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## Volunteers honored

The Rev. Teodor Petrutiu and the Hellenic Cultural Center recently hosted Angela Hospice's annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.

Each year during National Volunteer Week, the Livonia-based hospice celebrates its volunteer base of 400 dedicated individuals, who together contribute an amazing 35,000 hours a year to help Angela Hospice patients and families.

Canton residents honored included Barbara Berberet for 10 years of service, Maureen Hassien for 5,000 service hours, Barbara Kemp for 10 years of service, Maureen Mocadlo for 500 service hours, Sandy Santimore for 10 years of service, and Sarah Wolodkiewicz for 15 years.

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

Thousands of voters on Canton's east side have been switched to a new state House district due to a population shift that ushered in a redrawing of legislative boundaries for this election season.

Just over 8,000 voters who have long resided in the 21st District represented by state Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, have been shifted to the 20th District of state Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township.

Clerk Terry Bennett said letters and new voter registration cards have been mailed to the all voters in Precincts 9, 12, 14, 34 and most of Precinct 29. Only an estimated 33 voters in Precinct 29 remain in the 21st District.

The changes followed a population shift determined by the 2010 U.S. Census.

"State law has mandated the boundary changes," Bennett said.

No other changes have been made within Canton Township limits for boundaries related to voting in school districts, the

U.S. House and Senate, state Senate, Wayne County Commission or township offices — though in some cases those district lines have changed outside of Canton.

Bennett said the state House boundary changes will be effective for the 2012 election season. As of Tuesday, a state website that lists candidates didn't yet indicate any opposition to Heise or Slavens.

Under state rules, Heise said he cannot begin campaigning in his new Canton precincts until after the May 15 filing dead-

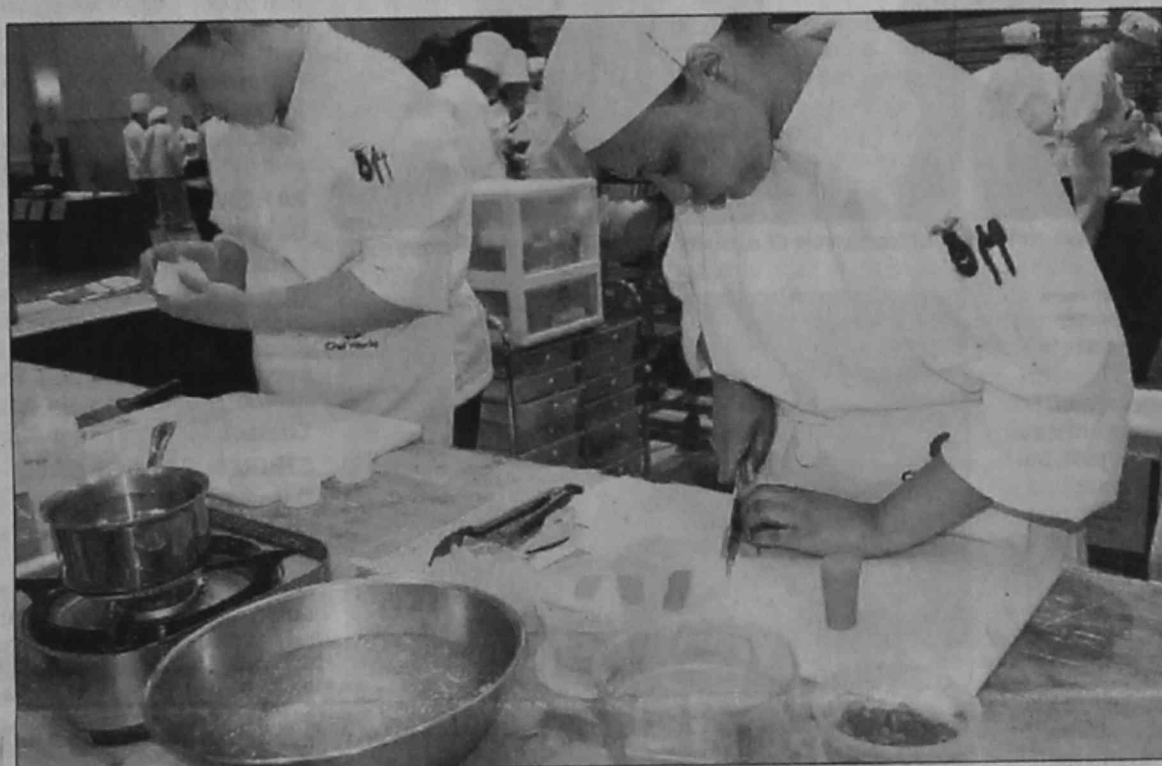
line, though he expects to start knocking on doors by late May or early June to introduce himself.

Heise said he has created a special campaign piece for the new portion of his district, and he said his efforts will have a dual purpose of advocating his candidacy and educating voters about the changes.

"This will be a different type of campaign, not just advocacy but also explanation," he said.

Heise, who lost the city of

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Team members Cayla Phillips and Tessa Warner focus on the task at hand at the national culinary competition.

## Top chefs

### Culinary team second at national event

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer

And then there were two. The Plymouth-Canton culinary arts team headed to Baltimore over the weekend to battle 43 other teams from across the country in the national culinary competition.

And beat all but one of them. In the competition, the team had to prepare a three-course

meal in an hour, working in a 10-square-foot area with no refrigeration, electricity or heat elements with the exception of two camp stoves.

The performance came despite being, as coach/teacher Diana Woodward pointed out, the only team without thousands of dollars in equipment and corporate sponsorship, or from a multimillion-dollar technical or culinary center.

"Our ladies dazzled everyone," Woodward said. "We took second, but by what we were told was a very, very close margin."

The team — Cayla Phillips, Haley Chynoweth, Tessa Warner, Hannah DeAngelis and alternate Meagan Gaedtke — also had to execute chicken butchery and knife skill presen-

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## Chamber auction tops last year

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

Hoping to capitalize on an "amazing" fundraising auction that created "a buzz of excitement" Saturday night, new Canton Chamber of Commerce President Thomas Paden vowed to use the chamber's biggest annual event as a springboard for bettering the 540-member organization.

The 24th annual auction drew 340 chamber members and guests, topping last year's attendance; donations were still being tabulated, but Paden said the event was "on pace to exceed our fundraising goals."

"I feel that the auction has laid the foundation for this to be a

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Kim and Dave Wisniewski and their musical shades. Dave is CEO of Canton Computers. Those who are in the know call him "Grandma."

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Cam Nellett of Canton, part of the Christmas in Action team, tears out bathroom tile at a home on Southwind in Canton.

## Christmas comes early in volunteer effort

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer

With only her Social Security and a little bit of savings to work with, Elaine Collings knew the roof on her Canton home wasn't going to be fixed any time soon.

So when her son saw something about Christmas in Action on the Canton Township website, a little ray of sunshine snuck in between the raindrops in her leaking roof.

And when a Christmas in Action representative stopped by her home a couple of weeks ago, he had good news.

"They came by two weeks ago and said, 'Elaine, you're getting a new roof,'" Collings recalled Saturday, while watching a volunteer crew remove and replace her aging roof. "I said, 'God love you.' All I had was my Social Security and my savings. I would have had to wait until it actually started leaking before I could have done anything."

Christmas in Action, a nonprofit agency that works to preserve and revitalize houses in an effort to help low-income elderly and disabled homeowners, took care of the problem for her.

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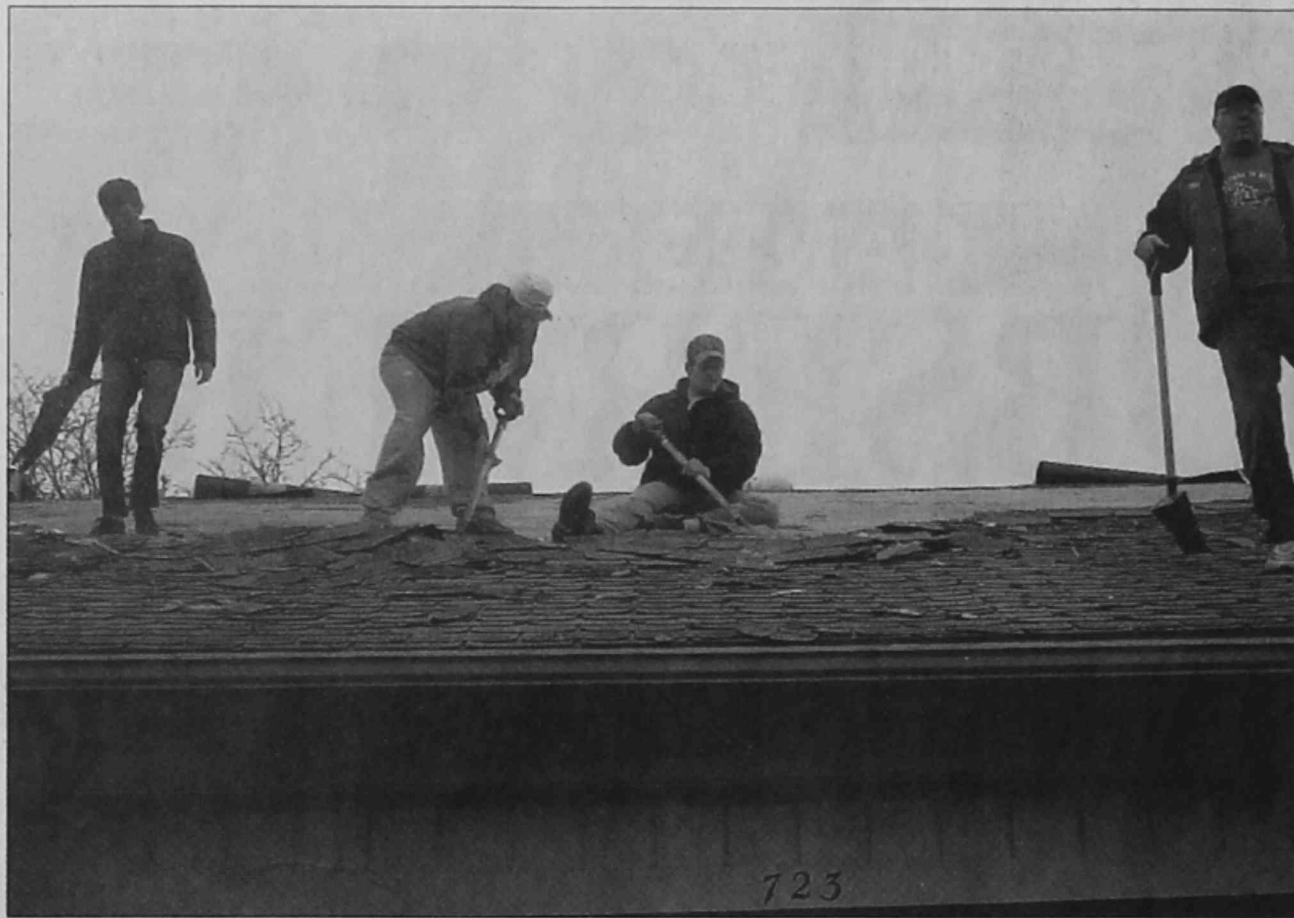
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Volunteers tear off the old roof at Elaine Collings' Canton home as part of Saturday's Christmas in Action event.

## CHRISTMAS

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### Spring cleaning

Knowledgeable volunteer experts perform electrical, plumbing, heating and roofing repairs, while teams of other volunteers paint walls, wash windows, and do general interior and exterior spring cleaning.

Local businesses such as Home Depot, Monroe Bank & Trust and RepairClinic.com donate services, merchandise, expertise and volunteers to help make it happen.

"We couldn't do it without them," said volunteer coordinator Paula Kosbe, who helped wrangle the efforts of more than 200 volunteers to work at a dozen homes. "Without their generosity, this could not be done."

RepairClinic volunteers, participating in Christmas in Action for the second time, fixed appliances, did roofing and exterior repairs, painting and cleaning projects. The company's participation is led by RepairClinic Outreach, a group of employees dedicated to making a positive impact, locally and nationally.

"For us, it's a Saturday very well spent," said Joey Gagnon, a RepairClinic vice president. "We're grateful to Christmas in Action of Wayne County for the opportunity to put our skills to use to help those who need it most in the Canton community."



Mike Sanchez and Dwight Warlick of Northwest Construction dig into Elaine Collings' roof.

### Helping hand

Bill Dunphy, a retiree who also does work for Habitat for Humanity, was a team captain on a Canton home where volunteers were ripping out bathroom tile, installing a new door in a bedroom and tearing out carpet for the homeowner, who was recently confined to a wheelchair.

Dunphy said Christmas in Action and Habitat for Humanity are similar efforts in that they're designed simply to help people.

"From that aspect, we're helping those who are less fortunate than us," said Dunphy, who led one of the larger teams Saturday. "We're helping those who can't quite make it. You have to pay it back."

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Lori Shaffer, from Calvary Baptist Church, tapes off a bedroom wall prior to painting during her Christmas in Action volunteer effort Sunday.

## AROUND CANTON

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

### LIONS EUCHRE

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

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

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

### SLAVENS COFFEE

**Date/Time:** Mondays, May 7 (8-9 a.m.) and May 21 (5-6 p.m.)

**Location:** Daydream Cafe, 47192 Michigan Ave., Canton

**Details:** State Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, invites residents to join her for a cup of coffee and conversation at one of her upcoming coffee hours. Slavens hosts regular coffee hours and town hall meetings throughout Canton Township, Belleville and Van Buren Township.

**Contact:** Call toll free at (888) 347-8021 or send an e-mail to DianSlavens@house.mi.gov.

### WOMEN'S CONNECTION

**Date/Time:** Monday, May 14, 6-8:30 p.m.

**Location:** Canton Coney Island, 8533 Lilley, Canton

**Details:** The Canton Women's Connection holds its meeting, with guest speaker David Tennes, a Civil War historian, talking about the very important and often overlooked role women played during the Civil War. Bring a friend, a neighbor or a relative to hear this very knowledgeable and interesting speaker.

**Contact:** June Nicholas, (313) 610-2561 or e-mail junenicholas@comcast.net

### 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.

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**Date/Time:** June 17, 7-11 a.m.

**Location:** Mettetal Airport, Canton

**Details:** Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 113 sponsors its annual Father's Day pancake breakfast. Proceeds help fund educational scholarships for students pursuing aviation degrees. The event includes breakfast, helicopter rides and static displays.

**Contact:** For more information visit www.113.eaachapter.org

### 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. 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 or visit www.cantontcf.org

### 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 to honor Executive Director Cathy Clough for her dedication and service to the success and history of New Hope Center. Hors d'oeuvres 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.

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## CORRECTION

A story in the Sunday, April 29, *Observer* said the Super Jess 5K run takes place Saturday, May 6. We had the date right; it is May 6. But that's actually Sunday.

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Much like last year's career expo, the Michigan Institute of Aviation and Technology is expecting a large crowd next Tuesday for job-seekers and companies looking to fill hundreds of positions.

## Career expo touts hundreds of new jobs

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

Aiming to recruit hundreds of workers, national and local companies plan to converge on Canton Tuesday for a career fair hosted by the Michigan Institute of Aviation and Technology.

More than 80 firms representing the aviation, energy, automotive, technical, transportation, manufacturing and government fields, among others, are expected to attend the seventh MIAT Career Expo on the 750-student campus at 2955 S. Haggerty, north of Michigan Avenue.

"It's all different types of companies," Amy Kienast Linderman, MIAT's national director of business relations, said. "It really runs the gamut from flight attendants to engineers to accountants to mechanics to dispatchers."

Linderman estimated that 70 percent of the companies are looking to fill positions, though some educational and resource organizations also are set to attend. She

said one firm, Indianapolis-based AAR Corp., a global provider of products and services to commercial aviation and government defense industries, is looking to hire as many as 600 workers.

The public is invited to attend the career expo, which is free for job-seekers, and MIAT has spread the word to its current and former students and to more than 5,000 U.S. armed forces veterans.

MIAT President Chuck Hawes said the event is intended to link employers to high-quality candidates who can be a good match for their companies.

"Right now, certain industries are experiencing rapid shifts in staffing requirements," Hawes said. "This career expo is an efficient way for employers to meet and interview well-qualified candidates for certain positions."

Job-seekers attending the career expo are encouraged to bring copies of their resumes, dress professionally and be prepared for possible on-site interviews.

Employers from across Michigan and around the United States are set to recruit workers. According to a MIAT statement, companies in hiring mode include Duncan Aviation, General Atomics Aeronautical Systems, Columbia Helicopters, U.S. Foods, Aggreko, L&W Engineering, DZ Atlantic, Howden North America, Ventower, England Logistics and Defense Support Services, among others.

Educational institutions are scheduled to share information about degrees and training opportunities, and a hospitality area for veterans is to include access to a variety of service organizations.

Linderman said job-seekers may simply show up for the expo without registering. For more information, call (800) 447-1310.

MIAT moved to Canton in 2010, though it has been in operation since 1969, formerly at Willow Run Airport. Its website is [www.miat.edu](http://www.miat.edu).

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## Library slate empty as deadline nears

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

With a May 15 filing deadline fast approaching, no Canton Public Library board candidates had formally entered the nonpartisan race as of Tuesday afternoon.

"It's not unusual for candidates to come in close to the filing deadline," Clerk Terry Bennett said.

Six library board seats are at stake in this year's election season. The unpaid positions carry four-year terms.

Current board members include James Fausone, an attorney, Schoolcraft College trustee and Detroit Board of Water Commissioners chair; Don Turner, who works in management and sales; Kimberly Schulz, president of a consulting firm;

Michael Siegrist, last listed on the library's website as a University of Michigan student; Colleen Van Auken, a commodity manager for an automotive supplier; and George Snow, a real estate investor and manager.

Bennett said the library board positions will appear on the Aug. 7 primary ballot if more than 12 candidates — or twice the number of seats at stake — enter the race.

Otherwise, she said, all the board hopefuls will compete in the November general election.

In recent memory, it has been rare for library board positions to appear on the primary ballot. That held true in 2008, when eight candidates competed in the November election.

Voters elected all of the sitting board members except for Schulz, who was appointed in August 2009 to fill a vacancy created when former trustee Jim Gillig retired his post.

Bennett said library trustee candidates have two options to beat the filing deadline of 4 p.m. May 15:

- They can file nominating petitions with 40-100 signatures of registered voters. Packets are available at the clerk's office at the township administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center.

- They can file a \$100 fee in lieu of collecting petition signatures.

For more information, call the clerk's office at (734) 394-5120.

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## VOTERS

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Wayne when he picked up more of Canton, said he intends to explain to voters that he is not running against Slavens who, he acknowledged, is popular among her constituents.

"I will be explaining that this is an open seat," he said.

The rest of his district includes the Plymouths, Northville Township and the city of Northville south of Eight Mile.

Slavens' newly redrawn district still includes most of Canton and Van Buren Townships and all of Belleville. She said she, too, has sought to explain the changes to Canton constituents who can no longer vote for her.

"People are really happy with what I'm doing. I get a lot of positive feedback," Slavens said, adding that some of her supporters "are unhappy" they can no longer vote for her. "It's nice to hear that they're going to miss having me represent them."

Nonetheless, Slavens has vowed to continue to represent the interests of all residents.

Slavens is seeking what would be her third and final two-year state House term, due to term limits. Heise is seeking his second term.

Bennett has urged anyone who has questions about the district boundary changes to call the clerk's office at (734) 394-5120.

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# PUBLIC SAFETY

## CRIME WATCH

### Home break-in

**1** A woman who lives in the 41200 block of Old Michigan, in the Sherwood Village mobile home park southeast of Michigan Avenue and Haggerty, contacted police after someone broke into her home and stole her prescription drugs and various jewelry sometime prior to 6:45 p.m. Friday.

The woman told police she came home from work and noticed the door to her home was partially open. She learned that her Xanax and another prescription drug had been stolen from the kitchen counter.

The woman said the intruder also took two gold necklaces and one gold and diamond bracelet.

The door had been forced open, according to a police report.

### Car crash

**2** A man notified police after another driver hit his car while he was driving on Michigan Avenue just west of I-275 shortly after 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

The man told police he had stopped at a traffic light when he was struck from behind. He said the driver fled in what may have been a gray Sable that he trailed to the interstate. He said he lost sight of the driver at the Ford Road exit. No one was injured.

### Bath, Body stealing

**3** Police went to Bath and Body Works on Michigan Avenue just east of Beck after an employee reported two females had left the store with stolen items around 12:45 p.m. last Thursday.

The employee said the women were seen putting merchandise into bags and then one knocked over an item in the store. The employee went to the women, took one of the bags of stolen merchandise and went to phone police, prompting the suspects to leave the store.

It was learned they left the store with another bag of merchandise totaling \$280. The women were seen getting into a car that was possibly a white Malibu.

### Garage invasion

**4** A man told police someone went inside the garage of his



home in the 45100 block of Brunswick, northeast of Warren and Canton Center, sometime Friday night or Saturday morning and went through two vehicles. He said items missing included \$20 in loose change, CDs and an iPhone charger.

### Unsuccessful theft

**5** A man who lives in the Canton Crossings apartment complex on Honeytree, southeast of I-275 and Joy Road, contacted police after someone tried to steal his 2007 Dodge Ram.

The man woke up to go to the gym around 6:40 a.m. last Thursday and noticed the door to the

truck had been pried open. He also said there was damage to the steering column, but the would-be thief didn't succeed in stealing the truck.

### Intruder alert

**6** A resident of the 400 block of Princess, southwest of Lilley and Cherry Hill, reported an intruder went into a shed and stole two mountain bikes sometime prior to 5:10 p.m. Sunday. One of the bikes was valued at \$1,500, the other at \$1,500.

### Retail fraud

**7** Police arrested one woman and issued a citation to another after a retail fraud incident around 3:15 p.m. Monday at the

Walmart store on Michigan Avenue west of Belleville Road.

An employee notified police after seeing two women conceal clothing in their purses and then take the tags off jewelry they then wore, according to a police report.

One of the women also allegedly hid perfume in her pants.

A police report indicated the women tried to leave the store but they were apprehended and taken to the office, where the merchandise was recovered.

One woman was taken into custody. The other had a toddler with her and was cited and released.

