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Editorial honor

The staff of the Perspective, the student newspaper at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, has taken first place in editorial writing, Division 1, in the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association 2012 student newspaper competition.

Sara Stappert, editor of the print edition, accepted the award in a ceremony at the Lansing Center on Tuesday. Shannon Shaver took second place in the bylined opinion article category, and the following Park students received honorable mentions: Hayley Cook and Irene Pool, advertising layout; Alex Roth, bylined opinion article; staff, sports page/spread; Alex Tucker, advertising layout; John Etienne, human interest feature; Nicole Brodzik, news analysis.

The staff also earned a "Gold" rating in the 2012 Spartan Contest.

#### **Blood drives**

The American Red Cross sponsors the following blood drives in the Plymouth-Canton area over the next few weeks:

• Monday, May 7, Victory Honda, 315 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth, 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

• Friday, May 11, Caribou Coffee, 44601 Five Mile in Plymouth, 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

 Monday, May 21, Trinity Presbyterian Church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth, 2-7:45 p.m.

• Tuesday, May 29,

# Housing permits indicate an improving market

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#### By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer

An uptick in new housing starts has Canton officials optimistic that a once-sour market has indeed begun to witness a turnaround.

Community Planner Jeff Goulet said Canton issued 31 new housing permits during the first quarter of this year, compared to about 70 for all of 2011. "We're expecting to hit 100 permits this year," Goulet said Thursday.

The encouraging signs come as developers are tapping into the market as new home buyers look for specific housing that meets their needs.

The latest plan involves 52 single-family, age-restricted, detached condominiums planned by Southfield-based Boji Development, Inc., on Canton's west side. Known as Crystal Village, the homes are intended for people age 55 and over, and they are pegged for an area southeast of Geddes and Denton roads.

The project marks a change from a prior developer's plans to build another round of higherdensity, attached condos on the site, where construction of the Ravensfield development came to a halt after 15 buildings containing 75 condos had been com-

#### pleted.

Boji Development has indicated the single-family condos are intended to fill a void for seniors seeking age-restricted homes in Canton. The new units are expected to sell for \$169,000 to \$195,000.

"They want to start building this year," Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said Tuesday.

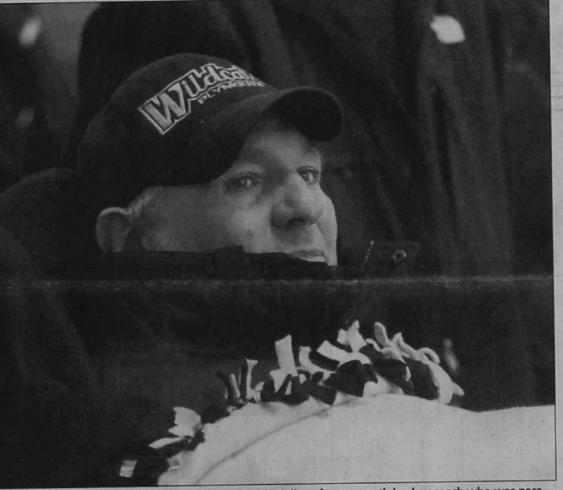
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## Canton OKs bond for new radio system

#### By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer

Canton residents aren't expected to face any hurdles to police and fire services as the Canton Public Safety Department switches this year to a new radio communication and 9-1-1 dispatch system.

system. "It should be a seamless transition for the community," Public Safety Director Patrick Nemecek said Thursday. "Residents should notice no difference whatsoever when they call (for help)."



St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon in Canton, 1:30-7:15 p.m.

Donors can contact Diane Risko to make an appointment at Diane. Risko@redcross.org or call (313) 549-7052.

#### **Ficano lunch**

Canton-area seniors get a chance to have lunch with Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano during a "Lunch with Bob" event Wednesday at the Canton Senior Center.

The "Lunch with Bob" series is in its ninth year and brings Ficano together with area seniors for an afternoon of food, information on services and programs for seniors, raffles, games and other activities.

The event takes place 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Canton Senior Center is located at 46000 Summit Parkway. RSVP by Monday by calling (734) 394-5485.

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Saturday's Super Jess 5K run/walk will also benefit Rick Cigile, a former youth hockey coach who was paralyzed in a swimming accident last year.

## Benefit run helps more families

#### By Brad Kadrich Observer Staff Writer

Three schools. One Park. One purpose.

Organizers have united to expand the second annual "Run for Super Jess" 5K walk/run to benefit more than just Jesse Lindlbauer, a 16-year-old student from Canton High School who suffered a brain trauma in December 2010.

This year, they've extended the run, which now raises money to help support three more

**By Brad Kadrich** 

**Observer Staff Writer** 

Bill Zolkowski came to the Plymouth-

When here retires at the end of this school year, he'll leave as the only one

Canton Educational Park three years

ago as the first park principal in the

Plymouth-Canton Community

Schools Board of Education, based

largely on the opportunity presented

by Zolkowski's impending retirement,

approved a plan that restructures the

presented Tuesday at the board's reg-

leadership model at the park. The plan,

ular meeting, eliminates the park prin-

cipal position, elevates associate prin-

cipals into principal positions, and

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to have held the post.

families facing mounting financial, physical and emotional obstacles as they battle medical dilemmas.

Those families could get pretty extensive support, if last year's run is any indication. More than 1,600 runners raised some \$35,000 in the inaugural run in 2011.

"It was something very special seeing this group of supporters all together," said Tommy Halewicz, last year's organizer and a former member of the PCEP National Honor Society, which hosts the run. "I never would've thought this run could grow as much as it did. It was incredible."

This year's event, which starts at 8 a.m. Saturday, May 6, will also benefit three other Plymouth-Canton families that suffered debilitating medical setbacks:

• The Valchine family of Canton High School — John and Angie Valchine have two children, Canton freshman Kate-

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His remarks came after the Canton Township Board of Trustees agreed Tuesday to issue and sell up to \$1 million in bonds to pay half the project's price tag, with a seven-year time line to retire that debt.

Finance Director Wendy Trumbull has said Canton expects to cover the remaining \$1 million cost by using \$500,000 from the fire department's budget and drawing a similar amount from emergency 9-1-1 funds, which come from sources such as cell phone fees.

Canton is expected to switch by year's end to the new 800 MHz system to improve communications for police officers, firefighters, dispatchers and other township employees.

"It's been a long time coming," Supervisor Phil LaJoy said Tuesday.

Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin said the move follows talks that spanned a decade or longer.

The new system positions Canton to potentially consolidate its

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## **District restructures Park leadership**

### adds a layer of administration at each of the district's three high schools.

The plan was actually drawn up by administrators after they were challenged by superintendent Dr. Jeremy Hughes to prove the park principal model was no longer necessary. It was Hughes, then acting as a consultant to the district, who recommended the park principal plan three years ago.

"I took a 'devil's advocate' position with it," Hughes said. "I'm not going to defend it just because it's my (idea), if it's time to change it. My challenge to the people who wanted to change was to show me the circumstances have changed to the point we could change it."

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Bill Zolkowski was the first Park principal when he arrived three years ago, and he'll likely go out as the only one when he retires at the end of the school year after the school board voted to change the Park's leadership structure.

# Man jailed amid delay in child molesting case

#### By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer

A Canton man accused of sexually molesting a 10-year-old girl who formerly lived in his neighborhood has been ordered back to jail after his trial was delayed in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Robert Carl Kahler, 56, who had been released and placed on an electronic tether, was returned to jail Wednesday after Judge Cynthia Gray Hathaway set a June 28 hearing to determine if Kahler is competent to stand trial on three



Kahler

on the day he had been scheduled to stand trial for allegations he molested a former neighborhood girl when she was 7 to 10 years old.

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Kahler to jail

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Canton Detective Tim Wright said Kahler is now expected to face trial in late July if he is found competent. The girl testified last November behind closed doors in 35th District Court that she was sexually molested by Kahler when she formerly lived near his Canton home. Judge Michael Gerou had ordered his courtroom cleared of spectators to help ease the emotional trauma the child faced during Kahler's preliminary examination.

Though authorities said the girl was nervous about facing Kahler in court, they said her testimony convinced Gerou that Kahler should face trial on multiple charges of criminal sexual conduct. Kahler had originally been jailed with a \$150,000 cash bond, but he had been released on an electronic tether after his case was sent to Wayne County Circuit Court. However, Hathaway reversed the decision Wednesday and ordered the defendant jailed as he awaits his competency hearing.

Canton police have said Kahler became friends with the girl's family when she lived near him. Statements made in 35th District Court have indicated the accusations stem from incidents that allegedly occurred between 2007 and 2011. Wright had asked for "a significant cash bond" when Kahler was initially arraigned on criminal charges, due to the potential for the defendant to have contact with other children. Wright also had voiced concerns Kahler might flee Michigan because he had been trying to get a job in Georgia.

Judge James Plakas had set the original \$150,000 cash bond, saying he had a duty to protect the community from what he called "very disturbing charges" against Kahler.

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#### Time for change

Under the new leadership plan, director of secondary education Erin MacGregor will take over most of the responsibility for the park principal position, which will not be filled when Zolkowski retires. The associate principals in the three high schools - Carrie Lawler at Canton, Nancy Laws at Salem and Cheri Steckel at Plymouth will be elevated to building principal. The three assistant principals at each building remain, and a Dean of Students will be added at each building.

Hughes said administrators felt a change should be implemented in part because of a perception of budding problems between the schools. The perception was the three high schools were "not united," there was a growing sense of rivalry between them with "our kids are better than your kids" attitude developing, and there was a different set of policies and procedures for each building. "Communication has been better, and discipline is more uniform (now)," Hughes said. "I was reassured the team of principals is working well together."

The principals will not have a student case load, freeing them up to be more involved in leading the instructional work. The assistant principals' roles remain, and the Dean of Students would become a "triage" specialist, Hughes said, responsible for behavior referrals and providing a "consistent and immediate discipline approach."

#### Buck stops

Hughes said the Dean of Students is a necessary addition because the student population has increased significantly (to some 6,200 students) while the administrative staffing has remained stagnant.

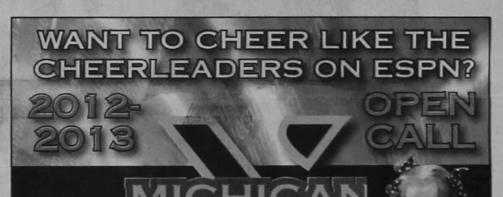
"There is a need for more administrative help (at the park)," said Hughes, who found more than half a dozen schools around Michigan that use the concept. "The Dean of Students will primarily handle student issues of a more minor nature. It was attractive to administrators."

MacGregor, in his first year as director of secondary education, said the park principal position "has done some great things," but that more administrative support was needed at the park. Administrators seem to agree some things were a little confused at the park, when it was difficult to tell whether things were being handled at the building level or being kicked upstairs to Zolkowski's office.

Under the new plan, there's no question responsibility lies with the principals.

"I am expecting more out of them," MacGregor said. "The buck will stay with them."

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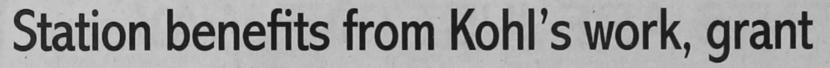
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Volunteers from Kohl's stores on Ford Road and Michigan Avenue in Canton were beautifying Canton High School Thursday as part of the stores' Volunteers in Action program.



Dante Grasso clears the dandelions from the front yard at Canton High School. He was there helping his mom, Kohl's volunteer Lisa Grasso.



**By Brad Kadrich** Observer Staff Writer

It's a pretty good deal for Plymouth-Canton schools, when you think about it.

First, they got more than a dozen volunteers from Kohl's Department Stores working around Canton High School Thursday, pulling weeds, planting flowers and spreading mulch to beautify school grounds.

On top of that, Kohl's will contribute some \$3,000 in grants from the Earth Day event, and another \$1,500 from other events run by the Ford Road store, for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Educational Excellence Foundation to benefit WSDP, the student-run radio station.

The event was part of the store's national "Go



Kohl's volunteers Marlita Herring (front) and Suzi March spread mulch around one of the flower beds outside Canton High School.

Green" initiative, and celebrates two April events -National Volunteer Week and Earth Day. Through Kohl's' associate volunteer program, volunteers from both the Ford Road and Michigan Avenue stores in Canton - along with some of their children on Take Your Child To Work Day - took part in the Canton High School beautification.

It's the third straight

year the Kohl's program has benefitted Plymouth-Canton schools, after projects at Pioneer and East middle schools the last two years.

"We're giving back to the community," said Kohl's volunteer Suzi March, who has two children at the high school complex. "These are the people who shop our stores. This is a wonderful way to give service that benefits the community. It's very rewarding."

Since 2001, Kohl's associates have participated in volunteer activities that support children. In that time, more than 500,000 Kohl's associates have volunteered, donating some 1.6 million volunteer hours. Kohl's has done some 85,000 volunteer events, donating some \$47 million to local nonprofits.

That nonprofit this year is Plymouth-Canton's EEF. The \$3,000 in Kohl's grants will be funneled to the radio station for use in its general-fund budget for programming, maintenance and other operational costs.

The money is critical because radio station staffers have to do "an incredible amount of fundraising" to stay on the air, according to general manager Bill Keith.

"It's an incredible amount of money," Keith said. "I was amazed not only by Kohls' willingness to do the incredible work they're doing for the beautification, but their willingness to give to the radio station. Kohl's really stepped up to help."

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#### SCHOOL BRIEFS Math quest

Because of his performance on the 2012 American Mathematics Competition and American Invitational Mathematics Exam, Salem High School senior Peter Su has qualified for the second straight vear - for the United States of America Math Olympiad.

Only about 500 students out of 12,000 AIME participants are invited to take the USAMO. The top 12 USAMO participants are declared winners and honored at ceremonies in June at the National Academy of Sciences, the National Science Foundation and the Mathematical Association of America Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

#### **C-SPAN** award

C-SPAN Representative Deborah Lamb will be delivering awards to East Middle School during a presentation Monday at 10 a.m.

**Eighth-graders** Paige Bimberg and Brigid Cummings received honorable mention in a national contest sponsored by Lamb's company. The students entered the 2012 C-SPAN Student Cam Video Project. More than 2,000 students from 43 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico submitted videos.

There were a total of 1,203 videos in the competition this year. Seventy-five videos were chosen as winners, one of which was Brigid and Paige's video about the Electoral College. The video can be viewed at http://www.studentcam.org/

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## Mail theft suspect awaits hearing

#### **By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer**

The chief defendant accused in a Canton mail theft investigation has been released from jail as he awaits a court hearing to determine if he should face trial in Wayne County Circuit Court on a flurry of charges including allegations he led township police on a chase.

Lee Andrew Qualls, 42, walked into 35th District Court on his own Friday after he had earlier been jailed with a \$500,000/10 percent bond set during his April 13 arraignment on charges of second-degree fleeing and eluding police; stealing or retaining without consent a financial transaction device; larceny between \$1,000 and \$20,000; forging a driver's license with intent to commit a crime; assaulting, resisting and obstructing a police officer; operating a vehicle with a suspended or revoked license, and being a fourth-time habitual offender.

