during a trip to Haiti this year.

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In addition to planting fruit trees this year, the mission team built a safety wall — designed to keep children from wandering into the street — in front of the school. They also painted the church.

With no electricity and no modern mixers, volunteers stirred cement on the ground and used a bucket brigade to move it along to the safety wall construction.

"I brought them tools. I gave (a Haitian friend) a hammer. You would have thought I had given him a bar of gold."

### Planning is key

DeNapoli said successful mission trip planners iron out all details in advance of travel. That includes finding out exactly what they're expected to accomplish abroad.

"You have to have an understanding of what you're doing and how you

can help the people," he said, adding "You're not telling them what to do. They know what needs to be done."

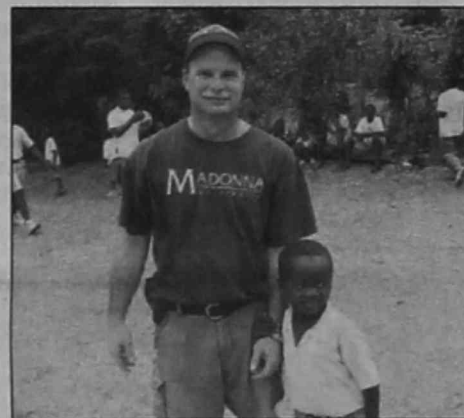
Beyond the bricks and mortar projects, the mission work is about people at its essence, Nelson noted in a written report to his congregation.

He pointed out that 78 percent of Haitians earn less than \$2 a day, more than two-thirds have no formal jobs and half of primary school-age children don't go to school.

"We don't come to help change Haiti," he wrote. "We can't. We come to help Haitians help Haitians make the changes they want for their country. We are partners."

Although no date is set, DeNapoli and Nelson plan to make a formal presentation to the congregation about the trip. The 44th Detroit Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, May 17-20 at Adrian College, also will include information on mission trips, including projects in Haiti.

Paul DeNapoli of Livonia attracts a young friend while volunteering in Gommier, Haiti.



## Guest lecture highlights prayer breakfast

Tickets are still available for the 38th annual Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, May 3.

The annual event is planned for 7 a.m. in Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, between Middlebelt and Inkster

Road. Doors open at 6:15 a.m.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and include a full breakfast and program. Tables of 10 also are available. Ticket orders and information on tables and sponsors are available by calling Sally Butler at (248) 476-9427.

Dr. Paul L. Maier, professor emeritus at Western Michigan University, will be the guest lecturer. With the topic, "How We Got the Bible."

Maier, a graduate of Harvard University and Concordia Seminary, retired in April 2011 after 50 years as one of the most popular pro-

fessors and experts in ancient history and early Christianity at WMU. He holds a doctor of philosophy degree and also pursued post-graduate studies as a Fulbright scholar at the Universities of Heidelberg, Germany and Basel, Switzerland.

The prayer breakfast also will feature the Tynedale Artists Ensemble under the direction of Dr. Jerry Smith. Scripture readings by local clergy and local leaders along with audience responsive prayer are part of the annual event, which is patterned after the National Prayer Breakfast held annually in Washington, D.C.

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Donna Knight, (left) Deana Salhaney, Erin Dillenbeck, Sharon Lee Dillenbeck, Liz Gulikson, Marilyn Meredith and Vivian Hewitt showed their works at the Ladies Dillenbeck Exhibition last year.

## Women exhibit art at Canton studio

Sharon Lee Dillenbeck exhibit works by local female artists this month at her Canton art studio.

The 2nd Annual Ladies Dillenbeck Exhibition will run April 28-May 31 at D & M Art Studio, 8691 N. Lilley. An artist's reception is set for 2-4 p.m. Sunday, May 6.

Exhibiting artists include Dillenbeck, her daughters, Erin and Kritin, her sister, Donna Knight, and some of Dillenbeck's award winning students, Marilyn

Meredith, Vivian Hewitt, Elizabeth Gulikson, Rachel Bissonnette and Deana Salhaney. Most pieces will be for sale. The exhibit, open during store hours, will include original watercolors, oils, acrylics, charcoals, pastels and oil pastels.

For more information, call Dillenbeck at (734) 453-3710 or e-mail her at [dmartist1@aol.com](mailto:dmartist1@aol.com). Order art supplies or register for classes online at [www.dmartstudio.com](http://www.dmartstudio.com).

## Show benefits summer jazz fest

The spring fundraiser for the Michigan Jazz Festival will feature the Gary Schunk Trio Sunday, April 22 at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

The show, with Schunk on piano, Bill Higgins on drums and Jack Dryden on bass, is set for 3 p.m. in the DiPonio Room in

the VisTaTech Center on campus, located on Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile.

Schunk was the house pianist at Baker's Keyboard Lounge during the 1970s and early 1980s.

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Local classes will be held at 4:30 p.m. May 16-17 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Register by calling (734) 655-8950 or (877) 390-8784 or visit [www.aarp.org/drivesafe6](http://www.aarp.org/drivesafe6) and enter promo code: MICHIGAN.

## LUNCHEON RAISES CANCER AWARENESS

See fashions from Saks Fifth Avenue at Mothers, Daughters, Sisters & Friends, Thursday, May 3, at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital 6777 W. Maple, west of Drake.

The event, a fundraiser for the Francee & Benson Ford Jr. Breast Care & Wellness Center at the hospital, will run 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and include a luncheon, bou-

tique shopping and the fashion show.