Compiled by Staff Writer Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.

## Man stopped for drinking with three kids in car

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

A Canton man accused of driving drunk while he had three young relatives in his car has prompted a warning by town-ship police for motorists to avoid a similar situation or risk heightened charges.

"It's bad enough to make the decision to drink and drive, but the consequences will certainly be worse if you drink and drive and have minors in the vehicle with you," Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said.


Police stopped the 23-year-old driver Friday night on Joy Road near Trails Court, between Canton Center and Sheldon. He had three passengers, ages 13, 10 and 8, that he indicated were relatives, Schreiner said.

The driver refused a Breathalyzer test but was ultimately taken to a clinic to have blood drawn to test his blood alcohol content, which indicated he was over the limit, Schreiner said.

"All the kids were turned over to family members," he said.

Whereas the driver would have been cited only for operating while impaired, he now faces an additional charge of endangering the children by driving with them in the vehicle while he was suspected of being drunk, Schreiner said.

The additional charge not only means the driver can face higher fines, but he also could potentially face jail time of up to one year, Schreiner said.



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# Volunteers do some spring cleaning for seniors

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer

Joan Brady of Plymouth turns 80 next month, and a bout with osteoporosis and some torn cartilage in her knees makes it nearly impossible for her to do her own gardening and yard work any more.

That's why she was so happy to see Bryan Fitzgerald and his crew from the Home Depot at Five Mile and Beck show up as part of the Plymouth Community United Way's annual "Rake and Go" effort Saturday.

The United Way program, which helps seniors and physically and financially challenged residents with yard work and chores they can't do themselves, benefited from some 121 volunteers who worked at 38 homes in the Plymouth-Canton area.

At Brady's house on Inbrook in Plymouth Township Fitzgerald, the store manager, and his staff trimmed bushes,



Plymouth High School football players load up the top soil at Mary Lou Stetke's Canton home as part of the annual Rake and Go event sponsored by the Plymouth Community United Way.

pulled all the weeds in the front yard, cleaned out flower beds and spread mulch.

"God bless 'em, they did a beautiful job," Brad said. "Even the store manager, God love his

soul, was on his hands and knees working. I just can't do the work I used to love doing, and it was really nice of them. They worked so hard."

Volunteers came from a variety of walks of life

— there were students, football players, church groups, businesses and residents with rakes and shovels in hand, pushing wheelbarrows and pulling weeds.

East Middle School sev-

enth-grader Ben Ludtke was earning community service hours — "It'll be fun ... it's work they can't do for themselves, so it'll be nice" to help, he said — with his mom, Shelly Ludtke of Plymouth.

"I believe volunteering in the community makes the community better," Shelly Ludtke said. "It's important to us for our kids to have that experience."

Cathie Siegler of Canton and Jeremy Russell of Livonia were on hand as part of a contingent from their church, Plymouth First United Methodist. They said the group had recently done a study at church about putting faith into action.

"If we're truly living out our faith, helping others is carrying out our relationship with God," said Russell, who brought along children Caitlin, 11, and Spencer, 8.

Mary Lou Stetke of Canton has had flood problems in her back yard and, with arthritis and two bad knees, she

couldn't do much about it herself. So parent volunteer Gregg Skopczynski arrived Saturday morning with a team of Plymouth High School football players to spread what Stetke called "a ton of dirt" to level off the yard.

"I could not do this by myself ... I'm very proud these young men would give up their Saturday to help me," Stetke said. "The coach wanted to build character in them. But if you look at (the players), it's there already. They're amazing."

Skopczynski said it was simply a matter of wanting to help. If his players could get the yard leveled off, he said, "maybe it'll help."

"The community does a lot for us ... we just know they support the team, and it's important for these guys to give back," Skopczynski said. "It's pretty rewarding work."

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tation. They also had to create a packet of standardized recipes and a calculated cost analysis report of their menu — "And with nine components minimum per course, that works out to about a 90-page document," Woodward said — that is scored and scrutinized to the last detail.

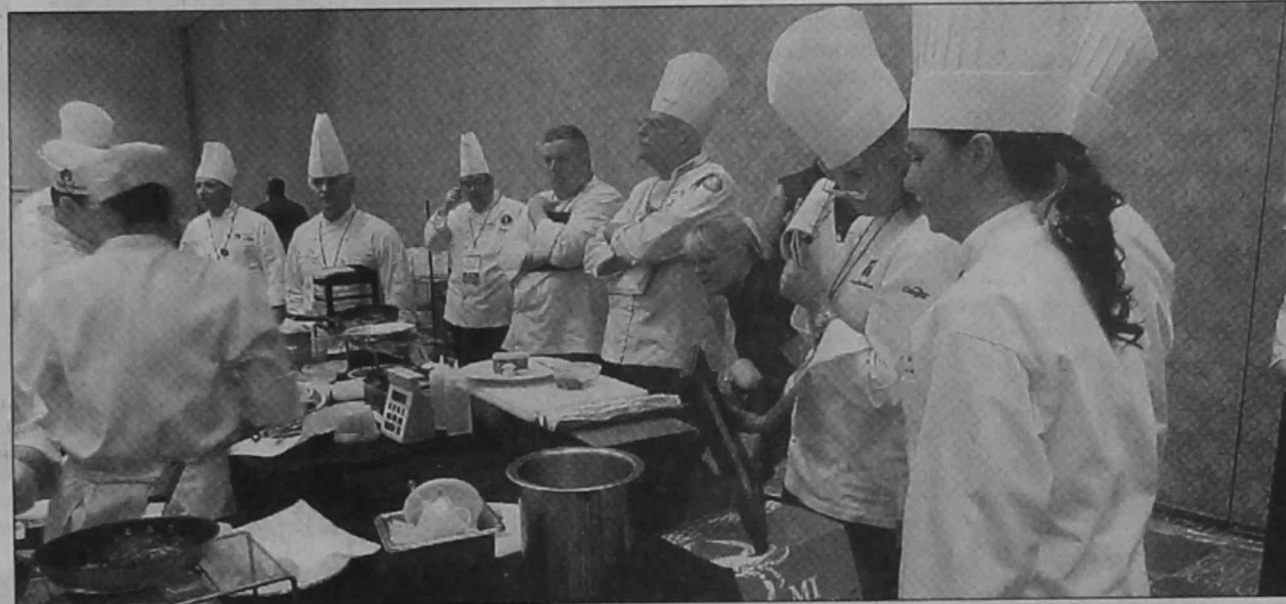
Woodward said the team garnered a legion of followers, including judges, business owners, corporate executives and the president of the National Restaurant Association,

all of whom, Woodward said, took the time to watch Plymouth-Canton compete.

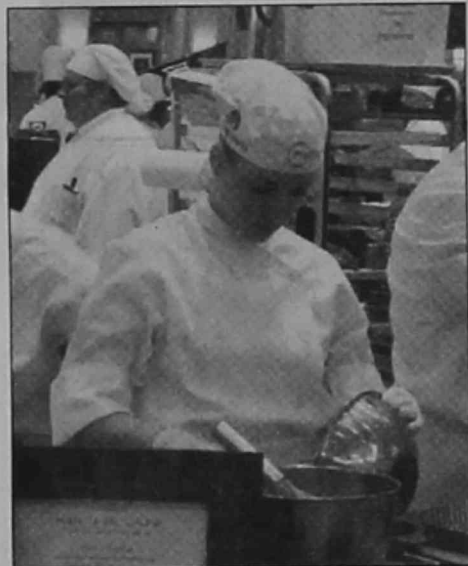
Woodward said team members had received more than \$133,000 in scholarship offers per year, per student, including \$3,000 to the school of their choice.

"They performed like surgeons, and carried themselves with grace, dignity, pride for their state and school and gratitude just to be at such an amazing and high-level event," Woodward said. "This is what the competition should be about."

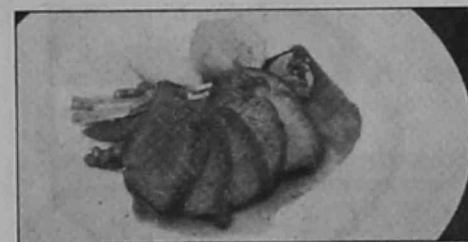
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At one point in the national competition, nearly every judge on the floor stopped to watch the Plymouth-Canton team.



Hanna DeAngelis mixes ingredients as she prepares the meal at the competition.



Apparently, Plymouth-Canton's sous-vide beef chuck tender turned out pretty well, since the team finished second.



Plymouth-Canton's culinary team came home from the national competition in Baltimore with the second-place trophy.



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great year for the Canton Chamber of Commerce," Paden said. "It is now time to catapult the Canton chamber into the future. There is definitely some positive energy and a positive buzz surrounding our organization."

## Rally call

Paden's remarks came Monday, the same day he sent an enthusiastic e-mail to chamber members as he started his fourth week as the organization's new president. Paden called on members to "rally behind this amazing organization" in hopes it can become increasingly relevant to Canton's business community.

Paden lauded the auction committee, chamber staff and volunteers who made the auction at Livonia's Burton Manor what he called "an awesome event."

In all, organizers collected, auctioned and raffled nearly 200 prizes Saturday night, including a weeklong stay at a luxury condo in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, and another getaway to Boyne Mountain, a Michigan resort. Smaller money-raising items included a 32-inch flat-screen television, an iPad and an iPod, Detroit Pistons basketball tickets, diamond earrings, an out-

door patio heater and an Xbox, among numerous other prizes.

"I think it was tremendous," Kim Scartelli, chamber board chair, said of the fundraising auction. "There was just so much energy, and people had a great time. It's good to see people in the chamber have a great time and help our fundraisers. The auction items were very well-received."

## Momentum shift

Scartelli, who was on the committee that chose Paden for the chamber's top job, agreed with him that the goal is to seize the momentum from the auction to move the chamber forward.

Paden, the chamber's former member relations staffer, had departed late last year amid a tumultuous time that left chamber members divided over what direction the organization should take. He had a brief stint as business development coordinator for the Michigan Recreation and Park Association in Lansing, but his supporters have said his leadership and history here can unite the chamber as it tries to grow.

Paden has called on chamber members to join him to "launch a year of new opportunities, new partnerships and a year of celebration."

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Chamber boss Thomas Paden and Jeanie Derani announce winners.

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Bob Boyer and Sandy Komarske sell 50/50 raffle tickets to Teri Hernandez.



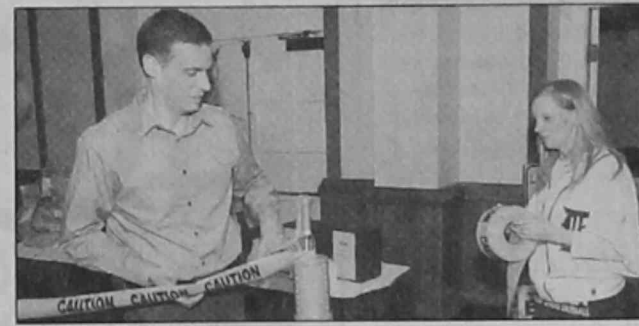
Trustee Pat Williams draws the winning ticket for \$900.



Marty Heator sells reflectors, and a chance to win \$1,000, to Dave Jones.



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Jason Humes and Denise Strube hang caution tape as the silent auction ends.



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# Students' video snags C-SPAN honor

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer

Eighth-graders in Jodi Svoboda's classroom at East Middle School had been studying the 2000 election, when Vice President Al Gore won the popular vote but lost the election to George W. Bush in the electoral college, when it came time to enter C-SPAN's annual Student Cam Video Project.

When topics came up for discussion, Paige Bimberg and Brigid Cummings, who had already decided to partner in entering the contest, decided they wanted to know more about the electoral college.

What they found out not only educated them on the political realm, but it impressed C-SPAN judges enough to earn an honorable mention in the contest, one of 75 videos from around the country chosen as winners.

"We talked about Bush-Gore in class a lot ... I wanted to learn more about that," Brigid said. "We learned that (elections) really depend on which seats you win, not on how many people voted for you."

A fortuitous trip to Washington, D.C., for Brigid and her family, which has relatives in the D.C. area, helped the teens put their video together. Accompanied by a cousin who helped handle the camera, Brigid combed the D.C. streets, talking to people about their feelings on the electoral college and its relevance.

Upon her return, the duo taped Paige's part — at the news desk of



Plymouth-Canton Superintendent Dr. Jeremy Hughes told students at East Middle School their voices are heard and their opinions to matter, and urged them to communicate with the district's Board of Education, which he called "the government body closest to you."

the fictional CBN (Cummings-Bimberg News) network.

They did the final edit and got the video (it can be viewed at <http://www.studentcam.org/>) to C-SPAN for the contest.

"That was my favorite part, the editing," Paige said. "I enjoyed putting it all together and seeing how it turned out in the final product. We got to make it our own."

Deborah Lamb, a coordinating producer for C-SPAN, said the video was impressive.

"Their choice of exteriors and the resources they used was impressive," Lamb said during an award presentation at East Monday. "It was very creative, and very insightful."

As part of the award ceremony, Lamb asked the seventh- and eighth-graders gathered in the school's media center whether they thought

their voices mattered. A disappointing number of them said, "No."

Lamb said the video contest was part of an effort to make sure kids know that their voices do, indeed, count.

"We want them to be able to formulate their own opinions," Lamb said. "It's important for kids to get involved, and to know their opinion does matter."

Svoboda said she was impressed that the girls got right to work on the video with Brigid's trip to Washington. She said the effort was consistent with the students' abilities.

"They wanted to focus on the electoral college and why it's relevant," Svoboda said. "They're smart and innovative. They're remarkable young ladies."

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East Middle School eighth-graders Brigid Cummings and Paige Bimberg accept awards from Maria Holmes of Comcast and Deborah Lamb of CSPAN.

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# Deadline nears in POAM fundraising drive

The Police Officers Association of Michigan announced its annual donation drive to benefit soldiers recovering at the new Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Md.

Spurred on by the generosity of local communities and companies like ABC Warehouse/Sony and Anchor Bay Entertainment last year, POAM is attempting to outdo their efforts this year in delivering a wide array of products to recovering soldiers.

The donation drive runs through May 4, with all items being delivered to Walter Reed during National Police Week in Washington D.C., on May 11.

"This year's visit will allow us to see the new Walter Reed Military Medical Center, which has been built on the grounds of the former Bethesda Naval Hospital," said POAM president James Tignanelli. "Even as our number of troops overseas reduces, we know the dangers they are confronted with continue to exist. Our last vis-

it allowed us to bring a great variety of essentials and gifts to our wounded members of the armed services and I'm confident we will surpass our expectations."

The POAM is hoping to fill more than 30 recently donated Bristol Motor Speedway backpacks with items to give to the soldiers in May. Items that can be donated include the following:

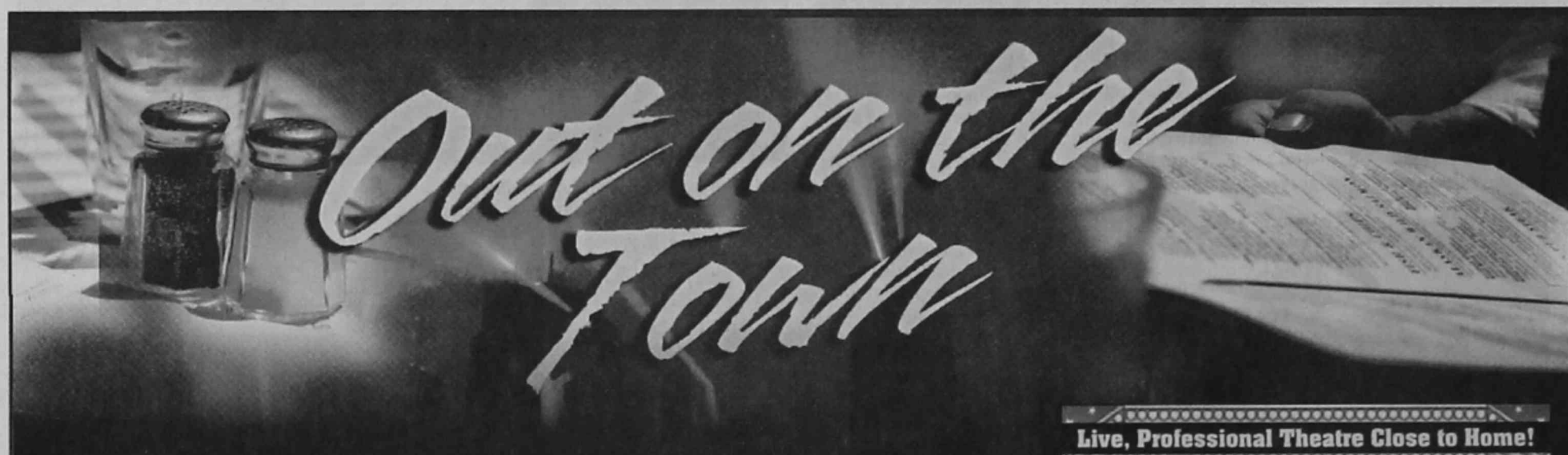
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make out to Jim Tignanelli) POAM encourages churches, schools, colleges, businesses, VFW halls and local municipalities to arrange mini donation drives in an effort to bolster the total collective volume of items POAM can deliver to Walter Reed.

Individual donations can be sent to or dropped off by May 5 at POAM, 27056 Joy Road in Redford or at TM Productions, 309 B S. Main, Royal Oak.

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### Membership to the MAX

Membership to the Max takes place 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 9, at the chamber office, 45525 Hanford.

It's designed to help members use their Canton Chamber of Commerce membership to its full capacity. Chamber officials said their goal is to "help our members redeem all of the advantages that accompanies their membership."

Reservations are required and can be made by calling the chamber office, (734) 453-4040 or e-mailing [admin@cantonchamber.com](mailto:admin@cantonchamber.com).

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### June luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its June Networking Luncheon 11:30 a.m. June 6, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. The cost for lunch is \$25 (advance member registration) \$30 (non-member) and includes a full buffet lunch, beverages and dessert. This luncheon is open to the public.

June's Luncheon will feature guest speaker Jacob Cohen, vice president of Detroit Venture Partners, a seed and early stage venture capital fund formed by partners Josh Linkner, Dan Gilbert, Brian Hermelin and Earvin "Magic" Johnson. Cohen currently sits on the boards of various DVP portfolio companies, including Are You A Human?, ShopWith.It, Detroit Labs, FLUD, and OWN Point of Sale.

"We are thrilled to have Howard speak at our chamber luncheon", said Thomas Paden, President, Canton Chamber of Commerce.

June's Luncheon is hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and is sponsored by Tammy Brown Agency - Farm Bureau Insurance. Seating is limited and reservations are needed. To make reservations, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

### First Friday

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its 1st Friday Club meeting 8:30 a.m. Friday, May 4, at the chamber office, located at 45525 Hanford Road in Canton.

It's an opportunity for one-on-one networking in a small group setting. This networking event is limited to 10 separate businesses plus a sponsor. Participants should bring business cards, flyers, etc., to share with the group. Participation in this networking event is limited to once per quarter.

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### Ribbon cutting

The Village Doctor at Cherry Hill hosts a ribbon-cutting ceremony 4 p.m. Thursday, May 3.

The Village Doctor is located at 50439 Independence in Canton. Chamber of Commerce officials call the ceremony a "great way to welcome The Village Doctor at Cherry Hill to the community."

The office has also scheduled an open house 2-5 p.m. Saturday, May 5.

### Connection group

The Connection Group is a business networking/referral group made up of 15-20 Chamber members with only one industry being represented per group. Applications are now being accepted and are available on the chamber's website, Connection Group Application.



Phenix Salon Suites has opened in Canton at the Harvard Square Shopping Center.

## Phenix opens Canton salon

Phenix Salon Suites, a national company providing upscale suites for salon professionals, has expanded to Canton and has opened at the Harvard Square Shopping Center.

Located at 5826 N. Sheldon, the new site features what salon officials say are "some of the area's most talented salon professionals." The private luxury suites function as fully equipped mini-salons, offering local stylists, aestheticians, skin care experts, massage therapists, nail technicians and others the

opportunity for independent salon ownership.

"In this difficult economy, we help salon professionals maximize their financial success," said Jason Rivera, founder of Phenix Salon Suites along with his wife Gina, a professional hair stylists for more than 25 Years. "They have the chance to own and operate their business without the worry and start up expense of managing a facility."

Area residents also benefit from the wide assortment of salon and spa services that Phenix Salon

Suites brings together in one well-appointed setting.

"This is an excellent location that the community will truly benefit from," said Rivera.

In addition to developing more locations in Michigan, Phenix Salon Suites is expanding across the country. The company just went national last year and will open 35 new locations in 2012.

A grand opening is scheduled for this summer and will be hosted by the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino.

## Testing the new iPad

By Jon Gunnells  
Guest Columnist



Tech Savvy

Jon Gunnells

Even if you watch very little TV, you've likely seen dozens of Apple commercials boasting the new retina display and capabilities of the new iPad with 4G networking speeds.

Earlier this month, I tested the third-generation Apple product courtesy of Verizon Wireless which is selling the iPad 4G in stores and online.

After spending more than a week with the new iPad, I can say, the multitude of commercials don't do the HD screen on the new iPad justice. Whether you are streaming Netflix movies, tweeting or playing online games, the screen provided a picture as good as any I have seen before.

Even more impressive was the iPad's battery life and after streaming episode after episode of TV shows there was still plenty of juice left. The iPad can surf the web or stream music for up to 10 hours on a full charge. However, the tablet takes a lot longer to charge than a cell phone — and as charging is concerned — is similar to a laptop.

With the 4G network connection provided by Verizon there was no lag either. Not once did I have to wait for streaming content to buffer or for pages to load.

The only drawbacks to the unit were small ones. Like other Apple products the new iPad

does not support flash. So when I used the Domino's app to order one of those new artisan pizzas (fancy, I know), I couldn't experience the entire app because it was flash-based. (I have the same problem on my iPhone).

I found myself mostly using the iPhone for personal use because the setup is too difficult to type work documents efficiently. For those using the iPad for work use I recommend buying a case with a stand so your iPad can sit upright as you type. Keyboard accessories are also available for all generations of the iPad, however, they are a bit smaller than a traditional keyboard and may take some getting used to.

