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**Press error**

Four pages in the Thursday Plymouth and Canton print editions ran in the wrong order due to an error made at our print facility. We regret the error. The weekly Canton Crime Watch is running in its entirety (with a small addition) inside today's edition. The online versions of all stories are complete and can be accessed at hometownlife.com.

**Panera honor**

Panera Bread honored Canton High School teacher Jeffrey Blakeslee as the recipient of the Panera Bread "Top Teacher" award. In conjunction with Teacher Appreciation Week, this award recognizes teachers as unsung heroes in local communities.

Blakeslee, who was nominated by senior Moleca Ghannam, receives a Panera Bread breakfast for his classroom, a \$200 Panera gift card and \$100 in supplies.

"Teachers not only educate and help our children realize their dreams, but they exemplify excellence in our communities, and Panera Bread takes this time to recognize the personal and financial commitment teachers make to equip their classrooms with the proper assets to best nurture our children," said Courtney Rocchio, local Panera marketing manager.



**Blood drives**

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

- Monday, May 21, Trinity Presbyterian Church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth, 2-7:45 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 29, St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon in Canton, 1:30-7:15 p.m.

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

**Dad convicted in son's abuse**

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

Canton stay-at-home father Anthony Sewejkis is facing sentencing May 25 after he was convicted of first-degree child abuse for causing near-fatal injuries to his 4-month-old son, Hunter, last Dec. 7 inside their three-bedroom rental home on Michigan Avenue.

Sewejkis was found guilty by a Wayne County jury that returned its verdict Thursday morning following deliberations that began Wednesday afternoon. He could face 15 years in prison when he is sentenced by Judge Margaret Van Houten.

"I feel wonderful about the outcome," said maternal grandfather Sal Alongi, who, along with wife Theresa, has custody of Hunter, now 9 months old. "I'm extremely happy. It brings some closure.

Unfortunately the most (Sewejkis) can get is 15 years, but Hunter's got a life sentence."

Sewejkis was accused of slamming Hunter's head against a carpet-covered hardwood floor while the child's mother, Leanne Garlick, was working for an Ann Arbor taxi service.

The injuries caused brain damage and left Hunter partially blind and partially paralyzed. Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Lora Weingarden said Tuesday in court that it's unknown to what extent the child will recover.

Alongi and Garlick sat in Van Houten's courtroom Thursday morning when the jury returned its verdict. An emotional Alongi was escorted out after he yelled "yes!" and applauded the decision.

"I couldn't help it," he said. "I later apologized to everybody."

**Praising jury**

Weingarden hailed the jury's decision to find Sewejkis guilty as charged.

"We're pleased with the verdict," she said Thursday. "We feel justice was done."

Defense attorney Kelly D. Watson said he is likely to advise Sewejkis to consider an appeal.

"Obviously we are unhappy with the verdict," Watson said. "My client still maintains that he did not intentionally harm Hunter. But, I believe the injuries were so great that it swayed the jury."

In court Tuesday, Canton Detective Tim Wright testified that Sewejkis claimed he was stressed out because Hunter had become irritable during long hours they spent together while the child's mother was working.



BILL BRESLER  
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sal Alongi, maternal grandfather of Hunter Sewejkis, said he feels "wonderful about the outcome" in the trial of Anthony Sewejkis, convicted Thursday of abusing Hunter.

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Dawn Ham-Kucharski shares a video game moment — and a hug — with son Alex.

**A shot in the arm**

**Mom draws inspiration from son's attitude**

By Brooke Fox  
Correspondent

Canton resident Alex Ham-Kucharski actively participates in swimming, supports the University of Michigan's dance marathon fundraiser, plays baseball in the Miracle League of Plymouth, and is a student.

Although no one can detect any sign of it by his full lifestyle, this 13-year old boy also has a past that makes him unique.

When he was only an infant, he survived a stroke that caused cognitive, speech, neurological and physical, as well as hearing disabilities. Yet, he has an upbeat attitude that compensates for these problems.

His energy is legendary in a genealogical way. It has been passed down to him by his mother, Dawn Ham-Kucharski, who lives with Alex in Canton.

"Vibrant is a great word. She's a shot in the

arm when I need a boost," said Deb Madonna, who runs the Miracle League of Plymouth and has been a friend and mentor to Ham-Kucharski. "She shares her gifts with the world, but she always knows about putting Alex first."

**Helping hand**

According to Madonna, Ham-Kucharski is more than a great friend

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**Board race heats up**

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

The field of candidates for the Canton Township Board of Trustees has widened, with potentially the most hotly contested race emerging among Republican hopefuls battling for four part-time trustee seats.

Candidates face a 4 p.m. Tuesday deadline to file their nominating petitions with the township clerk's office, though they have until Friday to withdraw from the race.

As of late Friday morning, Supervisor Phil LaJoy, Clerk Terry Bennett and Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin — all Republicans — had no opposition for their full-time positions from GOP or Democratic challengers, though the situation still could change.

If a true contest emerges, the top Republican and Democratic vote-getters would move on to November, when they potentially could face other challenges if minor-party candidates enter the race.

For part-time trustee positions, former Plymouth-Canton school board President Steven Sneiderman, who lost his last re-election bid, had become the sole Demo-



Sneiderman

crat to enter the township board race as of late Friday morning.

In the August primary, the top four Republican finishers will advance to the November general election. The same holds true for Democrats, though if fewer than four enter the race they all will move on to November.

The board's sole Democrat, Dr. Syed Taj, chose not to seek re-election because he hopes to unseat Republican U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter.

Sneiderman cited Taj's decision and a desire to continue serving the community as his reasons for entering the township board race. "I felt strongly with Dr. Taj moving on that

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Salem High School seniors Peter (left) and Scott Su, honored on the Observer & Eccentric Academic All-Stars Team, will enroll at the University of Michigan in the fall.

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer

Now that they've accomplished pretty much everything they set out to do in their high school careers, Scott and Peter Su are looking forward to finding out how long it takes them to conquer the next phase of life.

The brothers, Salem High School seniors who scored perfect ACT scores and landed on the Observer & Eccen-

tric Newspapers Academic All-Stars Team, plan to follow in their brother Steve's footsteps and move on to the University of Michigan in the fall to study engineering.

They are the first twins to be named to the O&E All-Stars Team in the last 27 years.

"I'm pretty excited," Scott Su said. "Most of my friends are going to U-M, as well. I'm lucky, because I'm not a very social person, so I like to keep my friendships intact. It'll be

interesting going where you have to meet new people. It'll be nerve-wracking."

**Fresh start**

What might be more interesting for the twins is finding out what new things they can accomplish. In addition to scoring the perfect 36 on the ACT — as did Steven Marion of Canton High School and Todd Maslyk of Plymouth

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**All-Star brothers ready for next steps**

AROUND CANTON



On the floor

Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, welcomes the Rev. Dave Denzer (right) to the Michigan Senate. Denzer is the pastor at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Canton. Denzer delivered the invocation before the Senate session.

"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

NEWCOMER PICNIC

**Date/Time:** Saturday, June 2, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Heritage Park Pavilion 1 and 2, Canton  
**Details:** Canton Newcomers and Neighbors hosts a family picnic with grilled delights, a train ride, face painting, balloon toss, games, door prizes and fun for all. Your immediate family is encouraged to attend with your \$20 dues for the 2012 - 2013 41st season of the Canton Newcomers and Neighbors club (the community's social and charitable group where you don't have to be "New"). Visit www.cantonnewcomersandneighbors.org for all the club's offerings.

**Contact:** To RSVP to join the Newcomers and Neighbors club and attend its annual picnic, call Noreen at (734) 981-0486 or e-mail nrybar@yahoo.com.

CHICKS 4 CHARITY

**Details:** Woman's Life Chapter 827-Chicks 4 Charity will be offering a \$500 scholarship(s) for part time students and \$1,000 scholarship(s) for full time students to women residing in Canton and the surrounding areas that are looking to transition back into the workforce. Applicants must be attending an accredited Michigan college, university or trade school in the fall of 2012. Preference will be given to women that demonstrate financial need, education/training needs, and those who are involved in the community.

**Contact:** For additional information please contact Zlatina Dimova at dimova.zlatina@gmail.com. Applications must be postmarked by July 1st, 2012 and winners will be notified by August 1st, 2012.

SLAVENS COFFEE

**Date/Time:** Monday, 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.

Rotary honors Four-Way winners

The Plymouth Noon Rotary Club recently honored the winners in its Four-Way Test essay contest for middle school students.

First-place winners got \$100 gift cards, while the runners-up received \$50 gift cards.

Middle schoolers wrote essays based on the Rotary Four-Way Test. Winners included (first- and second-place by grade):

- All Saints Catholic School — Kendall Goit, Marc Angotti, sixth grade; Hannah Cohen, Lauren Leyden, eighth grade.
- Canton Charter Academy — Katherine Crapps, seventh grade; Soudousse Zouani, eighth grade.
- Pioneer Middle School — Teri Lowmaster, Hussein Abdelhafiz, seventh grade.
- Central Middle School

— Josh Polka, Katelyn Carrigan, seventh grade; Cameron Shaughnessy, Kelci Rocheleau, eighth grade.

- Discovery Middle School — Emily Wyman, Maya Bhat, sixth grade; Grace Bekke, Tatum Cho, seventh grade; Nithika Sivashanker, Gabriella DeLa Cruz, eighth grade.
- East Middle School — Katherine Springer, Kara Hug, sixth grade; Alice Wu, Varisha Imran, seventh grade; Sanika Chitre, Amy Luo, eighth grade.
- Our Lady of Good Counsel — Johnny Vallespir, Molly Riordan, sixth grade; Maddie Leyden, Adam Cinzori, eighth grade.
- West Middle School — Emily Caragay, Caroline Curry, sixth grade; Monica Newton, Nina Joss, seventh grade; Maren Wisniewski, Drew Smiley, eighth grade.

RACE

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there should still be a Democratic option on the ballot," Sneiderman said, adding that Canton "is close to 50 percent Democrat."

Sneiderman said most issues, such as maintaining a healthy financial position, trying to lower property taxes and water rates and rejuvenating the Cherry Hill Village business sector, are nonpartisan, "which I'm pleased with, because I don't like to play partisan politics."

Yack became the latest Republican to enter the field, saying he hopes to bring his 20 years of experience as supervisor to a part-time trustee position, help Canton through financial and other challenges and do his part to spur commercial and residential growth.

McLaughlin became the latest full-time board member to file her nominating petitions and successfully get her name on the ballot to seek what would be her second four-year term as treasurer.

McLaughlin also had served 16 years as part-time trustee.

McLaughlin cited accomplishments such as upgrading her department's technology, providing faster service by opening a second cashier window, saving \$50,000 by handling water billing in-house and initiating an auto-debit plan for water customers who call (734) 394-5240 to get signed up.

"I have a tremendous staff," she said. "They do a great job every day."

McLaughlin, also involved in the Downtown Development Authority and Planning Commission, said she and other township board members need to remain focused on spurring new growth, maintaining top-notch public safety services and pushing for a solution to traffic congestion near I-275 and Ford Road, among other issues.

Meanwhile, particularly for the part-time trustee positions, other names had been rumored as potential candidates, though they hadn't filed their petitions by late Friday morning.

Not until 4 p.m. Tuesday, however, will the entire field of candidates be known.

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Scam alert

A Canton woman has issued an alert to other residents after she avoided being taken by a scam she realized was too good to be true.

The woman notified the *Observer* after she received a letter from a scam artist posing as Polyair Corp. The mailing included what she learned was a bogus check for \$3,700, but the letter requested that she send by Western Union \$1,950 to pay taxes in the United Kingdom.

The woman said she wanted to alert the community in hopes she could prevent someone from losing money.

Accidental shooting

A 40-year-old man told police he accidentally shot himself with a .38-caliber Smith & Wesson handgun while he was walking his dogs on Cherry Hill east of Denton Road, according to a police report.

The man allegedly told police he had his hand in his coat pocket where he was carrying the gun — and he accidentally pulled the trigger and shot himself in the lower right abdomen when a raccoon startled him.

The incident happened about 10:30 p.m. Saturday, May 5, and the man went to the Oakwood facility on North Canton Center for treatment. He had a permit to carry a gun.

License issues

A woman driving with a suspended license was cited for another license offense and for failing to stop within a clear assured distance following a two-car accident that happened shortly after 11 a.m. Monday, May 7, at Ford and Canton Center roads, according to a police report.

The woman was initially taken to a hospital and treated for injuries, but she was later issued a citation and released.

Retail fraud

Canton police arrested two females, ages 20 and 16, for a retail fraud incident that, according to a police report, happened shortly after 8 p.m. May 6, at the Walmart store on Michigan Avenue just west of Belleville Road.

A loss prevention employee told police the females were watched as they ripped the tags off clothing. One of the women left the store with no merchandise and returned with a purse, then the suspects are accused of putting clothing in their purses.

The suspects, reportedly sisters, did buy what was described as a tongue ring but didn't pay for the clothing they allegedly concealed in their purses. They initially told police their parents were dead, but later gave the name of their mother.

The pair, who said they live in Belleville, were charged with retail fraud and obstructing a police investigation.

Neighbor dispute

A 63-year-old man was accused of trying to hit a neighbor with a wrench during an incident that happened about 6 p.m. Saturday, May 5, in the 44100 block of Somerset Square, southeast of Sheldon and Hanford, a police report said.

The man was accused of cursing loudly while he was intoxicated, and he allegedly charged at the neighbor and tried to hit him with a wrench. The alleged victim said the incident occurred while he was lowering the seat on a bike that had been given to a neighborhood child.

A police report indicated no one wanted to prosecute the case.

Sunglasses swiped

Police were investigating reports that someone gained entry to a window of Vision Center on Lilley Road north of Cherry Hill and stole numerous pairs of Maui Jim sunglasses worth thousands of dollars.

The incident was discovered shortly before 8 a.m. Saturday, May 5, when police went to the scene following an alarm call.

No seat belt

Canton police nabbed a driver who tried to flee after he was stopped for not wearing his seat belt.

The incident happened shortly after 8 p.m. May 2 on Michigan Avenue west of Sheldon.

According to a police report, an officer stopped the male driver after he ignored attempts to pull him over for two blocks. The driver finally pulled off the road and, as an officer approached the driver's side of the car, the man is accused of jumping out the passenger door and trying to flee. He was captured.

Police learned the man had five license suspensions and seven prior convictions for license plate confiscation. He was arrested for fleeing and eluding police.

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

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# INSPIRATION

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and a person to rely upon. She not only supports and serves as benefactor to Alex, but she has also helped to single-handedly create many of the events in which he participates. "She puts her feet in the fire," Madonna said. "She's a person who will speak up for others. But she also has the ability to sit quietly with a person and listen to your problems."

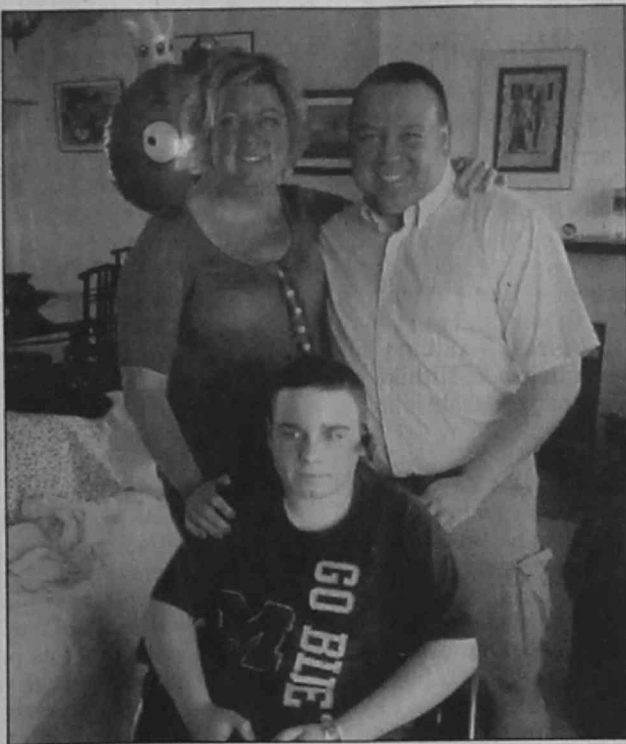
Due to Ham-Kucharski's unique empathy, she has made countless friends and associates in a variety of organizations, including Relay For Life, the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Rotaract Club, Applebee's Ladies Night Out, and Future's HealthCore.