Over the past eight years, Mothers, Daughters, Sisters and Friends has raised more than \$1.6 million for the Henry Ford fund. The event will showcase amenities at the hospital, including the demonstration kitchen, Vita Wellness Center, the Live Well Shoppe and more. Event co-chairs are Flo-

rine Mark and her daughter Lisa Lis, both of Farmington Hills, and Francee Ford of Birmingham and her mother, Micki Kline of West Bloomfield.

Tickets for the luncheon begin at \$125. Seating is very limited.

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In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law attorney Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the

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Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi offer free phone or office consultation. If they represent you, there will be **no fee charged until after the case is won**. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

Bieske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. Their Livonia office is on Six Mile Road just west of I-275. Their Novi office is located on Haggerty Road just north of 12 Mile Road. Call them at 1-800-331-3530 for a free consultation if you have been denied, or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits.

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For information about the 30-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 20, at Fr. Patrick O'Kelley Knights of Columbus in Dearborn, visit the "AHS Class of 82" page on Facebook, or contact Diane Goodreau at dianeschofield@sbcglobal.net or (313) 363-0523; Jim Linaras at godofouzo@yahoo.com; or John Zadikian at zman6754@aol.com.

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## CLASS OF 1962

Looking for Classmates from January and June graduations for 50th reunion, 6 p.m. Sept. 29, at the Holiday Inn, 17123 Laurel Park Dr. North, Livonia. Call Neal and Barb Gehring at (248) 568-2254; NGBG@comcast.net.

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## CLASS OF 1962

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(Tumbull) Dillaha at (734) 281-8595.

## FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

## CLASS OF 1962

The 50th class reunion will be held Saturday, Sept. 22 at Farmington Hills Holiday Inn, 37529 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills; (248) 477-7800. The \$60 per person cost includes a welcome reception from 2-5 p.m. and an evening dinner dance with cash bar. Cocktails will be at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Reservations deadline is Sept. 1. For more information call Michele Cook Hoffmeyer at (602) 290-6006 or e-mail to russmichele@yahoo.com. Check Classmates and Facebook FHS Class of 62 Reunion pages for more information.

## CLASS OF 1967

Organizers of the 45th reunion on July 21 are looking for classmates. Send your e-mail address to Susan (Himmelpach) Whitaker at S.whittaker@comcast.net or Fred Gregg at fredge1@comcast.net to receive a reunion packet.

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## LINCOLN PARK HIGH

## CLASS OF 1962

50-year reunion for January and June graduates is set for 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Marriott Hotel, located at Six Mile and I-275 in Livonia. For more information or to RSVP e-mail Marilyn Roy Snyder at Marilyn@MarlynRySnyder.com, or call (586) 215-9445.

## NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

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## CLASS OF 1962

Looking for classmates for

reunion on Sept. 8. Contact: nikkiwestberg@yahoo.com or Sue (Hughes) Morman at (734) 414-9941 for more information.

## CLASS OF 1972

40th class reunion planned for 6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 12 at Mama Mia's restaurant, located on Plymouth Road west of Inkster Road in Livonia. Dinner served at 7 p.m. Advance payment is \$23 per person and includes a two-course dinner with "fixens" and a cash bar. To reserve a spot, send your check payable to Rick Bennett, 42021 Waterwheel, Northville Township, MI 48168. Or pay via PayPal and send to rickbennett@peoplepc.com

## WAYNE MEMORIAL

## ALL CLASSES

Wayne High Schools Alumni Association 28th All Class Reunion Banquet will be held 5-10 p.m. Friday, May 18, at Wayne Tree Manor, 35100 Van Born, Wayne. Dinner served at 6 p.m. The organization will honor the class of 1962. For more information call Wanda Boice at (734) 326-777 or www.waynehighschools.org

## CLASS OF 1957

Looking for classmates for the 55th class reunion to be held May 19. For more information, contact Wanda Putnam Boice at boice@aol.com or pollygirl219@aol.com. Or call Richard Smith at (248) 747-6817.

# Gay couples can plan wedding at April 29 expo

"Celebrate the Power of Love: A Wedding Expo for Same-Sex Couples" returns to Livonia Sunday, April 29, with vendors, 30-minute workshops, film shorts and a special appearance by actors from The Ringwald Theatre in Ferndale.

The expo, presented by Pride Source Media Group, the Detroit Marriott Livonia and Comerica Bank, last year drew 300 guests.

"People came to the event not only to meet with vendors but also to socialize with other attendees. The atmosphere was fun and social and everyone stayed right until the end," stated Julie Emerson, catering sales manager at the Detroit Marriott Livonia.

The hotel initiated the event partnership with Pride Source after it received two inquiries in a month from same-sex couples that had lost confirmed bookings when venue managers discovered their orientation.

The expo will run from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the

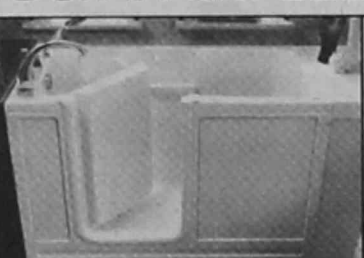
hotel, 17100 Laurel Park Drive. Vendors will include caterers, jewelers, salons, photographers, officiants, churches, florists, gift registries, clothiers, printers, travel agents and entertainers.

Admission is \$10 at the door. A limited number of free passes are available for those who register online at www.pride-source.com.