A variety of iPad accessories can be purchased at ABC Warehouse.

As I used the test iPad more and more, I noticed it began replacing other electronics I already owned. For example, if I was streaming Netflix on my TV or if I was gaming

it was instead of doing so on my iPhone or PS3.

Because I already have a functioning laptop and am constantly connected to my iPhone I don't know that I needed a third device to use each day. However, if I needed a new computer I could see the iPad filling that void.

It is fast, functional, fun and has a nice camera, video camera capabilities, and of course being wire free doesn't hurt — especially when streaming video or using Skype.

The Apple iPad 4G features a 9.7 inch screen, retails from \$499 (16GB) and can be purchased in black or white. A 32GB version can be purchased for \$599 and a 64GB version can also be purchased for \$699.

Each model comes with a power adapter, USB cable and limited warranty but additional warranties can be purchased through Apple Care which I highly recommend.

The unit comes in at a sleek 1.46 pounds, supports multiple languages and is bluetooth enabled.

For more information on the new iPad, visit [Apple.com](http://Apple.com).

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# Follicle frenzy

## Hair-shaving fundraiser aims to stamp out children's cancer

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer

Anton Furman thinks one of the saddest sights in the world is a child with cancer. That's why Furman, a Plymouth resident, was at the Claddagh Irish Pub in Livonia Sunday, taking part for the second straight year in the St. Baldrick's fundraiser to benefit childhood cancer research.

Organized by Eric Bacyinski, the Plymouth Township deputy clerk who has been involved with the foundation for four years, the fundraiser — for which volunteers raised pledges as they agreed to have their heads shaved — raised nearly \$26,000.

"I think it's a great cause," Furman said. "Kids with cancer ... you're not going to find anything much sadder than that. That's the biggest reason I agreed to this."

In addition to the shavees, the event included a variety of raffle items, donated by The Detroit Lions, Renewal By Anderson, The Detroit Red Wings, The Livonia Chamber of Commerce, Best Buy, A&E Jewelry of Canton, The Plymouth Whalers, Ford Motor Company, Dean Sadler Hair & Makeup Studio, Bikram Yoga of Northville, Claddagh Irish Pub, Sideways, Mary Kay, Fantastic Sams of Plymouth and Jeff Glover & Associates Realtors.

Dramatic Dimensions Entertainment of Garden City provided the music, while Fantastic Sams of Plymouth donated the hair stylists.

But the focus was on more than 30 shavees, all of whom agreed to give up varying amounts of hair for the cause.

One of them was Abdul Shukaury of Farmington Hills.

"My fraternity brother introduced me to (Bacyinski), and he talked me into it," Shukaury said. "I thought, 'What the heck? It's only hair.'"

That attitude helped the fundraiser more than double its original \$10,000 goal. Bacyinski said the event, which drew more than 200 people Sunday, blew past that total quickly, and then flew past the re-established \$15,000 goal. He figures to have raised some \$26,000 by the time all the donations are collected.

The totals were helped by a \$100 donation by the Plymouth Kiwanis - Evening Club, a fundraiser at downtown Plymouth's Dairy King, an early April fundraiser sponsored by the Plymouth Whalers and other events from The Penn Grill and Sun & Snow Sports of Plymouth.

"I've been extremely happy with the event's success," said Bacyinski, who has been in the event for four years and organized the last two. "By all accounts it was a huge success. I want everyone to know that none of this would be possible without the generosity of the many local businesses and donors who stepped up to help out."

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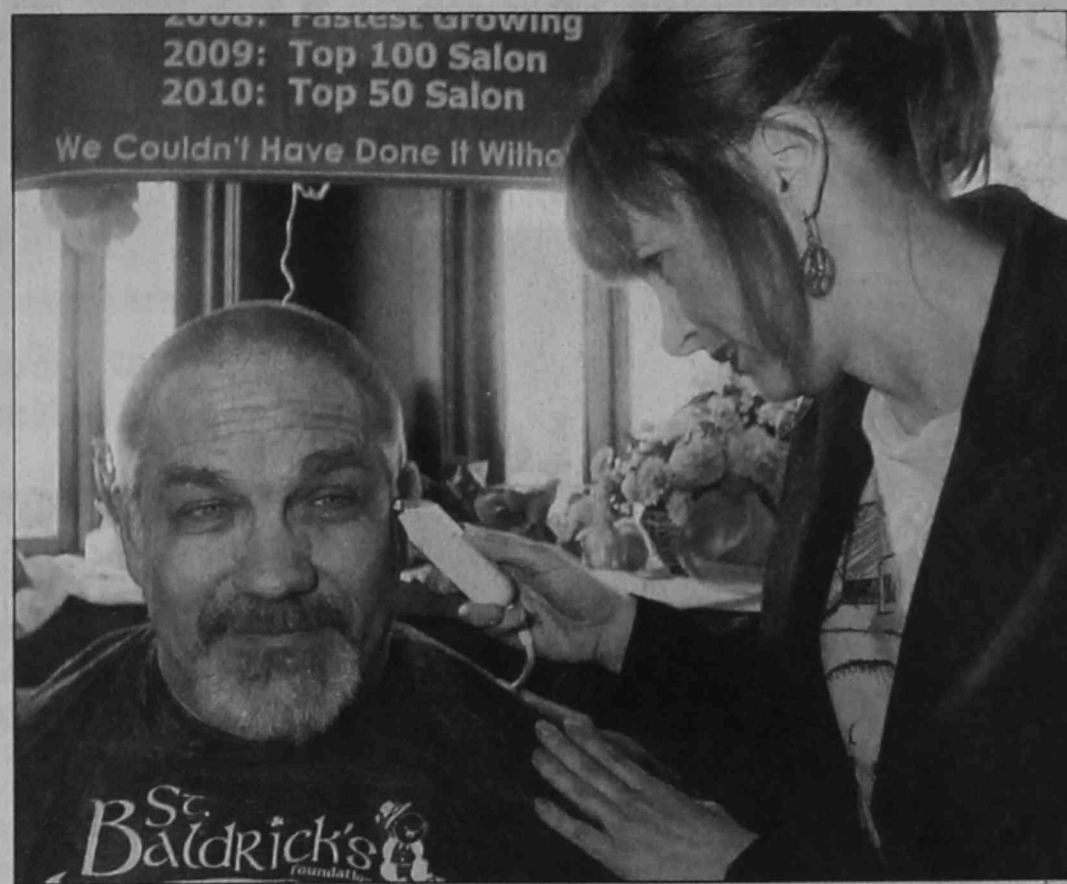
Connor Stock takes his turn in the chair during Sunday's St. Baldrick's fundraiser.



Most of the hair on Brad Kadrich's head now lies at his feet.



Abby Stonerook of Plymouth (right) was one of just a couple of women who volunteered to be shaved for the cause. She was also the event's top individual fundraiser. That's last year's top fundraiser, Ron Sears, doing the honors.



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Brad Kadrich, editor of the Plymouth and Canton Observers, gets his head shorn by Fantastic Sams stylist Megan Hepp of Northville. Kadrich was one of some 30 shavees who helped raise money for the event.



Jean Pyykkonen of Hancock, Mich., browses the raffle items at the St. Baldrick's fundraiser Sunday. Pyykkonen was visiting sister Carol Pyykkonen, who works with Eric Bacyinski at Plymouth Township Hall. Of Bacyinski, who organized the fundraiser, Carol Pyykkonen said, "He puts in so much work on it. A lot of people say they don't have the time, and he just puts so much into it."



Joe Stamper and Joe Kerr of Dramatic Dimensions Entertainment of Garden City provided the entertainment.



# I-96 stretch faces 2014 shutdown

By Ken Abramczyk  
Observer Staff Writer

I-96 will be completely closed in 2014 between Newburgh in Livonia and Telegraph in Redford for a complete rebuild, the Michigan Department of Transportation announced Monday.

The estimated \$150 million project includes full reconstruction of seven miles of pavement, extensive repairs to 36 overpasses within the project limits, and the replacement of freeway drainage and lighting. Five of the overpasses will be totally replaced.

MDOT had sought public input earlier this year on whether to conduct a partial or a full closure of the seven-mile stretch. Partial closures would have been more costly and extended the project into 2015 or even 2016, MDOT said. Details are still being made final, but MDOT expects the closure will take place in early 2014.

"We put several options on the table for the public to consider," MDOT Met-

ro Region Engineer Tony Kratofil said in a press release issued by MDOT. "At the end of the day, the results favored the full closure and that's how we will proceed."

## MDOT: Public preferred closure

On March 1, MDOT hosted a public meeting and presented various options, including the preference on whether to close the freeway or keep lanes open through the work zone. Details on how each option would affect the project timeline were included. In addition, a website, [www.96fix.com](http://www.96fix.com), was launched, featuring project details and an online survey allowing motorists, business owners and residents to weigh in on their preferred option.

"We had tremendous response to our outreach," Kratofil said. "More than 1,700 responses later, 56 percent of the participants preferred the full closure in order to restore all lanes of travel within

one year." Rob Morosi, a spokesman for MDOT's Detroit region, said no schedule has been completed of the repairs. "We're still finalizing those details," Morosi said. "We wanted to make sure the public knew that this was what we're going to do. We'll be holding a public meeting in the fall. We're looking at September."

That particular artery of I-96 opened in 1977, according to Livonia city officials. Mayor Jack Kirksey said a meeting was held Monday morning with city officials and Chamber members who operate manufacturing companies. "There was a groan in the audience," Kirksey said of the closure news. "It's a situation that will seriously impact operations for a year."

## 'Short-term pain; long-term gain'

The freeway "gets a tremendous amount of use," Kirksey said. "It is a victim of age and use." Closing the freeway for one

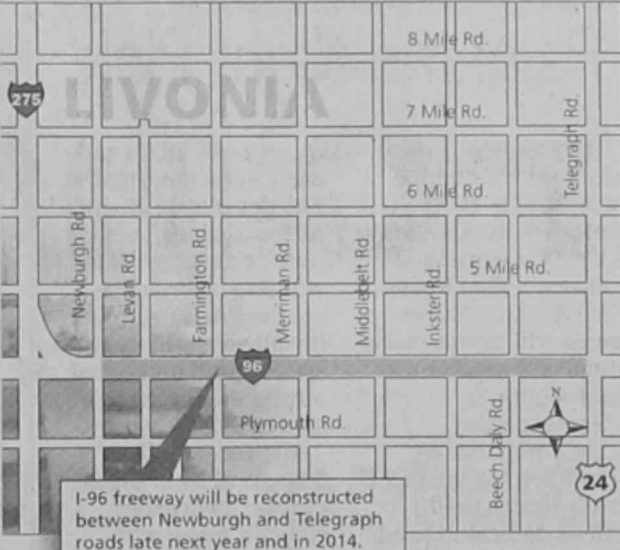
year is a better alternative for businesses than shutting it down for two or three, Kirksey said. "Most businesses can survive a year with it, but it is more difficult for them if it is beyond that," Kirksey said. "Sewers can best be accessed with the entire freeway closed."

"It is short-term pain for long-term gain. I know that is a little bit trite, but that's what it is."

The project will cost Livonia up to \$2.4 million, according to the mayor's office. Kirksey was hoping for more state money to help fund that. The city's portion will come from the city's roads millage, if voters approve it in August.

Dan West, president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, said he has discussed the project with some of the city's manufacturing companies, which will be impacted in terms of transportation of personnel, equipment and supplies. "For the most part, people want good roads to get to and from their businesses," West said.

## I-96 CONSTRUCTION



The Michigan Department of Transportation announced Monday that I-96 will be closed between Telegraph and Newburgh roads in 2014 for a \$150 million full-scale rebuild of the freeway.

"Better roads make for a better infrastructure, which makes for better economic development."

Retail businesses along I-96 are concerned about a potential reduction in customers, West said. "Actually, I've heard more from residents who use I-96 as their primary route to get downtown for Tiger games, Red Wing games or concerts," West said.

"Right now, you hear the groan, but you realize it's the price of progress."

Residents can follow project developments at [www.facebook.com/96fix](http://www.facebook.com/96fix) and [www.twitter.com/96fix](http://www.twitter.com/96fix), or can e-mail the project team at MDOT-96fix@michigan.gov.

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# P-CCS half-day kindergarten enrollment deadline nears

Parents interested in a half-day kindergarten option in the Plymouth-Canton School district are near the deadline for signing up.

There are still spaces available in P-CCS' half-day kindergarten program. The district continues to offer open enrollment, on a first-come, first-served basis through Friday, May 4.

Interested parties should go to Hoben Elementary School, located at 44680 Saltz Road in Canton, between the hours of 8-11 a.m. or 1-4 p.m.

This is a half-day kindergarten program open to students who will turn 5 years old by Dec. 1. Parents will be

responsible for transporting their child to and from Hoben Elementary School.

Parents should bring an original birth certificate, immunization records, vision screening, and two proofs of residency (such as property tax record, homeowners insurance policy, warranty deed/closing statement or a signed rental/lease agreement and a utility bill).

School officials said while registration will not be complete without these documents, parents will be able to reserve their child's place in this program with partial documentation.

For more information, call (734) 416-2757.

# History of undergarments topic of talk

Kim Parr will discuss the history of undergarments from the Middle Ages through World War I in a presentation titled "Mentioning the Unmentionables: A History of Undergarments" at the May 15 meeting of the Livonia Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW).

Parr is director of the Macomb County Historical Society and Crocker House Museum. She will review interesting aspects of 18th and 19th century underclothing, and demonstrate in what order a lady would dress. There will be a display of actual vintage underwear, and a discussion of how and why undergarments changed through time.

For nine years Parr worked at Green-

field Village as a living history on-site coordinator and master presenter. Wearing period clothing while performing typical daily chores gave her great insight into how our great-grandmothers lived. She developed an appreciation for the subject of domestic history, and will be answering some of the many questions she was asked such as: "What effects did waist cinching have besides providing an hourglass figure?" and "Did they wear a corset when pregnant?"

The AAUW Livonia Branch meets at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile Road, between Newburgh and Farmington roads. This meeting begins at 7 p.m. and is open to the public.

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## Soccer clubs plan to 'Paint the Night Pink'

They may be cross-campus rivals on the field, but for their match on Monday, May 7, the Plymouth Wildcats and Salem Rocks Girls Varsity Soccer teams will have a more important opponent in their sights.

Breast cancer.

The 7 p.m. match, scheduled for the PCEP grass soccer field, will be dedicated to all loved ones who have lost battles with cancer and survivors who continue to touch our lives with their strength and spirit.

According to the National Breast Cancer Foundation, one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer during their lifetime. Although over 200,000 women are diagnosed with breast cancer annually, when breast cancer is detected early (localized state), the five-year survival rate is 98 percent. Unfortunately, organizers said, more than 30 percent of women are diagnosed after breast cancer has spread beyond the localized state.

The Plymouth and Salem Girls Soccer programs are planning special activities to promote breast cancer awareness and the critical need for devel-

oping a self-exam and early detection routine. Besides player identification updates, public service announcements will also be broadcast via the PA. In addition, the players will wear special pink unity gear during the match as a sign of solidarity.

All proceeds from the sale of Pink Breast Cancer Awareness ribbons, along with the revenues generated from the night's 50/50 drawing, will be donated to the National Breast Cancer Foundation. To top it all off, customized Cancer Awareness cakes — decorated by the players — will be raffled off on-site, to the delight of community sweet-tooths.

A special invitation is being extended to all youth soccer players (and their families) in the community. This special match offers an excellent opportunity to take in high-quality girls varsity soccer action, while at the same time participating in an athlete-driven public campaign designed to educate and empower our community. Plymouth and Canton Soccer Club players are encouraged to wear their uniforms — or pink — to the game.

## Local walkers put best foot forward for premature babies

By Julie Brown  
Observer Staff Writer

Theresa Williams of Westland and her family had plans this past Saturday morning.

"We are walking for our twins," she said of Lea Marie and Hana Elizabeth, who were born and died July 22, 2004. The family, including dad Pat and kids Ashton, 11, and Liliana, 5, came to the Hines Park March of Dimes March for Babies.

"They're in heaven waiting for us," Theresa Williams said of the twins. Her family walked "to raise awareness and funds for these babies and their families."

The Williamses got emotional support as well as practical help from people they know. "We have a very close family so we kind of supported each other," she said of the twins, born at 21 weeks. "That's our goal for other babies to thrive."

Niece Ashley Effner of Livonia joined the family. She's about to earn an associate's degree in science from Schoolcraft College and proceed to Central Michigan University to enter a medical field.

The day's walkers gathered in the Nankin Mills area of Hines Park, prior to walking the six-mile loop along Hines just past Newburgh, in Westland and Livonia. Among those introduced to the cheering crowd was Rolland Walt of Farmington Hills, who's been in the walk for 39 years.



TINA BELLOMO

Walkers progress along the six-mile route to raise money and awareness for the March of Dimes Saturday, April 28, in Hines Park. March for Babies walks are held at a number of locations.

He recalled his dad collecting dimes when the organization started in the administration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Walt walks "to help babies," he said as the crowd gathered at the starting line.

Daughter Judy Perry and her husband, Benn, were also there, with her brothers and their families traveling from Chicago and Boston for the March for Babies. "The whole family's here," Perry said with a smile.

"My dad's been marching 39 years. That's who he is," she said. "He's always been a community giver." Rolland is still active at 87 with the local Commission on Aging and the Service Corps of Retired Executives.

The Hines Park march had a goal of \$530,000, with some \$1.5 million the goal for metro Detroit and \$3 million for Michigan. Helping to reach that goal was Maria Anwar, 16, of Canton, a Canton High School junior.

"Because I like babies," said Anwar, who walked with friends. "I just like walking for babies. This is my first time."

Ken and Lori Smith of Livonia were walking for Delaney Smith, her great-



TINA BELLOMO

Rolland Walt, 87, of Farmington Hills did his 39th March of Dimes walk Saturday, April 28, in Hines Park.

niece and a "miracle" child. Delaney's parents, Warren and Michelle of Garden City, were on the team of 25-27 people.

Delaney was born at 25 weeks, her great-aunt said. She's almost 2 and healthy: "Fantastic. Sassy as ever." She agreed the March of Dimes does a great job. "I think it's a wonderful organization," Lori Smith said.

Their group walked last year in downtown Detroit. "We through we'd go for the six miles," Ken said of this year.

### Work friends

Pat Snelling of South Lyon was walking with her friends from United Airlines. She's a retiree there and also walks for her niece's twins, who died after birth.

Her niece, from Tecumseh, was walking in the Sunday event in Dexter. The couple also has twin girls.

"Healthy and big and bouncy," their aunt said. She walked with friend and colleague Donna Saganeck of Plymouth Township.

Saganeck noted United Airlines has had bake sales and raffles for the March of Dimes. The local United goal's been surpassed, they added with pride.

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
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**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.

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# Roth IRA conversion may make sense for you

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist

For the great majority of us, tax time has come and gone. Our 2011 tax returns have been filed and most of us won't think about taxes again until next year. And for many, that may be a mistake. Now is the time to consider a Roth IRA conversion.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

At the end of this year, the Bush-era tax cuts are set to expire. What that means is that next year, many people will be in a higher tax bracket. Because of that, it may be a good idea to do a Roth conversion this year, when you can take advantage of the lower tax brackets. To be taxed at this year's rates, the conversion doesn't have to be done until the end of the year. However, the advantage of doing the Roth conversion now is that you will have more time for the money to grow, tax free.

Who should consider a Roth conversion? Since Roth conversions have been allowed, I use three rules to determine whether it makes sense.

- You must have the money to pay the tax on the conversion without touching the money you're converting. Remember, when you convert from a traditional IRA into a Roth IRA, the amount that you convert is subject to ordinary income taxes. If you convert \$10,000 and you are in a 28 percent tax bracket you would have to pay \$2,800 in taxes (\$10,000 x .28). In addition, don't forget that under Michigan's new tax law, many of you may also have to pay Michigan taxes. To make converting worthwhile, you must have the money to pay in taxes, without touching the money that you are converting.

- Make sure that converting the money won't throw you into a higher tax bracket. That is why using last year's return as a guide is a great way to determine how much you can convert without putting yourself into another tax bracket.

- You must be a long-term investor. You have to be able to leave the money within the Roth IRA for at least five to seven years. If you're going to need the

money within a few years, a Roth conversion just doesn't make sense.

If you meet these three requirements, then doing a Roth conversion makes sense for you. Keep in mind that if later in the year you determine that you made a mistake and you converted too much, there are ways to reverse the transaction.

When it comes to Roth conversions, many people believe that if you're over 70½, you either can't or shouldn't do a Roth conversion. That's not true. If you are over 70½, the only thing not eligible to be converted is your minimum required distribution. Other than that, you can convert as much as you like. Remember, life doesn't end at 70½.

Many may ask, what is the benefit of converting into a Roth IRA? There are many. Probably the most significant benefit is that once you convert money, it grows tax free, not tax deferred.

When money in a traditional IRA is withdrawn, it will always be subject to income tax. When you withdraw money from a Roth IRA, it is withdrawn tax free.

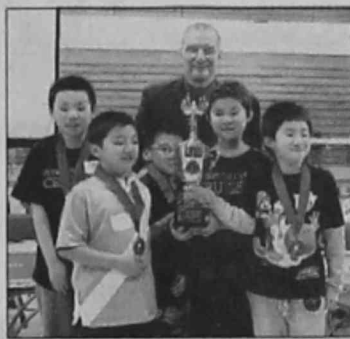
Another benefit is that money in a Roth IRA is not subject to required minimum distribution rules at age 70½. Therefore, money grows tax free for as long as you choose. So if you don't use your Roth IRA and it eventually goes to your beneficiaries, they also can withdraw the money tax free. That is not the case with a traditional IRA.

Who knows where tax laws will be next year? With the partisanship in Washington, it's anyone's guess. You and I can't afford to play the speculation game; we have to make decisions based upon current law.

Based on all these facts, converting money into a Roth IRA this year, is something most people should consider. Spend a few minutes to determine whether you should convert money into a Roth IRA. It may cost some money in the short run, but over the long run it may put more money in your pocket, exactly where it belongs. Good luck!