She has also co-authored a book on autism, *The Autism Book Answers to Your Most Pressing Questions*, and earned the Rotary International President's Award, as well as numerous academic-based achievements. Some of these include her title as a professor, and membership in the Golden Key National Honor Society.

Becoming the zealous person she is now has not been easy, and Ham-Kucharski is the first one to admit this. After a series of hardships, beginning with her son's traumatic birth, leading finally to finance problems, she came to a realization.

### Both directions

"I was angry, bitter, jealous of others, and that was not who I wanted to be," Ham-Kucharski said. "I was reached out to, and healed by doing that reach-out in return



Dawn Ham-Kucharski with her husband, Rich, and son, Alex, in their Canton home.

as well."

Organizations such as the Community Living Services and Mott's Children's Hospital helped Ham-Kucharski through her difficulties. Fostering relationships with members who gave selflessly of their time and heart energized her.

"These mental avenues taught me a new way to live, to see individuals not labels," Ham-Kucharski said. "I became a better teacher, mom, wife, friend. Then it all just took off. I can't say no to things I love and care for. Healing others heals yourself."

No doubt exists concerning her own healing. Among all of her other accomplishments, Ham-Kucharski is also an English professor. She has worked with troubled teens, as well as students who are disciplined perfectionists, in order to help them face personal battles. Not only does she

work with people whom she sees regularly, but she has also managed to touch countless others.

Her relationship with Pennie Black is just one example of her ability to reach those outside of her sphere.

"Honestly, I have only seen Ham-Kucharski in person a couple of times," said Black. "We didn't live very close; We did meet up once after she had some surgery. I took her dinner. She better still say that my enchiladas are the most awesome enchiladas ever! It's amazing how you can form a good friendship with someone you never really see."

Ham-Kucharski and Black use Facebook as their main form of communication. This long-distance relationship is no less valuable to them than if it were face-to-face. Ham-Kucharski has a penchant for bridging gaps that many peo-

ple would not be able to bridge. Yet, in spite of everything she does, Ham-Kucharski insists that she has been inspired by those who claim that she is their own role model.

### Lean on me

As, for instance, a woman named Cindy Toth whom she met through an autism support group. Toth, who struggled to cope with her own hearing impairment, also had two children, a 12-year-old and a child "who would always be five," Ham-Kucharski said. She needed a shoulder to lean on, and Ham-Kucharski provided her with the resources that helped her become self-sufficient.

Under Ham-Kucharski's guidance, Toth eventually became a leader in the autistic community. She developed into a supporting figure for families who needed direction. And, what is most amazing about this relationship, is that the child 'who would always be five' tragically died in May 2011. And yet despite this, Toth is still reaching out and helping others.

It might have begun with Ham-Kucharski's influence. Nevertheless, Ham-Kucharski said, "they are now the ones who inspire me."

# Woman charged in purse snatching

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

A female suspect charged in a drive-by purse-snatching outside a Canton Target store was arrested due to quick action by eyewitnesses that led to her capture in Livonia, Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said.

Sarah Elizabeth Case, a 26-year-old Taylor woman, was arraigned Friday by 35th District Judge Michael Gerou on charges of larceny from a person and possession of stolen property.

The charges arose after witnesses provided Canton police with a description of a white female driver who reached out the window of a red Ford Focus and grabbed a 24-year-old Westland woman's purse as she was walking to her car, Schreiner said.

The incident happened shortly before 6:30 p.m. Wednesday outside the Target store on Ford Road between Morton Taylor and Sheldon.

Witnesses told police a woman drove by and snatched the victim's purse, Detective Andrew

Colthurst said. "She (allegedly) just reached out the window, grabbed the purse and gunned it," he said.

Canton authorities alerted area law-enforcement agencies, and Schreiner said Livonia police spotted the alleged getaway vehicle in the Costco parking lot near Middlebelt and I-96, where the suspect was taken into custody.

"We are grateful to the people in the parking lot who provided the witness information and who waited there to talk with police officers," Schreiner said, adding that alert Livonia police officers also deserve credit for spotting the vehicle and stopping it.

Case was arraigned Friday by Judge Gerou, who set a \$10,000/10 percent bond and scheduled a May 25 preliminary exam to determine whether the defendant should face trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

If convicted, she could face penalties ranging up to 10 years in prison.

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In more than 25 years, the Plymouth-Canton Educational Excellence Foundation has funded more than \$300,000 in innovative classroom projects at every school and grade level in the district.

After tallying the results of their recent Wine and Auction event, EEF officials know they'll be able to fund a lot more.

The second annual event, held at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center in Plymouth Township, raised more than \$30,000.

"The Plymouth-Canton community is passionate about academic excellence and EEF is a way to fund those projects," event chair Jim Harb said. "With the help of our sponsors, auction and attendees we have more than \$30,000 that can go back into P-CCS classrooms."

The event included wines from 17 different wineries, three craft beer vendors and food from Red Olive, Macaro-



Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Trustee Sheila Paton holds a magnum bottle of wine as her husband, Brian (with microphone), auctions it off during the annual EEF wine tasting.

ni Grill, Beirut Bakery, Courthouse Grill, E.G. Nicks, Olgas, Noodles & Company, Dearborn Sausage, Fox Hills, Busch's, Coffee Express and Happy's Pizza.

The P-CEP Culinary Arts students also provided food and helped at the

event. Local dignitaries Phil LaJoy, Dian Slavens, Richard Reaume, Pat Williams, John Anthony, Ron Edwards and Kurt Heise were in attendance, some as celebrity pourers, others visiting with constituents and friends in the crowd of almost 350

attendees.

Also pouring wine and beer were sponsors Kohl's, Community Financial, Hug Hearing and Neville Financial.

The success of the second one came as a result of lessons learned a year ago.

Carole Kody, Executive Director, was very enthusiastic about the wine tasting event. "We learned a lot hosting our first wine-tasting last year," said EEF executive director Carole Kody. "We had fabulous donations from businesses as well as every school in the district donated a pair of front row seats to their fifth grade, eighth grade and high school graduations. These items proved to be very popular."

Up next for EEF: The annual P-CCS Open golf outing Wednesday, June 20, also at Fox Hills, on The Golden Fox course.

For more information please call EEF at (734) 416-2718.

## Salem senior in math Olympiad

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer



Only about 500 students out of 12,000 AIME participants

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

Approximately 30 of the highest scoring USAMO participants will be invited to a Mathematical Olympiad Summer Program and a team of six students will be chosen to compete in the International Mathematical Olympiad as part of the United States Math Olympiad team.

First, though, Su has to get past the USAMO.

"The problems are really insane when you get to the USAMO," Su said. "It takes it to a whole other level. You look at a problem and think, 'I don't even know where to start.'"

"I just haven't had much experience working with that type of problem," Su said. "I'm not sure how to attack them."

For the second straight year, Salem High School senior Peter Su has qualified for the United States of America Math Olympiad.

And, after falling short last year of qualifying for a chance to go to a summer camp that could lead to a spot in the International Mathematical Olympiad, Su is waiting on this year's results to see if he landed a spot this time around.

"It's really intense," Su said. "The questions are insane."

Su flew through the first two levels — the American Mathematics Competition and the American Invitational Mathematics Exam. But he again found the USAMO test — a four-and-a-half hour exam spread over two days — challenging.

Su said the difference is the types of problems. Problems on the USAMO move from needing numbers to answer to using proofs. Proofs, Su said, are harder answers to provide.

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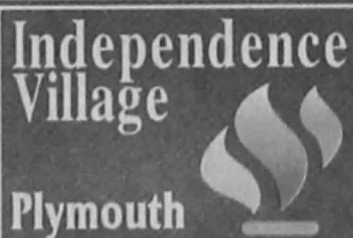


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# All Saints scouts raise balloons, money for Make-A-Wish

Hundreds of happy wishes floated into the air over Canton on Friday, May 4, as students at All Saints Catholic School released balloons in support of Make-A-Wish Michigan.

All Saints Girl Scout Troop 41212 organized the effort, which raised more than \$1,700, along with an online drive for those who couldn't make it to the event but still wanted to support the cause. Make-A-Wish Michigan grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy, according to the group's website.

"I am so incredibly proud of the girls and all of their hard work this year," said Troop 41212 Co-Leader Ann Michelle



All Saints Catholic School Girl Scouts raised balloons, and money, for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Householder. "We actually raised about \$2,500 in total for Make-A-Wish Michigan through events during the year, with \$1,700 coming from the

balloon release alone." In the weeks leading up to the balloon release, Troop 41212 sold wish cards to students at All Saints for \$3 each. The

kids were able to put their personal wishes, first names and last initials on the cards, which also included an e-mail address. People who find

the balloons — which are biodegradable — and/or cards are encouraged to send an e-mail to give the Girl Scouts and the other participants an idea of just how far some of the balloons traveled.

"We have already heard back from several wonderful people," Householder said. "We have had two balloons found in Canada and one in Ohio, so far. The messages from people have been amazing. I am responding to them, and then forwarding the e-mail to the child whose balloon was found so they can respond as well."

"It was a great experience working with the girls on this project," said Troop 41212 Co-Leader Michele McElroy. "The girls voted in the fall to support Make-A-Wish Michigan, and what they have accomplished is amazing. Not only did they support a great

cause, but they learned how to work together to make a difference in their community."

"I liked participating in this event because it lets us help little kids who are sick to have fun with their families and forget about their illnesses for a day," said Girl Scout Sarah Noonan. "They get to spend time with their families as any other children do."

"I liked this event because it raised money to help give children a special day to remember," said Girl Scout Olivia Barone.

Members of Troop 41212 — all Junior Girl Scouts in the fourth grade — have worked on a number of projects to benefit Make-A-Wish Michigan. Other events the troop sponsored this year included a jeans day at school (where everyone received Make-A-Wish stickers); a bake sale, and a drive for the Make-A-Wish gift closet.

## ON CAMPUS

### Michigan State

At the April 13 Board of Trustees meeting, 37 students — the most in recent history — received Board of Trustees' Awards for having the highest scholastic average at the close of his or her last semester of attendance at Michigan State University. They all received a 4.0 GPA.

Among them:  
 • Matthew Durak, of Canton, the son of Tom and Lisa Durak. A member of the Honors College, Durak is a computer engineering major in the College of Engineering. He is a graduate of Plymouth High School.  
 • John Matthew Franklin, of Canton, the son of Chris and Maria Franklin. A member of the Honors College, Franklin is a chemical engi-

neering major in the College of Engineering. He is a graduate of Plymouth High School.

### Hope College

Hope College awarded degrees to seniors on Sunday, May 6, during the 147th annual Commencement exercises.

Candidates for bachelor degrees included:

- Whitney Askew, the daughter of William and Freida Askew of Canton;
- Courtney Long, the daughter of William and Christy Long of Canton;
- Tiffany Lumley, the daughter of Paul and Alicia Lumley of Plymouth; and
- John Lutz, son of John and Michelle Lutz of Canton.

Courtney Long of Canton received the Senior Sigma Xi Award in biolo-

gy and the Technos International Prize for accomplishments in international studies and commitment to developing global awareness on campus.

John Patrick Lutz of Canton received the Dr. Almon T. Godfrey Prize for highest standing in the department of chemistry.

John Lutz of Canton received the Senior Sigma Xi Award in chemistry.

### Alma College

Sophomore Chelsie Myers of Canton, the daughter of Roger and Tamala Myers of Canton and a 2010 graduate of Plymouth High School, was among 32 Alma College students recently awarded the President's Cup. The students earned the honor by achieving

the highest academic standing in their respective classes at Alma.

The tradition of the President's Cup was started in 1968 by Alma's ninth President, Robert D. Swanson. Students earning the honor receive a certificate acknowledging their achievement and have their name inscribed on the appropriate class (freshman, sophomore or junior) President's Cup trophy. The trophies are kept on permanent display in the Reid-Knox Administration Building on campus.

Following is a list of the students from the area: Sophomore Chelsie Myers of Canton is a 2010 graduate of Plymouth Christian Academy. She is the daughter of Roger and Tamala Myers of Canton.

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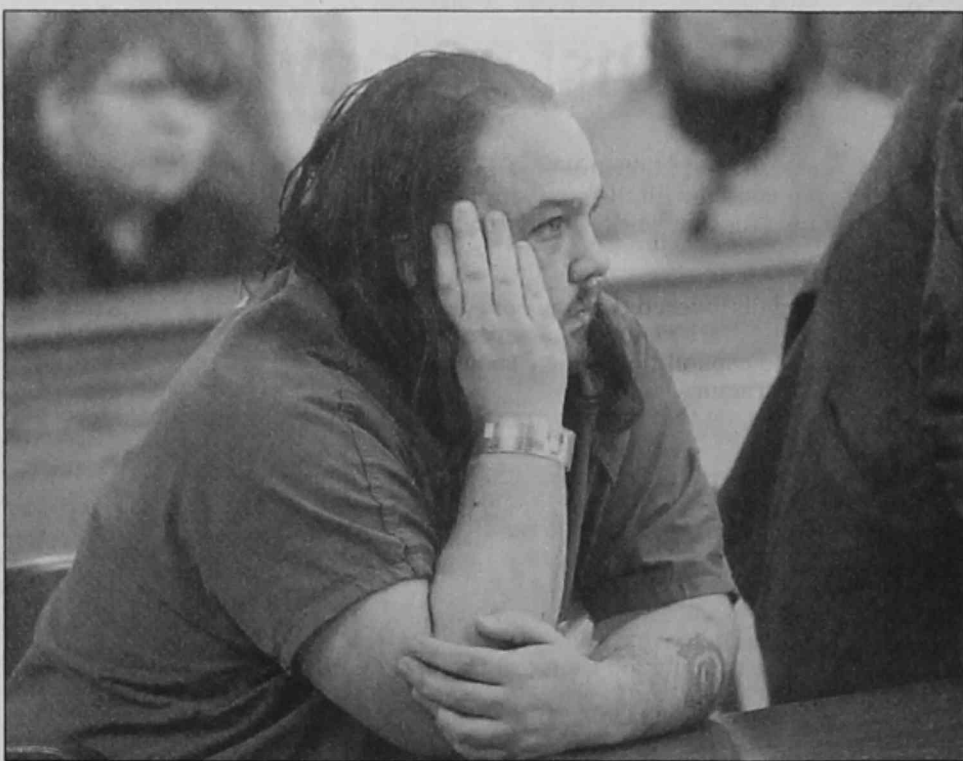
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Sewejkis confessed "he freaked, he f---d up and hurt the child," Wright said from the witness stand, recalling his interview with Sewejkis last Dec. 7 at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital.

Sewejkis and Garlick took Hunter to the hospital, where personnel contacted police. Hunter was airlifted to the University of Michigan Mott Children's Hospital, where he spent 11 weeks.

Early on, doctors had indicated Hunter likely would die from his injuries, leaving Alongi to call him "our little miracle baby."

During his trial, which began Tuesday, Sewejkis had shorter hair and his beard had been shaved since his December arraignment on charges that came after Hunter suffered a twice-fractured skull and other injuries.



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According to testimony, Anthony Sewejkis, shown here in a 35th District Court appearance, told police he "freaked ... and hurt the child." Sewejkis was convicted by a Wayne County jury Thursday.

tured skull and other injuries.

"We are here today because that man almost

killed his 4-month-old son," Weingarden told

jurors, and they apparently believed the case she brought against Sewejkis.

## Long road

Sewejkis and Garlick weren't married, and he stayed at home to care for Hunter while she worked. Though she was away when the incident occurred, she has lost custody of her child, who is living with the maternal grandparents.

"He's got a long road ahead," Alongi said of Hunter. "He smiles sometimes. To me, he's a joy."

Garlick, fighting back tears during her testimony Tuesday, said her son was "fine, normal" when she stopped by their home about 3 p.m. Dec.

7 for a lunch break from her job.

She later started receiving text messages from Sewejkis that Hunter had supposedly fallen off a couch, and when she got home around 9 p.m. she said Hunter's face "was slanted on one side" as though he had suffered a stroke.

During his initial arraignment in 35th District Court on a charge of first-degree child abuse, Sewejkis wept and told 35th District Judge James Plakas, "I messed up real bad."