Canton police arrested Qualls and co-defendant Herman Robinson III, 35, after a local resident notified police April 3 of a suspicious vehicle



Lee Andrew Qualls appears before 35th District Judge Ronald Lowe.

approaching mailboxes in the Cherry Hill-Beck Road area. Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said authorities "retrieved a large collection of mail" allegedly stolen in Canton and other communities.

Qualls appeared Friday before 35th District Judge Ronald Lowe, who adjourned the defendant's preliminary examination for three weeks to give defense attorney James McGinnis time he said he needed to review evidence.

Robinson, meanwhile, waived his right to a preliminary exam Friday, a decision that averted testimony and sent his case



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Herman Robinson III faces trial after waiving his preliminary exam Friday.

to circuit court for disposition. Robinson only faces two charges assaulting, resisting and obstructing a police officer and being a secondtime habitual offender.

Robinson appeared before Lowe with defense attorney Kristen Pell, who said she had advised the defendant he had a right to have the hearing held.

Qualls could face penalties ranging up to life in prison if he is convicted, authorities have said. Robinson could be sentenced up to three years

behind bars. Schreiner has said Canton police arrested the defendants amid a mail fraud investigation by township authorities and the U.S. Postal Inspection

Service. Qualls has been accused of driving a car and leading Canton police on a chase that ended in a shopping center parking lot near Michigan Avenue and Canton Center, where authorities arrested two men after a foot chase.

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#### RADIO

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9-1-1 dispatch system with communities such as Livonia — if the longtime talks eventually lead to combining services. Livonia is among the communities that already have made the switch to the new system.

Moreover, the new Motorola radio system is intended to link Canton to a seamless, statewide network and allow the community to comply with new federal mandates that take effect next Jan. 1.

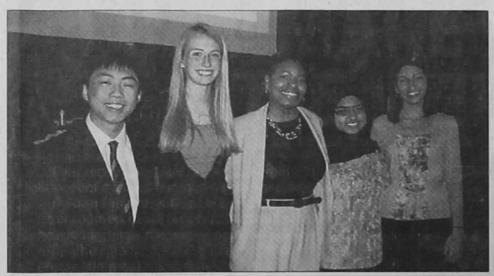
Nemecek said the 800 MHz system is intended to provide consistent radio communications coverage across Michigan and thwart the potential for gaps in service when incidents involving Canton police officers and firefighters spill over to other communities.

"It allows us to be able to talk on a statewide system and not have to worry if an officer or a car gets out of range," he said, adding that the system "puts us in the realm of any kind of consolidation talks" involving dispatch services with other communities.

Canton already has received 90-95 percent of the radios it needs to obtain from Motorola, and local authorities were planning Friday to have a meeting with the communications company to discuss the transition.

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Kim Lindsey-Feagin, Robert Bosch LLC Government & Community Affairs officer (center), with National Honor Society students Steve Lin, Rachael Hille, Miriam Asadullah and Meagan Shokar at Tuesday's Board of Education meeting.

## Students thank Bosch for grant support

#### By Brad Kadrich Observer Staff Writer

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At the beginning of the school year, Robert Bosch Corp., provided some \$25,000 in grants for projects ranging from an energy curriculum for ninth-graders at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park to a recycling program at the district's three high schools.

On Tuesday, district officials formally thanked Bosch representatives with a proclamation honoring Bosch as a great partner to the district.

"This has been a great, long-standing partnership," said Frank Ruggirello, the district's director of community relations. "(Bosch) has been very good friends to the district. They support us not only with their financial contributions, but with their brain power, as well."

Some \$15,000 in grants were handed out to individual teachers in Bosch's BEST program. In addition, Bosch handed the district another \$10,000 grant, which will be used to develop the energy curriculum for ninthgraders at the Park.

More than 40 teachers applied for the program, with ideas range from a recycling program with the potential to eliminate 6.5 tons of landfill waste to an indoor lighting system for soil compostbased gardening.

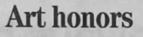
The grants, part of Bosch's celebration of the company's 125-year anniversary, were part of Bosch's focus on recycling and the environment.

"Education and sustainability are key for the company," said Maximiliane Straub, chief financial officer and executive vice president, controlling, finance and administration for Bosch. "This is a focus of the company. We are part of the community, and of course we get our talent from the community. We want to give back."

Students made several presentations at Tuesday's board meeting to show Bosch how the money was spent. Kim Lindsey-Feagin, Bosch's government and community affairs officer, came away impressed.

"The presentations were amazing ... some of the wonderful things the grants were able to achieve," Lindsey-Feagin said. "We hope to continue the partnership. Bosch is very committed to environmental and educational goals."

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Plymouth Christian Academy art students Lindsey Davidson (left), Brittany Baxter (right) and Leah Vuletich all had artwork in the Congressional Art Competition, which was displayed in the Novi Public Library from April 23-25. Brittany Baxter and Lindsey Davidson's work was chosen to receive two of the three Awards of Merit, and their artwork exhibited in U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter's Livonia and Milford offices for 2012-13.

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His remarks came after the Canton Township Board of Trustees voted Tuesday evening to amend the original Ravensfield plans and approve a preliminary site plan for Crys-

#### tal Village.

The 52 detached condos are planned to replace what would have been 65 attached units, Faas said. The development also is to include amenities such as a clubhouse.

Officials such as township Supervisor Phil LaJoy have said Canton remains a desirable community for new residents due to its comparatively low rate crime and its reputation for top-tier services such as parks and recreation facilities. Canton's population grew 18.1 percent during the last decade to 90,173 people.

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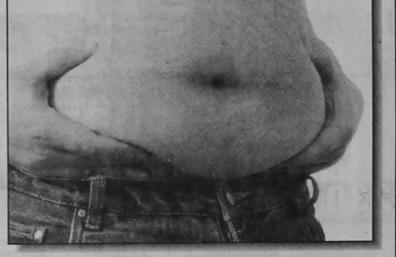


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## Fishing derby returns to Canton

Canton residents are invited to unpack their fishing gear and head on over to Canton's annual Family Fishing Derby 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 5, in Heritage Park.

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The pond at Heritage Park, located west of Canton Center and south of Cherry Hill, will be stocked and ready to go with rainbow trout to ensure everyone makes the perfect catch. No fishing license is required for the derby, which is open to Canton residents only. Proof of residency is required and there is a fee of \$5 for each participants; all ages are welcome.

Organizers say this fun event for anglers of all ages provides an exciting opportunity to spend



Canton's annual fishing derby returns to Heritage Park May 5.

quality time with family and friends. No advance registration is needed. Participants must provide their own fishing equipment. Limited bait supplies will be available for purchase, while supplies last. Participants will also be able to win such prizes as rods and tackle boxes for reeling in the longest trout or one of four tagged trout.

Guests are also welcome to attend St. Joseph Mercy Canton Health Center and Canton Leisure Services' Healthy Summer Kick-off, an afternoon of free health awareness and fitness activities from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. taking place in and around the nearby Summit on the Park as well as at the St. Joseph Mercy Canton Health Center, located at 1600 S. Canton Center.

Lila Lazarus, director and producer of Lila Productions LLC, will emcee the Healthy Summer Kick-off event featuring skin cancer, blood pressure, and head and neck screenings; sessions of yoga, TurboKick and Zumba; and a children's teddy bear clinic.

For detailed information on both events, please visit Cantonfun. org or call (734) 394-5460.

## BENEFIT

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lyn and Jonathan, a fifthgrader at Eriksson Elementary School. John, who helps with Boy Scout Pack 898, assists at church and coaches flag football, has been diagnosed with Phase Four kidney failure due to polycystic kidney disease.

• The Cigile family of Plymouth High School — Rick and Patty Cigile have three sons, Plymouth High School grads Ricky and Ryan, and current senior Jeremy. A swimming accident during a family vacation to Florida last summer left Rick a quadriplegic.

• The Savage family from Salem High School — Joanne and the late Pat Savage and their three sons, Colin, a freshman at Salem; Jack, a Discovery Middle School sixthgrader; and Nolan, a second-grader at Gallimore Elementary. Joanne was diagnosed with pseudomyxoma peritorel in 2007, and it recurred last year. While she fought that, husband Pat was diagnosed with stage 4 esophageal cancer. He lost his battle with cancer Nov. 30.

The race starts at 8 a.m. at the Canton varsity football field, with a 7:45 a.m. pre-race ceremony honoring the 2012 SJ5K honorees. Entry fee is \$20 for runners 18 and younger, \$25 for adults.

Organizers say there is a strong need for course volunteers, whose responsibilities will include cheering on participants and make them aware of any potential hazards. Race updates/ videos can be found on the SJ5K Facebook event page or the SJ5K2012 Twitter page. Entry fees are \$20 for runners 18 and younger, \$25 for adults.

For more information, contact Alexa Rosochacki at alexarosochacki@aol.com.

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#### AROUND CANTON

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#### LIONS EUCHRE

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Date/Time: Saturday, May 5, 6 p.m.

Location: Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: The Canton Lions Club is calling all euchre players in to play in the second annual Canton Lions Club Euchre Tournament. Awards will be given to the top 4 players with the highest scores. There will also be an optional raffle for more great prizes. Food is included. To guarantee a spot, players can preregister by May 3, 2012 for a \$20 ante fee payable at the door.

Contact: Email patnancywilliams@yahoo.com or calling (734) 358-4280. For more info, go to www. cantonlions.org.

**TRIVIA NIGHT** Date/Time: Friday, May 11, doors open at 6:15 p.m. Location: The "Barn" at Colony Farms, on Colony Farm Drive (south off Ann Arbor Road between Beck and Ridge) in Plymouth Township. Signs will be posted.

Details: The Plymouth-Canton branch, American Association of University Women, will offer a "Trivia Night." Games begin at 7 p.m. with doors opening 6:15 p.m. Participants will put knowledge of facts and factoids to good use with proceeds to benefit AAUW's scholarship fund. Tickets are \$20 per person or \$100 per team of five.

Contact: For tickets, call (734) 453-5009 or e-mail aauw\_plymouthcanton@ yahoo.com. Reservations are required.

#### CHURCH GARAGE SALE

Date/Time: Saturday, June 9, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Church, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton Details: Great Expectations church-wide garage sale is open to the public.



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### **Essay winners**

The Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club held its annual essay contest, and three students came up the big winners. Pictured are Canton High School seniors Rebecca Krupp (left) and Hayley Cook (right) with Salem High School teacher and essay chair Kelly Mandeville (third-place winner Madi Lewis, a Plymouth High School junior, wasn't available). The essay contest, whose topic was "What does today's youth need from parents, educators, coaches, neighbors, etc.?" drew more than 70 entries. Scholarship prizes were worth \$500, \$300 and \$200, respectively.

This event is tailored to the community and will be held in the parking lot of Canton Christian Fellowship Church. We encourage everyone to come and bring a friend. Some items which will be sold include clothing, furniture, electronics, and much more. Contact: Call (734)404-2480

**NEW HOPE DINNER** Date/Time: Friday, May 18,

6 p.m Location: Italian American Banquet Center in Livonia Details: New Hope Center for Grief Support hosts a

Spring Appreciation Dinner

are at 6 p.m., dinner's at 7 p.m., live music from 9-11 p.m. The event features strolling musician trio and live and silent auctions. Celebrity emcee is WDIV traffic reporter Ashlee Baracy. Contact: New Hope Office at 248-348-0115 or register at www.NewHopeCenter.net. **OPEN HOUSE** 

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Date/Time: Saturday, May 5, 2-5 p.m.

Location: The Village Doctor at Cherry Hill, 50439 Independence in Canton. Details: The Village Doctor at Cherry Hill hosts an open house. There is also a ribbon-cutting ceremony 4 p.m. Thursday, May 3.

Contact: (734) 879-1068

#### **GRIEF SUPPORT**

Date/Time: Third Saturday of the month, 10-11:30 a.m. Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lilley, Canton

Details: Compassionate Care Hospice announces a new grief support group, "Compassionate Words,"

providing emotional support to any adult grieving the loss of a loved one. The group will focus on the various stages of grief, and incorporate basic journal writing as a way to express feelings. The program is free of charge.

Contact: To register, contact Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice **Bereavement Coordinator** at (888) 983-9050, or e-mail achristensen@cchnet.net.

#### **MOPS MEETINGS**

Date/Time: First-third Fridays, 9:15-11:30 a.m. Location: St. Kenneth

Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth Details: The St. Edith/St.

Kenneth Catholic Parishes' Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group invites all mothers with children aged newborn through kindergarten to join. The group provides the encouragement, nurturing, and support and features a schedule of activities that include speakers, crafts, and group discussions.

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## Foundation receives grant to form college access network

The Canton Community Foundation has been awarded a grant from the Michigan College Access Network to create an association of corporate, educational and nonprofit leaders to develop programming to increase college access for local students.

The Canton foundation is one of seven organizations or communities awarded an \$8,000 planning grant to get the new Western Wayne Local College Access Network (LCAN) up and running. It will create programming to prepare students for higher education and to increase the number of students who attend and complete college or other post-secondary educational institution.

The Lansing-based MCAN announced the grant awards at the end of March. MCAN has a goal of increasing postsecondary education in Michigan to 60 percent by 2025.

The Western Wayne LCAN will stretch from Northville to the Van Buren area. The foundation continues to build the leadership team and is seeking participation from the Northville, Livonia and Plymouth-Canton school districts. The team already includes representatives from the Van Buren, South Redford, Clarenceville and Garden City school districts.

The leadership team includes Schoolcraft College, the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and Dearborn and Madonna University, as well as Eastern Michigan University and Henry Ford Community College. The foundation is also contacting area businesses and corporations to join the effort.

'The real purpose is to create an educated and skilled workforce in Michigan to compete in the global economy," said Joan Noricks, Canton Community Foundation president. "Increasing the number of residents who are college-educated or are certified in skilled trades will only

serve to give the state a competitive economic edge."

The Western Wayne LCAN will focus its efforts on low-income students, students of color and first-generation students.

The LCAN will begin its planning process by assessing local gaps in preparing students for higher education. When these gaps are identified, the leadership team will develop programs and activities to help students and their parents prepare for and complete college or other educational institutions, such as trade schools.

"Local college access networks play a critical role in helping

build and sustain a vibrant economy in Michigan," said Brandy Johnson, MCAN director. "By developing a local network, the community works together in identifying current assets and gaps to ensure they are building a strong and highly successful college access strategy."

MCAN awarded 15 communities a total of \$373,000 to support college access and success efforts. In addition to the seven planning grants, MCAN awarded another eight communities with startup grants ranging from \$30,000 to \$50,000 to begin implementation of a college access strategy.

## Heise, vets testify for bill aiding service groups

State Rep. Kurt Heise and three key state veterans officials testified before a House committee in support of his legislation to exempt groups such as the Veterans of Foreign Wars from paying state property taxes.

House Bill 5457, introduced by Heise, allows not-for-profit veterans groups that are a branch, lodge or chapter of a national or state veterans organization to be exempt from Michigan property taxes

"This is truly an important time in our country's history where we have so many war veterans coming home, and now more than ever they need the help of our service organizations," said Heise, R-Plymouth. "These important groups provide a network of support for veterans and their families, and it's important for the state to show our support as well."