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The RoboCruisers are (from left) Matthew Xiao of Canton, Alan Shi of Northville, Brian Ding of Northville, Eric Y. Liu of Canton and Eric K. Liu of Northville.



The Wasps are (from left) Mustafa Tambawalla, Daniel Li, and Bhanu Makkapati.

## Canton teams top regional robofest

Two teams from Canton that won their divisions at the Michigan Regional Robofest Championship will compete in the 13th annual Robofest World Championship on Saturday, May 19, at Lawrence Technological University.

The winning teams at the April 14 regionals were:

- RoboFashion & Dance – RoboCruisers coached by Wui Liu.
- Junior Exhibition – Wasps of the Achieve Charter Academy, coached by Satheesh Makkapati.

Robofest is an international competition of autonomous robots – computer-programmed to act independently and not radio-controlled – that encourages students to have fun while learning principles of science, technology, engineering, and math.

Students design, construct and program the robots, and adult coaches are not allowed to assist during the events. Teams compete in the junior division (grades 5-9) or senior division (grades 9-12), using a variety of computer programming languages.

In this year's competi-

tion game, a rescue robot must circumnavigate a rectangular platform, grab silver balls on top of towers and then deliver the rescued balls to the "hospital," a black box on one end of the platform. During the mission, the robot must measure the distance between tower buildings and report it in millimeters.

Two other events, Exhibition and RoboFashion Dance, allow competitors to demonstrate their imagination and creativity.

The May 19 championship competition will be held 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at

Lawrence Tech's Ridler Field House, 21000 West Ten Mile Road, Southfield. Admission and parking are free. Spectators can become judges to select people's choice awards. They may win raffle prizes.

Last year almost 1,500 students from 11 states and four other countries participated in the annual Robofest competition founded in 2000 by CJ Chung, professor of computer science at Lawrence Tech.

For more information, call (248) 204-3566, visit [www.robofest.net](http://www.robofest.net), or email [robofest@ltu.edu](mailto:robofest@ltu.edu).

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## OUR VIEWS

# Right call - for now

## Board eventually has to deal with boundaries

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education, in considering recommended changes to elementary school boundaries around the district, essentially decided last week to do nothing.

And while, generally speaking, doing nothing is ill-advised, in this case it may have been, in the long run, the right thing to do.

The plan board members ultimately decided upon was to change nothing, except for the movement of students being displaced by the closing of Fiegel Elementary School. Those students will now be moved to Allen, Eriksson and Hulsing elementaries. The original plan would have moved some Allen students to other schools to make room for Fiegel students, but the board also adopted what has become known as the "Maloney plan," named for trustee Mike Maloney, who suggested it. Allen students will now remain where they are.

The board considered two other options, both of which would have dramatically altered some school boundaries. Both failed to muster consensus support, much less passage. Some trustees believe, as we do, the district should have closed a second elementary school this year, and will likely have to next year.

Others believe the changes in one of the first two options were needed to relieve overcrowding at Bird and Smith elementaries, where portable classrooms are still being used.

Those who believe the board will be right back in the same place next year, figuring out what building to close and where to move kids, didn't want to move them this year and then have to move them again next year.

They believe, and we think rightfully so, the less disruption to the lives of these students, the better.

There are things not to like about the decision. If it's true, as some believe, that board members were never going to vote for boundary changes, then forcing the administration to develop multiple scenarios wasted hundreds of staff hours. It's also a little unsettling, as a few residents pointed out, that Allen Elementary was spared nearly all change, considering Maloney's wife is a teacher there and it was Maloney who proposed the scenario that left Allen basically unchanged in all scenarios.

There may have been better options. For instance, there was private support within the district for a plan that would have restructured schools into a K-4, 5-6 and 7-8 configuration and closing two elementary and two middle schools, including Central Middle School.

But there's little political will to close Central, despite its obvious shortcomings as an educational facility. And reconfiguring the buildings in such a manner would have been nearly impossible to accomplish by the start of the 2012/13 school year, which would have delayed changes another year anyway.

In deciding to do nothing, board members were responding to a vocal group of residents, mostly from Allen and Bird elementaries, upset their neighborhoods were being considered for upheaval. They were also responding to threats — some veiled, some not so veiled — about moving students to the new charter school opening in Plymouth Township next year.

Even some in the administration agree the plan settled on by the board isn't a horrible plan. Doing nothing right now may have been the right thing to do. But there is an element of "kicking the can down the road" to putting off these decisions.

Eventually, trustees will have to deal with the can. Board members need to keep that in mind as they revisit these choices.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### What's the best fix for a sweet tooth?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"Milk."  
**Sean Polidori**  
Canton



"Chocolate cake."  
**Mackenzie Rovik**  
Canton



"Chocolate."  
**Stephanie Harbour**  
Canton



"Either I eat a brownie at work or I go to Dunkin Donuts/Baskin-Robbins for a hot fudge sundae. I do that a lot."  
**Caroline Howard**  
Westland

## LETTERS

### Racism claim 'incredulous'

I found the April 19th letter in which a resident pronounced Plymouth-Canton schools guilty of "institutional racism" incredulous in its sweeping pronouncements that minority children in the district awaken each morning "... knowing that in order to make it through the day safely and successfully, they must learn how to navigate ..." not only institutional but individual racism as well.

His remedy to those serious, yet undocumented, charges is that the district implement a Racial Equity Policy.

My daughter and her husband bought a house in Canton based on their positive impressions of the school system. My cousin's children have performed well in the school system and are doing well in college so unless there is specific evidence as to the serious allegations, I hope the board does not get side-tracked by passionate yet questionable charges.

While I live in Dearborn Heights, I baby sit my grandson in Canton. I am extremely interested in his future education.

**Lydia Rodriguez de Marko**  
Dearborn Heights

### Wrong letter ran

A letter to the editor that appeared above my name in the April 19th edition of the Plymouth Observer was written in January of this year, immediately after the Komen Foundation announced that it would no longer be donating to Planned Parenthood.

As many know, that courageous decision was praised by most pro-life organizations due to Planned Parenthood's program of abortion services. While there is debate, there is also a scientific link to breast cancer following early abortion of a first pregnancy. It has always seemed inconsistent that an organization that is dedicated to stopping breast cancer (Komen) would be giving donated dollars to an organization (Planned Parenthood) whose activities may be contributing to the incidence of that very disease.

Three days after announcing the cessation of funding, Komen reversed their decision and said that they would once again consider donating to Planned Parenthood. Pro-life organizations, Right to Life-Lifespan included, were disappointed by this reversal and issued press releases to that effect.

I don't know how a two month old letter to the editor, submitted in January, came to be included in an April edition of the paper, but its content obviously no longer applies.

I am concerned that the wrong impression of the Komen/Planned Parenthood issue and Right to Life-Lifespan's position on that issue has been placed before your readers. I am turning to you to determine how we can be sure that Right to Life-Lifespan's correct position is conveyed to your readers, hopefully with a correction in the editor's section explaining that the letter was out dated and Right to Life-Lifespan's position is one of disappointment in Komen's reversal.

**Diane E. Trombley**  
media relations director  
Right to Life-Lifespan Inc.

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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**Deadline:** Letters should be received by 9 a.m. Monday to be published in the Thursday edition.

### Hospice needs help

It's hard to believe spring is here, but the sunshine and flowers in bloom are a reminder that it's that time of year again — time for The Arbor Hospice Foundation's second annual Savour the Journey gala. This year, "Savour the Journey: A Celebration of the Things We Love About Life," will be held Saturday, May 5 at The Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center in Plymouth.

Last year our inaugural event was a great success, raising more than \$148,000. One hundred percent of funds raised through this event directly benefit the community through support of programs such as pediatric hospice care, grief support services for children, adolescents and adults, uncompensated care and complementary therapies. Through our fundraising efforts, Arbor Hospice is able to provide these services to communities across southeast Michigan, regardless of an individual's ability to pay.

While tickets for this year's event have sold out, we are still in need of sponsorship funds to reach our fundraising goal. Without the support of generous sponsors such as KeyBank, AJN Group Merrill Lynch and Cooper Standard we would not be able to meet our goal of providing high quality hospice care and grief support services to all who need them.

We encourage individuals, businesses and organizations to support our efforts by becoming a sponsor to help us "Savour the Journey." Your support will ensure the highest quality care for our patients and their families.

Through the generosity of individual donors, corporate partners and foundation support, The Arbor Hospice Foundation raises funds to meet the specialized and ongoing needs of patients and their families. We thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you May 5 as we celebrate life's journey — together.

Please visit [www.arborhospice.org/you-can-help/donations-and-events](http://www.arborhospice.org/you-can-help/donations-and-events) for a complete list of sponsors and exciting information about the event.

**Terri Denhof**  
chair, "Savour the Journey"

### Nurses are special

We don't often think about nurses ... if you ask a nurse why he or she went into nursing, they will most likely tell you they wanted to help others. Year after year, nursing is

rated the most trusted profession.

When you think about it, nurses enter into patients' lives when they are most vulnerable. Nurses are privileged to share in patients' personal lives, helping them do tasks they may have never needed help doing before. These moments include helping with personal hygiene; coaching a new mom during delivery or helping her breast feed her newborn; providing encouragement before going into surgery; helping a patient cope with news they weren't expecting to hear, and sometimes, to hold a patient's hand as they take their last breath. Patients can be scared, nervous, anxious, elated and sometimes devastated.

Nurses help support patients through all stages of their lives. Often, it is not a glamorous job. It takes dedication, commitment, caring, and wanting to help others. It takes a special person to be a nurse.

In recognition of National Nurse's Week, celebrated each year May 6 (National Nurse's Day) through May 12 (Florence Nightingale's birthday), I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all nurses, especially those at Garden City Hospital.

**Bette Fitz**  
Chief Nursing Officer  
Garden City Hospital

### Vets benefit from 1449

The American Military Society (AMS) urges Congress to pass the Motor Vehicle Owners' Right to Repair Act (HR 1449) on behalf of its membership which includes active, reserve, National Guard, retired and veterans of the uniformed services, their families and survivors.

Right to Repair levels the competitive playing field for motoring consumers and between new car dealerships and independent repair shops by requiring that car companies provide full, fair access at a reasonable cost to all non-proprietary service information, tools and safety-related bulletins needed to repair today's high-tech motor vehicles.

When local repair shops are denied access to non-proprietary repair information from the car companies, competition is limited. All consumers benefit from competition, but those serving our country and their families at home derive particular benefit from being able to obtain affordable, effective and convenient repairs for their vehicles.

As cars become more complicated with more computer systems, the problem becomes more acute. Military personnel and their families are often stationed in remote locations far from any dealerships, relying on independent repair shops to service their vehicles. Most do not have the time to find the nearest dealership, drive all the way there and wait for their sole source of transportation to be repaired. If critical repairs go unperformed, then safety may be compromised.

The American Military Society encourages all service members, their families and all Americans to visit [www.righttorepair.org](http://www.righttorepair.org) to send a letter to each of their Senators and their Representatives, urging them to support this legislation.

**Charles C. Partridge**  
colonel, U.S.A. (ret.)  
American Military Society

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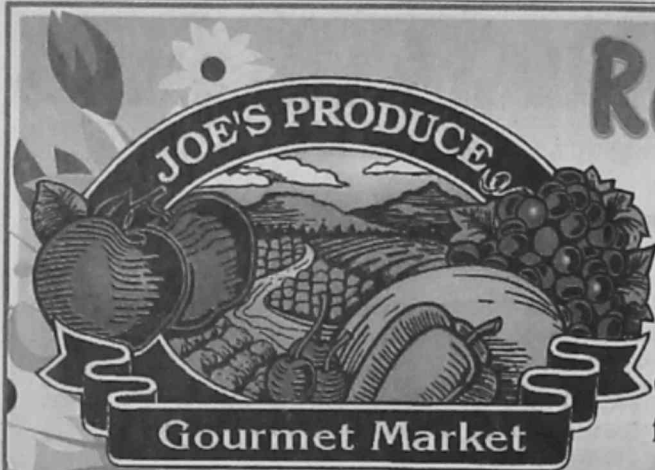
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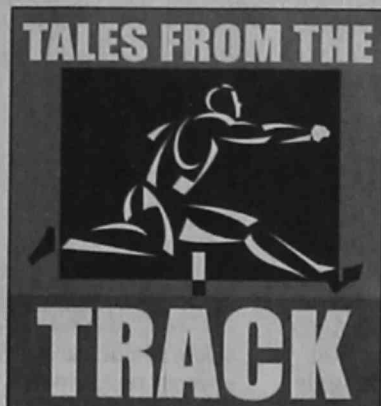
# Top 'Cat

## Plymouth senior athlete sets leadership pace

*This marks the first of a series of "Tales From The Track" feature articles spotlighting young men and women from area track and field teams.*

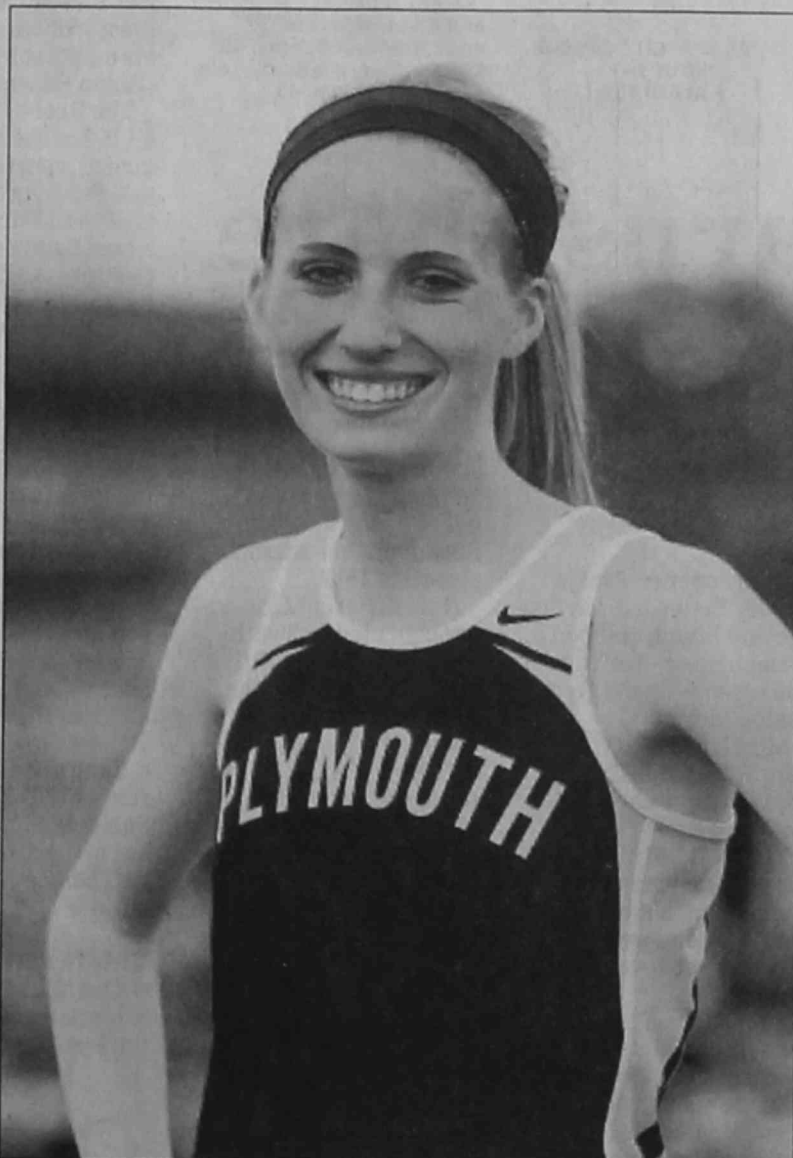
By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

There are many words to describe Rachael Hille. For starters: optimistic, positive, likable, respectful, humble yet driven. And don't forget that the Plymouth senior also is a talented student-athlete, part of the girls track and field team's 3,200-meter relay team that set a new school record (9 minutes, 47.0 seconds) while qualifying for the 2011 state meet. "The stars align with Rachael Hille, athletically and as a person," Wildcats head coach



Ricky Styes said. "She's a better person than she is an athlete and she's up on our school record board a couple times." In addition to the 3,200-meter relay (shared with Nicole Trait- ses, Jada Woody and Brian- na Lax), Hille set new Plym- outh marks in the 800-meter run (2:20.96) and as part of the 1,600-meter relay team in 2010 (4:02.8).

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BRIAN QUINTOS

Whether running a race or leading a student leadership meeting, Plymouth senior Rachael Hille usually wears a big smile.

## Strike Out Prostate Cancer

Salem Baseball Boosters are host- ing the third annual Strike Out Prostate Cancer fundraiser on Saturday, May 12, at Plymouth-Canton Edu- cational Park. The Salem varsity, JV and freshman base- ball teams will square off against their counterparts from Plymouth High School with all proceeds going to the fund to the Prostate Cancer Foundation to fight the disease. There will be raffles and conces- sions, with all money raised also going to the cause. Go to [www.rock- sbaseball.com](http://www.rock- sbaseball.com) for more information.

## Soccer equipment drive

As part of the Soccer Aid for Hope project, a soccer equipment drive will take place Saturday-Sunday, May 26-27, at the 2012 Canton Cup Soccer Tournament. The drive is slated from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day, at Indepen- dence Park (Denton Road, south of Cherry Hill).

All soccer equipment will be donated to the Achievers Football Club and Futbol Club Leveriza in the Philip- pines. Among needed items: jerseys, shorts, socks, T-shirts, soccer cleats, indoor soc- cer shoes, running shoes, goalie jerseys and gloves, warmups, bags/backpacks, soc- cer balls, shin guards, cones, practice pin- nies/vests and ball air pumps. For more informa- tion, contact Mark Mangune at [mark.mangune@gmail.com](mailto:mark.mangune@gmail.com) or visit [www.face- book.com/SoccerAid- forHope](http://www.face- book.com/SoccerAid- forHope).

# Shamrocks could face stiffer challenge

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

It's the 42nd renewal of the Observerland Boys Track and Field Relays, which happens to coin- cide with the 138th run- ning of the Kentucky Derby. And the question begs: Is it going to be a one- horse race again under the lights Saturday night at Livonia Churchill? Novi Detroit Catholic Central is gunning for its fourth straight team title after running away with it a year ago when the Shamrocks scored 114 points. Farmington (61), Can- ton (57) and Livonia Ste- venston (52) were the next three finishers, but well off of CC's pace. The Shamrocks remains the favorite, but could this year's field appears tougher to hand- icap. "We're struggling because we lost those sprinters and distance kids from last year, plus our good miler, Jona- than Malone, is going to a graduation for his sister out west," CC coach Tony Magni said. "He won't be there and he's a 4:25 mil- er. He'd run four events,



Canton sprinter Ryan Jones, shown from the 2011 KLAAs association team championship, is one of the Chiefs eye- ing success at the Observerland Relays.

so we'll lose a lot of points there. Without him we're struggling to put relays together. "I really don't know who's good in the Observerland area.

What's going to help us is our field events – shot put, discus, high jump and long jump." Even without Malone, who was the Observer- land individual 1,600

## OBSERVERLAND BOYS TRACK RELAYS

**What:** 42nd annual Observerland Boys Track & Field Relays. **When:** Saturday, May 5. Field events begin at 2 p.m.. Prelims for the 100-meter dash and 110 hurdles start at 6:30 p.m. Finals start at 7 p.m. **Where:** Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh Road (between Joy Road and Ann Arbor Trail). **Competing schools:** Livonia Churchill (host), Franklin, Stevenson, Clar- enceville, Westland John Glenn, Wayne Memorial, Canton, Plymouth, Salem,

Farmington, Farmington Harrison, North Farming- ton, Garden City, Redford Thurston, Redford Union, Northville, Novi-Detroit Catholic Central (defend- ing champion). **Individual events:** 110 hurdles, 1,600 run, 100 dash. **Relay events:** shot put, discus, high jump, long jump, pole vault, 6,400 relay (4 x 1,600), distance medley, 800, 3,200, sprint medley, shuttle hurdles, 400, 1,600. **Admission:** \$5 per per- son.

champion as a sophomore CC remains formidable. The Shamrocks are 2-0 in the Catholic League's Central Division and took third only behind state powers East Kentwood and Saline in Ypsilanti April Showers meet and fourth behind the same two teams, along with Grand Blanc, at the Jack- son Invitational. "It's going to be one of those things where we'll have to rely on some young kids – freshmen and sophomore – to come

through," Magni said. "We have to depend on them to get better." Farmington, last year's runner-up, won its ninth straight city champion- ship and place third in Friday's 15-team North Farmington Raider Relays where a mere two points separated Milford, Birmingham Brother Rice and he Falcons. "I was surprised we got second last year, because we had a meet a couple

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# 'Cats sing Medley's praises

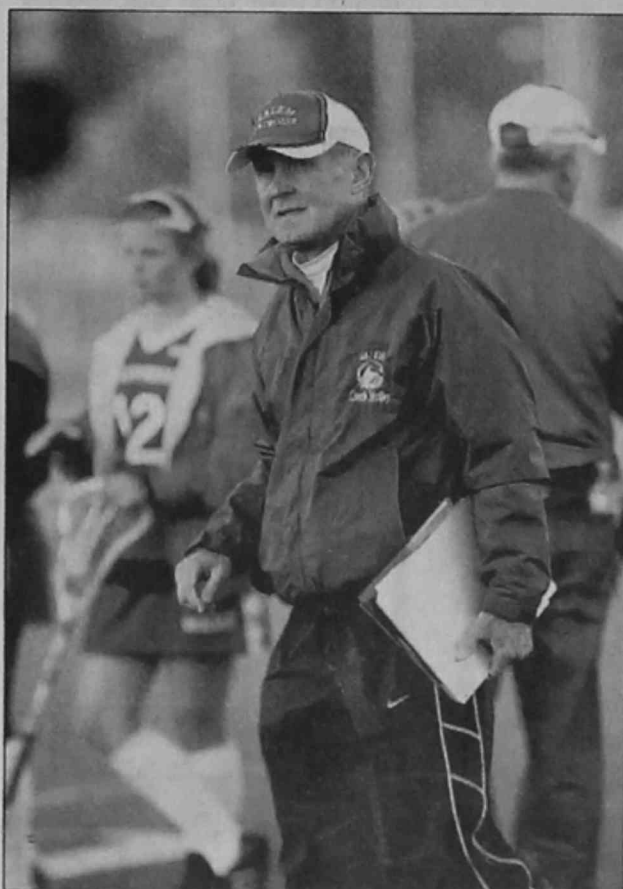
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## GIRLS LACROSSE

and presented it to Med- ley before the contest. He tried to choke back his emotion while talking about the presentation, even after his team had been thoroughly defeated. "It's pretty emotion- al, you know?" said Med- ley, who founded the com- bined team in 2006 and coached until 2009 when several current Wildcats were freshmen. "My hat's off to the Plymouth peo- ple for doing that, the fans and the kids. The kids make up the game and it's been quite an honor." Two of five seniors who played for Medley had signed with Tiffin Univer- sity (Ohio) earlier Friday. Hill's daughter, forward Katie Hill, scored seven goals against Salem while Shannon Lubin tallied four goals and an assist. The other senior play-

ers with ties to Medley include Amanda Kne (two goals Friday), Grace Sto- ver and Janie Roberts (one goal each). In an e-mail to the Observer sent over the weekend, Medley had time to elaborate about the presentation. "I was having flash- backs of when I coached some of those girls in their first year of high school playing lacrosse," Medley noted. "I real- ly would rather keep the attention on them, their hard work both in the classroom and on the field has paid huge dividends. "It is nice to know lax scholarship money, espe- cially from out of state schools, is coming home to this community." Medley also tipped his cap to the hardworking parents and family mem-

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Watching his Salem girls lacrosse team take on Plymouth is coach Dave Medley.