"Michigan may not let same-sex couples legalize their relationships but we will continue to celebrate and honor them," said Jan Stevenson, Pride Source co-publisher.

"The average American wedding costs \$20,000. If 1,000 metro Detroit same-sex couples got married this year, they could generate \$20 million in additional sales for the businesses smart enough to market to them. You don't have to be a gay business owner to take advantage of that buying power. You just have to respect your customers – and that's good business for anybody."

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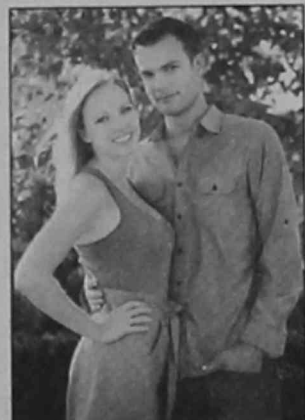
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Her fiancé, son of Colleen Barkham of Oakland Township and Thomas Campau of West Bloomfield, attended Rochester Adams High School and the University of Michigan. He is employed by Campbell-Ewald Advertising.

A June 2012 wedding is planned in Goodison.



**Hudson James Rodriguez**

Hudson James Rodriguez was born April 4, 2012 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Hudson joins his parents, Michael and Melissa Rodriguez, and siblings, Caleb, 6, Brooklyn, 4, and Presley, 2, at home in Superior Township.

Proud grandparents are Michael and Mary Ann Dziekan and Israel and Isabel Rodriguez, all of Canton.

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Post-operative bariatric patients will sell gently-used, plus-sized clothing from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the South Lobby of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan in Livonia.

Sizes will range from 14-32 for women and 40-60 and up to 5XL for men.

"We have about 25 sellers, the lobby will be packed with clothing racks from these sellers," said Paula Magid, bariatric program director, in an e-mail to the *Observer*. "We had less sellers last year, and could barely fit all of the clothing racks in. The sale is held by the Michigan Bariatric Institute Support Group, and they keep the proceeds, after the costs of running the sale."

"It is an awesome event for MBI and the community."

The Michigan Bariatric Institute offers three options for Bariatric weight loss surgery, performed at St. Mary Mercy Hospital by board-certified surgeons. Options are laparoscopic gastric bypass, sleeve gastrectomy and adjustable gastric banding. Bariatric surgery is a laparoscopic surgical approach to treating obesity, resulting in minimal pain, less scarring, shorter hospitalization and recovery time.

For more information, call the Michigan Bariatric Institute at (877) Why-Weight. It's located in the Marian Professional Building, Suite 311, 14555 Levan, Livonia.

## GARDEN & NATURE

### Butterflies

"Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association (SEMBA) meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, at Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. The meeting topic is "Butterfly Garden Enhancements." Participants will learn how to create and install accessories and enhancements for their butterfly gardens.

Admission for non-members is \$3. Questions? Call (734) 326-0578 or visit [www.sembabutterfly.com](http://www.sembabutterfly.com).

### English Gardens

• Learn the basics of composting to recycle yard waste into soil at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 21. Area stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, (248) 280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield; (248) 851-7506. For information, log onto [www.EnglishGardens.com](http://www.EnglishGardens.com).

### Garden seminar

Professional gardener, author, educator and speaker, Janet Macunovich, will lead a free seminar on creating an allergy-friendly garden, 6-

8 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, in Botsford Hospital's Community Room, at the A&E Center, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. She'll offer gardening suggestions and strategies to minimize allergic reactions. Reservations required. Call (877) 477-3621.

### Tomato, pepper plants

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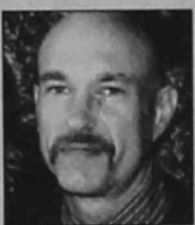
Gardeners will sell heirloom tomato and pepper plants they've grown, 9-11 a.m. May 12 in the News Herald parking lot, One Heritage Drive, Southgate and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Wayne County Extension Office Parking lot, 5454 Venoy, Wayne. Proceeds from sale help to support community gardens and food pantries in Wayne County. For information, e-mail to [mgwwcorg@gmail.com](mailto:mgwwcorg@gmail.com).

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**ARMSTRONG, TODD MICHAEL**

Died March 13, 2012 at his home in Larned, Kansas. He was born February 10, 1967, at Ann Arbor, Michigan, the son of Robert E. Armstrong and Vivian Maureen Clark. Todd grew up in Plymouth, Michigan but had been a resident of Larned, Kansas since 2007. In school he played baseball, basketball and soccer. In the 1990's he was an active marathon runner. He was a graduate of Motech in Detroit, Michigan. He was a machinist by trade, his expertise was in precision diamond wheel grinding. He worked a number of years for Schuff Steel in Phoenix, Arizona, and worked at Golden Valley Cop and Blattner Manufacturing, both of Rozel. Survivors include his mother, Maureen Armstrong, Plymouth, Michigan, dearest brother, Eric Scott Armstrong, Plymouth, Michigan, father, Robert Armstrong, North Palm Beach, Florida, previous wife and friend, Cindy Jack, Pawnee Rock, grandmother, Jean Miller, Pawnee Rock, grandfather, George Clark, Topeka, also uncle Bob Miller, Larned, and last but not least his cat, Pretty Boy. He was preceded in death by maternal grandparents Edward (Bill) and Virginia Miller and paternal grandparents Beryl and Marie Converse Armstrong. An informal memorial service will be held on April 21, 2012, 2pm-5pm at the Michael Brusca residence at 625 Irvin St., Plymouth, MI.