Heise invited Douglas



State Rep. Kurt Heise discusses his legislation to help veterans service organizations during a hearing before the House Tax Policy Committee. Joining Heise, from left, are Douglas Williams of the American Legion, Lino Pretto of the Military Order of Purple Heart, and Robert Weiss, of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Williams, of the American Legion Department of Michigan; Lino Pretto, of the Military Order of Purple Heart; and Robert Weiss, of Veterans of Foreign Wars, to testify in support of the legislation.

Independent veterans groups can help service members cut through

bureaucratic red tape when making a Veterans Administration claim, provide grants toward emergency financial aid, and help veterans receive the benefits they deserve.

HB 5457 is still under consideration by the House Tax Policy Committee.





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## **Canoes available to rent at Newburgh Lake**

#### By Ken Abramczyk **Observer Staff Writer**

Wayne County residents can again enjoy canoeing at Newburgh Lake.

Wayne County parks is partnering with an Oakland County canoe rental company to rent canoes at Newburgh. The rentals are now available Saturday and Sunday, and, after Memorial Day, available Friday afternoons.

Alan Heavner, owner of Heavner Canoe Rent-al, in Milford, said the rentals will help draw parents and their children from the Wayne County area outdoors.

"You don't have to go up north, especially with the gas prices," Heavner said. Heavner then pointed to Newburgh Lake. "This could be Blue Lake, this could be anyplace."

Heavner will use Wayne County's canoes, once used for a canoe rental in the 1990s at Newburgh Lake and at Nankin Mills. Heavner will oversee the canoe rentals at Newburgh Pointe.

He will start with 27 canoes, seven paddleboats and three rowboats in its available inventory, according to Jeff Vallender, project coordinator with Heavner.

#### **Paddling Newburgh**

The partnership began after Heavner received a phone call from Wayne County Parks. Vallender credited Beverly Watts, director of Wayne County parks, with putting together the partnership. Heavner is also working with parks officials to use an area across Hines Drive for overflow parking

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Vallender said renters

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Alan Heavner, owner of Heavner Canoe Rental in Milford, has been working to get a canoe rental operation going on Newburgh Lake in Livonia.



Paddlers on Newburgh Lake can get up close to these sorts of paddlers.

tamination in the late 1990s, it still experiences stormwater runoff of contaminants and pollutants after a heavy rainstorm, Vallender said.

Vallender hopes canoe rentals will draw families who want to bring their children outdoors and friends out for an afternoon, or that teachers bring groups of students and scout leaders bring their troops.

They can call Heavner ahead to reserve for group rentals, and that includes rentals during the week.

#### A learning experience

Heavner said they will also work with spe-

cial needs kids, from the visually impaired students to those with autism. Paul Augsburger, education coordinator at Heavner's, said getting students outdoors helps their motor skills.

"We've got sights, smells and touch," Augsburger said. "The trails at Newburgh Lake have really high potential." Getting children out-

doors helps raise selfesteem, confidence and improves grades, Augsburger said.

Segway rentals are also available at Nankin Mills in Westland, which Heavner will be working with to accommodate families. The company also hopes to promote

local restaurants, too.

Vallender said he expects rentals will be a big hit, judging from the honked horns and waves from vehicles driving by on Hines Drive as a Heavner van and trailer hauled canoes the day of this interview.

Heavner said he has already received phone calls from residents who are looking forward to canoeing on Newburgh Lake.

"It's something that will get children outdoors," Heavner said. For information, call Heavner at (248) 685-2379 or visit heavnercanoe.com.

For group rental information, call Vallender at (248) 798-7434.

## Music boosters seek sale items

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters host a fundraising estate sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 10-12 at the Charles Town Square Mall, 251 Main Street in Plymouth.

All items that are clean, not broken, and working will be collected at the sale location on Monday, May 7, through Wednesday, May 9, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. daily. Special pick up is available on Sunday, May 6 for large items. For special pick up reservations, contact Diane at (734) 416-3354.

The fundraising estate sale is being hosted by the Music Boosters to help the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band with trip expenses for the 180member high school band to participate in a regional band competition in Indianapolis, Ind., later this year. The Marching Band program at the three-high school Educational Park is funded primarily through member fees, donations, and fundraising activities.

All items collected will be used in the three-day sale. Organizers point out things that might be considered junk to someone is treasure to someone else. Examples of clean, working items desired for the estate sale included 8-track tapes, DVDs, albums, dishes and glasses, tools, garage items, linens, furniture, books, sports memorabilia, clothing, and costume jewelry.

Donation receipts are available if requested. Instead of throwing away or placing items at your curb, consider donating all your items to a great cause - the youth of your community, when you do your spring-cleaning this vear.

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Copies of the Budgets for the listed Public School Academies will be available at the school office. Publish: April 29, 2012	PUBLIC NOTICE
NATIONAL HERITAGE ACADEMIES	The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its annual meeting May 15, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at the Friends Room 'on the main level of the Library at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.
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## Immediate annuity an option to replace pension

By Rick Bloom Guest Columnist

Q: Dear Rick: I am a widow in my early 70s, living on Social Security and a pension from my husband's former employer. I've been notified the employer is ending the pension plan and I'm going to



Rick Bloom

receive a cash settlement. They told me the money can be put into an IRA if I want. In addition to the pension and my Social Security, I have a number of mutual funds that I let the income reinvest. The pension and Social Security more than cover all my living expenses. I

like the idea of receiving a pension and the company my husband worked for referred me to an insurance agent who said I could get an immediate annuity. My husband's employer was very good to us and the insurance agent is very reputable. I went to the agent and he gave me a quote for an immediate annuity and the payment is just a few dollars a month less than my husband's pension. Do you like immediate annuities and can you tell me if there are any pitfalls?

A: An immediate annuity is a type of annuity that pays a fixed amount of money, on a regular basis, for the rest of your life — no matter how long you live. Upon your death, the payments cease and the annuity is terminated. In that regard, it is very similar to your husband's pension. However, with immediate annuities there are

options to consider. For example, one option guarantees the annuity will pay you for at least 10 years. Therefore, if you pass away during that 10-year period, the additional payments go to your beneficiary. In addition, you can have an inflation option where based upon the inflation rate, your payments increase on a yearly basis. These are just a couple of the more popular options you can add on to an immediate annuity. Of course, these options don't come free. They come at a cost. Your monthly benefit will be lower, based upon the more options you add.

I believe an immediate annuity is a viable investment product for many people. The key, however, is to make sure that you're dealing with a solid insurance company. Typically, when I recommend immediate annuities, I want to make sure that the company is AAA rated. In addition, I do not want an immediate annuity with all of someone's assets. In your situation, however, this doesn't apply.

The No. 1 downside of an immediate annuity is that it's irrevocable. Once you sign up and begin receiving payments, the contract is irrevocable. Therefore, you have to make sure that it is indeed the way to proceed.

One additional note, like everything else in our society, it does pay to receive some competitive bids. Since you're dealing with an insurance agent who you have confidence in, you can ask him to get some bids from additional companies or you can approach someone else to get a competitive bid. You would be surprised by how different companies can be when it comes to an immediate annuity, especially if you add on some of the options available.

My philosophy is if you can increase your monthly income without additional risk, why not? After all, the money you get looks better in your pocket than it does in the insurance company's pocket. Good luck!

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# **Chiefs click against Rocks**

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

After Canton lost a tough game to Plymouth last week, Chiefs soccer coach Jeannine Reddy wanted her team to turn the page.

With a back-to-basics mindset, the host Chiefs blanked Salem 5-0 in Friday's KLAA crossover contest.

"I just told them to go out there and have fun coming off the loss with Plymouth," Reddy said. "I told them to go out there, play fast, have fun and finish and they did all three of those things."

Another thing Reddy preached to her players last week was "to focus on the corners and we got two goals off corner kicks today."

Canton (4-1-3) needed just five minutes to get on the scoreboard as senior forward Ally Krause sprinted into the left side of the goal box and ripped a high shot into the top right corner behind Rocks goalie Ali Eggenberger.

It was 2-0 midway through the half, when freshman Chloe Donlan got on the end of sophomore Rachel Winters' corner kick, tapping it into the wideopen cage.

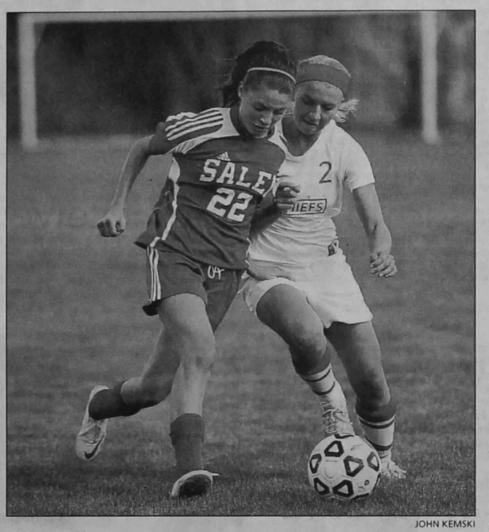
"I thought they took it to us the first half," Salem coach Joe Nora said. "We didn't play with a lot of passion, and that's why they got the lead on two kind of silly mistakes in front of our net and Canton capitalized."

#### Finishing the job

The Chiefs came out strong in the second half, putting the win away with two goals in the first 12 minutes to go up 4-0.

Senior Megan Trapp scored after finishing another Winters corner kick.

Then a nice through ball from senior defender Robyn Mack to junior Tracy Moore resulted in another goal.



Battling for a 50-50 ball Friday night are Salem's Kylie Knight (No. 22) and Canton's Alex Bryden (No. 2).

Trapp then set up the final goal, scored by Krause off the left post, with 20:07 to play.

"Megan (Trapp) played great in the middle," Reddy said. "Everyone played well." According to Nora, he wanted the Rocks to "come out and play more cohesive" after intermission. "But we seemed to spread out and we

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## College-bound Plymouth pair help rip Salem

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

On Friday afternoon, Katie Hill and Shannon Lubin signed to play Division II women's lacrosse at Tiffin University in Ohio.

Later that day, the Plymouth Wildcat teammates celebrated by combining for 11 goals in the team's 18-8 drubbing of campus rival Salem at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. Hill scored seven times while Lubin added four.

They also put a bit of a damper on a pre-game ceremony honoring Salem head coach Dave Medley who coached Hill, Lubin and several other Plymouth players when they were part of a combined team including all three Park schools. One of those players, senior Amanda Kne, scored twice.

"She's a great athlete," Medley said about Hill. "And they have some seniors. I used to coach them. And she's a handful, there's no two ways about it.

"I like the way she gets that ball, she picks it up. We fought as hard as we could the first half, but she finally just took control of us in the second half."

The Wildcats (6-1-0 overall), who also had pre-game Senior Night festivities, took an 8-6 lead at the half.

Where the game really entered blowout territory came with less than 10 minutes to play in the second half.

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## Adams ready for Storm

#### THE ADAMS FILE

Who: Kyle Adams.

What: Canton senior quarterback signed to play Division II college football at Lake Erie College of the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. He is projected to play defensive secondary for the Storm.

**Preps:** The 18-year-old Adams not only played varsity football for the Chiefs, he was a member of the varsity boys basketball team.

#### By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

Kyle Adams led a perennial powerhouse from the quarterback position with Canton's football team. But he will have a different vantage point at Lake Erie College, where he recently signed to play college football.

With the Storm of the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, Adams won't get to take snaps under center. Instead, he'll be part of the defensive secondary, probably at safety.

Finishing third in the high jump Tuesday at Novi is Salem sophomore Kelly Whalen.

## Several Salem girls shine

Although Salem's varsity girls track and field team dropped a 98-30 decision to Novi on Tuesday, the Rocks did have several noteworthy performances.

Salem sophomore Kayla Kavulich, who is bouncing back from a serious knee injury that sidelined her for the cross country season, was victorious in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 5:34.6. Kavulich's great race enabled her to nip previously undefeated Jackie Mullins (5:36.8).

Kavulich also was victorious over Mullins in the two-mile race, winning 12:01.45 to 12:14.49. In third was freshman Rebecca Lopez, who shaved five seconds off her PCEP City Meet time with a mark of 12:44.74.

Adrianna Beltran was another multiple winner for the Rocks. In the 400 dash, she finished in 66.3 seconds; her time of 2:31.3 was good for first in the 800 run. Also in the 800, freshman Elizabeth Tripp's finish of 2:43.8 earned her third-place points.

Salem's other first-place finish was in the 4-by-800 meter relay. The quartet of Beltran, Lopez, sophomore Katie Binsfeld and Kavulich came from behind to take first with a time of 10:14.9 (edging Novi's 10:20.9).

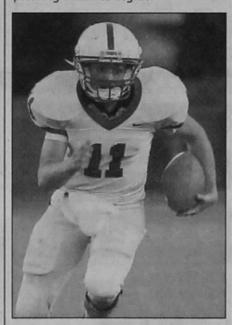
Finishing third for the Rocks (2-1 in the KLAA Central Division) were freshman Rebecca Falzon (shot put, 31-0), sophomore Kelly Whalen (high jump, 4-5) and senior Kristina Righter (discus), 87-8.

#### **Boys recap**

Also Tuesday, Salem's varsity boys track and field team lost to KLAA

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Family: His parents are Nancy and Bradford Adams of Canton. College: Adams, who carries a 3.97 grade-point average, is interested in pursuing a finance degree.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Canton's Kyle Adams (No. 11), shown during a 2011 game, recently signed to play football at Lake Erie College in Ohio. That's fine with the 18-year-old, simply because he loves playing football and is athletic enough to make the switch.

"They already signed two quarterbacks in the class," Adams explained. "They just really didn't want to waste a scholarship on me not playing, being sixth on the (quarterback) depth chart."

Canton head coach Tim Baechler has no qualms about Adams being able to excel on the other side of the line of scrimmage.

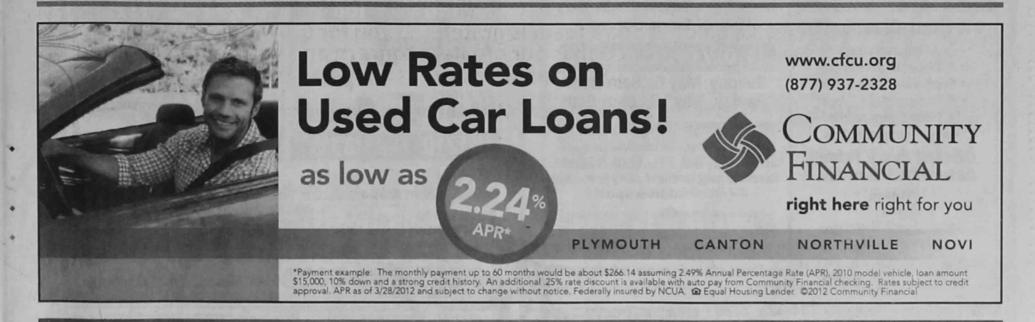
"Kyle is a hard working student-athlete," Baechler noted. "He is the type of kid that you could play at almost any position, and he would eventually figure out how to be excellent at it."