## Golf outing

The fifth annual Canton Boys and Girls Basketball Golf Outing is slated for Sunday, June 3, at Fellows Creek Golf Club. A shotgun start will be at 1 p.m. Included in the \$100 registration fee are 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch at the turn, dinner and a prizes raffle. Go to: [www.facebook. com/cantonchiefs- basketball](http://www.facebook. com/cantonchiefs- basketball) to get registration forms or contact Jimmy Reddy at [reddyj@slcs.us](mailto:reddyj@slcs.us).

## Coaches urged to report scores

Local high school athletic coaches are encouraged to report the results of their team's contests to Observer sports editor Tim Smith, who can be reached at (734) 469-4128 or [tsmith@ hometownlife.com](mailto:tsmith@ hometownlife.com). The deadline for Sunday editions is 9 p.m. Friday. The deadline for Thursday editions is 11 p.m. Tuesday.

It was Senior Night for Plymouth's varsity girls lacrosse team, yet a Salem coach stole the show. Of course, that coach is Dave Medley – credited by most as the key reason the sport is being played at Plymouth-Canton Edu- cational Park. "It (girls lacrosse) wouldn't be here if it wasn't for him," Plymouth coach Bob Hill said. "It's a testament to what he started." Medley was honored Friday night before the Wildcats pounded Salem 18-8, a game in which Plymouth seniors who once played for him with the old Plymouth-Can- ton-Salem United team combined for 15 of those goals. The Plymouth seniors signed a lacrosse ball



### BOYS GOLF RESULTS

**BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM INVITATIONAL BOYS GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
April 30 at Orchard Lake Country Club  
**TEAM STANDINGS (28 schools):** 1. Plymouth, 305 strokes; 2. Birmingham Brother Rice, 307; 3. Novi Detroit Catholic Central (Blue), 311; 4. Pinckney, 312; 5. Jackson Lumen Christi, 312; 6. North Farmington, 312; 7. Lake Orion, 316; 8. Rochester Adams, 316; 9. Hanover Horton, 318; 10. White Lake Lakeland, 319; 14. Livonia Churchill, 325.

**DUAL MATCH RESULTS**  
**NOVI 145**  
**SALEM 156**

**May 1 at Fox Hills G.C.**  
**Novi scorers:** Brad Kozinski, 35 (medalist); Garrett Buckley and Mike Wenzl, 36 each; Jason Carless, 38.  
**Salem scorers:** Eric Duprey and Brian Patterson, 37 each; Brandon Duprey, 40; Connor Cole, 42; Brady Cole, 42; David Nikkila, 43.

# MU earns share of softball crown

The Madonna University women's softball team sent its 2012 senior class out in style Sunday.

The Crusaders, who honored Hallie Minch (Garden City) and Kiley Thornton (Ida), swept Indiana Tech at home by identical 8-0 scores to clinch a share of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference regular season championship for the fourth time in the last five years.

MU improved to 29-12 overall and 11-3 in the WHAC to tie Davenport for the title.

Minch and Thornton were honored for their contributions and dedication to the program during their careers during a ceremony between games of the double-header at University Field.

In the opener, Jackie Barley belted a 2-run double and Minch clubbed a 3-run homer – her first of the season – in the five-inning mercy.

Minch finished with four RBI, while Erin Mayes also went 2-for-3 with two RBI.

Minch (12-9) also earned the victory on the mound, allowing just four hits, one walk and striking out seven in five innings.

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In the second game, freshman Angie Pavilanis threw a complete game, scattering four hits and striking out four and not allowing a walk in improving her season record to 15-3.

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# Salem girls netters win big

Salem rolled to an 8-1 win over Walled Lake Central Tuesday, in a KLAA crossover varsity girls tennis match at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

The Rocks (3-4 overall, 3-3 in the KLAA) were denied a perfect dual match by Jordan Lewis of the Vikings, who edged Salem senior Narges Pourmandi in a hard-fought, three-set contest.

Capturing wins in singles play for Salem were senior Morgan Spencer at No. 1, junior Ashley Walker at No. 2 (by identical 6-3 scores) and senior Sushmi Diraviam at No. 3 (6-1, 6-1).

It was all Salem in doubles play. The winners were as follows: 1. Courtney March-Katie Vena, 6-2, 6-1; 2. Sarah Bellaire-Kathy Kemp, 6-3, 7-5; 3. Meghan Barry-Monica Topolovec, 6-0, 6-0; 4. Abi Collingwood-Julia Meireles, 6-4, 6-2; 5. Maggie Sneiderman-Lily Gonzalez, 6-1, 3-6, 6-0; 6. Kalaya Thomas-Natasha Consul, 6-4.



Salem senior Narges Pourmandi swipes at the ball during a recent tennis match.

land.

The lone victories for the Chiefs were posted by the No. 4 and No. 5 doubles teams.

Winning at No. 4 doubles for Canton was the tandem of freshmen Jas-

mine Henry and Alexis Madau (6-4, 7-5) while freshman Sasha Gill and sophomore Anna Schepple earned a 6-0, 6-0 triumph at No. 5 doubles.

With the loss, the Chiefs dropped to 3-3 overall.

### Chiefs fall

Also Tuesday in a conference crossover, Canton lost 7-2 to host Hart-

# Canton offense stymied

Travis Harvey came ready to hit Tuesday when Livonia Stevenson's KLAA Kensington Conference baseball game resumed after play was suspended from Monday in the top of the third inning at Canton.

The junior took the first pitch and cleared the left field fence for a grand slam and a 5-0 lead as the Spartans went on to post an impressive 8-0 victory.

Senior right-hander Chris McDonald, facing just 23 batters, threw a two-hit shutout as he struck out nine and

walked only one in seven innings of work.

Harvey went 2-for-4 with five RBI, while Mike Vomastek and Nick Lagerstrom each added two hits and an RBI as the state-ranked Spartans improved to 13-2 overall and 7-0 in the KLAA's Central Division.

Canton starter Michael Stafford was charged with four runs on two hits and two walks in 2.1 innings.

Ryan Bazner went 2-for-2 as the Chiefs dropped to 9-5 overall and 3-4 in the KLAA's South Division.

**NORTHVILLE 1, PLYMOUTH 0:** In a game shortened to five innings because of rain, Plymouth dropped this KLAA crossover varsity baseball game Monday to the visiting Mustangs.

The Wildcats (9-4 overall) managed just one hit, by Casey Sudz.

Taking a tough loss for Plymouth was senior pitcher Justin Thompson, who pitched the distance giving up just one run and striking out six.

"He pitched extremely well," Plymouth head coach Bryan Boyd said. "Unfortunately we just couldn't get it done for him."

Northville, the first place team in the KLAA Central Division, improved to 13-2 overall.

# Haeger wins 500th in Madonna sweep

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Back in the friendly confines of Ilitch Ballpark after 20 days, the Madonna University baseball team gave coach Greg Haeger his 500th career victory Friday by sweeping double-header Friday from the University of Northwestern Ohio.

The 42-year-old Livonia native and former minor leaguer who played at the University of Michigan is now 500-337-5 in 16 seasons.

The Crusaders captured their Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference opener, 11-1, in eight innings, as Livonian Jer-



Haeger

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emy Gooding (6-5) went seven strong innings to pick up the victory.

The Dearborn Divine Child grad struck out seven, walked four and allowed just three hits before giving way to Justin Hicks in the eighth.

Josh Deeg belted a grand slam for his third homer of the season and finished with five RBI on the day. Dan Harder went 3-for-5, while Matthew Cook and Steve Pelletier contributed two hits apiece for the Crusaders.

In the nightcap, MU improved 33-18 overall and 17-9 in the WHAC with a 6-5 win in 10 innings over the Racers (30-20, 14-12).

Tyler Cotter (Livonia Churchill) reached base on a dropped third strike, which allowed Deeg to

score from third with the game-winning run in the bottom of the 10th.

Harder went 3-for-5 with two RBI, while Spencer Sarel added three hits and Deeg added two in the victory.

The third-place Crusaders used four pitchers with Andy Omilian holding the Racers scoreless in the top of the 10th to pick his first win of the season.

Starter Matt Cook allowed three earned runs on seven hits and a walk before giving way to relievers Randall Stempel (two earned runs) and Peter Renaud.

MU closed out the regular season Saturday with a Senior Day ceremony with the first pitch being thrown at 1 p.m.

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# Boucher blanks Spartans

The host Canton Chiefs blanked Livonia Stevenson 3-0 Monday in a rain-shortened KLAA softball crossover contest.

Earning the win for Canton (8-1) was Alyssa Boucher, who allowed

three hits and one walk to the Spartans.

Two runs in the first inning helped get the Chiefs off and running. Catherine Porter doubled to open the game and courtesy runner Shannon

Watson scored on a single by Kendyl Richter. The second run scored on a sacrifice fly by Paige Aresco, plating Richter.

A solo home run in the fourth by Jessica Webster capped the scoring.

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## HILLE

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But Styes reiterated that, if there were a similar leader board for elite human beings, Hille's name would be prominently displayed there, too.

### Who, me?

Of course, Hille would merely smile and shrug her shoulders if told of such high praise. One word that does not describe her is egotistical.

"Track is an individual sport, but we all work together because we all want to do well as a team to either win the meet or want to cheer each other on," said Hille, in her third season as a co-captain. "Leadership for track is to have that final stretch, and you have your team cheering you on wanting the best for you. It's something I know that helped me when I was a freshman.

"So to work with that and help give that to the others, to be able to cheer for each other, to be there for each other, no matter what happens in the race is definitely important."

Now in her fourth year with the varsity girls track and field team (she's also lettered in volleyball and girls basketball), Hille's relished all of the opportunities during her journey as a PHS student-athlete.

In addition to sports, she is active with the National Honor Society and Student Council.

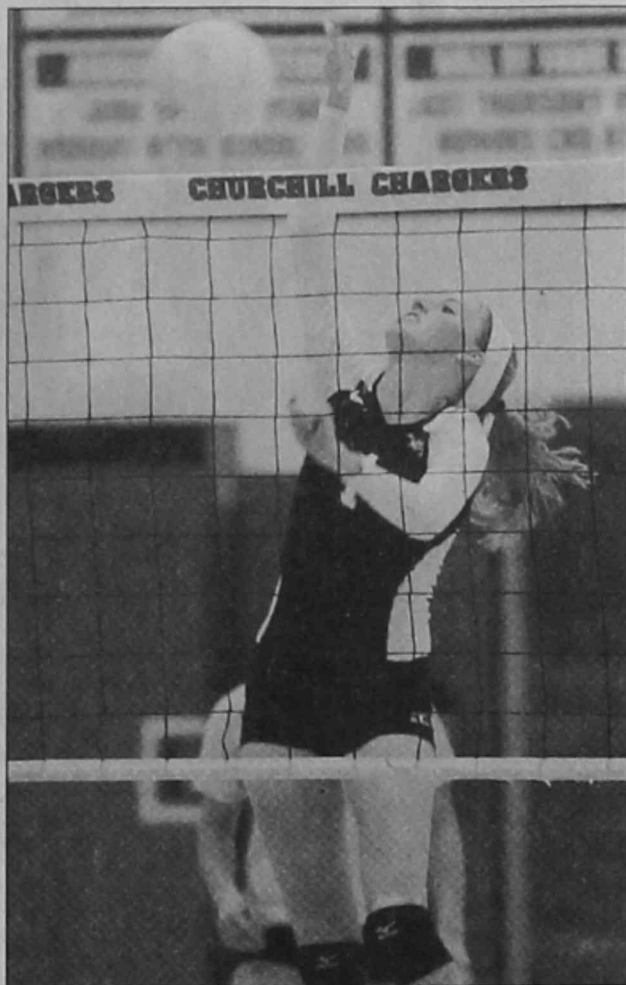
When not studying or competing, much of her time is spent leading a Bible study group for Fellowship of Christian Athletes (along with Plymouth senior Tyler Goble, Plymouth junior Julie Hahn and Salem junior Jordan Ciciotti).

"That has really impacted me in my life and that's something we want to carry on as leaders to keep that going," Hille said, "because it's such a strong place for you to go, be yourself and get to know other people who are like-minded."

### Her philosophy

A major recurring theme in Rachael Hille's life is to give back, in much the same way she was nurtured when she was finding her way during her first year or two at the Park.

Coming over to the



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This spring, Plymouth senior Rachael Hille is looking to return to the Division 1 state meet with the girls track and field team. But last fall, as shown here, she was a key player for the Wildcats' varsity girls volleyball team.

## ALL ABOUT RACHAEL

**Who:** Rachael Hille, 18-year-old Plymouth High School senior.

**Family:** She lives in Plymouth with parents Kevin and Lisa Hille.

**Athletics:** Hille is in her fourth season with the Plymouth varsity girls track and field team and also played two seasons for the varsity girls volleyball team. As a sophomore, she was a member of the girls basketball varsity squad. She was co-captain for both the track and volleyball teams this season.

**Leadership:** Owner of a 3.7 grade point average, Hille is a member of National Honor Society, senior class president and a leader of Plymouth-Canton Educational Park chapter of Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

**Hobbies:** She is active at NorthRidge Church in Plymouth Township, where she plays piano on the worship team.

**College:** Hille has not yet decided on a college, but would like to run track and field there.

massive PCEP from Northville Christian (she was part of a 32-student graduating class), it was important to be mentored by older athletes (such as 2010 Plymouth grad Kelly Hahn) and coaches — primarily the late Kim Renzi, coach of the 2008 freshman volleyball team that Hille played on.

Hahn helped Hille when the latter missed much of her sophomore year with the track team due to an injury.

"She (Hahn) was always there to inspire me," Hille stressed. "She walked me through because she had had an injury herself, and she kind of told me how to

get through it and that it will be OK.

"... Don't let this get you down, just remember there's a new day. Just working towards it, keep fighting it."

One day, the teammates went out for a long walk "and we were able to talk about it. She led by example, too. Not once did she complain about anything. She was always so positive and I want to just strive to do that, too."

The advice and encouragement received then is being repaid in full and then some by Hille to today's younger athletes.

Last week, for example, the mid-distance runner volunteered to

help out with sprinters during practice.

"Being a 400, 800 runner I kind of go between running with the distance and running with the sprint team," she noted. "The sprint team is a little younger than the distance. ... It's their first time together on a team.

"So it's something to remember to inspire them that they can go more than their 100 meters, that they can run the 400, that they can continue to run."

### Lasting imprint

The influence of Kim Renzi (who died in spring 2009 after a bout with melanoma) also continues to be felt by Hille, even though it's only about track and field these days.

Hille was one of the catalysts for a reunion of that 2008 freshman team at last October's third annual Kim Renzi Memorial Tournament.

And not a day goes by where Hille doesn't think about Renzi and what she meant in her life.

"Coach Renzi, being a part of the volleyball team she just took us in right away," Hille said. "As a freshman, you're nervous, you're scared. But she helped us have that bond with each other. And then she got

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

When Rachael Hille and Reagan Engstrom were sophomores, they were among the leaders on Plymouth's varsity girls track and field team.

And there weren't any qualms about it by the juniors and seniors on that 2010 squad.

Since then, Hille and Engstrom — along with senior Becca Knox and junior Natalie Puckett — have continued to give and receive respect from teammates in such a way that head coach Ricky Styes is almost in awe.

"Reagan and Rachael were sophomore captains, they've been captains of this team three years now," Styes explained. "We've got so many seniors we've had our girls look up to, we're blessed.

"It makes coaching pretty easy when you've got a good core of lead-



Reagan Engstrom (above) also started as a co-captain for Plymouth her sophomore season, just like Rachael Hille.

ers and Rachael is at the forefront of that."

What was it that enabled Hille and Engstrom to click as sophomores with the team as a whole?

"They commanded respect from seniors," Styes said. "They gave respect to seniors but they also ... I don't think you have to be older to be a leader.

"That's something you have or you don't. It was

pretty observable in those girls early on."

Meanwhile, Styes said one reason why Hille is successful as a co-captain is "She knows what she wants, she goes after it and she cares about the process of getting to her goals."

That means she gets it that the best things in track and field are those earned over time.

"There are things you're going to get immediately and there are things you're going to have to work and work and work for in order to get," said Styes, who took over as the team's head coach when Hille and Engstrom were sophomores. "She understands the difference between instant gratification and delayed gratification, what needs to happen in April to have successes in June."

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who is one of Hille's best friends and one of the 2012 co-captains.

"She gets the baton, she was running third and I was running fourth," Hille said. "She starts running really good, really strong and she makes up a whole lot of ground. "She's coming into the final stretch and I'm thinking to myself 'We really have a chance at this.'"

Then the two runners make enthusiastic eye contact as if saying "'Oh, my gosh, we can do this, this is our chance.' And we talk about it to this day."

The Wildcats passed Canton and finished second to the Rocks, who wound up going to the state meet that spring.

"But we were close behind them," Hille said. "We did something we never thought we could."

With that example as Exhibit A, such determination now is ingrained throughout the roster. Thanks in large part to Hille, the present and future Wildcats can't and won't take no for an answer.

That's because there's yet another word to describe Rachael Hille — influential.

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# Raider Relays impress Canton's Richardson

By Tim Smith  
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Canton's initial foray Friday into the North Farmington-hosted Raider Relays was positive enough for Chiefs head coach Bob Richardson to rave about the event.

The Chiefs finished eighth in the boys portion of the event with 21 points; Salem also competed and placed sixth with 41.25 points. On the girls side, Canton placed ninth with 22 points.

"It was the first time we'd ever gone to the Raider Relays," Richardson said. "The North Farmington people were so organized, it was one of the best-run meets we'd ever been at.

"Todd Schultz and Jeff Simpson and the whole crew, everything went extremely smooth. I'm pretty sure that meet is one I like going to now, and we'll probably end up going there again."

Reasons include: seeing other teams in the area (such as Dearborn Divine Child and Troy Ath-

ens); giving younger athletes the chance to participate; having them experience out-of-the-ordinary events such as the shuttle relay, where teammates run "north-to-south, then south-to-north in side-by-side lanes."

Breaking up the routine of the dual meet season is another reason to take part in events such as the Raider Relays and Observerland Relays (set for Saturday, May 5).

"We didn't have everybody there," Richardson said. "So we had a lot of kids step up that got a chance to run that don't normally run in some of the varsity events."

Topping the 15-team field with 51 points was Milford. It was followed in the top 10 by Birmingham Brother Rice (50.75), Farmington (49), Novi (43.25), Farmington Hills Harrison (43), Salem (41.25), Livonia Churchill (31), Canton (21), Royal Oak (20) and North Farmington and Stoney Creek (18 each).

One of the top individual showings by a Canton athlete was Mitch Nickert in

the pole vault relay, which totals the vaults of three team members.

The Chiefs placed second with a total of 33 feet, 6 inches, but Nickert "was the only vaulter in the entire meet to (vault) 12 feet," Cunningham said.

Meanwhile, Salem finished first in the long jump relay, with the quartet of Drake Jordan, Thom Crawford, Joe Amado and Chris Dierker combining their talents to tally a score of 58-4.5.

"The (team) finishes were all very close. I believe we were separated from first place by only about 10 points," Salem head coach Kyle Meteyer said. "We placed in nearly every event, with our only first place being in the long jump relay.

"We have four athletes (Jordan, Crawford, Amado, Dierker), all between 19 and 21 feet, that we can rotate into that event, so having that depth really helps us in invitationals and regular meets alike."

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## RAIDER RELAYS — TRACK & FIELD

### BOYS TRACK & FIELD 2012 RAIDER RELAYS

April 27 at N. Farmington

**Team standings:** 1. Milford, 51; 2. Birmingham Brother Rice, 50.75; 3. Farmington, 49; 4. Novi, 43.25; 5. Harrison 43; 6. Salem, 41.25; 7. Churchill, 31; 8. Canton, 21; 9. Royal Oak, 20; 10. (tie) North Farmington and Stoney Creek, 18; 12. Edsel Ford, 8; 13. Troy Athens, 6; 14. John Glenn, 2.25. 15. Groves, 0.50;

**6,400-meter relay:** 1. Royal Oak (Benoit, Quinn, Dobras, Hill), 18:35.7; 2. Farmington, 19:04.7; 3. Milford, 19:16.2; 4. Edsel Ford, 19:27.3; 5. Canton, 19:28.2 (Bradon Conley, Billy Toth, Tom Walkinshaw, Miles Felton); 6. Salem, 19:30.2.