**BELL, VIRGIE (STANLEY)**

Passed away on April 4th, 2012. Virgie was born in Plymouth, Michigan, daughter of Floyd and Mildred Stanley. Virgie grew up in the Northville/Salem area and graduated from Northville High School in Michigan. She attended elementary school on 6 mile and Angle Rd in Salem Twp. She married Douglas Bell in 1949 and had four children. Virgie graduated Western Union Technical School and was an Office Manager for Wolverine Machine Products in Holly, Michigan where her family lived for over 20 years. Virgie then moved to Cumberland County, Tennessee in 1994 and was an active member of the Woman's Auxiliary, V.F.W. Post 5025. She was also a volunteer at the Cumberland County Chamber of Commerce and Cumberland County Habitat for Humanity. Virgie regularly attended weekly dances at the Disabled American Veterans in Crossville. Virgie is survived by her daughter, Susan McNeill and her husband Larry of Crossville, son Daniel Bell of Fenton, Michigan, son Michael Bell and wife Janet of Gwin, Michigan. Grandchildren Douglas Bell of Marquette, Michigan and Samantha Bell of Gwin, Michigan, and Stephani Bell of Northern Michigan. In addition to her parents, Virgie was preceded in death by her loving husband Doug Bell of Farmington, Michigan, her son Stephen Bell of Perrysville, Ohio and her brother Richard Stanley of Dearborn, Michigan. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 12, 2012 at 1:00pm from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main, Plymouth. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations in Virgie's memory be made the local Veteran's Support Group. Share memories at: [schneider-howell.com](http://schneider-howell.com)



**CHAPPELL, ROBERT J., JR.**

Age 81. April 8, 2012. Beloved husband of the late Joyce for 36 years. Loving father of Gary (Joan) Chappell and Deborah (Grady) Burgess. Cherished grandfather of Brandon, Amanda, Christina, Jennifer, and great-grandfather of Dillon Dixon. Bob was a proud Korean War Army Veteran, and long time member of the following Farmington organizations: Masonic Lodge No. 151, Elks Lodge No. 1986, Area Goodfellows, and Senior Center. Funeral Thursday 10 AM, April 12th at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave. (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd.), Downtown Farmington. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan or the Shriners Hospitals for Children. [www.thayer-rock.com](http://www.thayer-rock.com)



**COLOMBO, ELIZABETH "BETTY" (nee Monaghan)**

April 12, 2012 Age 98 of Bloomfield Hills. Honorary President for the Foundation for Emotionally Disturbed Children in Pontiac and former member of Bloomfield Hills Country Club. Beloved wife of the late Louis J. Colombo, Jr. for 42 years. Dear mother of Louis J. Colombo, III and the late Alice Finch (George). Grandmother of Sean Finch and Beth Adkins (Paul). She was also a loving great grandmother. Sister of the late Margaret Mesritz. Memorial Mass Wednesday, 11a.m. at Holy Name Church (Chapel), 630 Harmon at Woodland, Birmingham. Visitation at church begins 10:30a.m. Memorial tributes to Marygrove College. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at: [www.DesmondFuneralHome.com](http://www.DesmondFuneralHome.com)



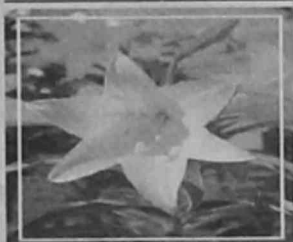
**GOOZE, KATHLEEN ANN**

Age 52, April 9, 2012 of Westland. Beloved daughter of Mary Lou and the late David Gooze. Dear sister of Karen Gooze and Colleen (Ken) Beauvais. Visitation Weds 5-9 PM and Thurs 2-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Rd. (btwn Ford & Cherry Hill) Westland. Funeral Service Fri 11 AM at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sarcoma Clinic at the U of M Comprehensive Cancer Center, Office of Development, 2800 Plymouth Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48109. To share a memory, please visit [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com)