Baechler stressed that the Chiefs could have played him anywhere on the field, including tight end, wide receiver, cornerback or safety — but Adams was most needed at quarterback.

"That is what Lake Erie is recruiting him as, an athlete that they can plug in wherever needed to benefit the team," he said. "Kyle will be excellent there."

According to Adams, who also played varsity basketball at Canton, all it took was a visit to Lake Erie College (located in Painesville, near Cleveland) to know it was the right place for him to sign.

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played a very reactive game instead of an anticipating style," he said. "We sat back and saw what Canton was doing and we tried to react to it and you're always going to be slow when you do that. And bam, they finished."

Making six stops for the shutout was Canton junior goalie Kaitlyn Jatczak.

She was tested late in the game, but stopped a hard shot from inside the box taken by junior forward Emma Tardif.

A couple of minutes later, a high shot by senior midfielder Emily Lundh was tipped by Jatczak, getting just enough for the ball to glance off the crossbar and over the net. "There were some pos-

itives to draw on there at the end," said Nora, whose team's record dipped to 3-3-1. "I'd love to see that all game. We're a young team and that's what we need to learn.'

PLYMOUTH 0, CHURCHILL 0: Kylie Robb and Alexis Tzafaroglou posted shutouts for the Wildcats and host Chargers, respectively, in a Thursday KLAA South Division girls soccer tilt.

Providing solid support for Robb were Plymouth defenders Alyssa Burris, Kate Watson, Lauren Babcock, Nicole Ineich, Sydney Rouse, Morgan Klabunde and Emily Burkman. "We were absolutely resolute

on defense against a good team with good players," said Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit, whose team is 2-3-3 overall and 2-1-1 in the KLAA South. "Plymouth came at us, but we were organized and did a lot of nice stuff. They have a lot of weapons and we were able to break them down · not just defensively." The Wildcats remain on top in the division, with a record of 4-1-3 overall and 3-0-1 in the KLAA South.

CANTON 8, WAYNE 0: On Wednesday at Canton, the Chiefs scored seven goals in the first half and finished off the eight-goal mercy win early in the second half. Scoring three goals for the Chiefs (3-1-3 overall and 3-1 in the KLAA South) was KavIn

Berinti, while Robyn Mack tallied two goals and an assist. The Zebras remain winless LUTH. WESTLAND 8, S'FIELD

CHRISTIAN 0: Senior Taylor **Wiemer and freshman Sabrina** Morris each notched hat tricks Thursday to lift Lutheran High Westland (4-1-2, 3-0-1) to a MIAC Blue Division mercy rule win over Southfield Christian (1-4, 0-1).

Wiemer also finished with three assists, while freshmen Sadie Schultz and Michelle Greening added the other Warriors goals.

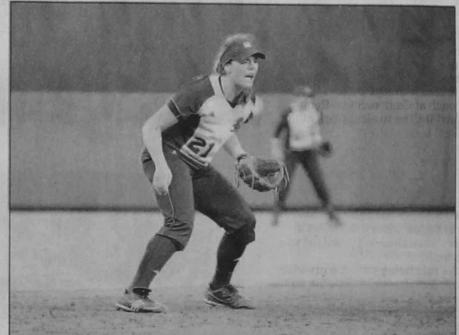
Freshman Allie Lange also had an assist, while goal-keeper Angela Morrison, a junior, made two saves for the shutout.

The entire team played well," Lutheran Westland coach Sara Schafer said. "Our passing game is improving every game."

NOVI 1, SALEM 0: On Tuesday, an early goal by Novi stood up as Salem dropped a girls soccer nailbiter. Stopping five of six shots for the Rocks (2-2-1 overall) was "We sat back early on and it hurt us," Salem head coach Joe Nora said. "Novi finished on a scrum in front of the net on a ball we could't get cleared.

"We played much better in the second half with more intensity and purpose."

## **CMU's Sexauer Player of Week**



Central Michigan shortstop CarolAnn Sexauer, a 2011 graduate of Canton High School, recently earned MAC West Division Player of the Week honors. In the first game of a twinbill against Detroit, Sexauer recorded her third home run of the season with a three-run shot. In the second game she recorded her first grand slam when she connected on a pitch sending the ball deep over center placing CMU in front 10-0. Sexauer finished the day against Detroit 4-for-6 with two home runs and seven RBIs. Overall she finished the week with a .438 batting average, three home runs, 10 RBI and an impressive 1.125 slugging percentage.

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Salem's Kiersten Vala tallied her third goal of the night (leading the Rocks with four goals was Jenna Carter) with 9:48 remaining to make it a 13-8 contest.

But Hill scored carbon copy goals just 1:16 apart, rushing up the middle of the field through traffic and firing the ball past Salem goalie Samantha Hall.

Junior Clare Cox scored with 7:43 to go and Hill followed up with her sixth of the game just nine seconds later

Hill capped the rout when she scored with 3:17 left.

Believe it or not, Hill said she'd been disappointed in her recent play and wanted to ramp it up against Salem (2-5-0).

"I get really frustrated when I feel like I'm not playing my best," she said. "It has nothing to do with the competition, it's just competition with myself.

"Lately, I feel like I've been letting my team down so I figured tonight was a good night to step it up."

Plymouth head coach Bob Hill, Katie's dad, pointed to the squad's defense-first posture as key to the offensive splurge.

"It's the depth and we've really stressed a lot on defense this year," he said. "Not just the three back on defense, but the full attack playing defense all the way up the field."









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"It's just a really nice campus and they have really good academics," said Adams, who carries a 3.97 gradepoint average and has aspirations of earning a finance degree.

Adams said he was helped in his quest to find a college by his quarterback coach at Canton, Steve Robb.

Meanwhile, the tireless work ethic that Baechler and Robb said Adams possesses undoubtedly helped Lake Erie coaches to bring the versatile athlete on board for the Division II school.

"I set a precedent that working hard works out," Adams said. "Maybe not Division I every time, but if you work hard there's a place for you anywhere.'

And he said being part of a growing group of Canton players moving on to play college football is something he will always cherish.

'I feel really honored because it seems like this year we had a lot of people sign and everything," Adams continued. "I feel good that all of our hard work paid off."

Among previous college signees were teammates Kevin Buford, Zach Smilo and Evan Rinke.

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### **Champion Cards**

The 13U Canton Cardinals travel baseball team won the championship trophy in the Play at the Cage tournament last weekend at Eastern Michigan University. The Cardinals went an undefeated 5-0 in the first tournament of the season, battling great teams, cold weather, and a lot of wind. Pictured are the victorious Cardinals with their Championship Trophies from the Tournament: (front row, from left) Brennan Brooks, Branden Knorr, Luke Hirshman, Jimmy Walkinshaw, Evan Voyles, Jacob MacBrien; (middle row, from left) Jason Arnold, Cody Zidzik, Justin Dolney, Andrey Napolitano, Noah Spencer; (back row, from left) coaches John Knorr, Rob Hirshman, Alan Zidzik and Greg Voyles.

# **Thompson jump-starts Plymouth sweep**

#### By Tim Smith **Observer Staff Writer**

Justin Thompson's teammates call him "Juice" and he had a little extra Wednesday as he pitched Plymouth to a 2-1 victory against Canton in the opener of a KLAA South Division baseball doubleheader.

The Wildcats then swept the host Chiefs with an 8-1 win in the nightcap, shortened to five innings due to darkness

Thompson scattered 10 hits in his complete-game victory, giving up just one walk and fanning five. He also drove in the winning run in the top of the seventh, with a chopper over the head of Canton reliever Ryan Bazner bringing home Brendan Swanson.

In the inning, which opened against Canton's outstanding lefty starter Mike Stafford (eight strikeouts, just four hits allowed), Swanson singled to left-center and moved around after a walk to Brandon Waack and an infield single by Casey Sudz.

"I had plenty left," Thompson said. "I could have gone more if they needed it, but we didn't. We i uirougn in e last mining and I got the win. I have great defense behind me, and so I just try to throw strikes and they'll make the plays.' Plymouth coach Bryan Boyd, whose team improved to 9-3 overall and 3-2 in the KLAA South, said his team "came up big in a few spots there and Justin was outstanding today. He showed a lot of poise, a lot of moxie.' Perhaps the best example of Thompson's guile came in the fifth, with Canton threatening to break a 1-1 tie. After one bat-



**BRIAN QUINTOS** Delivering a pitch Wednesday is Plymouth's Justin Thompson (No. 33). Taking his lead off first for Canton is courtesy runner Andrew Stafford (No. 7).

ter was retired, the Chiefs loaded the bases on infield singles by Weston Price (2-for-4) and Bazner (3-for-4) and an error.

#### **Turning point**

Canton coach Mark Blomshield then called for a suicide squeeze, but Stafford jabbed at a high pitch and popped up to Plymouth first an Tyler Gobi WIIO then threw across the diamond to double off Price at third to end the inning. "Nobody was hitting, so I was just trying to make something happen," Blomshield said, lamenting the various "uncharacteristic" mistakes and bad bounces that hampered the Chiefs.

to pop it up," Boyd said. "All of a sudden we got a nice, easy, bangbang double play."

The Wildcats never trailed the entire afternoon, starting with an unearned run in the top of the first in Game 1. Thompson was safe on an error and moved to third on Goble's single to left. The run came in on another error.

le it a 1-1 game the third, but Plymouth catcher Rich Guglielmi nearly single-handedly snuffed out the Chiefs by throwing out two runners trying to steal third base. "Gugs is a big-game player," Boyd said. But with two out and a runner on first, catcher Nick Hazergian beat out a slow roller and a dropped throw at first enabled Bazner to come around to score. A diving stop by Plymouth third baseman Brian Schmid enabled Thompson to escape a fourth-inning rally.

Plymouth had trouble getting to Stafford, who featured a nice array of pitches to keep the Wildcats off-balance. From the third through the sixth, he only gave up two walks with another batter reaching on an error.

#### **Big rally**

The nightcap was scoreless until the Wildcats put up seven runs in the third against starting pitcher Bazner.

Eleven batters came to the plate in the inning, with the first six registering hits. Thompson again had the winning hit, this time a bouncing ball past a drawn-in infield to score Matt Janke (2-for-3) and Waack.

Goble then made it 4-0 with a two-run double to center and Jamarl Eiland's sacrifice fly made it a five-run spread. Before Bazner could retire the side, a three-base error on a muffled fly ball and Sudz's single scored two more runs.

Plymouth's advantage grew to 8-0 in the fourth, against relief pitcher Hazergian. A two-out double to center by Guglielmi brought home Sudz (who walked).

anton finally got on the score

league opponents Saturday before returning to conference action Monday. Plymouth will host Northville, while Canton welcomes Livonia Stevenson.

STEVENSON 11, SALEM 6: Mike Vomastek went 3-for-4 with a homer, double and three RBI to spark Livo-nia Stevenson (10-1, 6-0) to a KLAA Central Division victory Thursday over the visiting Rocks (3-9, 0-4). Stevenson collected a total of 17 hits while getting contributinos from Chris McDonald (2-for-3, homer, two RBI); Cody Coleman (2-for-4, three RBI); Josh DeYonker (2-for-3, two runs); Brandon Jurczyszyn (2-for-3) and Jake Semak (2-for-3). Austin Stevens also scored three runs for the Spartans, who led 6-3 before scoring six runs in the bottom of the sixth.

Mike Kanitra, who pitched five innings allowing three runs on three hits and four walks, earned the victory. He struck out four. Brett Ramirez was Salem's top hitter going 2-for-4 with three RBI Aaron Moore and Demetrius Dunlap also added two hits apiece. Jeremy St. Laurent, who gave up six runs on 10 hits and four walks in five innings, suffered the loss for Salem. STEVENSON 4, SALEM 3: On Wednesday, Josh DeYonker's 2-run homer in the bottom of the seventh inning sent the game into extra innings and host Livonia Stevenson

(9-1, 5-0) went on to beat the Rocks (3-8, 0-4) in a KLAA Central Division

Boyd, however, said Thompson deserved credit for the rally killer.

"He did a nice job on that suicide squeeze they ran with the bases loaded, putting that pitch up and out and forcing their guy board against Wildcats starter (and winning pitcher) Austin Ebeling, who gave up just two hits and struck out four over five innings

Stafford walked with two outs and scored following an infield single and error.

Despite the double loss, Blomshield said the Chiefs generally are playing well (7-4, 3-3). He said some players have been dealing with injuries and younger players are still settling into their roles.

Both Park rivals play non-

#### battle.

Jake Semak, who led off the bottom of the 10th with a single, scored the game-winning run when he came home on a balk by Salem reliever Nick March, who pitched the final two innings and suffered the loss. DeYonker, Mike Vomastek, Chris McDonald and Austin Stevens each went 2-for-4 for the victorious Spartans, while Demetrius Dunlop and Aaron Moore each went 2-for-5 for Salem

Nick Lagerstrom, who pitched five scoreless innings in relief of Semak, the starter, earned the victory Lagerstrom allowed just two hits, walked none and struck out seven.

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#### **Blazers win rematch** Wildcats, Chiefs split pair of D2 state finalists **By Tim Smith**

Two state girls soccer finalists from a year ago squared off Wednesday night with Livonia Ladywood putting on a dominating display of soccer en route to a 6-0 win over visiting Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

The Blazers, last year's state runner-up in Division 2 and ranked No. 3, improved to 12-0-1 overall and 6-0 in the Catholic League with the victory.

"Our roster was extremely solid from top to bottom tonight," said Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker, whose team outshot the Ventures, 33-2.

The Blazers scored five times in the first half including three goals during the opening 12 minutes

Kelly Capoccia scored twice in the seventh and 12th minutes from Emily Huddleston and Liz Danger. DeYana Walker also added a goal in the 11th

minute from Huddleston. Domenique Sarnecky made it 4-0 in the 32nd minute from Paige Brennan and Erin Cronyn notched her 10th of the season from Brennan just a minute later.

Capoccia completed her hat trick five minutes into the second half off an assist from Marissa Ozog. Foley, the defending Division 4 state champion and ranked No. 10, falls to 2-6 overall and 2-5 in the league.

Ladywood goalkeepers Sara Even and Whitney Bauriedl did not have to make a save in posting the shutout.

**Rachel Fischer and** Taiesha McCoy combined for 14 saves for the Ventures.

The Ladywood win set up a showdown with defending Catholic League champion Birmingham Marian Saturday night at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac.

#### **Observer Staff Writer**

When Plymouth takes on Canton, players from both teams always leave it all out on the softball field

Such was the case Wednesday, when the visiting Wildcats made a handful of brilliant catches to enable Plymouth to win 7-3 and split a KLAA South Division doubleheader.

Canton took the opener 2-1 as the Chiefs' tandem of starter Alyssa Boucher and Hannah Warren outdueled Plymouth pitchers Elaine Gerou and Mikayela Marciniak.

Driving in the winning run with a double for Canton (7-1 overall, 3-1 in the KLAA South) was Cathleen Porter.

The Chiefs then got off to a quick start in Game 2, as Porter homered in the bottom of the first. But after going up 3-0, the Wildcats quickly tied the contest and pulled ahead to stay.



Rounding second base Wednesday for Plymouth is Elaine Gerou. In the background is Canton's Paige Aresco.