**Shuttle hurdles:** 1. Harrison, 1:04.8; 2. Novi, 1:05.0; 3. Farmington, 1:05.8; Churchill (Denzel Owens, Michael Ojemudia, Jaylen Forest, Eamon Devlin), 1:08.0; 5. Athens, 1:08.4; 6. Canton (Mitch Pepper, Shean Krolicki, James Hildreth, Kurt Kowalski), 1:08.8.

**800 relay:** 1. Novi (Love, Park, Semeleer, Jocz), 1:31.6; 2. Salem, 1:31.9; 5. Canton (Ryan Jones, Colby Morris, Anthony Tillman, Kenny Scott), 1:34.2.

**Raider Relay:** 1. Brother Rice (Price, Sweis, Pennington, Reid), 5:55.8.

**Sprint medley:** 1. Brother Rice (Flynn, Bulcer, Carter, Wile), 3:42.1; 5. Salem, 3:51.7.

**Distance medley:** 1. Milford (Welch, Wallace, Ausum, Snively), 10:29.3.

**400 relay:** 1. Harrison (Gairus Coleman, Eveldo, Chris Massey, Trae Parker), 43.9; 4. Salem, 44.8.

**1,600 relay:** 1. Brother Rice (Flynn, Wile, Price, Sweis), 3:30.7; 3. Salem, 3:32.4.

**Pole vault:** 1. Churchill, 34-6; 2. Canton (Mitch Nickert, Kyle Zander, Hildreth), 33-6; 5. Salem, 28-6.

**Shot put:** 1. Churchill (Harper, Staff, Bartic), 126-4.5; 3. Salem, 118-0.5.

**Discus:** 1. Farmington (Jason Kohnert, Vonn Paloett, Connor Ferguson), 380-6; 5. Salem, 332-10.

**High jump:** 1. Milford (Moore, Casler, Stanek), 16-7; 2. Canton (Matt Schacht, Akil Wade, Andrew Stephens), 16-4; 6. (tie) Salem, Glenn, Rice and Novi, 15-9.

**Long jump:** 1. Salem (Joe Amado, Chris Dierker, Drake Jordan, Thom Crawford), 58-4.5; 2. Milford, 57-3; Harrison, 56-4.75.

### GIRLS TRACK & FIELD 2012 RAIDER RELAYS

April 27 at N. Farmington

**Team standings:** 1. Divine Child, 92; 2. Novi, 80; 3. Harrison, 38; 4. Farmington, 33; 5. North Farmington, 31; 6. (tie) Groves and Milford, 28; 8. Stoney Creek, 23; 9. Canton, 22; 10. John Glenn, 16; 11. Royal Oak, 6; 12. Marian, 3; 13. Troy Athens, 2; 14. Wayne Memorial, 1; 15. Edsel Ford, 0.

**6,400-meter relay:** 1. Divine Child (Kerr, Brewis, Okonowski, Brewis), 22:48.8; 2. Novi, 23:00.9; 5. Canton, 23:26.1.

**Shuttle hurdles:** 1. Harrison (Leah Robinson, Candace Cannon, Jazmine Skala-Wade, Laticia Sims), 1:06.3; 2. North Farmington, 1:07.8.

**800 relay:** 1. Divine Child (Myler, Gandy, Mullen, Patterson), 1:43.2; 2. John Glenn, 1:47.2.

**Raider Relay:** 1. Divine Child (Iaquaniello, Hauser, Urbanick, Patterson), 7:08.3; 2. Canton, 7:21.4.

**Sprint medley:** 1. Groves (Berger, Switzer, Kendal, Feist), 4:15.6; 2. Divine Child, 4:19.7.

**Distance medley:** 1. Novi (Masserant, Posey, Lonergan, Mullins), 13:15.4; 2. Milford, 13:16.6; 5. Canton, 14:04.4.

**400 relay:** 1. North Farmington (Karrington Seals, Asha McKinney, Ashley Phillips, Asha Freeman), 50-6; 2. Harrison, 50-8; 3. Divine Child, 51-1.

**1,600 relay:** 1. Divine Child (Myler, Hauser, Urbanick, Patterson), 4:03.6; 2. Novi, 4:12.2.

**Pole vault:** 1. Canton (Lang, Alaniva, Simon), 26-0; 2. Milford, 22-0; 3. Novi, 22-0.

**Shot put:** 1. Novi (Calhoun, Pavlika, Pavlika), 101-1; 2. Harrison, 98-11; 3. Divine Child, 98-9.5.

**Discus:** 1. Novi (Calhoun, Pavlika, Pavlika), 300-6; 2. Divine Child, 276-5.

**High jump:** 1. Novi (McMahon, Downs, Pavlika), 14-10; 2. Milford, 14-2; 3. Divine Child, 13-8.

**Long jump:** 1. Farmington (Aaron Howell, Kristina Hall, Tyler Bland), 46-3.75; 2. Divine Child, 45-9.



# Blazers red hot

Livonia Ladywood earned a signature girls lacrosse victory last Friday night with a 13-12 double-overtime victory over previously unbeaten Detroit Country Day in an indoor match played in Beverly Hills.

Sophomore Megan Leon's sudden victory goal with 1:46 left in the second 6-minute OT proved to be the difference as the Blazers improved to 8-3 overall.

"We were in an overtime situation against Okemos a week ago so we knew what was ahead of us," Ladywood coach Kris Sanders said.

"The girls played with tremendous heart and determination as they wanted this win very badly.

"DCD is a great team and this was their first loss."

Seniors Emma Ellswood and Alyssa Daly tallied five and three goals, respectively, for the Blazers.

"With the injury to Kylie Birney last Monday, the players are learning to play together and are stepping up to fill her shoes," Sanders said. "I couldn't have scripted a better ending to the game. It definitely

was exciting for all."

Country Day (7-1) got six goals from Carly Beitman and four from Shelby Gilyard.

Ladywood junior goalie Stephanie Mackley made 10 saves, while Anneke Seeger had four for the Yellowjackets.

**LADYWOOD 21, REGINA 5:** Senior Emma Ellswood tallied five goals Monday to lift host Livonia Ladywood (9-3, 6-0) to a Catholic League victory over winless Warren Regina.

Senior Mary Maslak added three goals and two assists for the victorious Blazers.

Goalie Stephanie Mackley, a junior, made four saves for Ladywood.

Angeline Fisher had seven saves for the Saddlelites.



JOHN KEMSKI

Salem girls lacrosse coach Dave Medley (left) is presented with a lacrosse ball signed by senior members of the Plymouth Wildcats — several of whom Medley coached with the old PCS United team.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Plymouth grid camp

The Plymouth High School Football Program will be holding its annual football camp June 25-27 at the PCEP varsity turf field.

Youngsters entering grades five-nine will participate from 5-7 p.m. each of the three days; those entering grades 10-12 will take part from 7-9 p.m..

The cost of the camp is \$40. Go to [www.plymouthwildcats.com](http://www.plymouthwildcats.com), click on sports and go to football for a camp brochure. Any questions, contact coach Mike Sawchuk at (734) 765-1766.

### Football info meeting

Speaking of Plymouth High School football, a mandatory informational meeting for any student-athletes interested in playing in 2012 will be Tuesday, May 22, in the high school cafeteria.

Incoming freshmen will meet from 6-7:30 p.m. with upperclassmen meeting from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

On the agenda will be program expectations with distribution of necessary paperwork. Wildcat merchandise will be on sale at the meeting. Contact coach Mike Sawchuk at (734) 765-1766 for more information.

### Canton grid camps

Football players of all ages have something they can benefit from thanks to a trio of camps being run in mid-late June by the Canton High School football program. All of the camps will take place at the varsity turf stadium at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. All participants will receive Chiefs football T-shirts.

- Kicking it off from June 11-14 is the "Football Skills Camp," for youngsters entering grades seven-nine. Prospective participants must pre-register by May 21 (\$45), although latecomers to sign up will owe \$55. Sessions will run from 5-7:30 p.m. and focus on improving fundamentals while learning the Chiefs' football philosophy.
- Next up, June 18-21, is

the "Wing T/3-4 Camp" for those going into grades 10-12.

Times are 2-5 p.m. June 18 and 5-8 p.m. June 19-21 with registration fees \$25 (if pre-registered by May 21) and \$30 (for latecomers).

On the agenda will be become a "tough and agile back or an efficient passing and throwing quarterback."

- Wrapping things off June 25-28 is the "Fundamental Football Camp," for kids entering grades three-six. Times are 9 a.m. to noon all four days. Fees to sign up are \$75 (if signed up by June 1) and \$100 for those who register after that date.

Campers will learn about blocking, running, throwing and catching on offense and "proper footwork and techniques" on defense.

For more information, e-mail Enza Lanava of the Canton Chiefs Booster Club at [elanava@wowway.com](mailto:elanava@wowway.com) or call her at (313) 300-1173. All checks must be made payable to the Canton Chiefs Football Boosters Club.

## MEDLEY

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bers who have made big contributions to the continuing growth of girls lacrosse at PCEP.

### Paying homage

Katie Hill said it was Medley who encouraged her to give the sport a try when she was a freshman, looking for a school activity to get involved in.

"He was just 'Hey, you want to play in the tournament on varsity?' And I was like 'I don't know what I'm doing,'" she said following Friday's game.

"Just his noticing of me gave me the confidence to continue and now I'm signing with Tiffin to play college in D-II."

She said all of the seniors, including those who did not play for Medley.

"A lot of the seniors don't know him, but those who do really respect him," Hill continued. "... Because of him this program has gotten so big. We obviously broke apart from PCS (in 2010) and now we're three separate teams.

"I don't know how many girls are playing right now but I know it's just going to be bigger and it all started with him."



BRIAN QUINTOS

Attempting to scoop up the lacrosse ball Friday is Salem's Lauren Britton (No. 7), shown being chased by Plymouth seniors Jordyn Burdick (No. 15) and Grace Stover (No. 21).

When Katie started with the PCS United team, that in turn got her dad involved.

"My daughter came from gymnastics and Dave Medley said he had a spot for her," Bob Hill recalled. "She said she wanted to try lacrosse because she was looking for something to do in high school, to be involved.

"... I thank Dave, he's a tremendous guy and he took a lot of time to do this. I wouldn't be here, I didn't know the game until I met Dave. He got my daughter into it and I followed."

And with college scholarships by Katie Hill, Lubin and others at the

Park, evidence is pouring in that what Medley started is beginning to take root.

"I think there's a couple girls from Canton as well that have been signed," Bob Hill said. "So I'm glad to see all three of our programs developing.

"Even though we have a rivalry, I think it's important we keep the focus on building the program here on campus."

Other Plymouth seniors include Nicole Brodzik, Jordyn Burdick, Samantha Arseneault, Emily Lehr, Avalon Dewaele, Amber Beattie and Dorianne Sherrod.

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## RELAYS

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days after that and we limited the kids to one, no more than two events," coach Charles Bridges said. "This year they won't have the same limits as they had last year."

While still a quality team, the Falcons don't have the depth they've had in recent years, Bridges added.

The throwing and distance events have been areas of strength for Farmington. It won the discus at the Raider Relays and was fourth in the shot put (after Churchill, Rice and Salem). The Falcons were second only to Royal Oak in the 6,400-meter relay.

"We do have some good throwers (led by senior Connor Ferguson)," Bridges said. "It will probably be tough to stack up against Catholic Central. It'll be nice to see how we stack up compared to the other (17) schools there. It will be a strong event for us and a good test for the boys."

### Solid Chiefs

Another team to watch is Canton, which is off to a 4-0 dual meet start in the KLAA's South Division. The Chiefs are led by sprinter Ryan Jones.

"I think we'll do quite well," Chiefs coach Bob Richardson said. "We've got a nice, solid lineup as long as we have everybody there. I know there are some other good teams in the area.

"If Catholic Central's there we know how tough Tony Magni's team is. And Churchill has a good, solid team, we barely beat them in our dual meet. Livonia Stevenson won the city meet for them, they're a tough team. And then there's a few other teams I'm not really sure of that are a little further away that I don't really follow. But I think we can end up in the top five somewhere."

Stevenson, meanwhile, is 4-0 in the KLAA's South Division and captured last week's closely contested Livonia City Meet where only 28 points separated Churchill, Clarenceville and Franklin.

"Like I always say

it always comes down to where people have depth," Stevenson coach Scott Shaw said. "I think we can compete in a few events and hopefully we'll be alright."

Despite the absence of Malone, CC still enters the starting gate with a talented cast.

"Catholic Central again is the barometer for the rest of us (in the distance runs)," Bridges said. "Our distance crew is solid, but we haven't had any of those guys develop as a frontrunner. I think this will be about their toughest test."

Field events start at 3:30 p.m. followed by the prelims for the individual 100 and 110 hurdles at 6:30 p.m. The finals are slated to start at 7 p.m.

"We've had a lot of success through the years at the Observerland, and it's one of my favorite meets," Richardson said. "You get to see everybody in the local area and that's good because we don't have dual meets against a lot of those teams."

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## Two for Tiffin

Signing last week to play women's lacrosse at Tiffin University are (seated, from left) Plymouth High School seniors Katie Hill and Shannon Lubin. Standing are Wildcats head coach Bob Hill (left) and PCEP co-athletic director Tom Willette.

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## May

## BARBERSHIP CONCERT

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 9

**Location:** Fifth Lutheran Church, 3000 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia

**Details:** HarmonyTown chorus, the Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, will entertain with four-part harmony barbershop-style music. Dessert will be served at 7 p.m. with music to begin at 7:30 p.m. Free will offering, but all to reserve a spot.

**Contact:** Call Beth at (313) 41-7249, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday

## FOOD DRIVE

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

**Location:** St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Mill, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Most healthy individuals over 17 are eligible to donate. Participants could bring a drivers license or two other forms of identification to the food drive. Bringing a list of indications they take also may be helpful. Walk-ins will be accepted until 6 p.m. Telephone in advance to make an appointment.

**Contact:** (248) 47-0584

## COCO DE MAY

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

**Location:** Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 3567 Seven Mile, Livonia

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

**Contact:** For reservations call (248) 442-8222

## CLOTHING BANK

**Time/Date:** 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 9 and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 26

**Location:** Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy Road, between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton

**Details:** "Free" clothing and shoes to anyone in need

**Contact:** (734) 927-6686 or (734) 404-2480

## CONCERT

**Time/Date:** 3 p.m. Sunday, May 6

**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](http://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

**Contact:** Mihaela Charlier at (313) 595-7640 or e-mail to [mihaelacharlier@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mihaelacharlier@sbcglobal.net); or Richard Shebib at (734) 422-0278 or [paschabooks@sbcglobal.net](mailto:paschabooks@sbcglobal.net)

## EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

**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 Plymouth 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

**Contact:** (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200

## GARAGE SALE

**Time/Date:** 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 9

**Location:** Canton Christian Fellowship Church, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton

**Details:** "Great Expectations Church Wide Garage Sale," will include such items as clothing, furniture, electronics, and more. The sale will be held in the church parking lot

**Contact:** (734) 404-2480; [www.cantoncf.org](http://www.cantoncf.org)

## GRIEF SUPPORT

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. May 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 as 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. Started May 1

**Contact:** (248) 349-8847; [www.holyfamilynovi.org](http://www.holyfamilynovi.org)

## GRIEF SUPPORT

**Time/Date:** 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesdays for six weeks; began May 1

**Location:** Congregation Shaarey Zedek, 27375 Bell, Southfield

**Details:** No charge, non-sectarian 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](mailto:Space@ncjwgds.org)

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**HILBERT, DALE DANIEL**

Age 88, died Sunday, April 29, 2012 in Westland, Michigan. He was born April 30, 1923 in Defiance, Ohio. Dale enlisted in the Air Force in 1942 and as a Technical Sergeant on the crew of the B-24 Liberator 'Back to the Sack' flew 30 heavy bombardment sorties over enemy occupied Europe, earning five Bronze Stars and the Air Medal with four Gold Leaf Clusters. After his honorable discharge in 1945, he went to work with General Electric in Fort Wayne, Indiana until joining Morton Salt Company in 1948. He married Marlyn Dafforn in 1951, and they remained lifelong partners until her death in 2008. In 1969 he was appointed Agricultural Sales Manager of the North Central Region and moved with his family to Plymouth, Michigan. He retired from the company after 38 years in 1986 when he and Marlyn moved to North Twin Lake in Howe, Indiana. He later resided in Westland, Michigan with his daughter Debra and her family. Dale and Marlyn raised four loving children: Dan of Haslett, Michigan, Debra (Dean) Gherardini of Westland, Michigan, David (deceased 1998) (Mary Simkow) of Brighton, Michigan and Denna (Mike) Emehiser of Woodburn, Indiana. He is also survived by his sister Sally (Jack) Besavitch of Valrico, Florida, his nine grandchildren and six great grandchildren. A lifelong 'collector' he also enjoyed fishing, tinkering, and spending time with his loving family. His patience and unique good humor were exceeded only by the generosity of his spirit. Dale will be missed by every life he touched in his 88 years. Funeral arrangements by Elzey-Patterson-Rodak in Fort Wayne, Indiana.



**KISS, LILLIAN GRACE (NEE MUTH)**

Of Farmington Hills, age 90, April 26, 2012. Beloved wife of the late Stephen Kytka (d. '96). Dear sister of and preceded in death by Maxwell (Genevieve), Karl (Harriett) and Louise. Loving Aunt of Mike, John, Albert, and Liesel Muth; and Linda Thorburn and many great nieces and nephews. Very dear friend of Barbara Yokom. During 40 years of marriage, she and Stephen traveled the world on their own or with the Nomads. After 37 years with Ford Motor Co., she retired, then volunteered for cancer organizations, American Red Cross and was a PEO sister. Memorial service Friday 11:30am Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 West Eleven Mile Rd., Farmington Hills 48336. Interment next to her husband in Pennsylvania. In Lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the charity or church of choice. [mccabefuneralhome.com](http://mccabefuneralhome.com)

## ROYE, JESSE ERNEST

Of San Angelo, age 85, died Monday, April 30, 2012. Services are under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home/Sherwood Way.



**SCHNARR, DELORES**

A long time resident of Brighton and former resident of Westland, died at her home in the care of her family on April 29, 2012, at the age of 73. She is survived by Paul A. Schnarr, Sr., her beloved husband of over fifty-three years; sons, Paul Jr. (Dawn), Stephen (Zenaída), Jeffrey (Michelle); daughters, Theresa (Mark) Newman, Bethann (Kevin) Keska, Belinda (Mark) Wisniewski, Michele (Eric) Bergsrud; her fourteen grandchildren and three great grandchildren; brothers, Robert (Janis) Conklin and James Conklin; sister, Patty (Andy) Merkowski and many nieces, nephews, and dear friends. She was preceded in death by her son, Michael Schnarr. Mass of the Resurrection will be held at St. Patrick Parish, 711 Rickett Road, Brighton, on Friday, May 4, at 11:30AM with The Rev. Fr. Mark Rutherford officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Cemetery in Milford. Friends may visit on Wednesday 4-8PM, and on Thursday 2-8PM, with a Rosary Thursday evening. Memorials may be made in her name to the church. For further information please phone 810-229-2905 or visit [www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com)



**VOSS, CHARLES T. "CHUCK"**

Age 41 of Berkley, April 27, 2012. Beloved son of Ray and Ellen. Loving brother and close friend of Ray (Julie). Proud uncle of Shelby and Renna Voss. Loved by many aunts, uncles and a multitude of devoted friends, professional colleagues and classmates. Chuck was a survivor of major open heart surgery in December 2011 but passed away at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak from a massive heart attack. Interment was May 2 at North Farmington Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Samels Family Heritage Society, 250 E. Front St., Ste. 310, Traverse City, MI 49684 or charity of choice. [www.mccabefuneralhome.com](http://www.mccabefuneralhome.com)

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Area Catholics may join in the candle service that will commemorate Mary as the month of "Our Lady," and

will follow a day of Eucharistic Adoration at the church. In the service, each person will represent a rosary bead and lead the prayer it represents.

For more information, call the parish office at (734) 261-1455 or visit [www.livoniastmichael.org](http://www.livoniastmichael.org).

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## Music makes Green Street a well-rounded festival

By Sharon Dargay  
O&E Staff Writer

Visitors to the Green Street Fair will hear a wide range of music — from rock to reggae to folk — this weekend in downtown Plymouth.

The Verve Pipe will headline the three-day schedule, performing Saturday on the Eco-Beats stage.

"Every year the line-up is different," said Raychel Rork, one of the festival organizers. "We want to make it family friendly ... festival friendly."

Organizers work with Eco-Beats Stage sponsors 93.9 The River and 107.1 F.M. to find a variety of bands that also jibe with the radio stations' demographics.

Being "green" isn't necessarily a prerequisite.

"It's not that we want them to get up there and sing about recycling," Rork said. "What's important for us is that it's appropriate for the fair."

The Appleseed Collective, an Ann Arbor-based band, is a perfect fit on several levels.

"It makes a lot of sense for us. It's a great festival and it focuses on things we're interested in," said Katie Lee, a Beverly Hills native.

### Supporting farmers

The band, which formed nearly two years ago, pledged the profits from the first run of its debut studio CD, *Baby to Beast*, to nonprofit Selma Cafe



The Appleseed Collective of Ann Arbor will bring its Americana folk jazz sound to the Green Street Fair in Plymouth.

in Ann Arbor. The CD is being sold on the band's website after a "soft" release in March. It features Andrew Brown on guitar, Sophie Tulip on upright bass, Brandon Smith on violin and mandolin, Vince Russo on washboard (outfitted with bells and cymbals), and kick drum, and Lee on banjo.

The band got its start playing Friday mornings at the cafe, which is located in the home of an Ann Arbor couple dedicated to developing and supporting local food production. Proceeds from the weekly Friday breakfasts help fund the construction of hoop-houses that enable farmers to extend their growing season.

"We've always been



The Verve Pipe headlines the Green Street Fair on Saturday, May 5.

interested in supporting the local food community," Lee said. "And it seemed like a natural fit to work with Green Street. We also just picked up an ecological festival (gig) in Ann Arbor."

### Busking on tour

While touring, the band fits street performing into its schedule of festivals and concerts.

"It's a good way to connect with the community," Lee said. "We've done that on all of our tours."