**KING, KENNETH L.**

Suddenly passed away Monday, April 9, 2012, while visiting his daughter and her family in Ashburn, VA. He was 80 years old. Born July 9th, 1931 in East Tawas, MI, Ken spent most of his early years living in Detroit, and spent summers at his grandparents' farm near Cummins, MI. In the late 1940's, Ken's family moved from Detroit to East Tawas, where he helped his father build and open "The King's Market" on US-23, where he worked during high school. Ken graduated from East Tawas High School in 1951, and was drafted into the Army, where he served for three years, including an extended tour of duty in Japan. After discharge from the military, Ken and his new bride Nancy (Miller) of Tawas Township settled in Detroit. Ken started a dry cleaning pickup and delivery business in Detroit in the early 1950's, going door to door to serve his customers. A genuine "people person", Ken's positive attitude, wit, and charm served him well. His small pickup and delivery service eventually grew to become 3-Way Cleaners, with plants and branch stores serving several Detroit suburban areas. This business ran successfully under Ken's guidance for over 50 years. In the mid 1960's, Ken and Nancy moved to Farmington Hills, MI, where they raised their four children. Ken was always proud of the fact that his children developed good work ethics, and often reminded them of job openings in dry cleaning to motivate their collegiate studies. The family spent many summer weekends at his cottage near Tawas, often entertaining relatives and friends. Nancy passed away in 1998, and Ken retired in 2002. After retirement, he married Barbara Kendall, a former high school friend, and moved to Tawas City. Kenny's first love was entertaining and engaging with people. He thoroughly enjoyed life, loved to tell stories, and had a great number of friends. Those fortunate enough to know Ken will always miss him. He was a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Freemason, and a former member of the Redford Jaycees. Ken is preceded in death by Nancy, his wife of 45 years, and his parents' Clarence and Ruth King of Tawas City, MI. He is survived by his 2nd wife Barbara Kendall of Tawas City, MI. Ken is also survived by his four children, their spouses, and eight grandchildren: Randall and Barbara King, of Lake Charles, Louisiana (grandchildren: Maggie and Sarah); Karen and Mark Testere of Ashburn, VA (grandchildren: Alex and Isabella); Lisa and Anthony Cortese of Oconomowoc, WI (grandchildren: Anthony, Joseph, Vincent, and Michael); Julie (King) and John Pump of Portland, OR; sisters: JoAnn Burrell of East Tawas, MI, and Dorothy Klenow of Tawas City, MI. Kendall family: Gregory and Laura Kendall (Owen) and David Kendall (Shannon) of Tawas City, MI. Visitation: Friday, April 13, 2012 from 2pm - 4pm, 6pm - 8pm at Buresh Funeral Home, 416 Whittemore Street, Tawas City, MI 48763. Funeral: Saturday, April 14, 2012, 10am at Christ Episcopal Church, 202 W. Westover Street, East Tawas, MI. Information: 989.362.8191 or [www.bureshfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bureshfuneralhomes.com). Thank you to all doctors and caregivers as well as the comforting support of all Ken's extended network of family and friends.



**LAHO, GORDON L.**

Age 52. Son of Betty and late Ron Laho. Brother of Gail (Kevin) Briney, Ginger, Gwen, Greg & Tim. Uncle of Nicole, Grace and Sydney. Great uncle of Caleb and Caden. Visitation Thursday, April 19th, 3pm until 7pm. Service at Charles R. Step Funeral Home, 18425 Beech Daly (Btwn. 6 & 7 Mile). Contributions to Odyssey Hospice appreciated. Condolences to: [www.charleststepfuneralhome.com](http://www.charleststepfuneralhome.com)



**LAZORKA, THOMAS "TOM"**

Age 51 April 10, 2012. Beloved husband of Laurie. Dearest father of Adam, Tyler and Parker. Loving son of the late Ted and Stella Lazorka. Loving son-in-law of Bill and Melba Woodby. Dear brother and brother-in-law of Ted (Linda) Lazorka, John Lazorka, Dennis Lazorka, Mike (Laurie) Lazorka, and Tim (Denise) Lazorka, Scott (Peggy) Woodby, Don (Pam) Woodby. Dearest uncle and great-uncle of Brad (Cassandra) Lazorka, Mike (Deanna) Lazorka, Colin, Logan, Shelby, Nicholas, Ben, Luke Lazorka, James Lowe, Sara Woodby, Ian Woodby, and Gabriel Rister. Memorial Service Friday, April 20 at 11:00 am. at St. John Neumann Catholic Church 44800 Warren Road, Canton. Followed by a "Celebration of Tom's Life" at Plymouth Cultural Center 3:00 to 7:00 pm, 525 Farmer Street, Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be directed to either "Tom Lazorka for Hockey" P.O. Box 701194 Plymouth MI 48101 or Angela Hospice 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia MI 48154. [www.angelahospice.org](http://www.angelahospice.org)



**LEWELLEN, MILLICENT "MILLY" CHAPMAN**

Age 81, of Bellaire and Plymouth, passed away peacefully, Monday, April 9, 2012, surrounded by her children and siblings, at her daughter's home in Bellaire. She was born December 14, 1930, in Detroit, the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Youngs) Chapman. She grew up in Detroit and Birmingham. Milly attended Monticello and DePauw Universities, where she was a member of Pi Beta Phi Sorority. On November 17, 1951, in Birmingham, she married William (Bill) Lewellen, who preceded her in death in November 2007. While Bill was employed at Cadillac Motor Car Division, they enjoyed many opportunities to travel the world. She was a devoted wife and strong support while the family was relocated a number of times around the country. Milly enjoyed knitting, needlepoint, reading, gardening, and her pets. She also loved to spend time with her family and was a loving mother and grandmother. She will be remembered for being a sweet lady, always with a smile on her face and a twinkle in her eye. Milly is survived by her children William Jr (Barbara) Lewellen of Arlington Heights, IL, Geoffrey (Kimberly) Lewellen of Waunakee, WI, Julia (Ed) Pietrowicz of Bellaire, brother John P. (Sarah) Chapman of Lansing, sister Gwen Kirby of Clawson, and grandchildren Jennifer (Will) Weidman of Arlington, VA, Christine (Adam) Davis of Fishers, IN, Michelle Lewellen of Waunakee, WI, Lauren Lewellen of Waunakee, WI, and Paul Pietrowicz of Brighton. The family received friends Friday, April 13, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Bellaire Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Funeral services were held Sat. Apr. 14, 2012 at 1 p.m., also at the funeral home. Interment followed in Lakeview Cemetery, Bellaire. Memorial contributions may be directed to either the Alzheimer's Association [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org) or the Cancer Research Institute [www.cancerresearch.org](http://www.cancerresearch.org). Please sign her online guestbook [mortensenfuneralhomes.com](http://mortensenfuneralhomes.com).