A big reason for that was defense. Plymouth head coach Val Canfield listed four highlight plays that helped in Game 2. She said Allison Raylean made two sliding catches in right field, Cassidy Hewitt "had a full-out horizontal catch

in center field (and) Alex Rakovitis had a beautiful catch over head (at) the fence.'

The Wildcats (8-2, 5-1) tallied 13 hits, paced by Bri Giordano's 3-for-4 game, including a homer to center field. Giordano drove in three runs.

Marciniak doubled and tripled in four atbats, while Brittney Miller enjoyed a 3-for-3 day with two doubles. Brooke Senkbeil chipped in with two . hits.

Although the Wildcats outhit Canton 8-4, Canfield said "we stranded runners on base and didn't have timely hits."

The lack of offense in the clutch also hampered the Chiefs.

"Both teams played extremely well," Canton head coach Jim Arnold said. "But we just couldn't get the timely hits when we needed them (in the nightcap). But I'm happy with where we're at; we're still pretty young."

Porter went 3-for-3 for Canton in the second game, with Jesse Larner also having a big game at the plate (3-for-4). Chipping in with two hits was Kendyl Richter.

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## PCA's Crown sets mark at Shrine

Led by a record-breaking performance by Terra Crown in the girls twomile run, Plymouth Christian Academy registered a number of excellent performances at the annual Royal Oak Shrine Invitational held on April 14.

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Crown also was first in the 1,600-meter run while teammate Karen Windle placed first in the 800 run.

No team scores were kept at the 11-team meet, hosted by veteran Shrine coach Wright Wilson who PCA coach Jennifer Lemieux said "has been extremely supportive of our team and is a great coach."

Spectators gained admission into the meet by bringing canned food to support the Gleaners Community Food Bank.

In addition to Plymouth Christian and Shrine, boys and girls teams taking part included Lutheran Westland, Huron Valley Lutheran, Allen Park Cabrini, Oakland Christian, Detroit Cristo Rey, Detroit Loyola, Detroit University Prep, Newport Lutheran South and Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

Livonia Ladywood also participated in the girls portion of the race.

Following is a look at how PCA athletes did at the Shrine Invitational:

BOYS RESULTS LONG JUMP: 1. Adam Abbott (Cristo Rey), 19-feet, 4.5inches; 4. Torre Crown (PCA), 16-10; HIGH JUMP: 1. Jim Gass (Cabrini), 5-10; SHOT PUT: 1. Dawson Davenport (LW), 43-10.75; 22. Robert Stafford (PCA), 22nd, 27-8.75; DISCUS: 1. Davenport (LW), 118-0; 12. Stafford (PCA), 77-10; 110 HURDLES: 1. Zach Makowski (Cabrini), 19.18 seconds; 100

#### DASH: 1. Donovan Jackson (Loyola), 11.65; 15. Kurtis McKensie (PCA), 12.47; 1600 RUN: 1. Matt Sutton (Shrine), 4:57.72; 6. Trevor Baloga (PCA), 5:11.21; 400 DASH: Jim Gass (Cabrini), 54.02; Jimmy Parks (PCA), 55.00; Jacob Bailey (PCA), 55.62; McKensie (PCA), 58.79; 300 HURDLES: 1. Makowski (Cabrini), 46.40; 7. Jake Nichols (PCA), 51.56; 800 RUN: 1. Sut-ton (Shrine), 2:10.90; 2. Bailey (PCA), 2:15.41; 7. Parks (PCA), 2:22.72; 9. Ian Rose (PCA), 2:27.88; 200 DASH: 1. Jason Marzette (Loyola), 23.05; 2. Parks (PCA), 24.28; 10. Bailey (PCA), 25.28; 3200 RUN: 1. Ben Kendell (Shrine), 10:44.97 3. Baloga (PCA), 11:33.28; **RANDOM RELAY (Progres**sive - 400, 300, 200, 100): 1 Loyola (Marzette, Blye, Lige,

Jackson), 2:12.00; 3. Plymouth Christian, 2:28.95.

#### **GIRLS RESULTS**

LONG JUMP: 1.Summer Lewis (LW), 14 feet, 11.5 inches; HIGH JUMP: 1. Irene Peaslee (Shrine), 4-8; SHOT PUT: 1. Abby Pierce (LNW), 29-4; DISCUS: 1. Leah Refenes (LW), 83-0; 110 HURDLES: 1. Claire Romano (Shrine), 19.15; 100 DASH: 1. Mary Mitchell (UP), 12.90; 24. Leah Dotson (PCA), 17.02; 1600 RUN: 1. Terra Crown (PCA), 5:50.34; 400 DASH: 1. Lizzie Rouce (LNW), 1:04.75; 2. Karen Windle (PCA), 1:05.72; 4. Rachel Smith (PCA), 1:08.44; 14. Sydney Carpenter (PCA), 1:17.21; 17. Megan McHugh (PCA), 1:18.72; 25. Dotson (PCA), 1:23.65; 300 HURDLES: 1. Hannah Gove (Loyola), 54.68; 5. Smith (PCA), 58.02; 800 **RUN:** 1. Windle (PCA), 2:36.40; 10. Carpenter (PCA), 3:12.43; 11. McHugh (PCA), 3:13.09; 200 DASH: 1. Mitchell (UP), 26.68; 11. Smith (PCA), 31.05; 28. Carpenter (PCA), 34.08; 35. Dotson (PCA), 35.64; 44. McHugh (PCA), 37.31; 3200 RUN: 1. Crown (PCA), 12:28.75 (new meet record); RANDOM **RELAY** (Progressive - 400, 300, 200, 100): 1 Lutheran Northwest (Rouce, Holycross, Irwin, Santos), 2:47.50; 2 Plymouth Christian, 2:52.84.

#### **DUAL MATCH RESULTS** LIVONIA STEVENSON 6 SALEM 3

**April 24 at Stevenson** No. 1 singles: Aimee Moccia (LS) defeated Ashley Walker, 6-3, 6-1; No. 2: Caroline Hay (LS) def. Sushmi Diraviam, 7-6 (7-3), 6-2; No. 3: Kathryn Malkowski (LS) def. Narges Pourmandi, 6-2, 6-2; No. 4: Taylor Tinham (LS) def. Tiffany Chan, 6-2, 6-2

No. 1 doubles: Lexie Ranski-Laura Shureb (LS) def. Courtney Marcch-Katie Vena, 7-6 (6-4), 6-3; No. 2: Kathy Kemp-Sarah Bellaire (Salem) def. Batool Hussain-Shelby Seay, 6-2, 7-5; No. 3: Meghan Barry-Monica Topol ovec (Salem) def. Josie Abdulbaki-Maddie Chimento, 6-0, 6-2; No. 4: Sam DiGivoanni-Sarah Morse (LS) def. Abi Collingwood-Julia Miereles, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3; No. 5: Maggie Sneideman-Lily Gonzalez (Salem) def. Lauren Schaffer-Arryn Dochenetz, 6-2, 6-1. Dual match records: Stevenson, 3-1 overall, 2-1 KLAA Central Division; Salem, 1-4 overall, 1-4 KLAA Central.

**DUAL MATCH RESULTS** 

**PLYMOUTH 152** 

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 153

April 25 at Whis. Willows

Plymouth scorers: Josh Heinze, 36; Kyle Rodes and Chris Kozier, 38 each;

John Tatti, 40; Ryan Rieckhoff and

Churchill scorers: Ben Proben, 35

and Andrew Ioanou, 40 each; Cory

nar Savalox, 40; Michael Groff, 41;

Andrew Lloyd, 42; Corey Smith, 44;

(medalist); Eric Hill, 38; Doug Simpson

Plymouth JV: Alex Decker, 40; Gun-

Craig Whatley, 41 each.

Dare, 43; Nick Proben, 46.

#### GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 5 **CANTON 4** 

**April 24 at Churchill** No. 1 singles: Churchill won 6-3, 6-0; No. 2: Churchill, 6-1, 6-1; No. 3: Churchill, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Churchill, 6-2, 7-5.

No. 1 doubles: Sydney Liedel-Erin Fowler (C) won 6-3, 6-4; No. 2: Claire Babala-Jennifer Ghandhour (C), 7-5, 6-2; No. 3: Kristen Hollingsworth-Emily Erley (LC), 5-7, 6-3, 7-5; No. 4: Jamie Emens-Kinari Shah (C), 3-6, 6-1, 7-5; No. 5: Jasmine Henry-Alexis Madau (C), 6-1, 7-5.

#### **PLYMOUTH 9** WAYNE MEMORIAL 0 **April 19 at Plymouth**

No. 1 singles: Lindsay Stemberger (P) def. Stephanie Tomlin, 6-1, 6-3; No. 2: Miranda Cerny (P) def. Lil Reid, 6-1, 6-0; No. 3: Sarah Gamble (P) def. Janae' Strickland, 6-2, 6-0; No. 4: Shannon Huff (P) def. Destiny Bullock, 6-1, 6-2. No. 1 doubles: Marlowe Susselman-Lauren Chipman (P) def. Angelia Baker-Kaise Macairan, 6-1, 6-3; No. 2: Sarah Dillon-Katie Bartek (P) def. Sarah Shurge-Jennifer Tyson, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3:

#### BOYS GOLF RESULTS

#### Connor Zydeck.

Dual match record: Plymouth, 2-0 overall, 2-0 KLAA South Division. CANTON 162 WAYNE MEMORIAL 216

April 25 at Hilltop G.C.

Canton scorers: Donnie Trosper, 36; Josh Maxim, 37; Carter Schenk, 44; Chris Dooley, 45

Wayne scorers: Zachary Williamson, 46; Jarret Williamson, 49; Austin St. Peter, 50; Mike Smith, 71. Dual match record: Canton, 4-0 overall, 4-0 KLAA South Division.

Carly Curvin-Lindsey Dean (P) def. Kara Burton-Samantha Schoonover, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Amber Maroudis-Allison Schroeder (P) def. Breanna Pate-Rosevelle Silvera, 6-3, 6-1; No. 5: Eleni Mouzakis-Valerie Kolesar (P) def. Sarah Marshall-Erin Diarcy, 6-1, 6-0; No. 6: Hannah Cobare-Katie Weyers (P) def. Kendelle Hood-Katie Penrose, 6-1, 6-2.

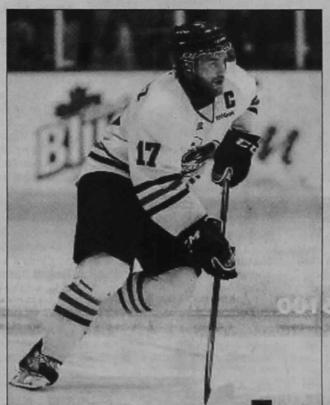
#### CANTON 6 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 3 April 18 at Canton

No. 1 singles: Franklin, 6-0, 6-2; No. 2: Franklin, 6-4, 6-3; No. 3: Haylee Cook (C) def. Natalie Mays, 6-4, 6-2; No. 4: Franklin won by default. No. 1 doubles: Sydney Liedel-Erin Fowler (C) def. J. Buchanczenko-K. Buchanczenko, 6-3, 6-7, 6-1; No. 2: Maddison Johnson-Emily Erley (C) def. Morgan Witherspoon-Anna Mozota, 6-4, 5-7, 6-3; No. 3: Claire Babala-Jennifer Ghandour (C) def. Sarah Godinski-Laura Corp, 6-3, 6-2; No. 4: Jamie Emens-Kinari Shah (C) def. Kelsey Sitarski-Madison Eisenhower, 6-2, 6-3; No. 5: Jasmine Henry-Alexis Madau (C) def. Amanda Lyon-Allison Karcynski, 6-1, 6-2.

#### **PINCKNEY INVITATIONAL** April 21 at Rush Lake G.C.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Pinckney (Black), 316 strokes; 2. Walled Lake Northern, 321; 3. Birmingham Groves, 325; 4. Plymouth A, 327; 5. Richland Gull Lake, 330; 6. Livonia Stevenson, 332; 16. Plymouth B, 357 Plymouth A: 6.Chris Kozler, 78; John Tatti, 86; Ryan Rieckhoff, 84; Craig Whatley, 84; Gunnar Savalox, 90. Plymouth B: Alex Decker, 84; Eric Thompson, 86; Ryan Riva, 92; Jack Marentic, 95; Daniel Furlong, 102.

## Whalers' Schmitz inks NHL deal with Carolina



Plymouth Whalers defenseman and team captain Beau Schmitz last week signed a threeyear, entry-level contract with Carolina of the NHL.

Schmitz, a Howell native, received a contract that will pay him \$525,000 per season at the NHL level or \$50,000 per year in the minors along with a \$50,000 signing bonus.

Announcing the deal was Carolina assistant general manager Jason Karmanos.

"Beau had an exceptional overage season with Plymouth," said Karmanos. "His game matured both offensively and defensively, and we are excited to add a character individual like him to our organization."

(14), assists (40) and points (54).

He ranked tied for third among all Ontario Hockey League skaters with a plus-37 plus/minus rating, while playing in 62 of Plymouth's 68 regular-season games. T

In four seasons with Plymouth, the 5-10, 193pound Schmitz scored 35 goals, earned 116 assists and accumulated 350 penalty minutes in 244 career OHL regular-season games. He played for the Hurricanes' squads at the NHL Prospects' Tournament in Traverse City, MI, in 2010 and 2011.

Schmitz is the second Whaler to sign with the Hurricanes this year. Defenseman Austin Levi (Farmington Hills) also inked an NHL entry-lev-

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Central leader Novi, by a 68-60 score.

The high points for the Rocks included sweeping the top three spots in the long jump and 300 hurdles. Winning the long jump

was Chris Dierker, with a mark of 18-feet, 9-inches. He was followed by teammates Drake Jordan (18-7.5) and Joe Amado (18-7.25).

110-0). The Rocks (1-3) also won the 800- and 1,600-meter relays with respective times of 1:33 and 3:40.6.

In the 300 hurdles, Ama-

do finished in 41.09 for

first place. Salem's Herve

Nonga (44.89) and Justin

Broughman (45.66) fin-

ished 2-3 in that event.

Other victories were

scored by Amado (110

hurdles, 15.1), Dan Car-

rigan (shot put, 41-0.75)

and Nick Howie (discus,



The Carolina Hurricanes signed Plymouth Whalers defenseman and Howell native Beau Schmitz to an NHL entrylevel contract.

Schmitz, 21, completed his fourth season of major-junior hockey in 2011-12, leading all Whalers defensemen in goals

el deal. Meanwhile, Plymouth goalie Scott Wedgewood recently signed with the New Jersey Devils.

#### PLYMOUTH CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PLYMOUTH, MI 48170 **SECTION 00 11 13** ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bid for the Alternative Energy Solutions Projects for Plymouth Canton Community Schools' Bid Package #5 consisting of:

#### Site Lighting Replacement at Plymouth High School

will be received at the office of Mr. Killian Brodie, Executive Director for Business Services, Plymouth Canton Community Schools, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 until <u>11:00 a.m.</u> local time on Thursday, May 10, 2012 at which time they will be opened and read publicly at Plymouth Canton Community School, E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170.