The band performs mostly original songs with some cover tunes that Lee describes as "old-timey."

"It's cool to reach out to a wide range of ages in our music. Older people recognize the songs and younger people appreciate it as different from what they normally would listen to. There's nothing quite like what we do."

She calls the genre "Americana folk jazz" with country and other musical influences.

Lee performed at the Green Street Fair in the past as a solo artist. The Appleseed Collective will make its Green Street Fair debut on Sunday.

### First time

That same day on the Eco-Beats stage, The Kids Who Cried Wolf, will make its first public appearance. Mat Buie hopes the Fair will be a big break for the group.

"This will be our very first gig. I hope it will get

### FUN AT THE GREEN STREET FAIR

In addition to music and food, check out these other highlights of the Green Street Fair in downtown Plymouth:

- Visit a garden made of recycled materials in the heart of Kellogg Park. Visitors can contribute by constructing gardens and greenhouses out of recycled materials, such as cardboard, foam, and plastic bottles. Children and adults can create their own flowers and vegetables to "plant" in the garden.
  - Meet the birds of prey, such as falcons, hawks, owls, eagles and vultures, at the Leslie Science and Nature Center display.
  - Help construct a "Flip Your Lid Mural" and take a look at the over-sized birds scattered around the park. Students from Field Elementary School in Canton created the birds with collected plastic lids.
  - A petting farm with a miniature horse, miniature donkey, goats, sheep, a calf, alpaca, bunnies and ducks, will be set up in the park.
  - Donate gently-used clothing, shoes, toys, books and household items to IICD, a nonprofit organization. Its booth will be located on Penniman between Harvey and Main.
  - Browse dozens of vendor booths with products for the home, closet, health and beauty, backyard, and pantry. Eco art and fair trade items will be on display and nonprofit organizations, such as VegMichigan, Cass Community Social Services and Michigan Industrial Hemp Education will be on hand.
- The fair runs noon-7 p.m. Friday, May 4, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, May 5, and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, May 6, in downtown Plymouth.



Kids who Cried Wolf will make their public performance debut at the Green Street Fair in Plymouth.

us known," he said.

The Northville High School sophomore plays bass and sings lead for the band that also includes his cousin, Spencer Hall of Northville, on lead guitar, Kaley Ross of Plymouth on rhythm guitar and Chaiya Sirgany of Plymouth on drums. Spencer, Kaley and Chaiya are all eighth graders, Mat said.

We can't count them out because they are young," Rork noted. "A lot of amazing bands met in high school."

Mat said a mutual interest in the same kinds of music compelled the group to form their own band last year.

"Our set list for Green Street Fair is half cover and half originals. Almost everyone in the band writes music."

He describes their sound as alternative but with elements of classic rock. Black Eyed Peas, Pink Floyd, Led Zeppelin, White Stripes and Green Day are among their

favorite bands. Mat said The Kids Who Cried Wolf is influenced by some of those bands, especially Black Eyed Peas.

"Our sound may be similar to those bands, but our sound is also unique to us."

Here's the Eco-Beats Stage schedule:

- Friday, May 4**
- Robin Horlock 1:30-2:30 p.m.
  - Pato Margetic, 3:15-4:15 p.m.
  - The Wallclocks, 5-6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, May 5**
- Abigail Stauffer, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
  - The Difficulties, noon-1 p.m.
  - Cold Tone Harves, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
  - The Macpodz, 3-4:15 p.m.
  - The Verve Pipe, 5-5:45 p.m.
- Sunday, May 6**
- The Appleseed Collective, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
  - The Kids Who Cried Wolf, 2-2:45 p.m.
  - One Love Reggae Band, 3:15-4:15 p.m.

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### DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

**Time/Dates:** 2 p.m. Sundays

**Location:** 5200 Woodward, Detroit

**Details:** Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, free with admission

**Exhibits:** Detroit Revealed: Photographs 2000-2010, an exhibit of 50 photos through April 29; Once Upon a Time: Prints and Drawings that Tell Stories, through May 13; Plant (3D), a three-dimensional investigation of the abandoned Packard auto plant in Detroit, runs through April 29

**In Farmington Hills:** The DIA and City of Farmington Hills present two free drop-in lectures at 1 p.m. May 3 and 23. The May 3 lecture will take place at the Farmington Library, 32737 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. The May 23 lecture will be at the Farmington branch library, 23500 Liberty, Farmington. The topic of discussion will be the seven masterpiece reproductions placed in various locations around Farmington Hills. A trained docent from the DIA will cover the history, details, and artistic significance of each artwork.

**Contact:** (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

### NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

**Time/Date:** May 4-12, with a reception from 6-9 p.m. May 4; gallery hours are 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday

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

**Details:** 13th annual student art show

**Contact:** (248) 344-0497 or e-mail to arthouseoffice@northvillearts.org

## Comedy

### GO COMEDY!

**Time/Date:** Various show times Wednesdays through Sundays

**Location:** 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale

**Details:** Improv most



"Seascape: Sunset 1861" by Martin Johnson Heade is among several art works that will be discussed at a free lecture 1 p.m. May 3 at the Farmington Hills Library.



Harpeth Rising performs May 11 at Trinity House Theatre in Livonia. The group of classically-trained musicians play violin, banjo, cello, and percussion. Their sound is influenced by folk, bluegrass, and Celtic music.

night. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays

**Contact:** (248) 327-0575; gocomedynet.net

### JD'S HOUSE OF COMEDY

**Time/Date:** Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings

**Location:** 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield

**Details:** Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday

**Contact:** (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

### JOEY'S COMEDY

### CLUB OF LIVONIA

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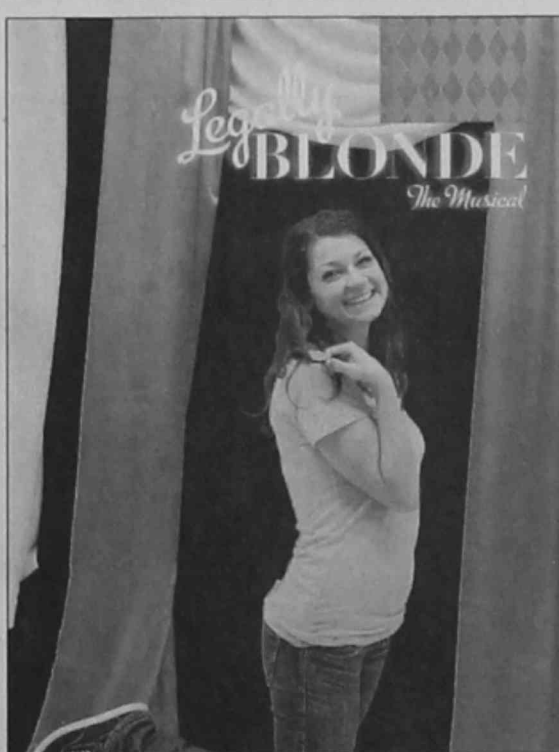
**Location:** 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

**Details:** Vince Morris, May 2-5, Kyle Grooms, May 16-19; Kevin Zeoli, May 23-26; Danny Browning, May 30-June 2

**Contact:** (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

### MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

**Time/Date:** Kevin Mcpeek, May 3; Norm Macdonald,



## On stage

See Livonia resident, Kamryn Zorn, in the Detroit Actor's Theatre Company production of "Legally Blonde: The Musical," 8 p.m. May 3-5 and 10-12, in the iLounge at Clutch Cargo's in Pontiac. Zorn plays the role of Kate and is a member of the Greek Chorus. General admission is \$20; student and senior tickets are \$15. Buy tickets through www.ticketmaster.com or www.thedatc.org. Call (248) 333-0649 to avoid the Ticketmaster fee. Secure parking is available for \$10 per car.

May 4-5; Kathleen Madigan, May 10-12; Jim Short, May 17-19; Bill Hildebrandt, May 24-26; Dave Waite, May 31-June 2

**Location:** 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

**Contact:** (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

## Dance

### BALLET

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Saturday, May 5 and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 6

**Location:** Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit

**Details:** Complexions Contemporary Ballet dances to pop, jazz, gospel and blues music. Tickets are \$30, \$40, and \$50, available at the music hall box office or at www.ticketmaster.com

**Contact:** (313) 887-8500

### CONTRA DANCE

**Time/Date:** Beginner instruction at 12:30 p.m.; dance starts at 1 p.m., Sunday, May 6

**Location:** American Legion Hall, 31775 Grand River Ave., Farmington

**Details:** Farmington Contra Dance; cost is \$10, \$5 for students, with all proceeds benefitting a charity. No partner is necessary. Dancers should bring clean, smooth-soled shoes for dancing — no street shoes. Glen Morningstar, Jr. is the caller, with music by Stout Hearted String Band

**Contact:** American Legion at (248) 478-9174

### FAIRLANE BALLROOM DANCE CLUB

**Time/Date:** 7:30-10:30 p.m. Thursday

**Location:** Lyskawa V.F.W.

Hall, 6840 Waverly, east of Telegraph, south of Warren in Dearborn Heights

**Details:** Singles and couples dance to live bands on a hardwood dance floor. Admission is \$7 for members and \$8 for nonmembers. Free refreshments

**Contact:** Jean Orleans at (734) 516-0500

### MOON DUSTERS

**Time/Date:** 8:30-11:30 p.m. every Saturday; dance lessons 7-8 p.m.

**Location:** Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** Singles and couples; free refreshments. Dance lessons cost \$6; dance and lessons are \$11; dance only is \$7 for guests, \$6.50 for associates and \$6 for Moon Dusters members

**Contact:** Joe Castrodale, club president, (248) 968-5197

### POLKA BOOSTERS

**Time/Date:** Doors open at 1 p.m.; dancing from 2-6 p.m. Sunday, May 20

**Location:** Msgr. Hunt K of C Hall, 7080 Garling, Dearborn Heights

**Details:** Admission is \$15 and includes beer, wine and pop. Food will be available for purchase. Music by The Hank Haller Ensemble from Eastlake, Ohio.

**Contact:** Terry at (734) 422-1901 or Joanna at (313) 561-8389

## Film

### PENN THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. and 9:10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 4-5 and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 6

**Location:** 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

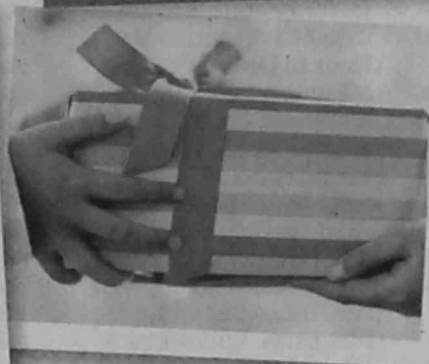
**Details:** "Albert Nobbs," \$3 **Coming up:** "Safe House," 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 11-12 and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 13

**Thursday classics:** "Pillow Talk," May 3; "Lover Come Back," May 10; "Harvey," May 17; "The Man Who Knew Too Much," May 24; all shows start at 7 p.m. and tickets cost \$3

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Three sisters, Mallory Magno (left) and Mae Sacdalan, both of Warren, and Melissa Mosley of Livonia, have fun baking vegan cupcakes. They turned their passion for tasty vegan foods into a company, Sweet Magnolias Vegan Cupcakes.

## Sample vegan cupcakes at Green Street Fair

By Sharon Dargay  
O&E Staff Writer

Mae Sacdalan and her sisters, Melissa Mosley and Mallory Magno are on a mission to change the world "one sweet step at a time."

Since launching Sweet Magnolias Vegan Cupcakes, they've gained a loyal following for their made-from-scratch, organic, "cholesterol free, cruelty free and oober yummy" treats.

"We just did a show at the Suburban Collection — VegFest. We sold out of all the double chocolate. People were trying to buy our display cupcakes," said Sacdalan, who describes their most popular cupcake flavor, double chocolate as "decadent and moist."

"People can't believe it's vegan."

They'll have plenty of double chocolate, double vanilla and other flavored cupcakes on hand when they celebrate their first anniversary this weekend at the Green Street Fair in Plymouth.

Look for samples of their red velvet-flavored cupcakes on Friday, May 4, green tea and straw-

berry shake cupcakes on Saturday, May 5, and peanut butter banana cupcakes on Sunday, May 6. Chocolate and vanilla will be available all weekend.

They went public with their no-dairy, no-soy treats last year at the fair. It was the first time they had anyone other than work colleagues, friends or family test their vegan cupcakes.

"We kept bringing them to work. Our co-workers said 'you guys need to sell these. They taste better than regular cupcakes. Why not sign up for the Green Street Fair,'" Sacdalan recalled. "It was a hit. Ever since then we've been getting orders online."

The trio bake mostly out of Mosley's Livonia home. Mosley, the middle sister, works in purchasing at Macprofessionals in Novi, where oldest sister, Sacdalan of Warren, is employed in human resources. Magno, their younger sister, lives in Warren and works as an anesthesia aide at St. John Hospital.

### Going vegan

Mosley was the first of the three to try a non-

dairy, no-animal product diet. She'd offer some of her vegan lunch to Sacdalan, who began experimenting with vegan cooking and baking at home. Before long, all three sisters were not only eating a vegan diet, but baking cupcakes together as well.

"It's a lot of fun and it's nice to do something together, with the three of us. We come from a tight family," Sacdalan said, adding that their parents run a catering business.

Their father has learned to adjust his Filipino cooking to include a vegan dish or two when the family gathers together.

"We have a noodle dish that is made with chicken and different types of pork sausage. He'll substitute bean curd or tofu and vegetables."

### No dairy, soy

Sacdalan suspects an increasing number of consumers, like her parents, have become familiar with the vegan diet. They understand that a vegan cupcake means it contains no animal products.

"Occasionally you get a few people who say, what's that? Are there vegetables in it? But a lot of people get it."

Their cupcakes contain no soy and no dairy ingredients. They also bake gluten-free cupcakes on request.

Visit [www.sweetmagnoliascupcakes.com](http://www.sweetmagnoliascupcakes.com) for ordering information. Stop by the Sweet Magnolias Vegan Cupcakes booth at Main and Penniman in downtown Plymouth.

The Green Street Fair runs noon-7 p.m. Friday, May 4; 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, May 5; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, May 6.

Check out these other food vendors at the fair: Almonds 'R Nuts, Crushed Smoothie Bar, Door to Door Organics, Mercurio Foods, Mediterranean Foods, D's & C's Barbecue, Vitamix Corp., Pop-2-It, Naturally Nutty Foods, Inc., Aunt Nee's Fresh Foods, The Healthy Gourmet, Stu's Classic Foods, Murrell's Mex-Italian Gourmet Salsa, Willowbrook Farm, Starlite Concessions and Give & Grow Mushrooms.

## Treat mom to brunch on her special day

With Mother's Day less than two weeks away, it's time to make brunch reservations. Seatings at popular locations are filling up fast.

Here's a sampling of local restaurants with Mother's Day brunch on May 13:

• **Sive Restaurant at The Inn at St. John**, 44045 Five Mile, Plymouth: Plated brunch, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. includes trio of appetizers, choice of two entree items, desserts. Adults, \$40; kids, 6-12, \$12; kids, 5 and under, free. Select from a limited a la carte menu from 4-9 p.m. Make reservations at (734) 357-5700; e-mail to [Sive@stjohnsgc.com](mailto:Sive@stjohnsgc.com)

• **Flemings Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar**, 17400 Haggerty, Livonia: Brunch costs \$34.95 for adults and \$16.95 for children, 12 and under. Adults get a choice of appetizer, one of five entrees served with Potatoes O'Brien and sauteed green beans, and a choice of dessert. Entrees include prime rib, Filet Mignon Benedict and Steakhouse Filet Mignon Cobb, Fleming's Frittata, and New Orleans-Style French Toast. Children can choose Chicken Strips and Fries, Steak and Fries, Cheddar Cheese Omelet or Classic French Toast. They also receive a fruit salad and choice of dessert. Reserve online at [flemingssteakhouse.com](http://flemingssteakhouse.com) or call (734) 542-9463.

• **Fox Hills Golf Course and Banquet Center**, 8768 North Territorial Road

Plymouth: Choose from two brunches. Dine at the Fox Classic, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Cost is \$29.95 for adults and \$10.95 for children, 3-12. The buffet includes a breakfast station; seafood items; soup, salads; side dishes; a carving station with roasted turkey, ham and prime rib; an entree station with Potato and Panko Crusted Chicken Croquettes, Butter-milk Chicken, Mama's Meatloaf, Braised Pork Shanks, Pan Fried Whitefish and Lobster and Shrimp Mac n' Cheese; omelet and waffle stations; and desserts.

A buffet also runs 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at The Golden Fox. Cost is \$34.95 for adults and \$12.95 for children, 3-12. Buffet stations are similar to those at the Fox Classic. The Golden Fox also offers oysters on a half shell and additional entrees. For reservations for either brunch, call (734) 453-7272 or visit online at [www.foxhills.com](http://www.foxhills.com).

• **Hellenic Cultural Center**, 23275 Joy Road, west of Wayne Road, Westland: The buffet runs noon-4 p.m. and costs \$17 for adults and \$9 for kids, 3-10. The buffet includes roast beef, ham, chicken, fish, Polish sausage, potatoes, pasta, salads, desserts, beverages, rolls and more. Breakfast bar is offered noon-2 p.m. Call (734) 525-3550 for reservations.

• **Laurel Manor**, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia: Buffet brunch with seatings at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. costs \$32 for adults, \$27 for seniors, \$17 for kids, 4-12 and free for kids 3 and under. It will include 734 425 0714), appetizers, carving station, salads, hot

breakfast items, entrees, pastries and desserts, and beverages. Specialty cocktails will be available for purchase. A photographer will be on hand for photos. Cost is \$15. Make brunch reservations at (734) 462-0770.

• **Longacre House**, 24705 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills: Buffet brunch starts at 1 p.m. and offers hot breakfast items, such as eggs, bacon, sausage, potatoes; a carving station, chicken, fish, pastas, sides, salads, desserts, juices, coffee and a cash bar. \$30, adults; \$20, kids 12 and under; free for kids, 3 and under. Call (248) 477-8404 for reservations.

• **1 Under Bar & Grill**, 35780 Five Mile, Livonia: Seatings are at noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. The buffet includes prime rib, fried chicken, pork tenderloin, ham, vegetable risotto, penne pasta with meat sauce, cheesy potatoes, mashed sweet potatoes, green bean casserole, glazed carrots, salads, steamed mussels and oysters, omelet and waffle station, fresh fruit, desserts, pop, coffee and tea. Cost is \$21.99 for adults; \$15.99 for seniors; \$7.99 for kids, 10-7; and free for kids, 6 and under. Call (734) 464-5555 for reservations.

• **Panache 447, 447 Forest**, Plymouth: Plated brunch served 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. with entrees ranging from \$8 to \$13. Menu features such items as stuffed French toast, frittata, Crab Benedict and more. Walk-ins and reservations accepted. Call (734) 386-8447.

• **The Plymouth Crossing**, 340 N. Main, Plymouth: Buffet runs 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. and includes a complimentary mimosa for mom. Menu includes carving station with prime rib and ham; breakfast items, chicken, rigatoni with Italian sausage, pork loin, red skin potatoes, garlic mashed potatoes, crab mac'n cheese, fresh vegetables, salads, pastries, bagels and cream cheese, smoked salmon platter, desserts. Cost is \$22.95 for adults, \$10.99 for children; and free for kids, 5 and under. Call (734) 455-3700 for reservations.

• **Sean O'Callaghan's**, 821 Penniman, Plymouth: Brunch runs 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and features prime rib, salmon, Eggs Benedict, bacon, sausage, hash browns, salads, omelette and waffle station, chocolate fountain, desserts and more. Adults, \$18.99; kids, 12 and under, \$8.99. Call (734) 459-6666.

• **Sweet Lorraine's**, 17100 Laurel Park Drive North, Livonia: Brunch runs 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and includes choice of soup; carving station with prime rib and ham; omelet station; waffle station; sides and salads such as Norwegian smoked salmon platter and Tropical Breeze fruit display; several entrees including Laurel Park London Broil, Chicken Milano and Farmhouse Quiche; and Desserts. A mini buffet for children will include items such as corn dogs, chicken fingers, and mac & cheese. \$32.95, adults; \$9.95, children, 12 and under; free for kids, 5 and under. Call (734) 953-7480 for reservations.

— Compiled by  
Sharon Dargay

## CITY BITES

### Grill fest

**SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN** — Get ready for the summer grilling season with a tasting event 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 4-5 and 11-12 at GFS Marketplace stores. Visitors can sample items like hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken breast, side salads, and enter a drawing to win a Weber Charcoal Grill and Grilling Starter Kit. They also can enroll in the Fun Funds program to support Gleaners Community Food Bank. Fun Funds is a free fundraising program that gives a portion of every sale through the program to a local non-profit organization.

Local stores include 5727 Lotz North, Canton; 39047 Grand River Ave., at Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills; 29150 Six Mile, Livonia.

### Saluting the military

**NOVI** — Buffalo Wild Wings restaurants will support the VFW Foundation's Return the Favor campaign for the second year in row by donating 10 percent of total food and non-alcoholic beverage purchases this month for

guests who present a military ID, VFW membership card or Return the Favor card. The restaurant's "Salute the Troops" program also thanks restaurant guests for participating. Donors will receive a yellow wristband. Wearing the wristband into Buffalo Wild Wings anytime in May will allow them to donate again. Wearing it in June entitles guests to 10 percent off of their food and non-alcoholic beverage purchases. One wristband per check, while supplies last.

More than 7,500 local VFW posts nationwide will be promoting this donation drive, encouraging their 450,000+ organization members to dine in their local Buffalo Wild Wings restaurants. The Novi Buffalo Wild Wings is participating in the program. It's located at 44375 12 Mile; (248) 344-4019.

