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Chad Smith of the Red Hot Chili Peppers.

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Essay winner

Five students, including Zack Miles of Canton, are the winners of this year's Ford Freedom Award (FFA) Essay Contest, sponsored by the Detroit Newspapers in Education program, the Ford Motor Co. Fund and the Charles H. Wright Museum of African-American History. Zack, a fourth-grader at South Canton Scholars Academy in Canton, finished in second place with his essay, "Urban Gardens of Ford." He earned a savings bond valued at \$2,500.

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Chamber chief eyes 'bright future'

By Darrell Clem
 Observer Staff Writer

Marking its 40th anniversary this year, the Canton Chamber of Commerce has reached a crossroads as its new president, Thomas Paden, hopes to embolden the business network, boost its membership and make it more relevant.

The four-decade milestone offers a chance to celebrate past successes, learn from failures and broaden ties between local businesses and new customers, an upbeat Paden said.

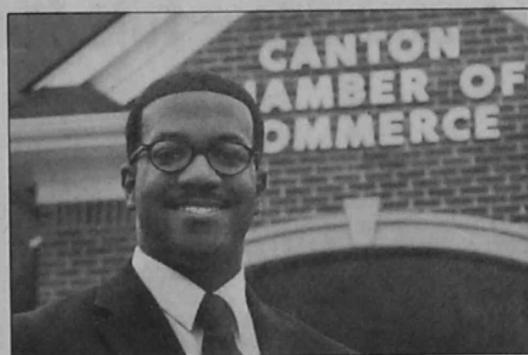
"This chamber is a passion of mine. I love what I do so much," Paden said, sitting behind his desk inside chamber headquarters on Hanford west of Can-

ton Center. "These days, I wake up and I'm excited to go to work."

Paden, the chamber's former member relations staffer, has marked his first month as president after his departure last year for a stint as business development coordinator for the Michigan Recreation and Park Association in Lansing.

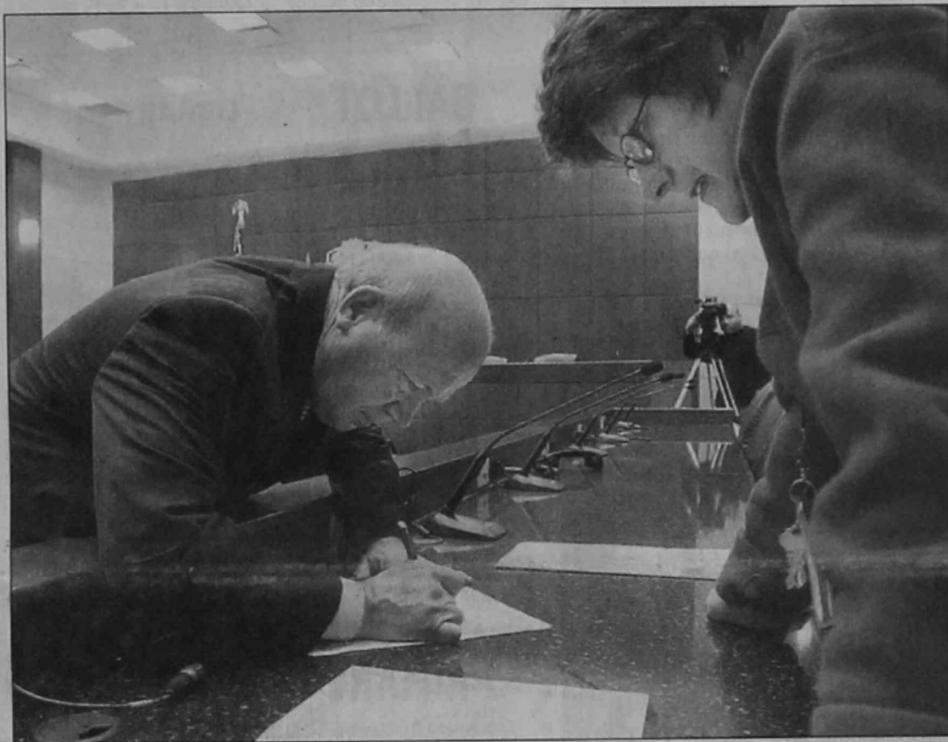
Rose-colored sunglasses

His homecoming enthusiasm might best be summed up by his decision to hand out sunglasses to chamber members attending a recent luncheon at Summit on the Park. It signaled what he considers a bright future.



Thomas Paden is sharing his vision as president of the Canton chamber.

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Four years ago, Phil LaJoy signed the swearing-in papers provided by Clerk Terry Bennett. Four years later, neither faces opposition in the election to retain their seats.