**MALIK, ANTHONY**

Dies at 97. Remembered with love for a lifetime of wit, humor, and appreciation of the good things in life, Anthony (Tony) Malik passed away April 7th, Holy Saturday at 11:47 p.m., 2012, in Beverly Hills, Florida. Son of Frank and Mary Malik, Tony outlived his 10 brothers and sisters, with whom he was very close. Tony, an Army veteran of WWII, returned home to begin Malik Heating, a heating and cooling business with brother Carl in Westland, MI. Gifted with many skills, but known and perhaps memorialized most for his talent as gardener extraordinaire; Tony's fruit, vegetable, and flower garden at his Westland, MI home, are remembered fondly by his family and friends with whom he shared not only his life, but also the fruits of his love and labor. Cherished memories and stellar moments of his life, generously recalled by his remaining family as well as his devoted companion, Barbara Slade, will continue to reverberate throughout time. At 97 years young, one can only imagine the quality of life Anthony Malik must have enjoyed.

**RYAN, VIRGIL R., JR.**

Livonia, MI (formerly of Pinckney). Age 80, died April 7, 2012 at his home. He was born December 16, 1931 in Pontiac, MI the son of the late Virgil Ray and Fannie (Johnson) Ryan Sr. Virgil proudly served his country in the U.S. Air Force. He was employed with General Motors as a parts supervisor until his retirement in 1991 and was a member of Community of Christ in Plymouth. On July 28, 2007 Virgil married Karen Miller, she survives. Additional survivors include his children; Debora (Eddy) Ziviski of Brighton, Diane (Garry) Simkiss of Plymouth, Ronald (Pamela) Ryan of Canton and Russell (Wendy) Ryan of Mt. Savage, MD, nine grandchildren and several great grandchildren with more on the way. He is preceded in death by his late wife of 52 years Beverly. A Christian Farewell was held at Community of Christ in Plymouth, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Outreach International, American Diabetics or Community of Christ. Please leave a Message of Comfort to Virgil's family by calling 877-231-7900 or visit his guestbook at [www.borekjenning.com](http://www.borekjenning.com).

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**ZABORSKY, ROBERT S.**

Age 85, of Ann Arbor. Loving husband of Carolyn. Beloved father of John (Anita) Morrison, Pamela (Charles) Warner, and Lisa (Christopher) Seiler. Proud grandfather of David Warner, Amy Warner, Rachel Morrison, Sarah Morrison and Calista Seiler. Dear brother of Eleanor Nicholls. Dear uncle of Jeffrey Even. 35 Year member of Kiwanis Club of Plymouth. Funeral service Saturday 1 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd (btwn Sheldon and Beck), Plymouth. Visitation Friday 2-8 PM. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly. Memorial contributions may be made to Plymouth Kiwanis Foundation, or American Cancer Society. To share a memory, please visit: [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com)

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## American Cancer Society offers free summer camp

The American Cancer Society is accepting registration for summer camping programs aimed at children and teens.

"The American Cancer Society offers a camping program specifically geared toward accommodating the needs of children who are being treated for cancer, or who are in remission from cancer," stated Kathleen Wilson, program manager for the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division. "Our camping program provides the opportunity for these children to simply have fun and enjoy the experience of exercise, recreation and companionship through activities paced to meet the needs of a young cancer patient."

Cancer survivors between 4 and 15 years of age can sign up for one of two camping programs offered free of charge by the organization's Great Lakes Division.

Young Camper's Day is a one-day program for children, 4-6 years old, that is set for Sunday, June 17. Camp Catch-A-Rainbow is a week-long summer camping experience, held June 17-22, for children, ages 7-15. Both the Young Camper's Day and Camp Catch-A-Rainbow programs are held at the YMCA Storer Camps near Jackson, where children have access to activities such as swimming, horseback riding, archery, canoeing, arts and crafts, and more.

Health care professionals are available at the camp 24 hours a day, so most medical treatments,



Youngsters at Camp Catch-A-Rainbow show their camp spirit. The program is offered by the American Cancer Society.

### SPECIAL NEEDS CAMPS

Here's a sampling of other camps for children with special medical needs:

- Camp Casey, a horseback riding program for children with cancer, is located in Royal Oak offers overnight mini-vacations at dude ranch resorts in Michigan; [www.camp-casey.org](http://www.camp-casey.org).
- The American Diabetes Association runs a camp for youngsters, age 8-16, with diabetes, June 17-29 in Fenton; [www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org).
- The Lions Club Bear Lake Camp in Lapeer offers a camp for deaf and hard-of-hearing children, July 8-14 and a weekend family camp for families with deaf or hard-of-hearing youth, June 29-July 1. A session for first-time campers who are blind and visually impaired will run July 15-21. Camp for lifers is a two-week experience, July 15-28 for blind and visually impaired youth. Camp Dakota, sponsored by the Arthritis Foundation Michigan Chapter will run July 29-Aug. 3; [www.bearlakecamp.org](http://www.bearlakecamp.org).
- The Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan offers Camp Discovery for children and teens with epilepsy, June 24-28 at Sherman Lake YMCA Outdoor Center in Augusta; [www.epilepsymichigan.org](http://www.epilepsymichigan.org).

with the exception of radiation therapy, can be done at the camp or at a nearby cancer center.