Some of Sewejkis' relatives have said they don't believe he would have intentionally hurt his son.

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# W-W sinking fund pays for roof repairs, upgrades

By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

Six Wayne-Westland school buildings will receive repairs, remodeling or expansions as part of \$1.9 million in sinking fund projects approved for this year.

The Wayne-Westland school board recently approved bids for the work, which will begin after school is out in June and be done in most instances by the start of school in the fall.

"All of the projects would disrupt school, so we'll wait until it's out," said Doug Underwood of McCarthy and

Smith, the district construction manager. "We selected the bidders now so they can get what they need in place."

The projects include classroom remodeling at Marshall Upper Elementary, media center remodeling at Franklin Middle School, media center upgrade at Stevenson Middle School, partial roof replacement at Franklin and John Glenn High School and bus drive and parking expansion at the Stottlemeyer Early Childhood Center.

The largest of the projects are the partial roof repairs at John Glenn and Franklin,

which total \$1.08 million. Disappointed with the number of bids for that work, Underwood told the board that McCarthy and Smith polled contractors and discovered bonding companies "are clamping down on bond capabilities" it give some contractors.

"It's not that they're considered bad or had problems in the past, it's more of the bonding companies running scared on providing insurance for the project," Underwood said. "Because of that, a lot of contractors don't want to use their entire cap on one job."

The winning bid went to J.D.

Chandler Roofing in Livonia, which provided voluntary alternatives, including insulation with an R-18 value en lieu of R-20 and the use of pre-finished metal copings and gravel stops.

"Voluntary alternatives are things many contractors use as a bidding strategy," Underwood said. "It's something that could offer value in savings for the contract."

In the case of the roofing bid, the district will save almost \$53,000. National Block will benefit from the masonry work that was awarded to Navetta Mason Contractors in

Brighton. The company provided a voluntary alternative to get the cement blocks from National for a savings of \$1,200.

"That's probably the shipping cost, the other manufacture of those blocks is out of Grand Blanc," Underwood said.

He added that the media centers work is different in that there is a lot of disassembly and assembly once the work is done. The work will run an estimated two or three weeks into the new school year with getting the books and things "back in place."

## BROTHERS

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High School (they too are members of the 2012 All-State Team along with Emily Southern of Canton High School and Brett Jia of Plymouth High School) — Peter earned a perfect 2,400 on the SAT and qualified for the United States of America Math Olympiad. Not to be outdone, Scott nearly aced the SAT, too, scoring 2,340.

The twins, the sons of Xiang Su and Hong Jiang

of Canton, are now looking forward to getting, as Peter put it, a "fresh start."

"You wipe everything clean, and take what you learned in high school to the next level," Peter said. "I'm excited to see if I can do more than I did in high school. I want to make a larger impact."

As does brother Scott. And though they aren't exactly sure where that impact will be, they do know they want to get involved in something to do with "green" technology.

They're both concerned

with what they see as an increase in global warming.

"People say it isn't as bad or it doesn't even exist, but it exists," Scott said. "We need to step up our research to develop new materials to deal with it. It really is serious."

They've reached a level of success few students hit, according to district officials. When ACT officials told the district of the four perfect scores, they said less than one-tenth of 1 percent of all test-takers earn the perfect score. In the current class, for instance, 1.6

million students took the test nationwide and only 588 earned the perfect 36.

### Aiming high

What sets the twins apart, according to their teachers, is the brilliance they display without "acting the part."

"They have the kind of personality you'd want them to have," physics teacher Angela Brown said. "It's a brilliance without the arrogance that sometimes comes with it. They're helpful with everybody in class. They gladly help without

pushing themselves on people."

Now they're turning that success toward the future. Ten years from now, Peter Su hopes to either have started a company using materials he's researched and developed himself, or being a professor at university where he can have his own lab to focus on his own research.

Scott, on the other hand, could see himself starting his own company, but could be just as happy just doing "the pure research" part.

"I could make a good impact, and that's a good way to do it," Scott said.

They know some of those are lofty goals, but the brothers know there's no sense aiming low.

"You aim high," Peter Su said. "You try to do something big, but be willing to accept the fact you might not get there. But at least you've tried."

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# Job numbers not always best indicator for markets

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist



Money Matters  
Rick Bloom

Q: Dear Rick: I'm confused and I hope you can help me. I've been trying to become more aware of what's been happening in the economy and it seems that the market always reacts to the unemployment numbers. I'm confused about what recently happened in the market. The unemployment rate went down to 8.1 percent, which I think would be good news, but the market had a significant sell-off. I think in April the U.S. economy created some 115,000 jobs and I would think would be good news. Why did the market sell off?

A: Sometimes (in the market), good news is bad

news and bad news is good news. In the short run, the market is irrational. Therefore, sometimes these one-day market swings don't make any sense and it's somewhat of a fool's game to try to understand them. In addition, it's also important to keep in mind that our market is not controlled only by what's happening in the U.S. economy. We're in the global market. Con-

sequently, what happens around the world affects us here at home. That being said, I hope I can clarify what happened when the April unemployment numbers were recently released.

I believe we need to see much more robust job growth in order to see a significant improvement in the economy. I believe the economy is still weak and that this has been the slowest recovery since the Great Depression. The economy will not significantly improve until more Americans are working and the unemployment rate significantly declines. When that will be, I don't know. But

I do know it won't happen overnight and we still have a long way to go to get unemployment to where it should be. However, one thing I've always learned is that anyone who bets against the American economy eventually loses. Good luck!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish mothers everywhere, especially my wonderful mom, Hilda Bloom, a very happy Mother's Day!

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## New Morning sponsors T-shirt design contest

New Morning School in Plymouth will soon be celebrating its 40th anniversary and is turning to the community to help celebrate.

New Morning School is hosting a contest, open to the public, to help design a 40th Anniversary T-shirt as part of its festivities. The winning designers will receive \$100 for first place, \$75 for second place and \$25 for third place. In addition, two shirts with artist's design, in the sizes of the artist's choice, will be given to each winning artist. All ages and skill levels are welcome to submit an entry.

All designs will be reviewed by local artists, New Morning School alumni parents and former New Morning School art teachers Rita Heaven and Donna Williams. Rita Heaven is also a founding parent at New Morning School. Heaven retired from the school in 2010 after a 37-year career with New Morning

School. Williams has had art featured at the Village Potters Guild in Plymouth, Pewabic Pottery in Detroit and the Ann Arbor Art Fair.

Registration and release forms and T-shirt contest rules and guidelines are available on the school's website ([www.newmorningschool.org](http://www.newmorningschool.org)) or by calling (734) 420-3331. Entries can be dropped off or mailed to the school's main office: New Morning School, 14501 Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170, or submitted via e-mail to: [newmorningschool.com](mailto:newmorningschool.com). The contest runs until Aug. 17 with the winner chosen soon after. The chosen design will be printed on New Morning School's 40th anniversary T-shirt.

Information about the T-shirt Design contest, or about New Morning School will be featured on the school's Facebook and Twitter pages and online [www.newmorningschool.org](http://www.newmorningschool.org).

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# Mom learns 'priceless lessons' from children

"Mother love is the fuel that enables a normal human being to do the impossible."  
— Marion C. Garretty

By Karen Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Raising children is hard enough when they're healthy.

But it becomes much more challenging when one of your children has special needs or one of your children is terminal-ly ill.

Audrey Collett of Livonia has both — a 12-year-old daughter, Madison, who is cognitively delayed because of a chromosomal abnormality; and a 17-year-old daughter, Rachel, who has a rare form of bone cancer and is now in hospice care.

She also has two healthy children, Andrew, 20, and Hannah, 10.

People who know Audrey, including a neighbor, a sister and a Livonia resident who prays for the family in her prayer group — marvel at her strength.

"I would be in my bed with a pillow and blanket over my head, balling my eyes out and asking, 'Why me?'" said the neighbor, Tami Neimeister, who has a 21-year-old son with special needs and two healthy children, ages 14 and 12.

"I know what I have to deal with. I cannot imagine having a terminal child also. I give her such



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Audrey Collett with daughters Madison, 12, Hannah, 10, and Rachel, 17. Not pictured is son Andrew, 20.

credit." Amy Castillo of Livonia is Audrey's older sister by six years, but she looks up to Audrey.

"I don't think I could survive what she's going through," said Castillo, who has two healthy sons, ages 16 and 17.

"She has a way of swallowing it, going through it, accomplishing what she needs to get done."

The Livonia resident whose prayer group at St. Aidan Catholic Church prays for the Collett family raised six children of her own.

"I've been amazed at how strong Audrey is," she said, adding she's only met her once but follows her posts on Facebook and Care Pages.

"To me both of them, mother and daughter, are absolutely amazing."

Rachel graduated from Churchill High School during a special ceremony in January, after

having completed all the graduation requirements a semester early, and she went sky-diving last fall. Both accomplishments were on Rachel's bucket list. Now, she is shopping for a dress for the prom.

Audrey Collett said the hardest part about having two children with very different special needs "is trying to find the balance to spread myself evenly to give just as much attention to my healthy children as my sick children."

"It seems like it always comes at the right moment when I need it the most," she said.

"I really don't think I would be able to face each day without the support of the community and my friends."

Madison was the first of her children to show signs of illness, Audrey said. "She had seizures from the time she was a baby up until just a few years ago" and "she wasn't reaching her milestones physically or mentally."

The family, which includes Dad Roy, a truck driver, was living Up

North in Johannesburg at the time. They decided to move to Livonia when Madison was about 3 so they could be closer to her doctor in Ann Arbor and Livonia Public Schools, which had more to offer their special-needs daughter.

"I guess it was God's plan," Audrey said. "Four months after (they bought a house in Livonia), Rachel was diagnosed."

Audrey had noticed visible changes in Rachel's jaw and chin just after Christmas 2005. Rachel was a sixth-grader at Johnson Elementary at the time. The diagnosis was a rare form of osteosarcoma.

Despite trying every kind of conventional and "fly-by-night homeopathic" treatment, they were only able to slow down the cancer, not stop it, Audrey said.

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Audrey said she often wonders why two of her four children are ill.

"You search for reasons why. Was there something I did or something I didn't do that could have prevented it? It's something I've asked every-day."

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# Madonna graduates 1,100 at 65th commencement

Shortly before Madonna University's 65th commencement ceremony began May 6, Rosalee Bleecker of Redford sat near a window away from the crowd and adjusted her hair under her mortarboard as she prepared to receive a master's degree in history. At 83 years old, Bleecker was quick to mention her age and to remind folks that she was proof that it is never too late to go after your dreams.

Inside Compuware Arena in Plymouth, 1,100 of Bleecker's fellow graduates gathered. Among them were seven who received a doctorate of nursing practice, 800 who received a bachelor's or associate degree, and 300 who joined Bleecker in earning a master's degree.

The Distinguished Alumni award was presented to retired Brigadier General Carol Ann Fausone of Canton. Sister Mary Barbara Ann Bosch, minister general of the Felician Sisters, came all the way from Rome to receive an honorary doctorate. She was joined by honorary doctoral degree



Rosalee Bleecker of Redford adjusts her mortarboard before the graduation ceremonies at Madonna University. Bleecker, who is 83 years old, received her master's degree on Sunday and said before the ceremony that she is proof it's never too late to go after your dreams.

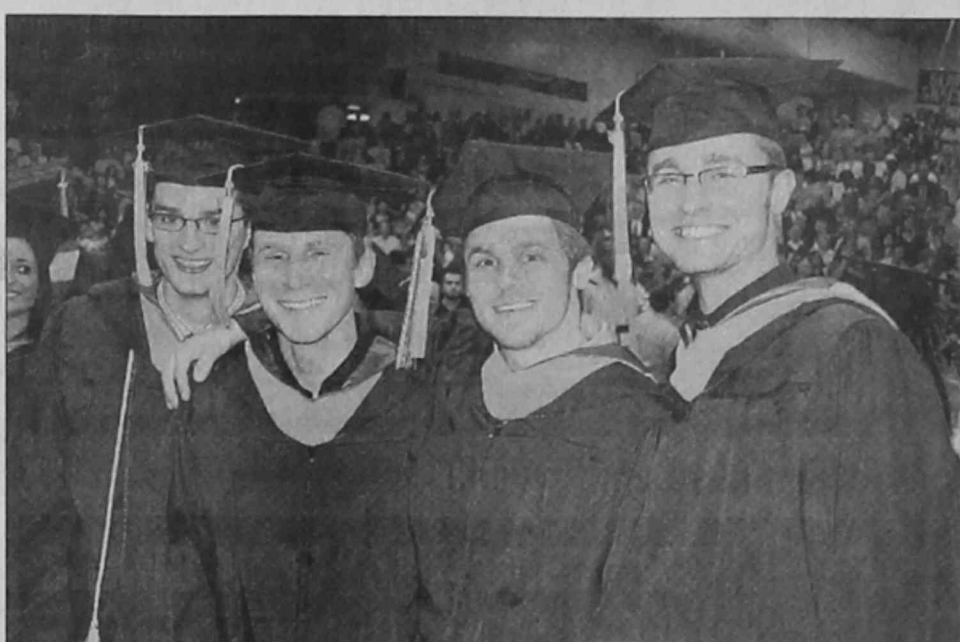
recipient Sid E. Taylor.

In his speech, Taylor posed a question and a challenge to the graduates, "What is your prism, what is your plan?"

Taylor explained that while serving as a U.S. Marine in Vietnam, he watched as many of his fellow Marines were killed and he thought he might be next. In that moment, he made a promise that if he lived, he would live a life of service to others. That moment became the

prism through which Taylor views life. His plan was to give back, which he did by founding the Real life 101 Scholarship Fund that has provided 388 college scholarships to at-risk African American males in 17 schools across four states.

Madonna, located in Livonia, is observing its 75th anniversary this year. It remains committed to the spiritual, educational and service-oriented mission of its founders, the Felician Sisters.



Madonna University nursing grads Andrew Stacey of Livonia, Jordan Herbert of Lapeer, Matthew David Dykla of Livonia and Brandan McAleer of New Hudson pose for a photo.



Madonna University social work graduate Shirley Diamond of Alpena waves to her family during commencement Sunday.



Samantha Lewis of Livonia shows off her decorated mortarboard during Madonna University's commencement.

## Livonia Public Schools Opens Renowned Academically Talented Program to Out-of-District Students

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# Rescue team prepares for its next emergency

By Stacy Jenkins  
Observer Staff Writer

It's not too often that someone gets trapped in a trench or pinned under a mountain of debris from a collapsed building, but specially trained rescuers are ready when it does happen.

And, they're honing their skills through special training operations every month.

The Western Wayne County Urban Search and Rescue team is a highly skilled special response unit made up of 47 first responders from 21 jurisdictions, including Livonia, Farmington Hills, Canton, Redford, Plymouth, Garden City, Northville, Novi and Westland.

Tuesday's training exercise entailed a scenario in which a person was trapped in a trench.

"We see this when people are working and they're not in a trench box," said Farmington Hills Fire Chief Corey Bartsch, who administered the exercise.

An eight-foot deep hole was dug on the Greenmead property in Livonia for the training. The over-night rainfall perfectly simulated a real-life scenario in which the walls of the trench began to give way, requiring rescuers to place large wooden support panels and cross beams inside the trench.

Local DPW crews were on hand to participate in the training.

"We're looking to partner up with our DPWs, to get them involved in a response when needed," said Bartsch, who noted the DPW assistance was critical in the December 2010 Frank's Furniture Store explosion in Wayne. "The DPWs were there,



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Fire and DPW crews from around western Wayne and Oakland counties trained in trench rescue Tuesday as part of the Western Wayne County Urban Search and Rescue team's monthly training. The exercise took place on the property of Greenmead park in Livonia.

moving debris out of the way. A lot of people don't realize the DPW plays a really big role. They're truly first responders, just like police and fire are. They bring the equipment and the expertise that we don't have."

### 'A learning experience'

Bryan Pickworth, road maintenance supervisor at the Farmington Hills DPW, said the training exercises are important for everyone involved.

"It's a learning experience for all of us, knowing exactly what they need in a situation like this," he said. "Anything we can do to help out, especially in an emergency situation — there's nothing like hands-on experience."

The WWUSAR had just received equipment on Tuesday to connect to a Vactor truck, for use in the rescue training exercise.

Livonia Fire Department Lt. John Orzech, incident commander, said the exercise was going quite well.