Bids received after this time and date will be returned unopened.

#### Faxed or e-mailed proposals will not be accepted.

This Bid Package will consist of a separate sealed bid for the following Bid Division: 143 Electrical

Bidding documents prepared by TMP Architecture, Inc. will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335; the Dodge Plan Room, CAM, Reed, and Builders Exchange, Lansing.

Bidders may obtain one (1) set of full size bidding documents, beginning at 3:00 P.M. on Monday, April 23, 2012, by contacting the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., at (248) 427-8400. Additional plans may be ordered and purchased directly from Dunn Blue Reprographics Technology, (248) 288-5600. Bids are to be subtritted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc. The bid division(s) being bid is/are to be identified on the outside of the envelope

There will be a pre-bid meeting held on Thursday, April 26, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the project, schedule and to answer any questions that bidders may have.

All bids should include 2 copies (1 original, 1 copy) of the Proposal Pricing Form (Section 00 41 26) and the Proposal Execution Form (Section 00 42 00). The Proposal Execution Form provides a space for the bidder to disclose any familial relationship as required by Section 1267 of the Revised School Code, as amended, MCL 380.1267 and this form must be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted.

All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security, in either the form of a bid bond or certified check, in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to Plymouth Canton Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the school district is secured from loss or damage by reason of the withdrawal of the bid or failure of the bidder to enter a contract for performance. Further, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract.

If awarded a contract, the successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond. Plymouth Canton Community Schools reserve the right to reject any or all bids received and to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding.

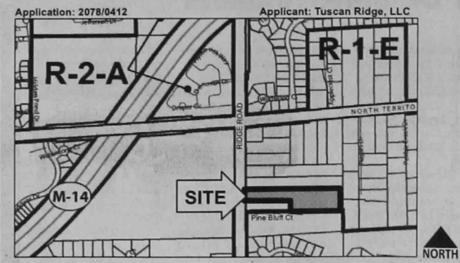
This project is to be bid at the state prevailing wage rate. The project is subject to both the state prevailing wage law and the federal Davis-Bacon Act as it relates to reporting and compliance requirements.

This project is authorized by Plymouth Canton Community School's Board of Education Secretary Ms. Judy Mardigian.

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

<b>PROPOSED ACTION:</b>	Request Approval to Amend a Cluster Housing Site Plan
DATE OF HEARING:	Wednesday, May 16, 2012
TIME OF HEARING:	7:00 pm
PLACE OF HEARING:	Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road

NOTICE OF HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received an application requesting approval to AMEND THE SITE PLAN for the Tuscan Hills cluster housing development in the Single Family Residential District (R-1-E), on Tax IDs R-78-038-02-0001-000, R-78-038-02-0002-000, R-78-038-02-0003-000, R-78-038-02-0004-000 and R-78-038-02-0005-000 pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99, Section 22.12. The property is located North of Pinebluff Ct, South of North Territorial, East of Ridge Road, West of Naples Dr.



LEGAL DESCRIPTION: for parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID No.(s): R-78-038-02-0001-000, R-78-038-02-0002-000, R-78-038-02-0003-000, R-78-038-02-0004-000 and R-78-038-02-0005-000.

The application may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 or call 734-354-3270, extension 6. The meeting will be held in the meeting room at Township Hall which is located at 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township meetings to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Phone 734-354-3201. TDD users: 800-849-3777 (Michigan Relay Service)

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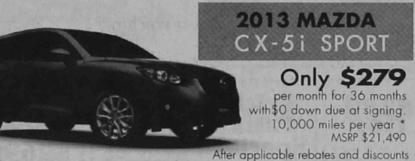


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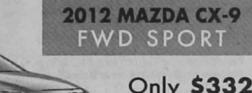
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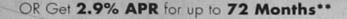
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# COMMUNITY LIFE

## Local CROP walks raise awareness, money for hunger relief programs

#### By Sharon Dargay O&E Staff Writer

Lea Luger, executive director of Yad Ezra, the kosher food pantry based in Berkley, advocates for hungry children and adults every day.

On Sunday, May 6, she'll pound the pavement for them, too.

Luger will log several miles with other "like-minded" advocates during the 27th Annual Farmington/Farmington Hills/ West Bloomfield CROP walk. Yad Ezra, which serves 1,500 families with supplemental food each month, is among the fundraiser's beneficiaries and a sponsor of the event, which begins and ends at First United Methodist Church of Farmington.

'The reason Yad Ezra participates is that as a kosher food pantry, we are not only concerned about Jewish families lacking sustenance, but we're concerned about the hunger issue globally. It's one way to partner with anti-hunger agencies in the greater community, to raise awareness and funds for the issue," she said. "We don't believe anyone should be hungry. Hunger is solvable. There is enough food in this country. The issue is making it the priority it should be." Church World Service, a

Church World Service, a Christian organization with a mission to eradicate hunger and poverty, sponsors CROP walks in local communities nationwide in the spring and fall. Participating churches and synagogues choose beneficiaries for 25 percent of the funds raised through the walk in their community. The rest of the money goes toward Church World Service's programs nationally and around the globe.



Gwen (left) and Elizabeth Fair take the lead as they walk in last year's CROP walk through Westland. That's Bradley and Jodi Ross walking hand-in-hand behind them, with Cheryl Evancho taking up the rear.

Yad Ezra will share 25 percent of the Farmington CROP walk proceeds with Neighborhood House, The Salvation Army, Baldwin Center in Pontiac and St. Alexander's Food Cupboard. Last year approximately 200 walkers, representing 18 churches and synagogues, raised \$26,747.

The Rev. Mary Biedron of North Congregational Church, coordinator of the Farmington walk for the past 11 years, expects 300 or more walkers this year for the 10K (6.2 miles) route or the two-mile mini-walk. All participants will receive a teal-colored event shirt that they can wear as they walk through neighborhoods in Farmington and Farmington Hills. "We have people who run the walk. The mini-walk is favored by people with strollers and their dogs," Biedron said. "We've walked through these neighborhoods for years now. We have lots of people who come out and wave and say hi."

#### **In Westland**

Marlea Pfeil, co-coordinator with Linda Bierbaum for the 18th annual Wayne-Westland CROP walk, says a neighborhood route is important.

"We like to walk throughout the neighborhoods for awareness," she said. "We like to let the neighborhood know what we're doing. We have pledge sheets. People can donate or just walk with us. The community is invited." Wayne-Westland CROP walk participants will register at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 6, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and begin their twomile walk at 3 p.m. Optional 3- and 4-mile walks are available on the Stevenson Junior High track.

Last year approximately 120 walkers from 10 churches raised \$14,000.

"Our goal is really \$12,000," Pfeil said. "We welcome other churches to join. We've had some Canton churches participate and a Garden City church."

Good Hope Lutheran Church in Garden City is among the walk's beneficiaries this year. The church runs a food pantry and will share 25 percent of the Wayne-Westland CROP walk proceeds with FISH of Wayne-Westland, The Salvation Army in Westland, and the John Bolde Memorial Community Food & Commodity Bank run by St. Mary Catholic Parish in Wayne.

Pfeil said Church World Service's sterling reputation as a hunger and poverty relief agency, is part of the reason that local residents participate in CROP walk year after year.

"It's a good organization. They work through established agencies in other countries and do disaster relief. But a lot of the work is also sustainable projects like water projects for growing food. Or empowering women.

"If you know where the funds are going, then you are more willing to participate," she noted.

Food and refreshments will be served after both the Farmington-area walk and the Wayne-Westland walk.

For more information about the Farmington walk, call Biedron at North Congregational Church, (248) 848-1750. For more about the Wayne-Westland walk, e-mail Pfeil at marlsew@aol.com or call Bierbaum at (734) 728-7054. Other local CROP walks:

Other local CROP walks: Redford's CROP Walk starts with registration at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 29 at Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church, 17116 Olympia, Redford Township; (313) 534-9000.

Southfield's CROP Walk starts with registration at 1 p.m. May 6 at First Baptist Church of Detroit, 21100 Southfield Road, just north of Eight Mile, in Southfield; (248) 569-2972 or e-mail fbcdetroit@ comcast.net.







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#### Livonia Garden Club

• Paula Kraus, past president of the Master Gardener's Association of Wayne County, will present "Herbs in the Gar-den," 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 1, at the Livonia Senior Center, located at Five Mile and Farmington Road. She will talk about growing and using herbs. Visitors are welcome.

• The Club sponsors its annual plant sharing, rain or shine, 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Saturday, May 12, at Greenmead, located at Newburgh and Eight Mile. Questions? Call (734) 425-6880.

#### Tomato, pepper plants

Wayne County Master 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.

#### **Peony Festival**

The Peony Garden in the U-M Nichols Arboretum at Matthai Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor shows 27 beds of peonies arranged by season and color and boasts the largest collection of antique and heirloom peonies in North America. Because of winter's warm finale last month, the peony garden is expected to bloom a few weeks earlier this year. The Peony Festival runs May 15-June 5 at 1610 Washington Heights, Ann Arbor and will include self-guided tours, peonyinspired art and a cut-flower display. For more information, check the The Peony Garden at Nichols Arboretum Facebook page or call (734) 647-7600.



Women can learn to let their "brilliance shine" at a one-day workshop, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at 27565 Spring Valley Drive, Farmington Hills

Sidney Bonvallet, founder of Helping Hands Touching Hearts Charity will host the event. Liz Kearns, a healthy lifestyle coach, will lead the workshop

The workshop is designed to help women understand that it's never too late to "follow your star" to seek, grow and re-invent yourself.

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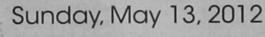
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 Know it is okay to shine Cost is \$99 and includes lunch if registered before or on May 14. Cost is \$109 at the door. Make checks payable to Helping Hands Touching Hearts. Credit cards and cash also will be accepted. Register at Liz@AwakenMindfulness. com or call Liz at (248) 474-3982. RSVP by May 14. Call Bonvallet with any questions at (248) 514-3022.

Half of the proceeds will go Helping Hands Touching Hearts charity for its work with the Venda tribe in Africa. The charity aims to build classrooms, provide mosquito nets for malaria protection, fund poultry and garden projects, teach useful skills to tribe members, and provide shoes and clothing for children.





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Details: Bag sale and half-off are needed for the sale. Drop off p.m. and 5-8 p.m. Monday-Wednesday at the back door of the church. The church also will er ink cartridges and cell phones Contact: (248) 626-7619

#### RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: Pre-sale, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 16; regular sale,

Location: St. Matthew Lutheran Church and School, 5885 Venoy, north of Ford, south of Warren Road, Westland

Details: Pre-sale admission is \$1;

CLASSES/STUDY

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church** 

Details: Open Arms Bible class

Contact: Pastor Scott Sessler at

#### Men's Bible study

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.

Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Town-

#### **New Life Community Church**

Sundays.

day, May 5

Theodore Parish office or from

Mary at (734) 425-4421, (voice

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Thursday,

Details: Donna Jones, wife of

Catholic deacon Alex Jones, will

be the evening's keynote speaker,

sharing the story of her two-year

evangelical Detroit congregation.

Her story explains this momen-

tous, life- and career-changing

husband that it was God's will

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took to convince herself and her

for both of them. Tickets are \$28

dinner served family style. A cash

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Contact: (734) 261-1455, ext.

207; www.livoniastmichael.org

Time/Date: Doors open at 6:30

p.m.; showtime is 7 p.m. Satur-

Location: St. Matthew Lutheran

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Time/Date: Dinner, 5:30 p.m.,

followed by the series, 7 p.m.,

Wednesdays through May 23

Location: First Church of the

Details: "Have a New Kid by Fri-

day!" is the new parenting series

by Kevin Leman. Cost for dinner

is \$5. The series began April 18

Time/Date: Pre-sale is 5-8 p.m.

Thursday, May 3; regular sale 9

a.m.-1 p.m. Friday, May 4 and 9

Contact: (248) 348-7600

RUMMAGE/BAKE SALE

a.m.-noon, Saturday, May 5

Location: Newburg United

Arbor Trail, Livonia

tique and bake sale

Methodist Church, 36500 Ann

Details: Pre-sale admission is \$2

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Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month

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Contact: John Shulenberger at (734) 464-9491

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Contact: (734) 261-1455, ext. 200 **GRIEF SUPPORT** 

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. May 1, 8, 15, 22 and 23

Location: Holy Family Parish, 24505 Meadowbrook, Novi

Details: Grieving with Great Hope, a four-week grief support series for individuals who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Presenters will include The Rev. Bob La Croix as well John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a Catholic bereavement organization. Register by calling the church or visiting Good Mourning Ministry's Web site

Contact: (248) 349-8847; www. holyfamilynovi.org

#### **GRIEF SUPPORT**

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. beginning Tuesday, May 1 for six weeks

Location: Congregation Shaarey Zedek, 27375 Bell, Southfield

Details: No charge, nonsectarian community service of SPACE for Changing Families, National Council of Jewish Women Greater Detroit Section, is aimed at those who have lost a spouse or partner. Registration required Contact: (248) 355-9936 or e-

mail Space@ncjwgds.org

#### GUEST SPEAKER

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Saturday, May 19

Location: Grace Lutheran Church, located on Warren Road between Beck and Canton Center, in Canton

Details: Radio host Bob Dutko of WMUZ, 103.5 FM's "The Bob Dutko Show" is the guest speaker. Dutko also hosts a nationally syndicated talk show called "Defending the Truth with Bob Dutko." No admission charge, although freewill donations will

a.m., lunch at noon, Saturday, May 5

Location: St. Theodore Parish social hall, 8200 N. Wayne, Westland

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#### **CINCO DE MAYO**

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Saturday, May 5

Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia

Details: The dance is aimed at adults with developmental disabilities, special needs and their caretakers. Admission is free and snacks and refreshments will be served

Contact: For reservations call (248) 442-8822

#### CONCERT

Time/Date: 3 p.m. Sunday, May

Location: Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 Fort, Detroit Details: The Fort Street Chorale performs Dvorak's "Stabat Mater." Tickets are \$20 Contact: (313) 961-4533; www. fortstreet.org

#### DINNER DANCE

Time/Date: 5 p.m. social hour, 6 p.m. buffet dinner, Sunday, May 20

Location: Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of St. Mary, 18100

#### Merriman, Livonia

Details: Annual "Spring Fling" dinner dance to benefit retired Orthodox priests and priests' widows will include music by the Offbeats and entertainment for children. Tickets, including dinner and refreshments, is \$40 per person, with children, 12 and under, admitted without charge

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Time/Date: Register from 6-7 p.m.; play begins at 7 p.m., Saturday, May 12 Location: St. Michael School, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plym-

outh Road, Livonia Details: Walk-ins are welcome but registration is encouraged. Cost is \$15 per player and all skill levels are welcome. Must be 18 and over to play. Partners will be randomly assigned for each round. Food and snacks are provided and players may bring their own choice of beverage. All proceeds will benefit the eighth grade class trip



Church, 355 W. Maple, at Chester in Birmingham Details: The St. James Choir,

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Time/Date: 1-7 p.m. Tuesday, May 15

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geons, neurologists and vascular specialists. Which one he chooses depends on his assessment of the temperament of the surgeon and the state of mind of the patient. At other times the doctor wants to match up the needs of the patient with the expertise of the specialist. For example: a patient with instability of the ankle may be better off seeing an orthopedic ankle and foot specialist rather than being evaluated by a general orthopedist.