Registration applications for young cancer patients and survivors with a physician's approval, are accepted through May 28 for both camps. Get a camper application

form by calling the American Cancer Society at (800) 227-2345 or by visiting [www.cancer.org/camp-rainbow](http://www.cancer.org/camp-rainbow).

The camps also need medical and non-medical volunteers, especially male volunteers, to assist onsite. For more information or to get a camp vol-

unteer application, call the Society or visit online.

Camp Catch-A-Rainbow is accredited by the American Camping Association and is licensed through the state of Michigan. The American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division, serving Indiana and Michigan, funds both camps.

### MEDICAL DATEBOOK

#### April

##### AUTISM TATTOO

Get an autism-related tattoo this month at American Pride Tattoos and the store will donate \$20 or 20 percent of the cost of the tattoo — whichever is greater — to Autism Speaks. All of the companies stores are participating in the campaign to raise awareness and support those with autism spectrum disorder. Stores are located at 155 E. Commerce in Milford and 27815 Woodward Ave., in Berkley, in addition to Waterford, Clarkston, and Pontiac.

##### CANCER SCREENING

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Center, 4100 John R, south of Warren, north of Mack, in Detroit, will conduct free oral, head and neck cancer screenings, 1:30-4:30 p.m. Friday, April 27. A simple 15-minute screening exam can help determine if further follow-up is needed to help detect oral, head and neck cancers in their earliest stages. Space is limited to the first 100 who register. Some of the warning signs of oral cancers include a sore in your mouth that doesn't heal or increases in size; lumps or white, red or dark patches in your mouth; persistent pain in your mouth; a lump in your neck or thickening of your cheek; difficulty chewing or swallowing, moving your jaw or tongue, swelling or pain in your jaw; soreness in your throat or feeling that something is caught in your throat; pain around your teeth or loosening of your teeth; numbness in your mouth; changes in your voice or bad breath. Pre-register by 5 p.m. April 26 for screening and complimentary valet parking. Call (800) 527-6266. Onsite registration will be permitted if space is available.

##### NUTRITION

Annie House, registered dietitian and certified

diabetes educator at Botsford Hospital, will lead the discussion and will provide helpful nutrition tips at the Walk with a Doc free wellness event, noon, Thursday, April 19, at the Heritage Park Nature Center, on the west side of Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. For more information or to register, call (877) 477-3621 and select option 1.

##### SINUS RELIEF

Dr. Warren L. Brandes, D.O., will present a free community lecture on breakthrough technology that helps those suffering from chronic sinus symptoms, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 17 at Botsford Hospital's Administration & Education Center Community Room, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. The presentation will include information on balloon sinuplasty. Call (877) 477-3621 and select option 1 for more information or to register for the event.

##### ST. MARY MERCY

• First-time parents can get the basics of breastfeeding and baby care 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 28 in classrooms 1 and 2 at the hospital. A St. Mary Mercy Hospital pediatrician will discuss infant illness and child immunization. Parents will learn breastfeeding techniques including positioning, pumping, storage and breast care. This class is open to anyone who cares for an infant. Fee is \$50 per couple. Register by calling St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Marian Women's Center at (734) 655-1162, or register online at [stmarymercy.org](http://stmarymercy.org) and click on "classes and events."

• A blood drive for the American Red Cross will run 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, April 27 in classrooms 1 and 2 at the hospital. Schedule an appointment at (800) GIVE-LIFE or [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). Walk-ins will be accepted but appointments are preferred. The hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile, Livonia.

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One of the best ways to get a foot in the door with a potential employer is to be recommended by someone who already works there. That may be true, but a referral is no guarantee of an interview, let alone a job offer. In fact, a poorly handled referral can leave you worse off than if you were just another unknown job candidate. Here's how to ask for a referral the right way.

## Before You Ask

"It never hurts to ask" is normally a sound principle for job seekers, but it doesn't apply to referrals. Requesting a recommendation from the wrong person, at the wrong time or in the wrong way can do more harm than good. Since most people find it difficult to turn down a request for help, it's your responsibility to make sure that your potential referrer is well-equipped to recommend you and that he is the right person to do so.

The most common problem? Unfamiliarity. "Michelle – er, Melissa – is a close friend and trusted colleague" doesn't exactly make for a ringing endorsement. Before you ask someone for a referral, consider whether you know the person well enough and vice-versa. After all, the two of you are effectively agreeing to tie your professional reputations together. While you don't need to have worked alongside your advocate for years, 15 minutes of conversation at last night's Meetup isn't a sufficient personal history for a convincing recommendation.

Keep in mind that your contact may have her own



reasons for agreeing to refer you that don't necessarily align with your goals. She may be taking advantage of a referral bonus offered by the company or may just have trouble saying no. Be sure your chosen referrer can describe with confidence your qualifications and job fit.

If a hiring manager senses a referral is a shot in the dark, not a genuine endorsement, he might be predisposed against you. And if your referrer is known for making indiscriminate recommendations, your résumé might not even get a look.

## Your Pre-interview

Whether your potential referrer is an old friend or a more recent contact, don't take the referral for granted. Frame your request with a brief explanation of why you think you'd be a good fit for the company, and send along your résumé.

If the person seems reluctant to vouch for you, take that as a no. And keep in mind that a polite refusal will be better for your career in the long run than an insincere yes, which usually leads to a half-hearted referral.