"We always try to

improve in every scenario," he said. "This is going exceptionally well, considering we just got the equipment this morning."

### Collaboration

The WWUSAR team trains and provides rescue in the areas of trench, rope, confined space and building collapse. The team was formed in 2006 and operates similarly to the haz-mat multi-jurisdictional response team that was established in 1987.

The specialized services are too expensive for local communities to provide individually, so the partnerships are needed and vitally important, noted Bartsch.

"We've been looking for regional methods to provide an exceptional service at a reduced cost," he said.

Recently, that partnership has expanded to include emergency physician Chris Mason, a doctor at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia and former police officer.

"The planning, delivery and coordination of medical care outside the four walls and bright white

lights of the hospital is important," said Mason, who joined WWUSAR in January.

He serves as the team physician and is able to set protocol for medical care in emergency situations. He participates in disaster training around the country and is the medical director for the Michigan Tactical Officers Association.

Mason said St. Mary Mercy is supporting the WWUSAR team by providing response-readiness testing for team members, including blood work and hearing tests, for example.

He said he's glad to be on the team.

"This is a terrific group of people from 21 agencies that come together for the greater good of western Wayne County," he said. "It's amazing that you can get this many people together from different agencies and cooperate as a team."

The WWUSAR, since formed, has responded to trench rescue/recovery calls in Detroit and Van Buren and a search rescue operation following a tornado that struck

an apartment complex in Plymouth. The team was on stand-by following the recent tornadoes in Washtenaw County and Dundee.

In the meantime, the



Dr. Chris Mason, an emergency room physician with St. Mary Mercy Hospital, is a member of the rescue team.

team keeps training and anticipating the next call. "It's important for all of our members to show up to (training) because it sharpens our skills and allows us to anticipate each other and the situation," said Bartsch.

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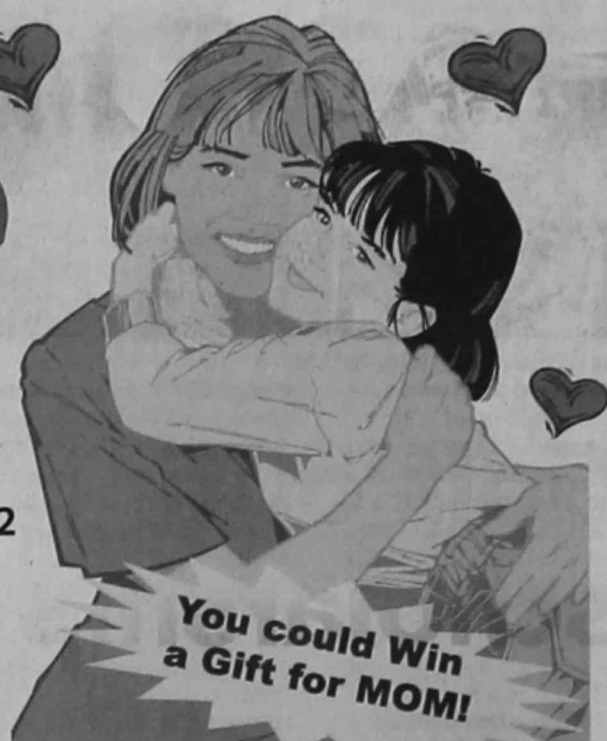
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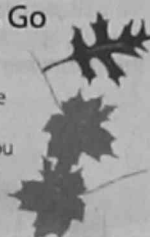


## We Celebrate You!

Ms. Bonnie Goodrich, a proud Literacy Teacher at Dodson Elementary School submitted these wonderful poems written by a few creative 4th grade students. We celebrate your talent!

### Don't Let the Leaves Go

Something told the lonely tree  
 the leaves would have to go  
 even if the other trees were nice  
 bright and green  
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 just don't know.  
 The tree held on to the leaves  
 and said I won't let you go  
 the voice made a nice breeze  
 the leaves flew across the land  
 where all the trees could see  
 Something told the lonely tree  
 leaves would have to flow  
 the tree let go of the leaves  
 and said, "I love you so"



By Payton Dixon

Payton Dixon

### Best Friends

Friends are friends  
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 pretty or ugly,  
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 And express your feelings,  
 White or brown  
 It doesn't matter to me,  
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 And how you act,  
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By Payton Stanecki

Payton Stanecki

### Peaceful

Peaceful is not people  
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 two countries.  
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 without conflict.  
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 talking together.  
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 singing in harmony.  
 Another word for peaceful  
 is freedom.  
 One thing about peaceful  
 is it's quiet.



By Alex Evans

Alex Evans

Poems from 4th Grade students at Dodson Elementary School in Plymouth-Canton Community School District

## Scoop's Recycling Winners!



Caroline Loder  
 Age: 9  
 Livonia

Our family helps the environment by picking up cans on the walks are family takes. Then we take the cans to the grocery store. We turn in the cans for 10 cents each. After our family gets the money we take it home. After we have \$30 or more we all take the money to the Humane Society. We have taken money two times. That is how my family helps the environment.



Emily Loder  
 Age: 12  
 Livonia

Our family helps save the environment by walking or riding our bikes to locations that are close to our house instead of driving the car. We walk to the store if we only need a few things that we can carry. We sometimes walk to McDonalds too, if we have a coupon for a free treat or something like that. We also take our wagon to Westborn Market to get fruit and veggies and such. But my favorite environment-saving thing we do is riding our bikes to the library to get books in the summer. I like it because it's fun. I get active, and the best part is that I'm helping save the environment.



Cory Routen  
 Age: 12  
 Livonia

I started a recycling program at my church 2 years ago. I bought 2 recycle bins that stay at church for anyone to put recyclable items in. I empty the bins every Sunday and bring the recyclables to my house. I then put what I have collected in with my own recycling to be picked up at the curb. I get plastic, metal, glass and cardboard.

These are some things I do to help the earth. I turn off the lights even when I am in my house when not used. I recycle paper in my classroom. If I see trash on the ground, I pick it up and put in the trash. I try not to use too much water when I brush my teeth or when taking a shower. I take care of the tree in my yard so we can have shade. I try to use old things in new ways. I rinse out plastic milk cartons and use them for kool-aid. I always eat my lunch at school and don't throw it out. I donate my old clothes to Goodwill. I do my best to help the earth.

Abigail Kulas  
 Westland

## A+ Teacher Award Nomination Results!

Congratulations to these special teachers. You have made a difference in the lives of your students. Now it's time for everyone to know how special you are.



**From: Abigail Kulas**  
**Student's Grade: 3rd Grade**  
**School: Edison Elementary**  
**Community: Wayne/Westland**  
**Teacher: Mrs. Gelven**

I like my teacher Mrs. Gelven for many reasons. She lets us use smart boards. She gives us special notes when we do well. She helps kids when they are having trouble with work. She has a nice personality and is always friendly and funny. She knows how to teach so we can understand subjects.

**From: Zoe Garglulo**  
**Student's Grade: 5th**  
**School: Cooke School**  
**Community: Northville**  
**Teacher: Miss Donna Case**

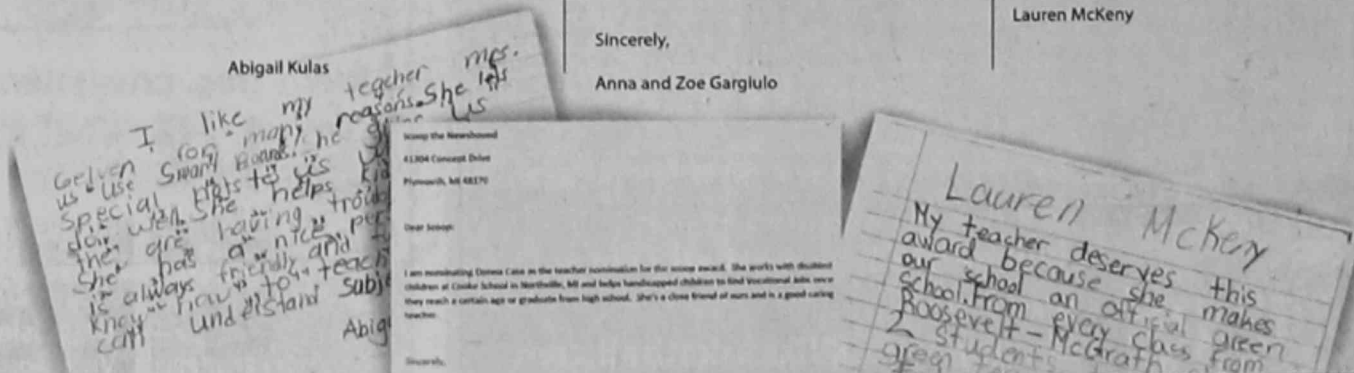
I am nominating Donna Case as the teacher nomination for the Scoop Award. She works with disabled children at Cooke School in Northville, MI and helps handicapped children to find vocational jobs once they reach a certain age or graduate from high school. She's a close friend of ours and is a good caring teacher.

Sincerely,  
 Anna and Zoe Garglulo

**From: Lauren McKeney**  
**Student's Grade: 2nd**  
**School: Roosevelt-McGrath**  
**Community: Wayne-Westland**  
**Teacher: Mrs. Steiner**

My teacher deserves this award because she makes our school an official green school. From every class at Roosevelt-McGrath she picks 2 students to do the green team with her on Friday. She is the best teacher I ever had.

Lauren McKeney





Mary Schulz (from left), 2011 Marvin Schulz Memorial Scholarship recipient Catherine Huang and Stephanie Saia at last year's Canton Community Foundation golf outing.

# Golf outing raises scholarship funds

Golfers should bring their grass clubs, spoons, baffle and niblik and join the Canton Community Foundation as it raises money for college scholarships at its 22nd Annual Golf Outing June 7 at the Pheasant Run Golf Club in Canton.

"The golf outing is just a fun way to raise money for something that is so important for the students in our communities," said Joan Noricks, foundation president. "Our scholarship program is growing in importance as families continue to struggle financially to educate their children."

The outing begins at 8:30 a.m. with a continental breakfast and a shotgun start at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be served during 18 holes of golf, followed by a 3 p.m. awards program and dinner. The public is invited to join the fun and camaraderie. The foundation is also

having a bit of fun with historic golf terms. When golfers register for the outing, they can take a crack at the formal invitation, written in the original descriptive words for the ancient game and equipment. The first to decipher the invitation is eligible for a \$25 gift certificate to Carrabba's Italian Grill restaurant.

Reservations are required for single golfers, twosomes and foursomes. To make a reservation, go to [www.cantonfoundation.org](http://www.cantonfoundation.org) and follow the links. In addition to the invitation contest, a volunteer will have vintage golf clubs on display at the outing. CCF has also increased its number of sponsorships and the benefits that accompany the financial commitment to the outing and CCF's scholarship program.

"We encourage our community businesses and professionals to come out for the outing and to

make a commitment with sponsorships," Noricks said. "It really does take the whole community to advocate for post-secondary education and to help our students prepare for their futures."

This year, the foundation is awarding 19 scholarships to Plymouth and Canton students. Recipients will be honored at a reception on May 23 at the Cherry Hill School House at Ridge and Cherry Hill roads.

In the past 20 years, the foundation has awarded more than \$500,000 in scholarships to more than 500 students. The program includes financial aid opportunities for Canton and Plymouth residents who are at different stages in their educational pursuits, as well as a number of different study areas.

For more information on the outing and sponsorships, contact the Canton Community Foundation at (734) 495-1200.

# Council recognizes Father's Day run

Runners who take part in the Plymouth YMCA's annual Father's Day Run will be doing so with the blessing of the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness.

The Governor's Council has again recognized the annual run as a "quality physical activity event." The run is scheduled for Sunday, June 17, starting in downtown Plymouth.

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

endorsed by the Governor's Council.

"By endorsing local events all across the state, we hope to bring attention to the importance of physical activity and encourage our citizens to take responsibility for their health," said Marilyn Lieber, president and CEO of the Governor's Council. "These local events can have a tremendous impact on health care costs that present a significant challenge for our state's economy."

The annual run is a run for all ages. There is a kids' 1/4-mile fun runs, a one-mile walk/run, a 5K walk/run, a 10K and the MDG Triple (1-mile, 5K and 10K).

Race-day pick-up and registration starts at 6:30 a.m. The races start

on a staggered schedule roughly every 15 minutes, beginning with the Kid Trot (ages 3-4) at 7:30 a.m. The Kid Jog (ages 5-7) starts at 7:45 a.m.

There is also a Diaper Dash (ages 0-1) and a Wee Walkers (ages 1-2) race.

Early registration and more information are available at the YMCA office, 248 Union, in Plymouth, or by visiting [www.ymcaofpenn.org](http://www.ymcaofpenn.org).

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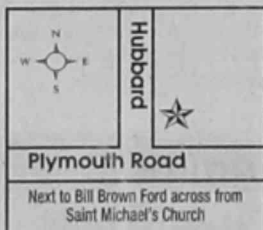
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## Novi eclipses field at KLAA meet

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Novi made it almost a forgone conclusion as to the winner of Friday's KLAA Kensington Conference girls track and field meet hosted by Canton.

The Wildcats repeated as champion by winning six of the 17 events and scoring a team-high 166 points.

In a meet where 10 different records were eclipsed, the battle for second place in the team standings was won by Northville (99) over Livonia Churchill (96), while Westland John Glenn made a strong showing in fourth with 77.

Novi individual winners included Sam Pavlika, shot put (meet record 40 feet, 5.5 inches); D'Mya Davis, 100-meter dash (12.75); Jasmine Ward, 200 (meet record 25.6); and Jackie Mullins, 3,200 (11:28.11).

The Novi quartet of Davis, Mariah Smith, Ward and Janee Hood set a new standard in the 400 relay (49.46), while Kelly McCloskey, Ward, Davis and Kerri McMahan also broke the 1,600 relay record (4:08.53).

"They're right there with the teams of previous years," Novi coach Marsha Reid said. "The hardest part with our seniors this year has that they have a lot of people gunning for them."

"We scored points in every single event today. When you have 17 different events, that's hard to do. This is definitely a special team without a doubt."

### Kavulich shines

One of the meet's individual stand-

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Plymouth sprinter William Askew II competes in the 200-meter dash during Friday's KLAA meet at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

On a splendid Friday filled with subplots and new records, the KLAA Kensington Conference boys track and field meet belonged to Novi's Wildcats.

Novi made it two conference titles in a row with 99 points to top the 12-team field at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"We have athletes that are diverse and go in several different events," Novi head coach Marsha Reid said. "And I've always said a head coach can't do it without assistant coaches and we have some really strong assistant coaches across the board."

"They've just been clawing the whole year long to try and keep what they had last year, trying to win the conference. So I think some of it is heart, some it is camaraderie and the third part of it is balance."

She pointed to the yeoman efforts of senior Mike Jocz, who "has been the glue for people this year."

Jocz scored points in the 100 and 200 dashes and sprint relays.

"Jordan Love, who is sick and had a bit of an off day, did the same thing and anybody who's a sprinter knows that's a hard thing," Reid said.

### Turnaround

In a reversal of the recent Livonia city meet, it was Livonia Churchill finishing ahead of Livonia Stevenson in the battle for the runner-up spot.

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## Salem grid meeting

The Salem varsity football team on Friday, May 18, will have its 2012 season kickoff meeting, mandatory for all prospective players and their parents.

The meeting will take place 6:30 p.m. in the Salem cafeteria.

For more information, contact Kurt Britnell, head coach Kurt Britnell, at kurt.britnell@pccsmail.net.

## YMCA summer camps on tap

Plymouth Family YMCA is taking registration for summer sports programs including: ages 3-5 preschool soccer and T-ball clinic; ages 4-9 baseball leagues; ages 8 and up, martial arts; ages 5-10, tennis; ages 8-12 football and basketball camps.

For more information, contact the Plymouth YMCA at (734) 453-2904, or visit the website at www.ymcadetroit.org.

## Women's golf skills clinic set

The Michigan Women's Golf Association will stage its skills clinic and on-course golf management sessions beginning at noon (Session I) and 3:30 p.m. (Session II) Hickory Creek Golf Course, 3625 Napier, Superior Township.

Tami Bealert, PGA Class A golf professional and certified personal trainer, WITS, will be providing instruction on the range and strategies on the course.