In most cases, the doctor making the referral will send a letter to the physician being referred, with the patient's diagnosis, the reason why the patient needs the referral, and what the patient expects to learn from the referral appointment.

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Post-operative patients from the Michigan Bariatric Institute will sell gently-used, plus-size clothing, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, May 5, in the south lobby at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, at Levan, Livonia.

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

subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bieske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups.

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## Vote, donate or golf to help rescued animals

#### By Sharon Dargay O&E Staff Writer

Escanaba or Redford? Vote for Better Life Canine Center in AnimalRescueSite.com's shelter challenge and you'll nudge the Redford-based dog rescue and retraining organization closer to a top prize.

For several weeks, the Center held the top slot among the Michigan animal welfare groups that are competing in the online contest. Supporters can vote daily on the site. But an Escanababased shelter recently surged ahead, and Better Life Canine Center, a nonprofit organization, dropped into second place.

"I believe we will win a regional prize of \$1,000 if we remain #1 in Michigan," said Amanda Brooks, a member. "If we win, the majority of the funds will go towards vetting and training. That is what most of our funds go to all the time. Along with love, those are our top priorities for each of our rescue dogs."

The contest ends June 17. To keep Better Life Canine Center at the head of the pack, vote every day at www.theanimalrescuesite.com.

#### Working the streets Guardian Angels Ani-

mal Rescue recently pulled a puppy, now named "Blue," from an abandoned home in Detroit. He was the only dog from a litter of four still alive in the house. Volunteers for the Livo-

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nia/Westland-area nonprofit also rescued a kitten from the same house. He's dubbed Miracle.

A neighbor told the volunteers that a man hit the de-clawed kitten with a shovel as he played outside the house, said Guardian Angels president, Sandra Mezza, in an e-mail.

"There is not enough skin left on his head to stitch so they are going to take skin from his neck," Mezza wrote. "Keep him in your prayers and also pray that no other animal crosses the path of this monster who did this to him."

Guardian Angels Animal Rescue accepts donations to help pay for medical costs for its rescued animals, such as Miracle and Blue. Donate online at www.gaarmichigan. org.

Watch some of Guardian Angel's rescued dogs strut their stuff on the fashion runway during the International Women's Show at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 5 and 11 a.m. Sunday, May 6, at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. For more about the show visit www.internationalwomenshow.com.



#### On the greens

Mark your calendar for the Third Annual Shelter to Home Charitable Golf Outing, on Saturday, May 19, at St. John's Golf Course in Plymouth. The outing includes continental breakfast, 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch, and a banquet served with a steak and salmon dinner or a vegetarian meal. The dinner includes all-you-can-drink beer, Guardian Angels Animal Rescue found this puppy, Blue, in an abandoned home in Detroit.

wine and pop, along with prizes, awards and raffle items.

The golf outing format is a four-player scramble, with mini games on the course. The player fee is \$100 per individual or \$400 per team of four. Or attend only the banquet for \$35.

Shelter to Home is a volunteer-based nonprofit organization that was founded in 2007.

Jason Turri, coordinator of Shelter to Home's golf fundraiser with one of the shelter's charges.

The group's mission is to work to save impounded animals in southeastern Michigan by placing them into a home foster care setting until permanent and loving homes can be found. The proceeds from this fundraising event will help Shelter to Home volunteers with day to day operations and build towards the group's longer term goal of supporting the Shelter to Home Adoption Center to help save more animals.

For registration forms and more information, email to info@sheltertohome.com or call Jason Turri, the event coordinator, at (734) 260-3043. Shelter to Home also is accepting donations for event raffle prizes and golf outing sponsorship opportunities are available.





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#### BLACKPORT, VIRGINIA M.

Age 88. April 26, 2012. Beloved wife of the late Jack Blackport. Loving mother of John W (Stacey) Blackport and Kathleen (Dr. Steven) Hadesman. Dear grandmother of Donald, Jon Paul, Cady and Lucas. Memorial Service will be held at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Northville, Monday April 30th at Noon. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation or The National Kidney Foundation. www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com



#### BROWN, LYNETTE RALYA

April 22, 2012, age 85, of Bloomfield Twp. She was born December 15, 1926 in Beloit, Wisconsin. Mrs. Brown was the daughter of the late Lynn and Ethel (nee, Meeker) Rayla. She was a graduate of Michigan State University and Wayne State University, receiving two Master's degrees and an undergraduate degree. She was the president and longtime member of the Oakland Branch of the American Association of University Women. She was also on the Board at the Michigan Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame. Lynette was also a member of Northbrook Presbyterian Church in Beverly Hills. She was the beloved wife of the late Donald A. Brown. Dear mother of Trip (Morag Christie), Alison Heimsath (Robert) and Julie Brown (Mark Rembacki). She is also survived by three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Predeceased by her two brothers. Funeral service was Friday at Northbrook Presbyterian Church, Beverly Hills. Memorial tributes to the American Association of University Women, American the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame or the charity of donor's A.J. Desmond & Sons choice. 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

#### BUCKNER, **ISABEL SUE**

Beloved wife of the late Noel Buchner. Dear mother of Noel (Robin Maisel) Buckner, Kevin

#### HERRICK, VERN D.

Age 88, April 22, 2012. Beloved husband of Jean. Dear father of Dick (Georgia), Bob (Muriel), Judy (Jeff) Jones and Don (Peggy). Loving Grandfather of 6. Beloved great grandfather of 7 Funeral services were held at the First United Methodist Church in Garden City. Memorials suggest-ed to First United Methodist Church (Endowment Fund). Arrangements by Santeiu & Son. www.santeiufuneralhome.com

#### HOLET, JOHN A.

Age 52, dear father of John and Shana Holet. Son of Nancy Guthrie and the late Hassan Holet. Brother of Marion Holet, Susan Otter, Greg Holet and Holly Dreher. Funeral services were held at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home in Garden City. Memorials suggested to the family, santeiufuneralhome.com

#### HOPP McKINLEY, DOROTHY MAE

Age 88, of South Lyon, formerly of Livonia. April 22, 2012. Dorothy was born February 12, 1924 in Detroit, to James and Alma (nee Evans) Brocklehurst Beloved wife of the late Gerald H. Hopp I and Wm. B. McKinley. Loving mother of Gerald H. Hopp II (Susan), Jamie Hopp Gindele (Gary), Janette Hopp (Wayne (Gary), Janette Hopp (wayne Poe), Jean Hopp Jones (Gary) and Jane Hopp Rathbun (Bob). Loving grandmother of Patrick Jones, Brian Jones, Allison Gindele Ashcraft, Corey Hopp, Christopher Gindele, Alex Rathbun, Emily Rathbun, 17 additional grandchildren and 30 greatgrandchildren. Also survived by step-children Wm. M. McKinley, Pam McKinley Letzring (Kurt), T.C. McKinley (Kris), and Cheryl McKinley Drucktennis (John). Also mourning her loss are two brothers, a sister, three sisters-in-law, several cousins, nieces, nephews and many, many friends. Visitation was held at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia Funeral services were at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, Redford Livonia. Interment Cemetery. Charitable donations may be made to the Redford Cemetery Association or the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation-Cincinnati Chapter. Dorothy led a full and productive life for 88 years. She lived for many years with her family in Livonia and then in South Lyon. She was an active member at Rosedale Gardens Church where she served in a number of capacities, Livonia Arts & Letters and many other Civic and Women's groups. Dorothy succumbed to complications from a heart condition. She believed the best things in life were her Family, Faith, Friends, and the Future. She was a friendly, caring neighbor who was always ready to share a batch of cookies, a wonderful pie or her special banana bread. Service to others was central to her life and she represented the best of each of the communities where she resided for over 60 years. She was loving and well loved and will be greatly missed.

#### RICHARDS, BETTY

Age 90 passed away on April 20, 2012 at home surrounded by her loving family. She will be greatly missed by her daughters, Donna, Debbie, and Devon and her sonsin-law, Roger and Tom. She was a devoted grandmother and proud great grandmother of five. A cel-ebration of her life will be held at Riverside Park Church of God. 11771 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI on Saturday, May 26 at 1:00 p.m. Instead of flowers, memorial contributions may be to the Salvation Army, Angela Hospice of Livonia, or Riverside Park Church



#### JOHN M. "JACK"

April 19, 2012 after a valiant battle with lymphoma. Age 86 Brother of Nancy Sanders Chickering and the late Frederick Sanders, III. Uncle of Christopher Sanders (Chris Theisen), John Sanders, Duncan Sanders-Fleming (Alison), Charlie Frick (Nancy), Joan Marquart (Rob), Betsy Petoskey (Charlie), Susie Carlman (Dan) and Carol Burden (Bill). Also survived by many great nieces and nephews and innumerable dear friends. Preceded in death by his parents, Fred W. and Dorothy (nee Martin) Sanders. Memorial service Monday April 30th 11:30a.m at Christ Church Cranbrook, Lone Pine west of Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Memorial tributes to Horizons Upward Bound, Cranbrook Schools or Amherst College. View obituary and share memories at

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#### YOUNG, VERA BROWN

Departed this life on July 29, 2011 "Just a Whisper" in Lake Leelanau at the age of 94. Vera was born on March 1st, 1917 in Nyack New York. On the 4th of

### **Milestones**



Paul and Carolyn Herrick of Redford at Christmas last year



Paul and Carolyn Herrick of Redford on their wedding day in 1962





#### 50th wedding anniversary

Paul J. and Carolyn M. (Waring) Herrick of Redford marked their 50th wedding anniversary April 28. The couple married in 1962 at St. Gregory the Great Church, Detroit.

The couple has two children, Raymond Herrick of Northville and Christine Pendleton of South Lyon.

They also have seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Paul retired in 1999 from Detroit Diesel Corporation. He also was an elected UAW official for more than 30 years.

Carolyn, a homemak-er, has held every elected board position in the Redford Suburban League, including president. She has been on the board for the Redford Library millage election and area captain for Judge Karen Khalil's election team.

The Herricks are longtime supporters of Red-ford Union High School athletics. Carolyn served many years as the sponsor of the Redford Union High School Flag Twirlers

The Herricks winter in Cape Coral, Fla., and have traveled extensively throughout the world.

They celebrated their milestone anniversary with family and friends . at the Courthouse Grill in Plymouth.

#### 65th wedding anniversary

Walter and Eleanor (Brown) Burger marked their 65th wedding anniversary April 12. The couple, from Livonia, married in 1947 at St. James Lutheran Church in Elmer.

The couple's children are Denise Mazzei of Brighton, Paula Nelson of Redford, Deborah Burger of Oak Park, David Burger of Holly, and the late William Burger. They have five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Eleanor is a retired

Melissa) Buckner, Elizabeth (the late Patrick Herbert) Buckner and Alexandra (Bruce Guile) Buckner. Dearest sister of Nancy Bauer. Also survived by six loving grandchildren and many other family members and friends. A MEMORIAL SERVICE WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2012 AT 2:00PM AT THE BIRMINGHAM UNITARI-AN CHURCH, 38651 WOOD-WARD AVE, BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI 48304. (248) 647-2380

#### DEXTER, **REV. MARGO BYERS**

Peacefully passed with her family surrounding her on April 22, 2012 at the age of 55. Loving mother of Justin, Ashleigh (Matt) Schiffman, Charles Jr., and Brent, Beloved daughter of Thomas and the late Alice Byers. Dear sister of Jason (Patty) and Lori Byers. Memorial Service will be held on Thursday April 26, 2012, 11 am at Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48334, with a luncheon to follow. Memorial Visitation will be Wednesday April 25, 2012 1-4pm and 5-9pm also at the church. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Orchard UMC Rev. Margo Dexter Memorial.

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#### HANSON, JOANNE ELIZABETH

Passed on Tuesday, April 24th after a courageous battle with cancer. A longtime resident of Birmingham, Mi, Joanne, daughter of Harold and Carolyn Melin, survived by her daughter Kristin Hanson Propp, son Brian and her siblings Linda Melin, Richard Melin, Phyllis Rowlands, and Kristin Rourke. Joanne was delighted to have had the opportunity to hold her two-week-old grand-daughter, Brooklyn Propp. Joanne was a loving and dedicated mother, daughter, sister and friend who enjoyed visiting her cottage in Tawas, golfing with her friends and spending time with all the family dogs. She will be missed deeply by all. Memorial tributes may be made to the National Foundation for Cancer Research (www.nfer.org )

#### **KELLEY, PHYLLIS F.**

84 of DeKalb, IL; passed away on Sunday, April 22, 2012 at Pine Acres in DeKalb. She was born on Jan. 10, 1928 in Long Branch, NJ to William A. and May E. (Presley) Finlay. Phyllis married Walter A. Kelley on June 15, 1946 in Long Branch, NJ and he preceded her on Oct. 6, 2003. She had been a secretary for Ducks Unlimited in Long Grove, IL. Memberships include Rochelle United Methodist Church, Orchid and African Violet Society. Phyllis was a Memory Code of the best Minasia Master Gardner in both Illinois and Arkansas and also helped build the Donald W. Reynolds Library in Mountain Home, AR. Survivors include son: William (Tanya) Kelley of Ashmore, IL; 3 daughters: Susan (William) Paulin of Rochelle, IL, Patricia (Robert) Brewer of Yorkville, IL and Elizabeth (Martin) Kerstens of Plymouth, MI; sister: Shirley May Finlay of Warsaw, IN; 14 grandchildren; and 21 great grandchildren. A memorial serv-ice will be held at Rochelle United Methodist Church in Rochelle on Wed. April 25, 2012 with Rev. Cindy Marino at 11:00 AM. Inurnment will be at Mount Hope Cemetery in Chicago, IL. In lieu of flowers: Memorials to the Donald W. Reynolds Library in Mountain Home, AR or the Plymouth Historical Museum in Plymouth, MI. Online guest book at www.ungerhorner.com.

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July 1942 she married Wendell Maris Young who preceded her in death in October of 1995. Vera's life was bright, exciting, and full. Teaching pottery in Detroit segued into building a hilltop ranch house in Franklin with her and her husband's own hands, raising two small daughters, teaching school fulltime in Farmington while attending night school to complete her degree in elementary education. That was in 1962, at which time she accepted a teaching job in the Birmingham School system where she remained well into her 70's. She received her Masters of Arts in teaching from Oakland U in 1979, at the age of 62. After she retired she taught pottery to Seniors and continued to substitute teach until her 80's. Vera loved to cook "without a book", loved teaching, art, music, nature and Northern Michigan. Every summer was spent at the family cottage in Empire. Vera is survived by her two daughters, Marion "Tedi" Collier, and Joy Clenet, her grandchildren, Kelly Clenet, Tim Collier and Jill Collier and her five great-grandchildren, Alexis Clenet, Michael, Samuel, David and Isaac Collier. A memorial service will be held for Vera on Saturday May 12th at 11am in the Chapel of Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple, Birmingham and guests may join the family for a light lunch afterwards at the Church No flowers please but memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan or Alzheimer Assoc. www.alz.org.