Once someone has agreed to

refer you, it's your job to provide her with a substantial sense of how you might contribute to the company. Ask to buy your contact lunch to talk about your skills and experience as well as the culture of the firm and your working style. Approach it as you would a casual interview.

Soon after your meeting, send a thank-you note. By expressing your appreciation before you know the outcome of the referral, you demonstrate sincere gratitude for the person's time and effort on your behalf. Make sure she understands that you know the referral is no

guarantee of an offer, or even an interview.

## Once You're In

If you do get invited for an interview, don't assume that your referrer has provided extensive information about you. Instead, follow the interviewer's lead. If she asks about your history with the person, be honest. Don't exaggerate your relationship with the referrer or lean too hard on it. Now's the time to rely on your own skills and experience, not your connections.

A thoughtfully planned request for a referral can be one of your smartest career moves. But some of the strongest endorsements are the ones you don't ask for. That doesn't mean you should passively wait for one to come along. What it does mean is that you should focus on building up professional relationships, not just converting them into opportunities. So get out there and network in person, keep in touch with old colleagues, and let your friends know you're interested in a new position.

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# VOLT GETS OFF THE MAT IN MARCH, PREPARES FOR LONG HAUL

By Dale Buss

Sales of Chevrolet Volt surged in March to a single-month record for General Motors' high-profile extended-range hybrid, as a handful of savvy Chevy dealers - including Serra Chevrolet in Flint -- became increasingly proficient at peddling the car.



Dale Buss

And GM appears poised to add one more week to Volt output over the next few months than it had scheduled.

But Volt will remain on a bumpy path for the foreseeable future.

In fact, April is likely to bring a fall-back in sales of Volt at U.S. Chevy dealers from the one-month-record level of 2,289

sales in March, Alan Batey, vice president of sales for Chevrolet, told me. But in a bit of a welcome turn of events, he said, the sales hiccup during this month will be more a reflection of a balky supply chain unable to keep up with demand for awhile, rather than a persistent lack of buyer enthusiasm.

"You'll see [Volt sales] moderate somewhat this month, and as the supply builds again, you'll see it take off again," Batey said. "It's difficult to gauge exactly, but if we were to hit that [2,289] number again in April, it'd be an unbelievable achievement based on how many are [available] in the market."

Even after a sales dip in the wake of the government's crash-fire investigation of Volt, and after GM's decision last month to suspend output until later this month, GM executives could see a spark of life in Volt's prospects.



A favorite feature of Volt owners is the IP gauge that helps them closely track fuel efficiency.

It was threatened but apparently not snuffed by the political controversy that has surrounded the car's strong connection to President Obama's green-energy initiatives.

Demand in March was beginning to build among dealers and consumers in California for a lower-emissions version of Volt that GM just started manufacturing, so that it could be eligible for single-occupancy access in carpool lanes and up to \$1,500 in state rebates.

Other states also have been adding incentives for Volt purchase. Colorado, for example, recently announced that Volt customers would become eligible for a state tax credit of up to \$6,000 - on top of the federal tax credit of \$7,500.

Batey also credited a new suite of TV commercials for Volt that feature testimonials of actual Volt owners and help to

humanize, and demystify, the car's technology.

Meanwhile, a cadre of Chevrolet dealers around the country, and their salespeople, have emerged as effective advocates for a car that is difficult for many consumers to get their arms around. "We've got some really good dealers in the West" and elsewhere "who have gotten after selling Volt and have created momentum," Batey explained. "Some dealers have really become specialized in it and get passionate for it, and they become the places to go for people to buy Volt."

What's more, overall Volt volumes are still low enough that these few among Chevy's 3,000 dealers can create a significant positive direction for relative sales even though most showrooms still treat Volt as an afterthought, a sideshow, or simply as a lure to get customers to look at gas-powered Chevrolet

Cruze and Sonic small cars. "March was stronger than we'd thought; we were thinking it'd be closer to 1,500 units," Batey said. "But we kept hearing all month that business was good and that it was real demand."

Only 160 of the March sales total of 2,289 were fleet orders. Much has been made lately of how GM might be able to gild underlying Volt demand by playing around with the booking and reporting of fleet orders, but that certainly didn't appear to be the case in March.

In fact, Batey made the case that Volt may be at the beginning of a sustained, long-term retail groundswell that easily will support the resumption of production later this month. There have been reports in the last 24 hours that GM even plans to add a week of production back to its recently revised factory schedule for Volt, either this month or next to a planned July vacation shutdown.

For April, the supply of new Volts, particularly for the suddenly thirsty California market, won't be enough to sustain sales in the neighborhood of the March number, Batey said. But every month will bring the two sides of the equation more into sync.

"We're 150 percent behind this, and so are our dealers," Batey said. "Right now it's not about pushing a particular number of vehicles but about getting supply and demand in balance."



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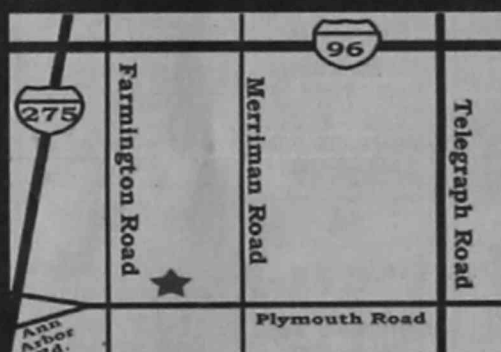
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