Included in the \$50 cost is instruction, range balls, cart and nine-hole greens fee.

Gain tips on the range with golf specific warm-ups and swing exercises, along with 20 minutes of pre-golf putting skill tips followed by nine holes (with threesomes) where Bealert will coach each group approximately a half-hour on the course.

The clinic is limited to 24. You can register online at www.mwgf.org.

For more information, e-mail Lu Stockton at stockton@mwgf.org.

## Blazers dial in Saddlelites

Senior Emma Ellswood scored six goals, while senior Alyssa Daly and sophomore Rachel Donabedian added hat tricks in Livonia Ladywood's 18-3 Catholic League semifinal lacrosse victory Wednesday at home against Warren Regina. Junior Stephanie Mackley made seven saves for the Blazers, who improved to 10-3 overall.



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Canton's Megan Trapp (No. 19) tries to keep possession of the ball despite being shadowed by Plymouth's Alyssa Dillon (No. 2) during Thursday night's girls soccer contest. At right is Canton's Kayln Berinti.

## 'Cats nip Chiefs in showdown

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Plymouth held off a second-half comeback bid by Canton Thursday night to earn a 2-1 victory and all-but clinch the KLAA South Division girls soccer title.

With two division games remaining, the first-place Wildcats improved to 8-1-3 overall and 7-0-1 in the KLAA South. The runner-up Chiefs dropped to 7-2-3 and 6-2-0.

"We're in the driver's seat to win the division and that's nice," Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich said. "It would be the first time we've ever won the division. But we still have to get past (Livonia) Churchill and Wayne next week."

The Wildcats pounced on the Chiefs early on a sun-drenched evening at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's varsity soccer field.

With about 12 minutes left in the first half, Plymouth junior forward Madi Lewis was knocked down on a breakaway to set up a penalty kick.

Making good on the ensuing PK was junior midfielder Stephanie Dillon.

Before halftime, Plymouth went up 2-0 when Lewis scored her 19th goal of the season.

From about 30 yards out, the high-flying Wildcat dribbled through the defense and drove a shot inside the far right post past Canton senior

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## Frosh sparks Rocks

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

With a welcome influx of power from freshman shortstop Maranda Armstead, Salem swept Wednesday's doubleheader against KLAA Central Division softball rival Novi.

Armstead clubbed the first two home runs of her varsity career — and nearly hit a third — as the Rocks doubled up the Wildcats by a 6-3 score at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park in the nightcap. Salem won 4-2 in Game 1.

"It's really nice to see her hit home runs," Salem head coach Bonnie Southland said. "We knew she had a lot of power in her swing. When she started out the season she was hitting the ball well, just a lot of deep hits to people. Now, she's hitting them over the fence."

That she did, sparking the Rocks to the sweep and improving the team's record to 10-8 overall.

After she hit a fly ball to deep center that Novi's Emily Bielski hauled in at the fence in the first, Armstead (2-for-3, two runs, three RBI) led off the fourth with a line-drive round-tripper to left.

For good measure, she drilled a two-run shot to left-center to cap off Salem's four-run fifth, which opened up an insurmountable 6-2 edge.

And by the way, Armstead doubled in a run in the opening frame of the first game.

"I just think 'Hit the ball as hard as I can,'" Armstead said. "If it goes over, great."



Salem freshman shortstop Maranda Armstead gets ready to swing at the next pitch. She hit two homers Wednesday.

If it's a base hit, great."

### Quick impact

With club softball experience with the Plymouth-Canton Pride (she'll play this summer for the Livonia Storm), Armstead has seamlessly entered the varsity scene as a freshman.

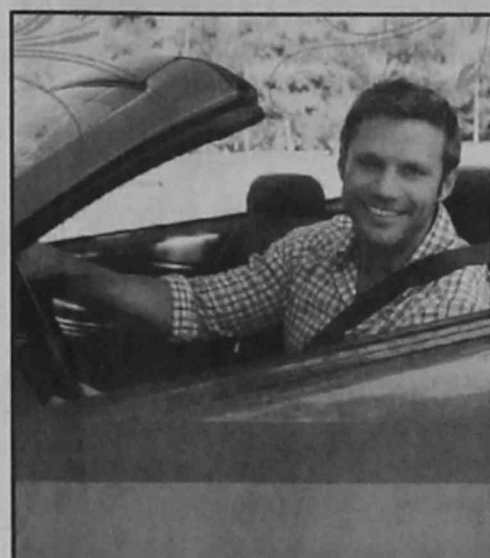
In addition to her strong hitting, she has played impressively at shortstop to team up with slick-fielding third baseman Elliott Mitchem.

"There was pressure in the beginning," said Armstead, asked about being a varsity starter as a ninth grader. "But the girls have really welcomed me and it's helped a lot."

Having power-hitting senior catcher Alexis Powell behind her in the lineup also hasn't hurt.

"Either one of them (Armstead, Powell), they're

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### GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

#### KLAA KENSINGTON CONFERENCE GIRLS TRACK & FIELD MEET

**May 11 at Canton**  
**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Novi, 166 points; 2. Northville, 99; 3. Livonia Churchill, 96; 4. Westland John Glenn, 77; 5. Plymouth, 50.33; 6. Salem, 44; 7. Livonia Stevenson, 35; 8. South Lyon, 30.5; 9. Canton, 25.83; 10. Livonia Franklin, 23.33; 11. Wayne Memorial, 12; 12. South Lyon East, 4.

#### FINAL EVENT RESULTS

**Shot put:** 1. Sam Pavlika (Novi), 40 feet, 5.5 inches (meet record); 2. Amber Warren (Canton), 34-11; 3. Taylor Pavlika (Novi), 34-6; 4. Quay Nichols (WM), 33-7.25; 5. Chyna Williams (P), 33-7.25; 6. Brooke Calhoun (Novi), 33-3; 7. Solana Gillis (SLE), 33-2; 8. Bailey Hart (WM), 33-0.5.

**Discus:** 1. Emily Norscia (LC), 123-8 (meet record); 2. S. Pavlika (Novi), 119-10; 3. T. Pavlika (Novi), 115-11; 4. Williams (P), 114-11; 5. Tionne Johnson (P), 105-8; 6. Kayla Branton (LS), 102-11; 7. Rhiannon (SLE), 102-9; 8. Jessica Fredericks (SL), 102-1.

**High jump:** 1. Moynes (Nville), 5-4.25 (meet record); 2. Kerri McMahan (Novi) and Senclear McDonnell (LC), 5-3 each; 4. Joslyn Massey (WJG), 5-2; 5. Ashley Cochran (LC), 5-2; 6. Brady Covert (SL), 5-0; 7. Symone Abbott (Nville), 5-0; 8. (tie) Jocelyn Moraw (Canton), Taylor Rieckhoff (P) and Kelly O'Brien (LF), 4-9 each.

**Long jump:** 1. Kayla Jones (WJG), 16-6; 2. Brianna Jed (LS), 16-5; 3. Alex Kitz (LS), 16-4.75; 4. Cochran (LC), 16-4.5; 5. Massey (WJG), 16-1; 6. Karla Ayala-Talavera (Novi), 15-11; 7. McDonnell (LC), 15-10.5; 8. Carlie Fernandez (SL), 15-3.

**Pole vault:** 1. Reagan Engstrom (P), 11-6 (meet record); 2. Jane McCurry (P), 11-2; 3. Kitz (LS), 11-2; 4. Rieckhoff (P), 10-8; 5. Nancy Krutty (Salem), 9-8; 6. McKenna Burr (Novi), 9-8; 7. Emily Lang (Canton), 9-8; 8. Pia Simon (Canton) and Miranda Spencer (SL), 9-2 each.

**100-meter hurdles:** 1. Kirsten Smith (WJG), 15.48; 2. Abby Downs (Novi), 15.85; 3. O'Brien (LF), 16.02; 4. Lauren Rodriguez (Nville), 16.09; 5. Molly Jarvis (LC), 16.16; 6. Ayala-Talavera (Novi), 16.54; 7. Marina Milad (Canton), 16.94; 8. Jenny Chang (Novi), 17.05.

**300 hurdles:** 1. Smith (WJG), 46.45; 2. Kelly McCloskey (Novi), 46.88; 3. Jarvis (LC), 47.03; 4. Rodriguez (Nville), 47.96; 5. Lina Davis (Novi), 48.61; 6. Claire Reynolds (Novi), 49.05; 7. Holly Stark (P), 50.11; 8. Covert (SL), 50.2.

**100 dash:** 1. D'Mya Davis (Novi), 12.75; 2. Jones (WJG), 12.77; 3. Bryah White (LF), 12.89;

4. Shekinah Johnson (WJG), 13.07; 5. Abby Sigler (SL), 13.1; 6. Janee Hood (Novi), 13.19; 7. Jessica Thomas (LF), 13.2; 8. Elyssa Hofmann (LC), 13.32.

**200:** 1. Jasmine Ward (Novi), 25.6 (meet record); 2. Jones (WJG), 26.37; 3. Alexa Abbott (Nville), 26.44; 4. Sigler (SL), 27.32; 5. Honia Williams (WM), 27.49; 6. Fernandez (SL), 27.67; 7. Taylor Mosley (Novi), 27.81; 8. Leah Heinzelman (LC), 27.9.

**400:** 1. Kayla Kavulich (Salem), 59.31 (meet record); 2. Abbott (Nville), 59.92; 3. Sydney Anderson (LC), 1:00.61; 4. Nadia Affes (Nville), 1:01.07; 5. Julia Szuba (LC), 1:01.86; 6. Mosley (Novi), 1:01.97; 7. Madison Swiatkowski (SL), 1:02.02; 8. Rachael Hille (P), 1:02.63.

**800:** 1. Kavulich (Salem), 2:20.33; 2. McMahan (Novi), 2:23.96; 3. Rachel Coleman (Nville), 2:24.09; 4. Karlie Gallagher (LS), 2:26.4; 5. Taleen Shahrigian (Nville), 2:27.81; 6. Alison Robinson (Nville), 2:28.26; 7. Michelle Azar (LC), 2:28.5; 8. Marina DeBiasi (P), 2:29.58.

**1,600:** 1. Kavulich (Salem), 5:12.18; 2. Coleman (Nville), 5:15.63; 3. Jackie Mullins (Novi), 5:16.38; 4. Kristen Muir (Canton), 5:18.89; 5. Hannah Loneragan (Novi), 5:22.88; 6. Erin Zimmer (Nville), 5:24.3; 7. Kerigan Riley (LC), 5:27.36; 8. Bethany Pilat (LC), 5:27.43.

**3,200:** 1. Mullins (Novi), 11:28.11; 2. Loneragan (Novi), 11:38.56; 3. Pilat (LC), 11:45.56; 4. Riley (LC), 11:51.92; 5. Erin Dunne (Nville), 11:56.82; 6. Nicole Mosteller (Nville), 12:00.55; 7. Zimmer (Nville), 12:04.72; 8. Brooke Kuchka (LS), 12:14.58.

**400 relay:** 1. Novi (Davis, Mariah Smith, Ward, Hood), 49.46 (meet record); 2. Churchill, 50.38; 3. Franklin, 50.79; 4. Northville, 51.01; 5. John Glenn, 53.5; 6. Plymouth, 53.5; 7. Wayne, 53.5; 8. Salem, 53.95.

**800 relay:** 1. John Glenn (Johnson, Massey, Jones, Smith), 1:46.14 (meet record); 2. Novi, 1:46.19; 3. Churchill, 1:47.23; 4. South Lyon, 1:47.4; 5. Northville, 1:49.73; 6. Franklin, 1:50.37; 7. Canton, 1:51.11; 8. Stevenson, 1:52.11.

**1,600 relay:** 1. Novi (McCloskey, Ward, Davis, McMahan), 4:08.53 (meet record); 2. Northville, 4:11.06; 3. Churchill, 4:11.22; 4. Salem, 4:13.42; 5. Canton, 4:13.65; 6. John Glenn, 4:13.76; 7. South Lyon, 4:15.81; 8. Plymouth, 4:16.28.

**3,200 relay:** 1. Churchill (Anderson, Pilat, Riley, Azar), 9:36.48 (meet record); 2. Northville, 9:44.5; 3. Plymouth, 9:53.53; 4. Stevenson, 10:19.47; 5. Salem, 10:20.81; 6. South Lyon, 10:21.12; 7. Canton, 10:22.6; 8. Novi, 10:52.01.

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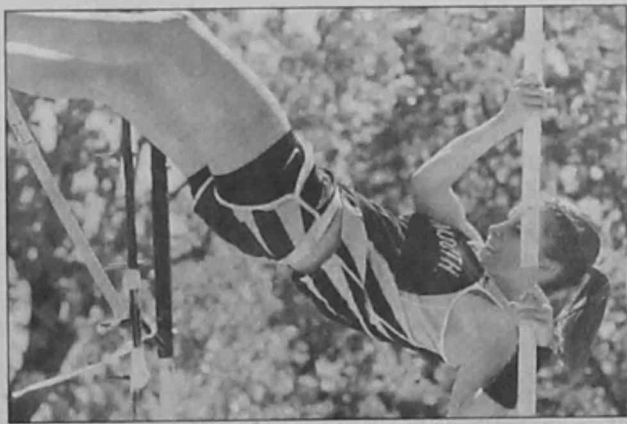
outs was Salem's Kayla Kavulich, who has made a remarkable recovery after undergoing surgery for a torn ACL (knee) ligament over the summer while playing basketball.

The sophomore captured the 1,600 (5:12.18), 400 (59.31) and 800 (2:20.33) and also ran a leg on the Rocks' fourth-place 1,600 relay.

"The doctor told me that they weren't going to lie to me," Kavulich said. "They told me I'd be back in six months, and this is — I think — nine (months)."

And the Salem distance runner has taken a liking to a relatively new event for her — the quarter-mile.

"I like the 4 x 400 (relay) just because it's at the end of the day and it's just an extra 400," Kavulich said. "I proba-



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Plymouth pole vaulter Reagan Engstrom competes during Friday's conference meet.

bly won't do it at regionals, but I do like the race. I did it because I just wanted to triple up and try and go first in three events and the two-mile (3,200) just seemed a bit too much today.

"I feel good. The mile was pretty easy. We went out at a slower pace and I just kicked it. The 800, I hung in there as long as I could. The 400 was a bit tough because it was so

close to the mile, but it's just a lap."

John Glenn junior Kirsten Smith also stood out re-setting her own school record in the 300 hurdles (46.45) and winning the 100 hurdles (15.48). She also teamed up with Shekinah Johnson, Joslyn Massey and Kayla Jones for a first in the 800 relay (meet record 1:46.14). Jones also added a first for Glenn in the long jump (16-6).

Churchill got a strong effort from its 4 x 800 relay team of Sydney Anderson, Bethany Pilat, Kerigan Riley and Michelle Azar, who set a meet record in 9:36.48.

### Record for Engstrom

Junior Emily Norscia also established a new Kensington mark in the discus (123-8).

"We expect to do well here and obviously one of our goals is to win this meet," Churchill coach Pat Daugherty said. "We knew Novi was going to be tough, and they were. It's almost insurmountable and their coach does a great job coaching both teams. Northville scored a lot of points from the middle of the meet on. They were really good."

Plymouth's Reagan Engstrom broke the pole vault record (11-6), while Northville's Alexandra Moynes set a new standard in the high jump (5-4.25).

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The Chargers, on the strength of co-meet records in the pole vault by Alex Ryktarsyk and Jacob Hage (each with marks of 12 feet, 11 inches), tallied 87 points to edge the Spartans (77.33).

Stevenson held on to the second spot through the end of the final running event, but lost that edge when the final field event points were tallied.

"To our program it means a lot, because we've had to endure the trials and tribulations of finishing third in our division," Churchill head coach Rick Austin said. "But we weren't a complete team because of injuries and one of our sprinters (Hunter Rimatzki) not coming out until late in the season.

"We had to wait until he came along. So these kids have worked their tail ends off all season. So this was fun for them."

Austin's team also featured wins by thrower Bryan Bartig (shot put) and distance runner Ryan Wise (800 run).

Stevenson's main highlight was a meet record by Zaid Shareef in the 400 dash (50.52).

The Spartans also had multiple athletes earning all-conference honors (top four) in the long jump.

Nick Podulka finished second with a mark of 21-1.25 — just shy of the meet record set by Novi's Ali Taha (21-4.75).