Ballot set in board race

By Brad Kadrich
 Observer Staff Writer

Although there won't be any competition for the three top elected positions in the Aug. 7 primary for the Canton Township Board of Trustees, the action picks up in the race for the four part-time trustee seats.

Neither Supervisor Phil LaJoy, Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin nor Clerk Terry Bennett drew any opposition in the primary. Since no Dem-

ocrats filed either, the Aug. 7 vote will serve as the final say on who runs the township the next four years.

Bennett said she was grateful.

"I'm very pleased and honored to have a chance to serve for the next four years," she said. "I'm very excited."

Business picks up, though, when voters get to the trustee race, where seven candidates seek four seats.

There is one open seat: Dr. Syed Taj opted not to seek re-

election, instead choosing to challenge U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter on the national stage.

The top four of six Republicans who met the 4 p.m. Tuesday deadline will advance to the November general election. They include:

- Tom Yack, the former long-time township supervisor who retired four years ago. He was succeeded by LaJoy.
- Incumbent trustees John

Please see **BALLOT, A2**

Slavens faces primary challenge

By Brad Kadrich
 Observer Staff Writer

State Rep. Kurt Heise, whose 20th District includes part of Canton, did not draw a challenger in the Aug. 7 primary.

His Canton counterpart, Democrat Dian Slavens, wasn't so lucky in the race for her 21st District seat.

Slavens, seeking a third and final term in the state



Slavens



Ahamiojie

House, is being challenged by Kiz Ahamiojie of Belleville. Ahamiojie said he decided

to run on behalf of "everyday people."

"It's about everyday people and everyday issues," he said.

Information on his website indicates Ahamiojie has an undergraduate degree in public administration and a graduate degree in business administration from Wayne State University.

Please see **PRIMARY, A2**

Speakers, exhibitors, services at free expo

Join hundreds of senior adults, their families and friends Tuesday, May 22, at the ninth annual Spring Senior Expo at Schoolcraft College on Haggerty Road (between Six and Seven Mile roads) in Livonia. This year's program features nearly 20 workshops and demonstrations along with more than 50 exhibits.

The five-hour event is chock full of information and offers seniors and their families a chance to speak one-on-one with experts in retirement

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planning, insurance, health and fitness. This year's program, from 9 a.m. to

2 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center, is presented by the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* and *Hometown Weeklies* in partnership with Schoolcraft College. Best of all, everything is free — admission, parking, morning coffee and doughnuts (by O&E and Schoolcraft) and orange juice and cinnamon melts (courtesy of McDonald's restaurants on Haggerty Road in Novi and Northville Township), workshops, presentations and more.

The first 100 guests through the door at 9 a.m. will receive a movie pass for two to any Emagine Theatre and a Buddy's cheese pizza voucher. In addition, prizes, gas cards and gift cards (to area merchants including Meijer, Kohl's and Target) will be awarded every hour.

Stop at the O&E/HTW exhibit at the Expo and find out how to win tickets to upcoming summer concerts.

Featured speakers

Presentations cover a wide range of topics from health to wealth.

Dr. Aziza Askari, the founder and doctor of dental medicine at Comfort Dental Spa in Farmington Hills (the exclusive gold level sponsor for this year's Senior Expo), will present "Oral Health is Overall Health."

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Some 100 volunteers spent nearly 290 hours sorting food at the Plymouth Salvation Army.

Postal drive fills food pantry

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Lois Spritz, organizing the annual Postal Carriers Food Drive for the Canton Post Office, had an idea this might be a better year when she started getting donations in the middle of the week prior to the May 12 drive. Then, when the calls started coming in from carriers that day, she knew it was a brand new year. Canton residents did their part for the annual drive, which provides food for the hungry, donating 17,962 pounds of non-perishable foods. That's up from just under 12,000 pounds a year ago. "Oh my gosh, it was phenomenal," Spritz said. "I think it might have been the most we've ever taken in. We were getting calls from our carri-

ers halfway through their routes saying, 'Come empty my truck.' It was so wonderful." Canton wasn't the only community to show an increase over last year's drive. Plymouth nearly doubled, going from 7,558 last year to 13,532 in 2012. About 1,000 pounds of food was dropped off at the Plymouth Salvation Army. Belleville postal carriers brought back 12,000 pounds, up from 11,588 a year ago. That puts the drive up more than 11,000 pounds over 2011 totals. And that doesn't even count some 6,000 pounds of food and toiletries collected by members of NorthRidge Church. "There are a great many people to thank," said Laurie Aren, director of family and outreach ministries for

the Plymouth Salvation Army, which benefitted from the drive. "It was a tremendous weekend for our community by our community." Much of the donations were handled by volunteers. Nearly 40 volunteers put in some 138 hours in the drive itself. Another 109 volunteers spent nearly 290 hours sorting the food at the Plymouth Salvation Army. "We were blessed to have dedicated and hard working volunteers working alongside us with great efficiency and speed," said Sandy Kollinger, the Salvation Army's volunteer coordinator. "It is the volunteers that help us and make us successful and we cannot do it without them."