### Eating vegan

**ROYAL OAK** — Watch the movie *Forks Over Knives* and sample vegan foods Thursday, May 3 at the Landmark Main Art Theatre, 118 N. Main, at 11 Mile. The food tasting runs from 6-7 p.m. and the movie and Q&A run from 7:10-

9:30 p.m. Dr. Joel Kahn, a Detroit Medical Center cardiologist, MD, chef/author George Vutetakis, a woman who cured her cancer by going vegan, and raw chef/nutritionist/Heal Yourself Institute founder Andrea McNinch, will be on hand for the Q&A. The film chronicles the journeys of Dr. T. Colin Campbell, a nutritional scientist from Cornell University, and Dr. Caldwell Esselstyn, Jr., a former surgeon at the world-renowned Cleveland Clinic. Long before they met, both men conducted groundbreaking studies and their research led them to the same profound conclusion: Degenerative diseases such as heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and even several forms of cancer could almost always be prevented, and in many cases reversed, by eating a whole-food, plant-based diet. Tickets are \$15 for the food tasting and movie, or \$5 for the movie only. To buy tickets for the tasting, visit [regenerationraw.com](http://regenerationraw.com). Individual movie tickets are on sale at the Main Art Theatre box office and website, [landmarktheatres.com/market/detroit/mainarttheatre](http://landmarktheatres.com/market/detroit/mainarttheatre).



## Exterior upgrades go a long way in boosting home values

By Julie Brown  
O&E Staff Writer

Tony Schippa, Coldwell Banker Preferred of Plymouth Realtor, agrees with a recent National Association of Realtors report.

Schippa is president of the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors and has 12 years in the business. The NAR report found in remodeling, exterior replacement projects have routinely rewarded homeowners with more bang for their buck.

"I believe they do pay off," Schippa said. He tells his clients to look at numbers, with the highest, the kitchen, at 76 percent.

"It does help," he said, noting even landscaping makes a difference in curb appeal.

"You get a good company that comes in, they'll take what you have and dress it up." He took down an evergreen at his family home.

"It just opened up the look of the house" in downtown Plymouth.

With warm weather this spring, his neighbors have been out sprucing up their yards. "I think a lot of people just like being outside. When one starts, it just spreads like wildfire."

### Friendly feel

That's the draw of towns like Plymouth, Schippa said, with people who like to know their neighbors.

For a remodeling project, do your homework, he recommended. "They don't really go into the full depth of what it takes," on HGTV. You should shop for all materials and factor in costs.

"You always want to over-budget. I think that's a lot of stuff people don't really think of. Always best to overbudget instead of underbudget. And pick out what you're going to like."

Some people don't care for granite in a kitchen, as it's hard to maintain whereas some older traditional styles don't have those issues. Concrete can be good and durable for countertops, he said. "Make sure you pick out what you like."

Big ticket items help in resale value. "The kitchen is always the highest return," he said. "Any agent has access to that information to assist their client."



According to the NAR report, Realtors recently rated many exterior improvements as among the most valuable home investment projects as part of the 2011-12 Remodeling Cost vs. Value Report.

"This year's Remodeling Cost vs. Value Report shows the value of putting your home's best façade forward, so to speak," said National Association of Realtors President Moe Veisi in a statement. "Inexpensive exterior replacement projects are not only crucial to a home's regular upkeep, but are also expected to recoup close to 70 percent of costs. Specific exterior projects such as siding, window and door replacements are part of regular home maintenance, so many homeowners are already undertaking them. These projects also do not require expensive materials and they have the added bonus of instantly adding curb appeal."

HouseLogic.com, NAR's consumer website, includes dozens of remodeling projects, from kitchens and baths to siding replacements, which indicate the recouped value of the project based on a national average. According to the Cost

vs. Value, seven of the top 10 most cost-effective projects nationally in terms of value recouped are exterior replacement projects. Realtors judged an upscale fiber-cement siding replacement as the project expected to return the most money, with an estimated 78 percent of costs recouped upon resale.

### More winners

Two additional siding replacement projects were in the top 10, including foam-backed vinyl siding, expected to return 69.6 percent of costs, and upscale vinyl siding, expected to recoup 69.5 percent of costs. Three door replacements were also among the top exterior replacement projects. The steel entry door replacement is the least expensive project in the report, costing little more than \$1,200 on average and expected to recoup 73 percent of costs.

The upscale garage door replacement jumped seven spots to No. 6 this year, primarily due to the average cost of the project declining more than 15 percent nationally. The upscale and midrange garage door replacement projects

are expected to return more than 71 percent of costs. One window replacement project — upscale vinyl — rounded out the last exterior replacement project in the top 10, expected to recoup 69.1 percent of costs.

The 2011-12 Remodeling Cost vs. Value Report compares construction costs with resale values for 35 midrange and upscale remodeling projects comprising additions, remodels and replacements in 80 markets across the country. Data are grouped in nine U.S. regions, following the divisions established by the U.S. Census Bureau. This is the 14th consecutive year that the report, which is produced by *Remodeling* magazine publisher Hanley Wood, LLC, was completed in cooperation with NAR.

Realtors provided their insight

into local markets and buyer home preferences within those markets. Overall, Realtors estimated that homeowners would recoup an average of 57.7 percent of their investment in 35 different improvement projects, down from an average of 60 percent last year. Due to a weak economy, high unemployment in the construction industry and the increasing cost of materials, the price of remodeling projects has risen, leaving many homeowners hesitant to tackle projects or encouraging them to scale back on their plans.

Three interior remodeling projects are also considered worthwhile investments. A mid-range attic bedroom is expected to return 72.5 percent of costs upon resale; of all the projects in the report, it is the least expensive way to add

a bedroom and bathroom within a home's existing footprint.

A minor kitchen remodel, expected to return 72.1 percent of costs, is fourth overall, ranking two places higher than last year. Nationally, the average cost for the project is just under \$20,000 and is the least expensive way to give an existing kitchen a complete facelift. A wood deck addition, landing at number seven overall, is expected to recoup 70.1 percent of costs. Improvement projects that are expected to return the least are a sunroom addition and a home office remodel, both estimated to recoup less than 46 percent of costs.

### 'Good time to buy'

Plymouth's Schippa sees the local market turning around. "It's a good time to buy. We've got a shortage of inventory, especially in the Plymouth-Canton-Northville area. Interest rates are at a historic low."

If you're renting for \$1,000 or more a month, it pays to buy. "You're investing in yourself rather than your landlord," Schippa said.

Results of the report are summarized on HouseLogic.com. The website includes a wide variety of ideas and projects to help homeowners maintain, enhance and improve the value of their homes. To read the full project descriptions and access national and regional project data, visit [www.costvsvalue.com](http://www.costvsvalue.com). "Cost vs. Value" is a registered trademark of Hanley Wood, LLC.

The NAR website contributed to this report.

## Review contracts, heed attorney's advice

By Robert Meisner  
Guest Columnist

Q: We had a condominium management company that we think inflated the bills that we received from a contractor who turned out to be unlicensed. When we confronted the management company about the bills and the unlicensed contractor, the management company quit. What do you recommend?

A: I recommend that you consult an attorney about suing the management company and the contractor. It would appear that the management company may well have gotten kickbacks, or, at the very least, was not operating in the best



Robert Meisner

interests of the association. I would also ensure in the future that any contract be reviewed by the Board of

Directors in detail with competitive bids and that the association's attorney be completely independent of the management company.

Q: The condominium management company has told our board that they have a lawyer that we can use to handle our association affairs. Their lawyer, we now find out, happens to be the lawyer that they always push on condominium associations and we have no fee agreement with him. He merely bills us, apparently, whenever we need legal advice. He also reviewed the management contract that we have with the management company. Some of the board members are concerned about this arrangement. What do you think?

A: There is a practice among certain management companies to push attorneys on associations with whom they have a "special relationship." They tell the somewhat naive board that they have an attorney that can assist their association, presumably, at less of a cost. In reality, the association itself should retain an attorney who is totally independent of the management company and is not financially beholden to it. The association should have a written fee agreement with the attorney and should be in a position to be assured that if there is a dispute between the association and the management company, the attorney will assist the association in any dispute including litigation. My recommendation would be to fire the management company and the attorney that, apparently, are in bed with each other.

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

## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 16-20, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

### CANTON

|                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| 1427 Aberdeen St    | \$133,000 |
| 2459 Barkhill Rd    | \$135,000 |
| 6866 Bunkerhill Ln  | \$145,000 |
| 1283 E Crystal Cir  | \$205,000 |
| 7492 Embassy Dr     | \$215,000 |
| 46059 Graystone Ln  | \$168,000 |
| 48672 Greenwich Cir | \$290,000 |
| 41474 Greenwood Dr  | \$168,000 |
| 45169 Horseshoe Cir | \$113,000 |
| 43597 Lancelot Dr   | \$175,000 |
| 45720 Larchmont Dr  | \$235,000 |
| 42279 Metairie Dr   | \$180,000 |
| 43446 Proctor Rd    | \$137,000 |
| 5986 Runnymede Dr   | \$168,000 |
| 388 Sheffield Ct    | \$139,000 |
| 41090 Southwind Dr  | \$50,000  |
| 8182 Trafford Ct    | \$83,000  |
| 44021 Vassar St     | \$160,000 |

### 47550 Vistas Circle Dr N

|                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| GARDEN CITY         | \$263,000 |
| 33532 Alvin St      | \$74,000  |
| 28430 Beechwood St  | \$36,000  |
| 401 E Rose Ave      | \$75,000  |
| 29487 Florence St   | \$25,000  |
| 529 Helen St        | \$57,000  |
| 5710 Helen St       | \$62,000  |
| 31330 Hennepin St   | \$50,000  |
| 32672 James St      | \$43,000  |
| 32135 Leona St      | \$137,000 |
| 32907 Pardo St      | \$60,000  |
| 32919 Pardo St      | \$22,000  |
| LIVONIA             |           |
| 20160 Angling St    | \$47,000  |
| 36022 Ann Arbor Trl | \$50,000  |
| 11012 Arden St      | \$149,000 |
| 14130 Arden St      | \$140,000 |
| 9941 Bassett St     | \$108,000 |
| 14029 Brentwood St  | \$97,000  |
| 31720 Bretton St    | \$100,000 |
| 30956 Greenland St  | \$90,000  |
| 16648 Harrison St   | \$185,000 |
| 36033 Leon St       | \$189,000 |
| 17920 Loveland St   | \$230,000 |
| 38126 N Vista Dr    | \$160,000 |
| 39110 Orangelawn St | \$132,000 |
| 28951 Pickford St   | \$129,000 |

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|----------------------|-----------|
| 16774 Ronnie Ln      | \$210,000 |
| 28185 S Clements Cir | \$80,000  |
| 36309 St Andrews Dr  | \$30,000  |
| 9605 Westmore St     | \$66,000  |

### NORTHVILLE

|                       |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| 17639 Cranbrook Dr.   | \$550,000 |
| 19578 Crystal Lake Dr | \$61,000  |
| 512 Eaton Dr          | \$125,000 |
| 17156 Fairfield Ct    | \$370,000 |
| 15714 Merion Ct       | \$675,000 |
| 18833 Oak Leaf Ln     | \$795,000 |
| 413 Randolph St       | \$639,000 |
| 42261 Scenic Ln       | \$108,000 |
| 39466 Springwater Dr  | \$120,000 |
| 18036 Winchester Dr   | \$319,000 |
| 16562 Yellowstone Dr  | \$299,000 |
| 16574 Yellowstone Dr  | \$338,000 |
| PLYMOUTH              |           |
| 399 Ann St            | \$300,000 |
| 48559 Beaver Creek Dr | \$240,000 |
| 46771 Danbridge St    | \$250,000 |
| 9033 Elmhurst Ave     | \$128,000 |
| 879 Forest Ave        | \$111,000 |
| 14593 Huntington Dr   | \$115,000 |
| 40148 Newport Dr      | \$50,000  |
| 40819 Newport Dr      | \$70,000  |
| 11789 Sycamore Dr     | \$58,000  |
| 12650 Wendover Ct     | \$238,000 |

### REDFORD

|                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| 17441 Beech Daly Rd | \$20,000  |
| 9655 Columbia       | \$57,000  |
| 25822 Dover         | \$63,000  |
| 9623 Hemingway      | \$60,000  |
| 19189 Kinloch       | \$25,000  |
| 15522 Leona Dr      | \$8,000   |
| 24715 Lyndon        | \$63,000  |
| 26242 W Chicago     | \$39,000  |
| 9046 Winston        | \$55,000  |
| 12115 Wormer        | \$185,000 |
| WESTLAND            |           |
| 8142 Beatrice       | \$60,000  |
| 8626 Beatrice       | \$90,000  |
| 33495 Birchlawn     | \$135,000 |
| 8622 Cavell St      | \$65,000  |
| 7394 Central St     | \$14,000  |
| 673 Ethan Dr        | \$146,000 |
| 31175 Hiveley St    | \$78,000  |
| 8237 Huntington St  | \$11,000  |
| 35069 June Dr       | \$38,000  |
| 29164 Manchester St | \$24,000  |
| 37807 Marquette St  | \$70,000  |
| 1519 S Dowling St   | \$78,000  |
| 755 S Hubbard St    | \$108,000 |
| 1362 Sharon St      | \$75,000  |

## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 9-13, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

### BEVERLY HILLS

|                   |           |
|-------------------|-----------|
| 15526 Birwood Ave | \$125,000 |
| 31237 Foxboro Way | \$309,000 |
| 19 Riverbank Dr   | \$505,000 |

### BIRMINGHAM

|                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
| 1045 Fairfax St    | \$445,000 |
| 1587 Mansfield Rd  | \$198,000 |
| 1798 Mansfield Rd  | \$155,000 |
| 871 N Glenhurst Dr | \$510,000 |
| 515 Oakland Ave    | \$230,000 |

### BLOOMFIELD HILLS

|                           |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| 244 E Berkshire Rd        | \$100,000 |
| 4315 Sawgrass Dr          | \$145,000 |
| 43 Boulder Ln             | \$420,000 |
| BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP       |           |
| 3672 Bloomfield Club Dr   | \$245,000 |
| 856 Foxhall Rd            | \$265,000 |
| 2852 S Woodward Ave #s1-2 | \$61,000  |
| 663 Sedgefield Dr         | \$159,000 |
| 115 Vorn Ln               | \$520,000 |
| 130 Waddington St         | \$281,000 |
| 5166 Woodlands Ln         | \$138,000 |
| COMMERCE TOWNSHIP         |           |
| 2901 Colt Ct              | \$315,000 |
| 717 Farr St               | \$37,000  |
| 2235 Palmetto             | \$40,000  |
| 5953 Strawberry Cir       | \$307,000 |
| 5979 Strawberry Cir       | \$278,000 |
| FARMINGTON                |           |
| 23040 Gill Rd             | \$188,000 |
| 34024 Oakland St          | \$375,000 |
| 23578 Wesley Dr           | \$105,000 |

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|----------------------|-----------|
| FARMINGTON HILLS     |           |
| 22378 Diamond Ct     | \$78,000  |
| 30194 Kimberly Ct    | \$30,000  |
| 33849 Longwood Dr    | \$150,000 |
| 21526 Middlebelt Rd  | \$63,000  |
| 32475 W 11 Mile Rd   | \$175,000 |
| LATHRUP VILLAGE      |           |
| 27260 Evergreen Rd   | \$28,000  |
| 18414 Roseland Blvd  | \$86,000  |
| MILFORD              |           |
| 316 E Liberty St     | \$190,000 |
| 1053 Rowe Rd         | \$290,000 |
| 401 W Washington St  | \$96,000  |
| NOVI                 |           |
| 22640 Arden Glen Ct  | \$425,000 |
| 41915 Canterbury Dr  | \$115,000 |
| 41925 Cherry Hill Rd | \$185,000 |
| 23615 Dunston Rd     | \$341,000 |
| 40597 Lenox Park Dr  | \$237,000 |
| 40601 Lenox Park Dr  | \$256,000 |
| 45270 Sedra Ct       | \$368,000 |

|                       |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| 31058 Seneca Ln       | \$200,000 |
| 46040 White Pines Dr  | \$490,000 |
| SOUTH LYON            |           |
| 213 Columbia Dr       | \$235,000 |
| 883 Norchester St     | \$110,000 |
| 52636 Trailwood Dr    | \$2,000   |
| 59600 Woodfarm        | \$230,000 |
| SOUTHFIELD            |           |
| 30601 Balewood St     | \$110,000 |
| 18646 Greenwald Dr    | \$75,000  |
| 24662 Lafayette Cir   | \$81,000  |
| 26575 Senator Blvd    | \$178,000 |
| 29429 Somerset Dr     | \$70,000  |
| 29284 Wellington Rd W | \$71,000  |
| 17389 Winora Ave      | \$75,000  |
| WHITE LAKE            |           |
| 10188 Lakeside Dr     | \$149,000 |
| 850 Lakeview Dr       | \$34,000  |
| 1440 Midwood St       | \$94,000  |
| 699 W Oxhill Dr       | \$81,000  |



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# Thursday PUZZLE CORNER

## CROSSWORD PUZZLER

## ACROSS

- 1 Jungle crusher
- 4 Cornstarch brand
- 8 Bon mot
- 12 Dilapidated
- 13 Deimos orbits it
- 14 Mountains or river
- 15 Not year-round
- 17 Counting-out word
- 18 Promising rookie
- 19 Hunks' assets
- 21 Pasture
- 23 Additional
- 27 Rattle
- 30 By —!
- 33 Road show org.
- 34 Tiant or Aparicio
- 35 Gladiator's hello
- 36 Wearing something
- 37 Son of Val and Aleta

- 38 Fiber source
- 39 Herr's dwelling
- 40 Hobby knife (hyph.)
- 42 Japanese — ceremony
- 44 Maj. Hoople's word
- 47 Ross or Rigg
- 51 Deep cut
- 54 Grasslands
- 56 Geodesic —
- 57 Catch a wave
- 58 Some, to Pierre
- 59 Veer off-course
- 60 Tube trophy
- 61 Landscape or portrait

## DOWN

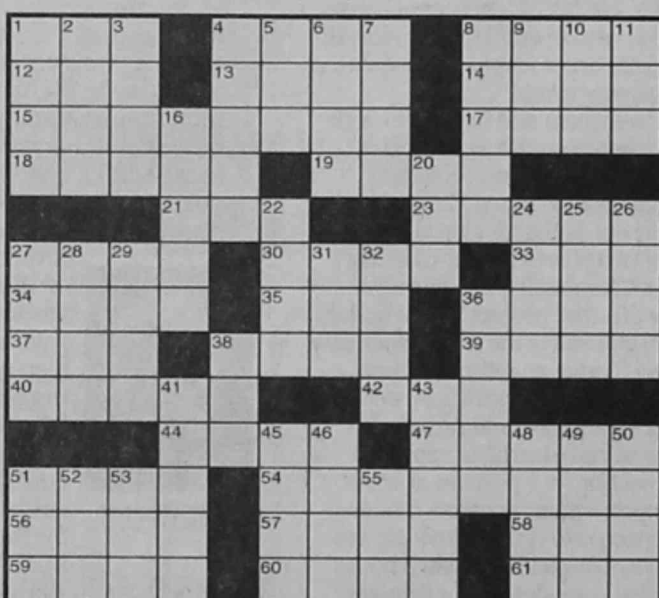
- 1 Juicy pear
- 2 Fridge stick
- 3 Bede or Ant
- 4 Love in a gondola
- 5 Made tracks
- 6 Clutch
- 7 Fjord port

## Answer to Previous Puzzle

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SRTA EGO VIOL  
GAIN NONSENSE  
BLOKE URGED  
LOWCAL  
KEPIS YUK JAIL  
ELAN ENG MOWN  
GIN AID NOTED  
SNIFFS  
GARBS ALARM  
INCENSED IOUS  
STMT PRE COTE  
TSPS YRS SKEW

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- 8 Pursuit
- 9 Mary of "Where Eagles Dare"
- 10 Fleming of 007 novels
- 11 Work diligently
- 16 Capriati foe
- 20 Forest grazer
- 22 Almost shut
- 24 Luau number
- 25 Hairy twin
- 26 Retina cells
- 27 Source of linen
- 28 Certain something
- 29 Brass component
- 31 Future fish
- 32 Volcano fissure
- 36 Preside at a meeting
- 38 Soggy ground
- 41 Snicker (hyph.)
- 43 Uplift
- 45 Vaulted recess
- 46 Storage container
- 48 Verdi heroine
- 49 "Faint heart — won ..."
- 50 Sec'y
- 51 Mdse.
- 52 E-mail provider
- 53 The Mustangs
- 55 Tattoo site



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## SUDOKU



Level: Beginner

## Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

## Fun By The Numbers

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## Word Search — Lawn Care

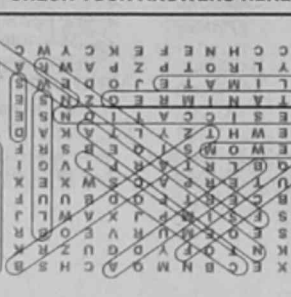
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ClimateCompost  
Desiccation  
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Germinate  
LawnMower  
Rhizome  
Seed

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## Homes

## BY OWNER

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## BY OWNER

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Household goods belonging to **Bill Sims**.  
Last known address of 3610 SE Shawnee Heights, Tecumseh, KS will be sold at PUBLIC AUCTION May 18th, 2012, 12:00pm at 23305 Commerce Drive, Farmington Hills, MI.

Household goods belonging to **Frank Turner**.  
Last known address of 5464 Mystic Lake Dr, Brighton MI will be sold at a PUBLIC AUCTION May 18th, 2012, 12:00pm at 23305 Commerce Drive, Farmington Hills, MI.

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**BIRMINGHAM UNITARIAN CHURCH RUMMAGE & BOUTIQUE SALE**  
38651 N Woodward Ave. Bloomfield Hills (N of Lone Pine Rd).  
Sale begins on Thurs. May 3, 6:30-9 Fri. May 4, 10-2, every thing 1/2 price. Sat., May 5, 9-noon, \$5 & \$10 for a bag of rummage.

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Pre-Sale Thurs. May 3rd, 5-8pm (Adults \$2). Free Admission: Fri., May 4th, 9am-1pm & Sat., May 5th, 9am-noon (1/2 off sale).  
Newburgh United Methodist Church, 35500 Ann Arbor Trail in Livonia.

**RUMMAGE SALE**  
St. Paul's Lutheran School Gym at 201 Elm Street downtown Northville, behind Hiller's. Thurs. May 10th, 9am-4pm; Fri. May 11th, 9am-1pm.

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