Finishing fourth for the Spartans was Anthony Wilson (20-4.5).

Plymouth and Salem nailed down the 4-5 positions, with totals of 72.33 and 70 points, respectively.

"It was good, our team is set up better for a meet like this versus the dual meets," Plymouth head coach Jon Mikosz said. "Our distance guys had an amazing day."

Senior Derek Gielarowski edged Salem's Steven McEvilly in a close finish in the 3,200 run (9:47.23 to 9:53.51).

Gielarowski also was part of the meet record 3,200-meter relay, finishing first with a time of 8:11.61.

Another first-place finisher for Plymouth was sprinter William Askew, II, recovered from a hamstring injury sustained at the recent PCEP city meet.

Salem boasted a double first-place winner in Joe Amado, who won the 110-meter hurdles with a mark of 14.86, edging Livonia Franklin's Tom Brokaw (15.04).

Amado then took first

in the 300 hurdles, with a time of 40.25.

The other Observer-land triumph was a first-place finish by Franklin's 800-meter relay team of Andrew Crechiolo, Brett Gutowski, Alex Perelli and Andrew McGaughey (1:31.76).

Although Canton's ninth-place finish (44.33 points) was a bit of a disappointment for Chiefs coach Bob Richardson, he pointed to a first-place showing by senior sprinter Ryan Jones in the 100 dash as a highlight. Jones finished in 11.14.

"We thought we were going to place higher," Richardson said. "But there's some good teams here. We have some things to work on. Regionals are a week from today."

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## All boys, all girls, it's all good

Moms who responded to the *Observer's* request for observations on all-girl and all-boy households talked about their experiences via e-mail. Here are excerpts:

### Glad to have girls

I am married and I live in Farmington Hills, I work part time for the city and I have two daughters. Christina is 15, soon to be 16 on June 9. Elizabeth is 12, soon to be 13 on June 28.

I am very pleased to have daughters ... I would not know what to do with a boy. My daughters are "girly girls" and have always been into everything pink (until recently for Elizabeth), princess, Barbies and dolls!

My husband is a patient man, and luckily he has been raised with sisters, as sometimes, he is out numbered! He says that we are all very loud, and tend to scream. When it comes time for everyone to get ready for a special event — forget it. If it's a fancy event, the curling irons and makeup are everywhere.

I am very close to my daughters and we do a lot of things together. I am very happy to have daughters and lucky.

—Marybeth Pappas

### Boys love to eat

I am the mother of three boys, ages 22, 19 and 16. The only other girl in this house is a golden retriever. My oldest son, Brian, is a student at Western Michigan University; Kyle attends Oakland Community College; and Daniel is a junior at Harris on High School in Farmington Hills. We also

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Amy Slitti of Livonia says she was a tomboy growing up. She loves being mom to three



Emily Tabor of Canton, the mother of three girls, treasures the handmade cards she'll receive on Mother's Day.

By Sharon Dargay  
O&E Staff Writer

Amy Slitti and Emily Tabor are mirror images of each other.

In some ways, their households are, too.

Slitti and Tabor are twin sisters, age 36, who grew up in Farmington. Both are married — Slitti to John and Tabor to Brett — and each has three children, ages 5, 7 and 9. Their kids' school art projects paper the kitchen walls in Slitti's Livonia home and line a hallway at Tabor's house in Canton.

On Sunday, May 13, both sisters will open and cherish handmade cards from their sons and daughters, before heading to the annual Mother's Day celebration with extended family. And that's just about where the mirror image ends.

"It's very different," Slitti said, adding that at her sister's home, her nieces "are always dancing and singing."

"Come to my house and it's all just noises — OOOH, AAARGH, YAAAHH. They are yelling and jumping," she said, describing her three boys in action.

Slitti is the mother of all boys and Tabor has all girls. Neither would have it any other way.

"I wouldn't wish Barbie shoes and little Barbie combs on anyone," Slitti said.

"Well, YOU have those little wrestler people - what are they called?" countered Tabor, referring to her nephews' collection of action figures.

### Meet the kids

Vincent, 9, is Slitti's "very responsible" oldest boy with an inclination to "make the rules" and who "always tries to do the right thing." Benjamin, 7, is quiet and introspective but has a sharp wit. Gabriel, 5, is the "quiet, little enforcer."

Tabor's oldest daughter, Charlotte, 9, is "very responsible," with a dramatic personality. Victoria, 7, is "sensitive" and empathetic with others. Elizabeth — Ellie — is outspoken, "rough and tumble," with the memory of an elephant.

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# Twin moms

## Sisters see differences in raising girls, boys



Amy Slitti of Livonia with sons Ben, Gabriel and Vincent Slitti, along and her sister, Emily Tabor of Canton, with daughters Elizabeth, Charlotte and Victoria Tabor.

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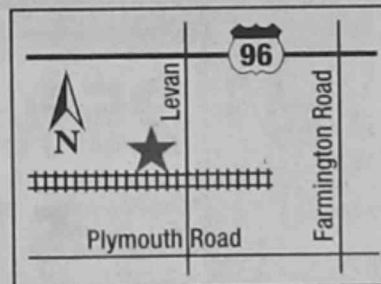
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The kids play the Wii game "Just Dance." From left, Victoria Tabor, 7, Charlotte Tabor, 9, Vincent Slitti, 9, Ben Slitti, 7, Elizabeth Tabor, 5, and in the foreground, Gabriel Slitti, 5.

## MOMS

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The cousins have played together at each other's homes for years.

"We had our own little play group," Tabor noted. "We didn't have a lot of stay-at-home moms in my neighborhood, so in that respect it was a blessing," Slitti added. "Vincent was shy when he was little, but he always had a buddy (Charlotte) to play with."

When their oldest children were in diapers, the two sisters got together nearly every day.

"The adult interaction was so important and I didn't even have to get dressed. I could show up in my pajamas and she'd have coffee ready," Tabor recalled.

### Learning from Mom

The pair often shared child-rearing advice and stories about their kids. They learned patience from their own mother, who raised four daughters and a son. Tabor and Slitti say she was generous with hugs, allowed them to help in the kitchen and spent quality time with them. Both say they are more strict with their children than their mom was with them.

"They are still allowed to

### ADVICE TO NEW MOMS

**Emily Tabor:** "It's okay to cry, because you'll be so tired. Just enjoy all the moments. It all goes so fast, you need to appreciate the moments. And children are smart, just because they are little, don't think they don't understand you."

**Amy Slitti:** "Parenthood is like navigating a road trip without GPS. The adventure lies in the journey. When your child is at their worst, they need to be loved the most. So give your child unconditional love...a safe place to fail, and your undivided attention. Even if you're not interested in their favorite toy or latest drama, fake it. Ultimately they are going to be the ones to choose your nursing home."

make messes in the kitchen, but I'm more strict about them picking it up," Slitti explained.

"If I raised my kids the way I was raised, they'd walk all over me," Tabor added. "My husband does construction and works long hours, so I'm the primary disciplinarian in the house."

That's one of the reasons she's glad she has all girls. She said they are easier to parent.

### Boys vs. girls

Slitti, who was a tomboy as a child, said she's blessed to have boys.

"I don't know how to braid hair. I never was into Barbies. And you know, I don't like scrubbing stains. I don't like scrubbing clothes, I just throw them in the wash," Slitti said.

"Boys are drama, but in a completely different way.

They come home and will tell you everything that happened about so and so today, but it's never like the crying drama (with girls)."

Tabor said crying isn't an issue in her home, but arguing over "what to wear in the morning" sometimes is.

Slitti suspects teenage years are tougher on moms with boys because they are less likely to talk about their problems than girls do.

Tabor, who prohibits the Disney Channel at home ("too much attitude in those shows") sees a growing interest in make-up, teen music and a tendency to "want to exert independence" in her older daughter.

How will she cope with girls as teens?

"I'm moving out," she quipped. "And it may happen as early as next year."

## ALL GOOD

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have a young man, Yuuki (also 22), who lives with us when he's not away at school. In comparison with moms with all girls, I suspect that my grocery bills are higher (a lot higher ... all the boys, except Yuuki, are over 6 feet tall, (though he can hold his own at the dinner table) and I have to believe I've spent a lot more time in the emergency room (the usual broken bones and stitches, and even one visit to remove a Sacagawea coin from my youngest son's esophagus).

I love my boys and wouldn't change a thing (okay, well maybe fewer trips to the ER).

— Beverly Church

### She loves her boys

My name is Becky Bur and I am a mom to four sons: Matthew, 20, David, 19, Jacob, 17, and Nathan, 15. We moved to Farmington Hills in 2003. My two oldest sons graduated from NFHS and attend Michigan State. Jacob will graduate this year from NFHS and is still deciding between, UM, OSU, or Notre Dame. Nathan is a sophomore at NFHS.

My husband, Andy, and I have been married 25 years

I have loved being a mom to all boys!!! God has truly blessed me!!

— Becky Bur

### Laughing, crying

I was a full time professional for many years before becoming a stay-at-home mom to two little girls — Gillian, 4 1/2 and Megan, 3. We live in Canton and I can honestly say that being a mom is just about the best thing on this earth. Though challenging (some days I want to cry) and tiring, most days I wind up laughing hysterically at their antics.

Being a mom to two girls is amazing. We can share secrets and paint toe nails. We play dress up and have tea parties. Our house is awash in pink and purple, babies and barbies — but also matchbox cars, tools and soccer balls.

— Colleen Robertson

### No regrets

My husband Don and I have lived in Farmington Hills for 19 years. I am the mother of 3 boys; Steve, 37, Dan, 34, and Jeff, 31.

I can honestly say that I have never regretted not having daughters. When Steve was younger, he often played baseball on three leagues at one time, and I enjoyed cheering him on. When Dan was only 7, I took him to police auctions, bought bikes, and watched him take them apart and create new bikes. When Jeff was little, I enjoyed being a Cub Scout leader. Jeff

also played soccer, and I was there in the rain and cold.

Today I am blessed with twin granddaughters, age 5 1/2. Now my girly side can come out. We do our nails, do our hair and we like to dress up. Oh, and we also play baseball, climb to the top of their playhouse together and pound nails. Life is good!

— Mary Ann Wade

My husband and I have four daughters: Elisabeth 24, Rebecca 20, Sarah 19, and Karoline 13. When the girls were little, there was no such thing as "family rest-rooms" so outings meant never ending trips to the ladies' room for me. As they got older, back to school shopping was an endurance event and I frequently felt like a housemother of a sorority. As they entered the college years, Christmas stocking stuffers went from LifeSavers Sweet Storybooks to pepper spray canisters, nylons, and rolls of quarters for the dorm laundry.

Although raising all girls had its challenges, I have loved every minute of it.

Now, they are beautiful young women making their way in the world, yet I always remember the old saying, "A son is a son, until he takes a wife, but a daughter is a daughter, for the rest of your life."

— Kimberly Mabie of Canton

### Single with boys

I've always heard that there is a special place in Heaven for the mother of three boys!

My three sons, Kyle Posluszy, 27, Eliot Zain, 19 and Dylan Zain, 12, give me reason to continuing plugging away during these tough times. Born with severe medical problems that have given him challenges his entire life, Kyle and his health seem to be a primary focus in our home. Since his last hospitalization in 2009, which lasted on an in-and-out basis for 2 1/2 years, the bond that formed with Eliot and Dylan is something words cannot describe.

Age difference amongst the boys is, at times, funny. Kyle will often take Dylan to the movies, shopping or to "just hang" and people have often thought that Dylan was his son!

Being a single mother who recently chose to leave the work-force to pursue a life-long dream to focus on my non-profit organization, Tail Waggers 1990, I can honestly say that my three boys are the driving force behind me wanting to succeed. With the challenges that Kyle faces and our frequent visits to Mott Children's Hospital, it was an easy decision to leave "9-5" behind. Not only can I continue to monitor Kyle's health and attend appointments, I also became a more focused, less frazzled mother helping Eliot with college applications and making sure Dylan succeeds at St. Michael where he is in 6th grade.

— Laura Zain of Livonia

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# Milestones

## 60th wedding anniversary

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They met two years earlier in Ypsilanti. Donald worked at McLellan Dollar Store and Dorothy worked next door at the soda fountain in Food & Drug Market. Dorothy often waited on Donald when he ordered a pecan roll and cup of coffee at the soda fountain.

Donald, 81, was drafted into the United States Army in February 1952 and stationed in England for 13 months before being honorably discharged in January 1954. He worked for Ford Motor Company, at plants in Ypsilanti and Plymouth, until retirement in 1984.

Dorothy, 78, a native of Prestonsburg, Ky., worked at Daly's Restaurant in Westland after leaving Food & Drug Market. She also worked at Town & Country Pharmacy / Richardson's Pharmacy for 17 years.

The couple live in Wayne and are former residents of Garden City and Ypsilanti.

They have four sons: Daniel and Diane (Wisner) of Howell, Patrick and Kathy (Toth) of Canton, Ronald and Amber (Dugger) of Hamburg and Jeffrey and Karen (Ciesinski) of Dearborn Heights. They also have 10



Dorothy and Donald Shifferd of Wayne, formerly of Garden City.

grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Donald enjoys watching the Detroit Red Wings hockey games, watching the Detroit Tigers baseball games, and gardening.

Dorothy also enjoys the Detroit Red Wings and Detroit Tigers. She watches Detroit Pistons basketball, likes to garden, read and put puzzles together.

They both enjoy spending time with family and feeding backyard birds. Dorothy said that



Donald and Dorothy Shifferd on their wedding day

"patience," "thick skin" and the ability to forgive and forget have helped to make their marriage last. They plan to celebrate their milestone anniversary at Weber's Restaurant in Ann Arbor.



## Aaron Christopher Reinke

Aaron Christopher Reinke was born April 9, 2012, at Henry Ford Hospital in West Bloomfield.

His proud parents are Chris and Dana Reinke of West Bloomfield.

Grandparents are Dave and Karen Crowe of Livonia, and Karen Reinke of Huntington Woods.

## Dalziel-Poulos

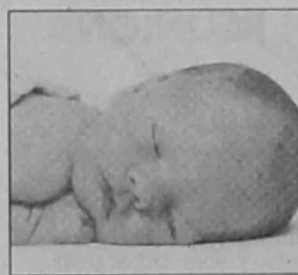
Alexandria Dalziel and Gregory Poulos are engaged to be married in June 2012

The bride-to-be is the daughter of James and Michelle Sica of Grosse Pointe and Randy and Laurie Dalziel of Livonia. She attended Milford High School and Wayne State University.

Her fiancé, son of William and Karen Poulos of Northville, attended Northville High School and Western Michigan University. He is the founder of Profits Run, Inc. a financial education company.



The wedding will be held at the Royal Park Hotel in Rochester.



## Declan John O'Neil

Declan John O'Neil was born April 14, 2012, at Providence Park Hospital, Novi.

He joins his parents, Casey and Meg O'Neil, and his sibling, Delaney, 2, at home in Livonia.

Proud grandparents are Mike and Debbie O'Neil and Joe and Mary Pat Mysliwiec, all of Livonia.

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However, ColCrys only puts a brake on an acute attack of gout. The real goal of therapy is to lower the level of uric acid, the constituent that causes gout, to a sufficiently low level to prevent even the threat of a gouty attack.

The medicine, allopurinol, can do just that. But it takes time, and often several adjustments in the allopurinol dose before a physician finds the dose that will bring the serum uric acid to a safe level and keep it that way. Furthermore, while patient and doctor are working out the proper dosage, flares of gout may occur, disrupting the journey to a proper dose, and causing the patient yet another episode of pain and incapacity.

In time, physician and patient arrive at the allopurinol dose appropriate for the patient's gout, but the process is hardly ever simple and always needs surveillance.

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# The safest way to load your dishwasher

By Joe Gagnon  
Guest columnist

An e-mail from my Canadian friend and writer Diane Armstrong prompted me to write again about the dishwasher and my concerns on the subject of bacteria. I also had the pleasure of being a speaker in front of the Michigan State Medical Society Alliance — and that could lead to a doctor telling you how to load your dishwasher. In any case, this now is a subject of world-wide interest and I will keep you posted as to what the scientists discover.