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Walter and Eleanor Burger of Livonia on their wedding day in 1947

#### Panko-Grevell

Kimberly Panko and David Grevell announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Margo and Richard Panko of Canton, graduated in 1997 from Plymouth Salem High School and in 2003 from Western Michigan University with a major in psychology and a minor in Spanish. Since leaving Michigan, Kim lived in Thailand for nine months and the United Kingdom for three years, before settling in Australia. She has lived in Brisbane, Australia for more than four years, and has known David for most of this time.

David, son of Lynne and Paul Grevell of Mt. Gravatt, Australia, graduated in 1998 from Mt. Gravatt High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in

nurse and an "amazing" cook, according to her daughter, Paula Nelson.

Walter is a retired carpenter and piano tuner. He's also a multi-talented musician who performed with the Farmington Brass, Franklin Village Band and the brass band at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills. Eleanor and Walter are longtime members of the church, where they also sang in the choir and actively participate in outreach to homebound church members.

The Burgers marked their anniversary by renewing their wedding vows. They also celebrated with family and friends at Bakers of Milford.



Kimberly Panko and David Grevell with their dogs, Scuba, (left) a Labrador retriever, and Nitro, a Lab-golden mix.

microelectronic engineering and a bachelor's degree in biochemistry and molecular biology in 2003. David worked in Japan for three years as part of the Japan Exchange and Teaching Programme, but now

works as an electrical engineer.

David and Kim met learning salsa in Brisbane in mid 2008, and quickly became best friends.

A February 2013 wedding is planned in Puerto Vallarta in Mexico.

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## Leukemia survivors 'pay it forward' with bone marrow donor drive

#### **By Sharon Dargay O&E Staff Writer**

The Bad Blood Club wants you to "swab a cheek" Sunday, May 6, at the US 12 Bar and Grill in Wavne.

Club founder, Gloria Dunford of Westland, says you might just save a life if you do.

"We're blood cancer survivors and we're hosting a bone marrow donor drive," Dunford said. "The National Marrow Donor Program will be there. Our goal is to grow the National Marrow Donor registry.

Representatives from the national program will be on hand to explain what it takes to become a bone marrow donor. They'll also begin the process of adding volunteers to the Be The Match Registry that helps doctors find matches for patients in need of a bone marrow transplant.

'There will be swabbing for DNA," said Dunford, explaining the first step toward becoming a match. "No pokes or needles. The first thing is to swab a cheek. You go into a preliminary registry." If that first test indi-

cates a possible match, the potential donor may be asked to provide a blood sample or another cheek cell sample. A registry representative will ask about the donor's health - some individuals can't donate because of medical conditions and ask if there's still an interest in participating. The chance of being

selected for the process



The Bad Blood Club members are (from left) Gloria Dunford, Kerry Brooks, Lisa Lambert and Laura Western.

#### is 1 in 12.

If selected, the potential donor attends an information session and takes a physical exam.

The patient's doctor will decide which kind of donation - bone marrow or peripheral blood stem cells - is best. A marrow donation involves an outpatient surgical procedure. The stem cell donation is a nonsurgical procedure.

'Ninety percent of the time it doesn't come from marrow," Dunford said. "It comes from peripheral stem cells.'

#### Ethnic communities

Dunford, 47, diagnosed with chronic myeloid leukemia in 2004, says she was lucky to be matched with a donor and receive a bone marrow transplant just two months after signing up for the regis-

"There's a young woman who is 26, she's Asian American, in California, who in two months could



The first step in joining the national registry for bone donors is swabbing the cheek for DNA.

lose her fight," said Dunford, referring to leukemia patient, Janet Liang.

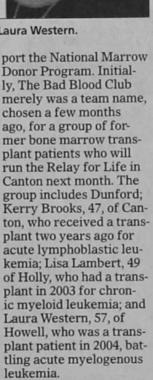
"Janet is desperately searching for a donor match and her time is literally running out at this point and this is due to the fact that there is such a dire need for marrow donors, specifically within the ethnic communities of Asians, Hispanics and African Americans.

"We're hoping to get more people in ethnic communities to come

out," she said. Dunford urges Asian-Americans to attend the drive next weekend to help Liang find a match.

#### **New organization**

After learning about the California woman and the need for more donors from ethnic communities, Dunford decided to turn the The Bad Blood Club into a nonprofit organization with a mission to sup-



'I set a goal for my team to raise \$10,000 which was a pretty big aspiration considering we are newbies to Relay For Life," Dunford said. "As of Thursday April 26, with the help of our wonderful family and friends



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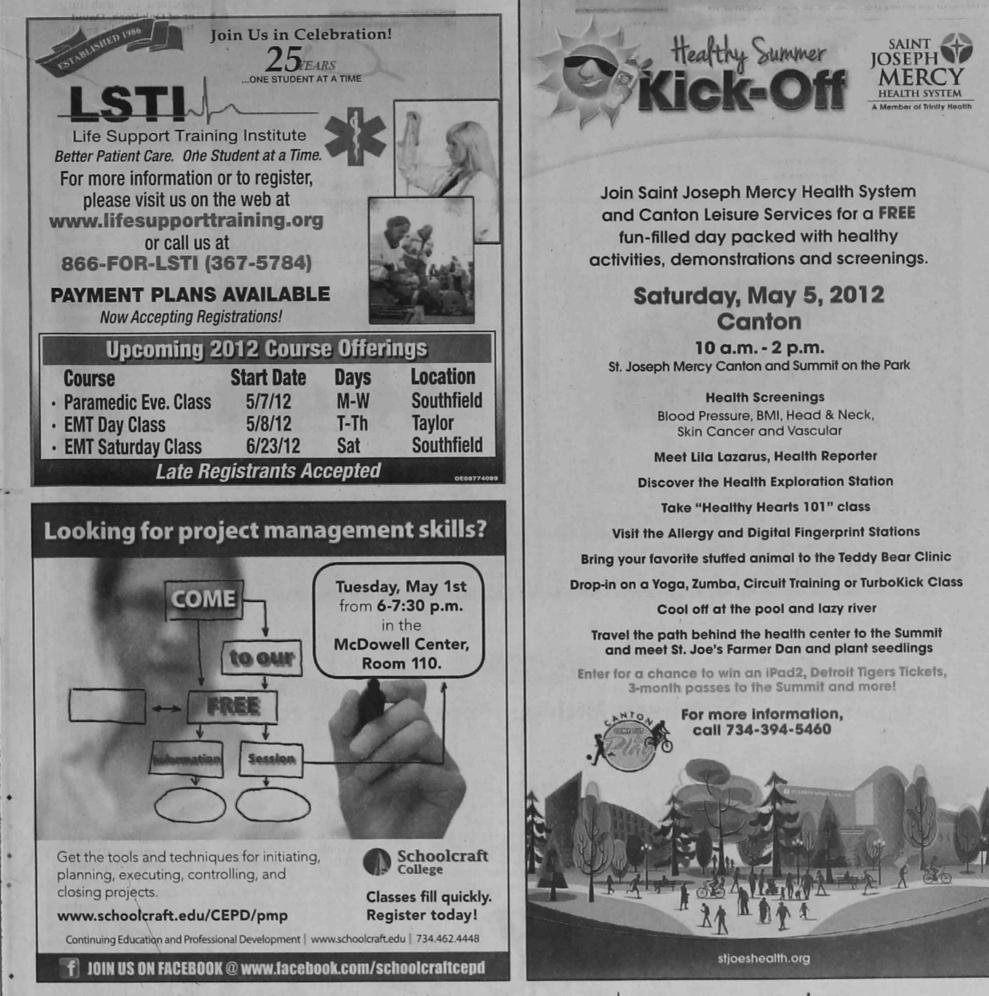
What: A party and bone marrow donor recruitment drive all rolled into one event, sponsored by The Bad Blood Club, a group of women who received gone marrow transplants to help battle blood cancer When: 4-10 p.m. May 6 Where: US 12 Bar and Grill, 34824 W. Michigan Ave., Wayne Details: 50/50 drawing, silent auction, gift baskets, door prize, music by **DJ** Chewy Contact: Visit http://

www.facebook.com/ events/414848868526968/ for more info and to RSVP

who make up the rest of our team, we have made that 10K goal.'

View The Bad Blood Club's Relay for Life team page at www.relayforlife.org. Under the "get involved" tab, click on donate. On the next page, click on "donate to a team." In the search box, type Bad Blood Club. It will bring up a link to the team page.

For more information about the National Bone Marrow Program, visit BeTheMatch.com.



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## The rewards of a career as an occupational therapist

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(ARA) - What do pediatrics, geriatrics and cardiology have in common? Patients in these three very different branches of medicine can benefit from occupational therapy. An occupational therapist (OT) helps people with disabling conditions to recover or develop daily living skills, such as dressing, cooking and eating. An OT's right-hand man, or woman, is the occupational therapy. assistant (OTA).

This versatile occupation is proving to be a rewarding career choice for many who are returning to school to heighten employment prospects. An OTA works under the direction of an OT to provide the rehabilitative exercises and activities prescribed in the therapist's treatment plan. "It's very interesting work. You learn something new every day," says Joan Welch, MHA COTA/L, and OTA Site Coordinator at Brown Mackie College -Merrillville.

The necessary education toward becoming an OTA includes earning a two-year associates degree instead of the master's degree necessary for an OT position. Employment opportunities are expected to grow much faster than average, or 30 percent through 2018, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The BLS credits this high projected growth to the increased elderly population that is more susceptible to debilitating and chronic conditions. plus the rising number of

therapists who use assistants. Helping the elderly remain independent

Elderly patients suffering from a variety of conditions benefit from occupational therapy. "Arthritis kicks in, hips get fractured, and knee replacement surgery is becoming more common," says Welch. In fact, MedPage Today, a medical news website, reported a 157 percent increase in knee replacement surgery among middle-aged women between 1997 and 2009. In middle-aged men, the procedure increased by 144 percent.

The American Heart Association reports heart disease and strokes as two of the top three leading causes of death among adults. Many of these patients also benefit from occupational therapy. "For cardiac patients, we determine if they can stand long enough to prepare a meal, or do laundry," Welch says. This often involves organizing the living space or making a chair available for breaks.

"We work on energy conservation techniques, and set the patients up with adaptive equipment," she says. "The work is never boring. The challenge is to help the patient become as independent as possible. The beauty is you often see the patient going home because of your hard work."

#### Helping children develop

Ann Fouts is an OTA instructor at Brown Mackie College - Merrillville, who has extensive experience in



working with infants and children. Pediatric patients who can benefit from OT include premature infants, who often suffer from developmental delays.

"Developing from a single cell to a functioning human being is an incredibly complex process. We look at gross motor skills, fine motor skills, language development and social interaction," says Fouts. "We work by engaging the child in normal play activity. For an infant, we work with positioning and use various facilitation techniques to help improve development." An OTA also teaches parents how to be

effective in helping their child develop.

Students often struggle with heart-wrenching situations of babies, and bring their concerns to Fouts. "I tell them, 'What will happen to this child without your help? You can make their time easier, happier, and more productive," she says. "Countless kids are my true heroes. They don't care that they have a disability. They just move forward without worrying what society thinks of them. The hardships of the profession lead directly to the rewards. You couldn't ask for a better position to be in."





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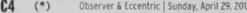
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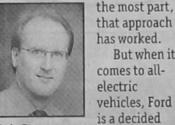
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## FORD'S TORTOISE STRATEGY SEEMS RIGHT FOR ELECTRIC RACE

#### **By Dale Buss**

Under CEO Alan Mulally, Ford mostly has been a corporate hare. Over the last few years, it has leapt into the industry lead in hybridization among the Detroit Three, in automotive connectivity via Sync, in socialmedia marketing, and in other arenas. For

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at this point in what has proven a devilish race for some participants so far, Ford's steady-as-she-goes strategy could prove to be a winner just as an aggressive approach has worked elsewhere.

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tortoise. And

"It's a very pragmatic and cautionary strategy and, I think, very correct," said Sean McAlinden, chief economist for the Center for Automotive Research in Ann Arbor, and a self-identified EV skeptic. "It's not the market where you wanted to be the first guy in."

Ford has allowed the EV pioneers to take the arrows - and there have been plenty of them. The Chevrolet Volt is a genius of a car because of its onboard gasoline engine but has become a political punching bag, engulfed in a much larger argument that has obscured the merits of the vehicle.

Meanwhile, Nissan Leaf, the first pure EV in the U.S. mainstream market, came out under-contented. It also has borne the brunt of the "rangeanxiety" argument against allelectric vehicles.

And even now that Ford is



Ford is pioneering online reality TV with its Plugged In series on Yahoo.

entering the EV derby, it is doing everything it can to lower expectations. The first Ford EV won't be a separate nameplate but simply an extension of one of its most reliable product lines. Focus Electric will be produced on the same Michigan assembly line as the other versions of the car, providing maximum manufacturing flexibility for Ford to adjust to whatever sales success or failure ensues for the EV.

Ford has a plan for avoiding a glut of EVs like that which lately has plagued Volt. Ford is taking a "build-to-order" tack under which Ford dealers across the country will have a Focus Electric demonstration model on hand and then allow customers to order the car for delivery in four to six weeks. And while some commercial fleets already boast a Focus Electric, Ford is only slowly rolling out distribution to major markets across the country,

which will take the rest of the year. (Volt and Nissan were rolled out using similar approaches.)

The company isn't even committing to a TV-advertising campaign to launch Focus Electric. While entire generations of television commercials helped set the stage for the introduction of Volt and Leaf and attempted to create distinct brands around the cars in the early going, Ford has chosen to use only an online "reality" video series on Yahoo, Plugged In, to introduce Focus Electric - and isn't yet promising a TV-advertising campaign.

"Because of the lack of awareness out there, people aren't sure what kind of car they want," John Felice, general manager of Ford and Lincoln sales, told Bloomberg. "Electric is going to grow, but we're not sure what the consumer is going to want, so we have to be flexible." And while a traditional

marketing program for a new-car launch can cost up to \$100 million, he said, a digital-media campaign like that planned for Focus Electric could cost less than \$10 million.

Ford is betting that it has put to good use the time the company has sat on the sidelines of the slowly developing EV market. The car will charge about twice as fast as Leaf, for example, Ford says. It's priced at \$39,200, about \$2,000 less than Volt before generous government tax credits. But Leaf is priced at about \$35,200, or about \$4,000 less than Focus Electric.

In any event, Focus Electric will be appointed very much in the manner of the conventional Focus, whereas Leaf came out a little light in interior appearance, feel and amenities a situation that Nissan recently said it is going to correct.

Ford's cautious approach toward joining the EV derby has come as a surprise to some because Ford has established a reputation as the most consistently "green" of the Detroit Three.

Yet Ford executives say that the tortoise approach with EVs is really a manifestation of an ambitious "all-of-the-above" strategy for fuel-economy optimization that also has involved rapid development and deployment of its gas-sipping EcoBoost internal-combustion engines, advances in hybrids such as one for the new Ford Fusion line, and a cautious yet robust commitment to EVs that is only now unfolding.

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