Diane writes: "I have been meaning to write to ask you if you have a copy of a column you wrote long ago about 'cleaning' the dishes before you put them in the dishwasher. It followed a TV ad that showed an entire cake being put in the machine. My daughter-in-law



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

has been complaining that her brand new dishwasher just doesn't clean all the dishes. When I asked if she scraped all the dishes and/or rinsed them lightly under the tap first, she said, 'Oh the book said I don't have to. There's a garberator in my new appliance.'

Just how effective are these garberators? Frankly, I think she should use the garbage can and not rely on a garberator (garbage disposer) in her dishwasher."

Reply: Yes Diane, I did write a column shortly after those ads appeared on television and that ad was pulled shortly after. I can't find it but it

is somewhere in this computer of mine. This "thing" is not like a washing machine where I once pulled my friend Steve's silk undershorts out of his pump. My organizational skills don't allow me to hit a button and pull up specific column. I'm sorry. That advertisement with the supposed garberator was meant to entice more sales for that brand of product. I protested that it implied that someone might throw a turkey carcass into the dishwasher and it would not matter how much food could be left on a dinner plate.

The appliance service industry loved that ad because now they were being called to homes to repair this cheap little metal cutter blade located on top of the motor assembly. Most service technicians were advising consumers to remove this blade or fur-

ther problems would continue to cause expensive repairs. Enough said about how much the manufacturers care about dependability.

In a recent interview with Gregg Stebben, an editor of menshealth.com, he talked about the proper way to load a dishwasher. There is no doubt that bacteria will grow inside the dishwasher. It will work its way into the rubber door seals and the scientific world is doing a lot of work to determine what sickness is produced in a dishwasher. Gregg points out that dishes should be clean going into the dishwasher and if you are not going to operate it immediately, you should rinse them in a sink full of water with a shot glass of bleach mixed into that water. As for cleaning the inside of the dishwasher I have preached the Tang treatment for the past 30 years

but I now have people telling me that Tang is hard to find. Recently I have been telling homeowners to try a new product called Lemi Shine. I know it works. I have tried it. It's available at some of our major grocery chains.

Note — I have been writing this column for a very long time and many of the things I predicted 25 years ago have come true. I now predict that it will be proven in the years ahead that certain illness and disease come from certain products in the home. I know it now and I'm not even close to being what you might call intelligent. Wait until you find out what is inside of a hot water tank! Stay tuned.

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

## REUNIONS

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#### CLASS OF 1977

35-year reunion, 7:30 p.m. Aug. 18 at Ernie's in Clinton Township. \$25 per person. E-mail to [clhs1977@hotmail.com](mailto:clhs1977@hotmail.com).

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#### CLASS OF 1982

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

#### DEARBORN HEIGHTS ROBICHAUD

#### CLASS OF 1962

A 50th class reunion is set for Sept. 29 at the 1-Under Bar & Grill Banquet Facility in Livonia. The committee is looking for classmates and contact information. All classes are welcome to attend. Check out "Robichaud 50th Reunion Class of 62" on Facebook and on [classmates.com](http://classmates.com). Send names, contact info and questions to [robichaud62@yahoo.com](mailto:robichaud62@yahoo.com).

com. Invitations will be sent soon.

#### DETROIT CODY

#### CLASS OF 1962

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#### DETROIT MACKENZIE

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#### CLASS OF 1962

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#### DETROIT WESTERN

#### CLASS OF 1962

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#### FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

#### CLASS OF 1962

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

#### CLASS OF 1967

Organizers of the 45th reunion on July 21 are looking for classmates. Send your e-mail address to Susan (Himmelpach) Whittaker at

[S.whittaker@comcast.net](mailto:S.whittaker@comcast.net) or Fred Gregg at [fredge1@comcast.net](mailto:fredge1@comcast.net) to receive a reunion packet.

#### GARDEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL EAST

#### CLASSES OF 1968-1973

Reunion Sept. 22. Looking for classmates. Check out the "Garden City High School (East) Reunion 2012" on Facebook.

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#### LINCOLN PARK HIGH

#### CLASS OF 1962

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#### NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

#### CLASS OF 1971-75

The classes are joining together to celebrate with a reunion on Aug. 4. Reunion organizers are searching for classmates from those years. Send your name, address, phone and e-mail to [nhs40yearreunion@gmail.com](mailto:nhs40yearreunion@gmail.com). The organizers will send more details after receiving your information.

#### PONTIAC CENTRAL

#### CLASS OF 1962

Informal social gathering, 6 p.m., Friday, Sept. 21 and reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, both at the Radisson Hotel, 30475 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. For more information call Bob or Marilyn (Coffing) Pomeroy at (248) 625-5301.

#### REDFORD THURSTON HIGH SCHOOL

#### CLASS OF 1962

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

#### STERLING HEIGHTS

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#### CLASS OF 1982

30-year reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4 at the American Polish Century Club, 33204 Maple Lane Dr., Sterling Heights. The cost is \$45 per person. For tickets, contact Dana Anthony Sullivan at (586) 246-4679 or [hennryford30th@yahoo.com](mailto:hennryford30th@yahoo.com).

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

#### CLASS OF 1957

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

#### CLASS OF 1962

Looking for classmates for 50th class reunion on May 19. E-mail to Judy (Ramsey) Oleson at [joleson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:joleson@sbcglobal.net) or call her at (586) 268-1663 or e-mail to Kathy (Quinn) Hayes at [bustchr@aol.com](mailto:bustchr@aol.com).

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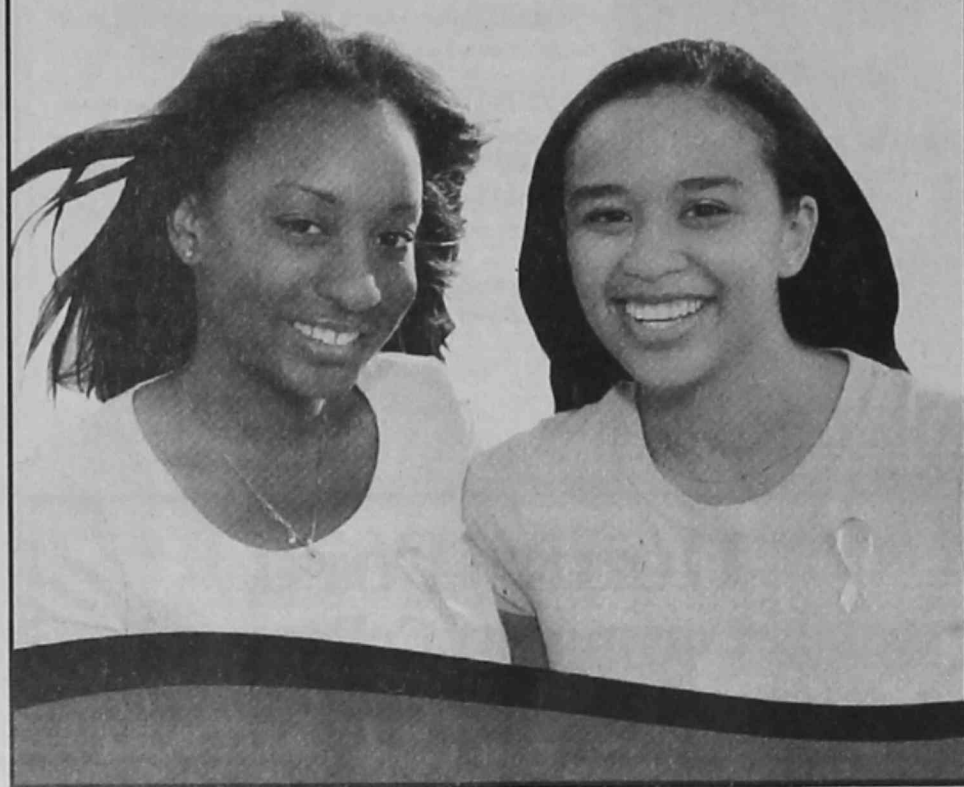
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## RELIGION CALENDAR

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at [sdargay@hometownlife.com](mailto:sdargay@hometownlife.com). Photos must be in jpg format, attached to the e-mail.

## May

## ASCENSION SERVICE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday, May 17  
**Location:** Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

**Details:** Special service celebrates Jesus' ascension into heaven; followed by ice cream social

**Contact:** (734) 968-3523 or (313) 532-8655

## BLOOD DRIVE

**Time/Date:** 1-7 p.m. Tuesday, May 15  
**Location:** St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Most healthy individuals over 17 are eligible to donate. Participants should bring a driver's license or two other forms of identification to the blood drive. Bringing a list of medications they take also may be helpful. Walk-ins will be accepted until 6 p.m. or telephone in advance to make an appointment

**Contact:** (248) 474-0584

## BREAKFAST

**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Sunday, May 20  
**Location:** St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

**Details:** French toast, pancakes, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, juice, milk; adults, \$3 and children, ages 2-10, \$1.50

**Contact:** (734) 425-4421

## CLOTHING BANK

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 26  
**Location:** Canton Christian



**St. John Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills will hold a blood drive May 15. Make appointments now at (248) 474-0584.**

**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:** 7 p.m. Friday, May 18  
**Location:** The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 7575 N. Hix, between Warren Road and Joy, Westland

**Details:** The Michigan Concert Choir performs a spring concert, "A Garden of Sound." The group consists of members from different faiths across the Metro area who enjoy singing. Admission is free and registration is not required

**Contact:** [westlandMIpublicaffairs@gmail.com](mailto:westlandMIpublicaffairs@gmail.com)

## CPR/AED

**Time/Date:** 6:30-9:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 22  
**Location:** Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

**Details:** Participants in the American Heart Association CPR/AED class will receive a two-year American Heart completion course card.

Class fee is \$25

**Contact:** RSVP to (734) 464-0990 by May 17

## 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)

## DRIVER SAFETY

**Time/Date:** 9:45 a.m. on Saturday, May 19  
**Location:** First Baptist Church of Detroit, 21100 Southfield Road, Southfield

**Details:** AARP Driver Safety has helped millions of drivers stay safe on the roads. This course could entitle you to a reduction in your auto insurance premiums. Although the course is geared to drivers age 50 and older, the course is open to people of all ages

**Contact:** (248) 569-2972 or (888) 227-7669 to register.

## 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)

## GUEST SPEAKER

**Time/Date:** 4 p.m. Saturday, May 19  
**Location:** Grace Lutheran Church, located on Warren Road between Beck and Canton Center, in Canton

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

**Contact:** (734) 414-7422

## LADIES NIGHT

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Thursday, May 17  
**Details:** Donna Jones, wife of Catholic deacon Alex Jones, will be the evening's keynote speaker, sharing the story of her two-year journey into Catholicism, along with 14 family members and another 54 members of their evangelical Detroit congregation. Her story explains this momentous, life- and career-changing spiritual decision and what it took to convince herself and her husband that it was God's will for both of them. Tickets are \$28 per person and includes a full dinner served family style. A cash bar is available. Reservations are required either as an individual or by tables of 10

**Contact:** (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207; [www.livoniaisthomas.org](http://www.livoniaisthomas.org)

## MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE

**Time/Date:** 9:30 a.m. May 13  
**Location:** Kenwood Church, 20200 Merriman, Livonia

**Details:** Celebration will include inspiring worship from Kenwood's Praise Band, a special recognition for mothers and special guests, special music, words to moms about overcoming personal difficulty by Liz Kearns, a drama, and a message of gratitude and praise for mothers. Kearns, a "healthy lifestyle coach," and founder of Awaken Mindfulness, supports professional women in finally letting go of the overload that diminishes their energy, health and spirit. She teaches her clients to awaken to their own mindfulness in the moment so that they can overcome obstacles and move forward in their lives

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**BUCKNER, ISABEL SUE**

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



**HARGRAVE, DAVID**

Age 66, of Canton, passed away suddenly on May 7, 2012. Loving husband of 42 years to Jerry (Lampton). Dear nephew of Janet Lankford and Richard (Sally) Drews. Also survived by his mother-in-law Dorothy Lampton and by sister-in-law Angela Brey and family. David retired from Ford Motor Company serving as a draftsman. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, May 10, 2012 at 3:00pm from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main St, Plymouth. The family will receive friends beginning at 12:00pm until time of service. David was truly a gifted artist and many of his paintings will be on display on Thursday for everyone to see. Share memories at: [schradher-howell.com](http://schradher-howell.com)



**MABREY, BILLY**

Age 55, May 10, 2012. Loving brother to Deborah (George) Janda and Pamela Murray. Brother-in-law to Deborah (Joseph) Mikelonis, Randall (Teri) Siegel, Mark (Michelle) Siegel, Gregory Siegel, Sheila (Kevin) Worthington, and Amanda (Andy) McDonald. Uncle to Eric Janda, Mitchell Murray, Gabrielle Murray, Rachael Murray, Marshall Murray, Teresa (Wally) Tumblin, Jennifer Albertson, Leslie Siegel, Amy Siegel, Amber Siegel, Ashley Worthington, Brendan McDonald, Brianna McDonald and Donia McDonald. Great-uncle to Alma Albertson. Memorial greeting on Sunday from 4-8 p.m. at S. K. Schultz Funeral Home, 43300 Garfield (N. of 19 Mile), Clinton Township. Share your memories at: [www.SchultzFuneralHome.com](http://www.SchultzFuneralHome.com)

**COKER, PAUL**

Age 86, May 10, 2012, of Westland. Beloved husband of Nancy. Funeral Mon., 11am at Vermeulen Funeral Home, Westland. Visitation Sun., 1-9pm.

**COONCE, C. CARSON**

May 3, 2012, age 76 of Plymouth. Loving husband of Sandra. Beloved father of C. Kevin (Lek), Tammy (Mel) Meck, Dan (Lorelei), Sam and Ben (Jessica). Dear brother of Louetta Coonce. Proud grandfather of ten and great-grandfather of six. Memorial Service Sat. May 12 at 3 PM at Plymouth Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witnesses, 47343 W. Ann Arbor Trail, (at Beck) Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, 25 Columbia Hts., Brooklyn New York 11201. To share a memory, please visit [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com)



**MOORE, NORMA STEVENS**

Of Birmingham passed away on May 6, 2012 at the age of 90. She was the devoted wife of 60 years of the late Edward D. Moore, who was a distinguished member of the Jolly Rogers air unit in the Pacific theater during World War II, and a career employee of the R.L. Polk Company. She was the loving mother of Randy Moore and Scott (Joan) Moore, and proud grandmother of Paige Moore. Scott is a former mayor of Birmingham and a current member of the Birmingham City Commission. She was pre-deceased by her sisters, Henrietta Skauge and Ann Doss. Born in Detroit, Norma graduated from Southwestern High School in Detroit and attended Wayne State University, where she was a member of Alpha Sigma Alpha and trained as a nurse's aide. Norma retired from an administrative career with the Birmingham Public Schools. She was an active member of First Baptist Church of Birmingham for sixty years, was a strong advocate for and one of the founding Board members of Baldwin House, and was an active supporter of the formation of Oakland Community College. Norma was a member of the Senior Women's Club in Birmingham, Twin Beach Golf Club, a participant in many classes at the Village Women's Club, and a volunteer at the Fisher Theater for many years. An avid golfer and gardener, Norma loved to read, play bridge, volunteer in church and community service, and entertain. Funeral services were held at First Baptist Church of Birmingham. Interment was at Roseland Park Cemetery, Berkley. Memorial tributes to the First Baptist Church, 300 Willits, Birmingham MI 48009.

View obituary and share memories at: [www.DesmondFuneralHome.com](http://www.DesmondFuneralHome.com)

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**EVANS, MARGUERITE O.**

May 3, 2012, 2012, age 102. Beloved wife of the late Leslie R. Evans. Dear mother of Susan (Steven Lyons) Evans. Aunt of David (Diane) Melow, Karl (Sandy) Melow, Michael (Paula) Britcher, Keith (Eileen) Evans and Marlene Britcher. Also leaves numerous great nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews. Services were held on Monday. Share your special thoughts and memories at: [www.schrader-howell.com](http://www.schrader-howell.com)



**EVERSON, ELIZABETH "BETTY"**

Age 86, May 5, 2012 of Birmingham. Born October 27, 1925 in Stoughton, Wisconsin, she was the daughter of H. Grassie and Agnes Terry. Graduated from the University of Wisconsin at Madison. Wife of her beloved late husband William "Bill" Everson for 58 years. Loving homemaker and mother, she is survived by her children Christopher Everson and Margaret Everson Thele. Predeceased by her brother, Henry Terry. She was a caring, compassionate mother, neighbor and friend. A memorial tribute will be held on Tuesday, May 15, at 11:30am, at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1800 W. Maple Road in Birmingham, Michigan 48009. Donations in her honor may be made to National Alliance on Mental Illness Michigan at NAMI Michigan, 921 N. Washington Ave., Lansing, MI 48906. View obituary and share memories at: [www.lynnchfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.lynnchfuneraldirectors.com)

## GARDEN &amp; NATURE

Send garden and nature information and photos to Sharon Dargay at [sdargay@hometownlife.com](mailto:sdargay@hometownlife.com).

## Butterfly Association

Naturalist Carol Clements will lead a plant identification hike at the next meeting of the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association, 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 16, at Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Wear hiking shoes, appropriate clothing and bring bug spray. Parking is available on Hines Drive or Ann Arbor Trail. \$3 for non-members. Questions? Call (734) 326-0578 or [www.sembabutterfly.com](http://www.sembabutterfly.com)

## Hosta sale

Metro Detroit Hosta Society presents its spring plant sale 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at First United Methodist Church of Birmingham, 1589 W. Maple, Birmingham. Vendors will offer hosta and companion plants for sale. For information: [Hgold2843@comcast.net](mailto:Hgold2843@comcast.net)

## Peony Festival

The Peony Garden in the U-M Nichols Arboretum at Matthai Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor shows 27 beds of peonies



See hundreds of peonies in bloom next month at Nichols Arboretum at U-M Matthai Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor.

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

# Curves marks National Women's Health Week with membership giveaway

Curves women's gyms will give a free 30-day membership to any non-member who visits a club during regular operating hours throughout National Women's Health Week, May 13-19.

This annual awareness week, coordinated by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Office on Women's Health (OWH), begins each year on Mother's Day and brings together communities, businesses, government, health organizations, and other groups in an effort to promote women's health.

Curves gyms in the Detroit area will hold week-long open house events during National Women's Health Week to encourage women to check out their local club, pick up free health information from Curves and the OWH, ask questions,

get a free fitness assessment and take advantage of the "one million free 30-day memberships" offer. Visitors also may sign up to attend a special program on National Curves Day, Thursday, May 17, that will feature messages from health experts and fun activities designed to raise awareness of small, practical steps women can take to get healthy.

The theme for the 13th annual National Women's Health Week is "It's Your Time." National Women's Health Week empowers women to make their health a top priority and encourages them to take the following steps to improve their physical and mental health and lower their risks of certain diseases:

- Visit a health care professional to receive regular checkups and preven-

tive screenings.

- Get active.
- Eat healthy.
- Pay attention to mental health, including getting enough sleep and managing stress.
- Avoid unhealthy behaviors, such as smoking and not wearing a seatbelt or bicycle helmet.

For more information about Curves women's gyms, National Women's Health Week events and National Curves Day, contact one of the following Curves locations:

- Curves of Westland located at 8323 N. Wayne Road; (734) 458-5004 or [9BJ8E4ML@curvesmail.com](mailto:9BJ8E4ML@curvesmail.com)

- Curves of Plymouth located at 44717 5 Mile; (734) 414-0515 or [scartelli@comcast.net](mailto:scartelli@comcast.net)

For more information about Curves, visit [www.curves.com](http://www.curves.com).

## Join a walk or run to support a health cause

Time to lace up your athletic shoes and join an area walk or run for local health organizations:

The Tri County Celiac Support Group, based in Farmington Hills, holds its 11th annual 5K run/walk and silent auction, "Making Tracks for Celiacs" Sunday, May 20 at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Shores.

Check-in starts at 8 a.m. The run is at 9 a.m. and the walk at 9:30 a.m. Registration is \$30; \$5 for children under 10. Gluten-free refreshments will be served after the event. No dogs allowed on site.

Silent auction items are valued at \$50 or more. Bidders must be present to win. Cash or check accepted.

Awards will be given to top runners in several age categories.

Funds raised are used to increase awareness and support research as well as national and local celiac projects. Celiac disease is a genetic disorder. Individuals with celiac disease are unable to eat foods that contain gluten, which is found in wheat, barley and rye, because the gluten sets off an autoimmune reaction that causes the destruction of the villi in the small intestine. Untreated celiac disease can be life threatening.

For more information about Making Tracks for Celiacs, e-mail to julie.ladwig@yahoo.com or visit www.tccsg.com.

### Walk4Hearing

The sixth annual walk will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 19 at the West Boat Dock Money in Kensington Metropark, in Milford. Check-in starts at 9 a.m. The 5K walk will raise money to support the programs of the Hearing Loss Association of America, including the Michigan affiliates. These programs support, educate, inform, and advocate for people with hearing loss, and all who care about them. Register online at Walk4Hearing.org or on the day of the event. There will be refreshments, face painting, information about hearing loss, entertainment, and fun for all ages. For more information, go to the Milford link of the Walk4Hearing.org website or contact Barb at bquart@hearingloss-mi.org, Janet at Jhaines@jhearingloss-mi.org or Audrey at



Supporters and members of the Farmington Hills-based Tri County Celiac Support Group last year walk at the Edsel Ford Estate in Grosse Pointe.

audreypleasant@gmail.com or call (313) 562-5937.

### Michigan Parkinson Foundation

The organization's annual run gets under way at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, May 20, for registration and a short program. The run begins at 11 a.m. at Northville High School, located on Six Mile between Sheldon and Beck. There will be lots of family fun activities including a moonwalk, a pep band, face painting, food, fire trucks, and complimentary massages will be provided by Schoolcraft College students.

To register for the walk or to make a donation to Michigan Parkinson Foundation, visit www.parkinsons-mi.org, call MPF at (248) 433-1011, or mail to MPF, 30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 150, Bingham Farms, MI 48025.

### Prostate cancer

The best defense against prostate cancer is early detection, which is why the MIU Men's Health Foundation presents the Fourth Annual MIU Run for the Ribbon at 8 a.m. on Father's Day, Sunday, June 17 at the Detroit Zoo.

The mission of Run for the Ribbon is to increase awareness about prostate cancer and educate the public about the disease, including detection, prevention and treatment. The race attracts more than 1,500 runners/walkers each year.

Cost for early registration, by May 25, is \$25 for adults and \$15 for children. Registrations made from May 26 to June 12 are \$30 for adults and \$20 for children. Race day registration is \$35 for adults and \$25 for children. Online registration at MIURunForTheRibbon.org is available until June 12. After June 12, participants must register on race day.

All participants will receive an official T-shirts and blue ribbons will be available to those who want to participate in honor of an individual with prostate cancer. Medals will be awarded to all finishers, with special awards going to top finishers in several age categories. Those with prostate cancer will be given a commemorative hat to be honored and supported throughout the race for their courage. Proceeds from both events will benefit prostate cancer and men's health related issues in southeastern Michigan.

## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

### May

#### ALZHEIMER'S INFORMATION

Arbor Hospice and the Alzheimer's Association offers a free informational series about late-stage Alzheimer's Disease designed for professionals and family caregivers on Tuesdays this month at the Alzheimer's Association, 310 N. Main, Suite 100, Chelsea. Sessions run 6:30-8:30 p.m. Upcoming topics are medical issues, medications and decision-making on May 15, legal and financial issues on May 22 and complementary therapies and end-of-life care on May 29. For more information or to register call the Alzheimer's Association at (734) 475-7043.

#### PREVENTING SKIN CANCER

Botsford Hospital's next Walk with a Doc, a free wellness event, will feature Dr. Savitha Balaraman, a Botsford oncologist, talking about skin cancer prevention and treatment. The event starts at noon, Thursday, May 17 at Heritage Park Nature Center, Farmington Hills. Participants will learn about skin cancers signs and symptoms, risk factors, prevention and treatment. Register by calling (877) 477-Doc1 and select option 1.

#### GARDEN CITY HOSPITAL

A sampling of hospital's offerings this month:

- Cerebral Aneurysm and Stroke Club meets 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 15 in the rehabilitation unit dining room at the hospital. Open to those who have had a stroke or aneurysm, their families and friends. (734) 458-4392
- Look Good ... Feel Better provides information and cosmetic advice to the woman battling cancer. The class, at 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 16, includes hands-on instruction on makeup, skin care, and suggestions for using wigs, turbans, and

scarves. It also includes tips on nail care while undergoing treatment. Cosmetics are provided for a personal make-over. This program is free of charge and facilitated by cosmetologists - all certified professionals, and held at Garden City Hospital's Allan Breakie Medical Office Building, Lower Level Classroom #3. RSVP at (734) 458-4330.

- Yoga classes run 4 p.m. May 15, 22, 29; 6:15 p.m. May 16, 23, 30 and 6:30 p.m. May 17, 24, 31. Call (734) 458-3242 for details and to register

The hospital is located at 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City..

#### ST. MARY MERCY

- Center for Joint Replacement at the hospital offers an educational seminar 6-8 p.m. Thursday, May 24 and Wednesday, June 27. Dr. David Mendelson will answer questions, discuss joint pain, joint replacement procedures, and available implant options. Participants will learn about choosing a personal coach to assist through the process and what to expect after surgery. To register, call (734) 655-2345.

- Prenatal Breastfeeding Class runs 7-9 p.m. Thursday, May 24 in classrooms 1 and 2 at the hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan in Livonia. The class is designed for expectant mothers between the seventh and eighth month of pregnancy. It will focus on the benefits of breastfeeding for infant, mother, and family. A registered nurse will demonstrate techniques and cover such topics as breastfeeding and working, questions and concerns about breastfeeding, and a review of breastfeeding pumps along with books and supplies. Class is open to any expectant parents, not just those delivering at St. Mary Mercy. \$25 per couple. To register, call (734) 655-1162, or visit stmarymercy.org and click on "classes and events."

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# TENNIS

## OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, MAY 19TH

from 9:00am-12:00pm at the Tennis Courts by the PE Building

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Fun and informational clinics will be offered:

- 9:00am-10:00am Quick Start Tennis for kids 10 and under
- 10:00am-11:00am middle school kids
- 11:00am-12:00pm high school-aged kids and adults

Other activities will include a fast serve contest, distance contest, rally contest and a beat the pro contest!

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## 10 Questions you should ask in an interview

When preparing for an interview, most applicants concentrate on formulating well-crafted answers to potential questions from their interviewers. However, not many realize it is just as important to prepare a few good questions they themselves should ask during the interview.

"When interviewing job applicants, I often learn as much from the questions they ask as from the responses they give," John Langland, president of Langland & Langland Consulting, says. "What potential employees inquire about reveals what they deem important -- as opposed to merely answering my questions with information they think I will find important."

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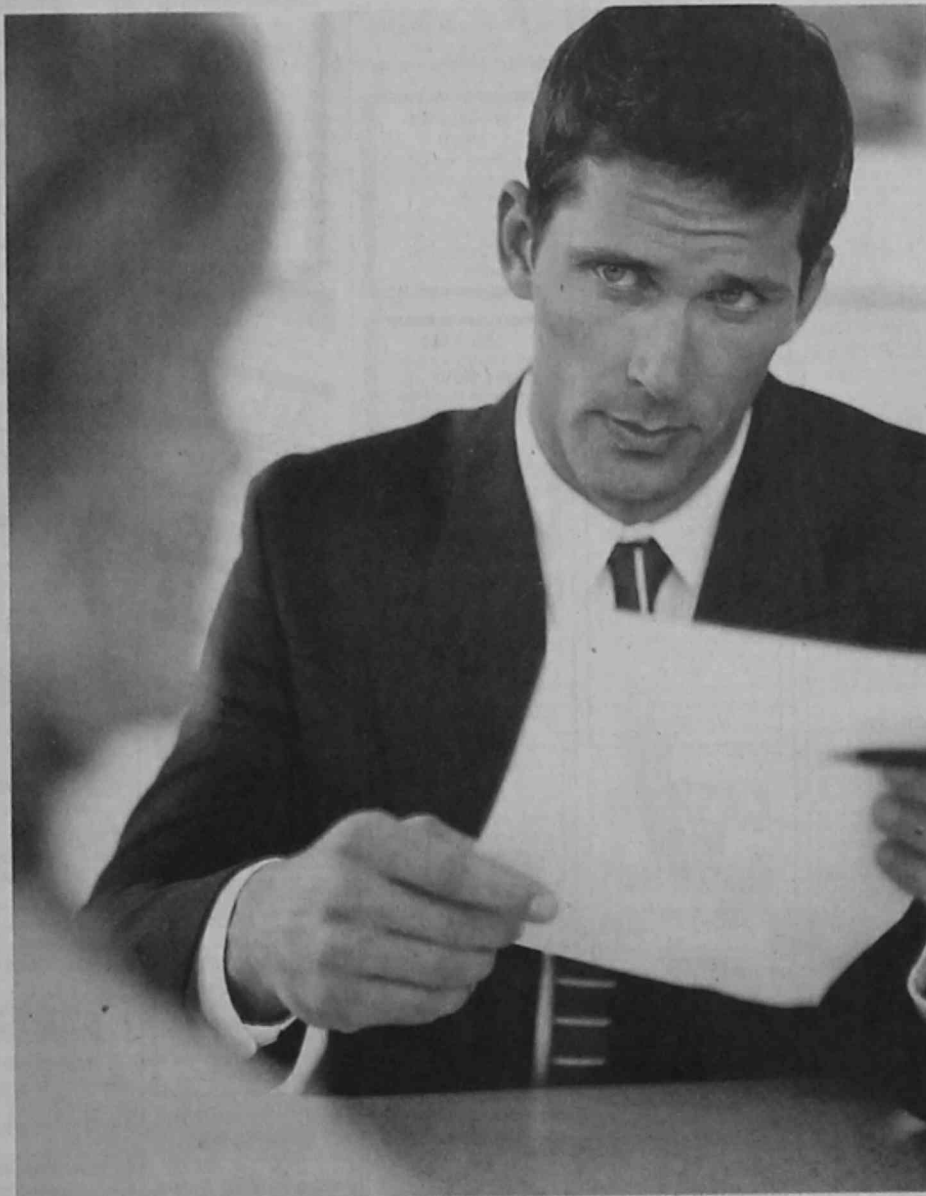
- Show your interest in the position and the company
- Give you an active role in the interview
- Offer explanations about the position and the company, which helps you decide if you want to work for that organization
- Showcase the depth of your knowledge and help you guide the discussion into a particular area of expertise

Langland suggests preparing at least three questions in advance and taking notes during the interview to record the responses. "A few insightful, knowledgeable questions can speak volumes about you and distinguish you from other job candidates," he says. "However, as important as asking questions is asking bad questions, such as, 'How many vacation days does the company offer?' is worse."

Langland advises asking these 10 questions during your next interview:

### 1. What are the top three tasks you want the candidate to perform after being hired?

This gives you a concrete idea of the projects you will be working on if



hired. Often job ads list general qualities and capabilities the position requires, but the answer to this question will lay out the actual specifics of the job.

### 2. Why did you choose this company?

The answer will help you determine the organization's strengths and weaknesses with this insider's perspective.

### 3. How do you see me benefiting the company?

This tells you exactly what they're looking for in a candidate and where they see your strengths.

### 4. Is there room for growth and advancement?

This points to your drive and initiative and underscores your intent to secure a career, not just a job.

### 5. Are there opportunities for professional training or further education?

This shows a willingness to learn and adapt as changes in the position or

industry occur. Adaptability is very important in today's fickle employment market and may make you very valuable to the company should a reorganization occur.

### 6. How will I be evaluated and by whom?

This provides insight into the company's corporate culture and the department structure in which you will be working.

### 7. What is the general culture of the company?

This can tell you if you will fit into the organization. If they're strictly a "suit and tie" operation and you're all about comfort clothes, you may want to rethink the position.

### 8. Are there other job responsibilities not mentioned in the ad?

This reveals exactly what the ad meant when it said: "...and other duties as assigned." Will you be helping other departments in a pinch? Making coffee? These are things you should know before going any further in the candidate selection process.

### 9. When will you be making a decision on the successful candidate?

Knowing this helps you gauge when to follow up on the interview.

### 10. May I call you if other questions arise?

This keeps the door open for further communication.

The interview is an artful conversation designed to help both parties learn more about each other in an effort to decide if the candidate and the position are a good match. Use it as an opportunity to spotlight your accomplishments and determine if the job is right for you.

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