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Volunteers Judy Velasco and Caryn Hall sort through food at the Plymouth Post Office.

EXPO

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for improving oral health. Free professional neck and shoulder massages will contribute to the relaxing atmosphere. Guests attending the Comfort Dental Spa program presentation will receive a gift bag (while supplies last) valued at \$100.

Returning to this year's event is Rick Bloom, *Observer & Eccentric* Newspapers guest columnist and frequent metro Detroit radio and television guest, who will discuss "Long-Term Retirement Planning: How to Ensure Your Finances Will Last 30 Years into Retirement."

Baby boomers turning 65 this year are invited to come and learn about Medicare and Social Security. Learn about long-term care insurance and how to assess the quality of home care services. Find out how to get a good night sleep at any age, check out home improvement exhibits and have some fun with chair yoga and zumba demonstrations.

See the special section inside today's edition for a schedule of programs and events for the upcoming expo.

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Exhibitors

Plan to visit the following exhibitors: **Abbey Park at Mill River; Affordable HomeCare; AFS Wealth Management, LLC; Angela Hospice; Area Agency on Aging 1-8; Atlas Home Improvement; Office of the Michigan Attorney General; Bath Fitters; Bloom Asset Management, Inc.; Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan; Bouchey & Moore Associates, LLC; Ciena Healthcare; Comfort Dental Spa; Continental Management; CSI Support & Development Services; Detroit Media Partnership; and Ear Center Audiology.**

Also at the expo will be **Community Dental Associates; Fluke Hearing Instruments; Fox Run; Gaggos Law Firm, PC; Garden City Hospital; Golden Home Health Care, Inc.; Granite Transformations; Isagenix; Healthquest; Heartland Health Care Centers; HearUSA; Henry**

Ford Health System Center for Integrative Medicine; Humana; Huron-Clin-ton Metroparks; Independence Village of Plymouth; Keystone Home Improvement, Inc.; Kings Mill Cooperative; Law Office of David C. Brunell; The Care Plan Attorney; Managed Rehab; Managed Rehabilitation Consultants, Inc.; Manoogian Manor Assisted Living for Seniors; and Marycrest Manor.

Other exhibitors include **Marycrest Heights; Medilodge; Nex-care Health Systems; the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Hometown Weeklies; Priority Health; Richmond Financial, LLC; Retired and Senior Volunteer Program-Catholic Social Services of Wayne County; Schoolcraft College; Senior Helpers; Sharing Hearts; SMART; St. Mary Mercy Hospital; Sunrise Medical Equipment, Inc.; The Heritage Southfield; Brookdale Senior Living; The Recovery Project; Physical Therapy; The Senior Alliance; The Senior Alliance AAA 1-C; Troy Advisors Inc.; University of Michigan Health System; My Home & Office Medical Interior Design; Unique Refinishers, Inc.; Village of Redford; Westland Nursing & Rehabilitation Centre; and Woodhaven Retirement Community.**

BALLOT

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Anthony and Pat Williams, along with appointed incumbent Greg Demopoulos, who was appointed last year to fill the remainder of Todd Caccamo's term.

Deborah Whyman, a former state representative who last ran in the 7th District state Senate race in 2010.

Political newcomer Joseph Cafarelli, seeking his first political office.

The four top vote-getters face off against Steven Sneiderman, a former president of the Plym-

LIBRARY CARD

The Canton Public Library Board of Directors has six seats open, and six candidates filed for the race:

- Nancy Eggenberger
- Michelle M. Farrell
- James G. Fausone
- Sommer Nicole Foster
- Thomas M. Hartnett
- Kim Schulz

All six candidates will appear on the Aug. 7 primary ballot.

outh-Canton Community Schools Board of Education who lost his bid for re-election last fall.

Sneiderman is the lone Democrat on the primary ballot, which means he'll advance to the November general election.

Sneiderman cited Taj's decision to challenge McCotter 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 there should still be a Democratic option on the ballot," Sneiderman said, adding that Canton "is close to 50 percent Democrat."

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According to his website, Ahamiojie owns a small business providing business consultation services.

Ahamiojie said he spent several weeks knocking on doors, speaking with hundreds of folks and shaking multiple hands.

"I have realized the everyday people of this district need a voice in Lansing ... on everyday issues of quality education with a focus on math and science, ever-increasing tuition rates in our uni-

versities and community colleges, on the increasing number of homes being worth less than is owed on them or commonly referred to as "underwater" and a voice when a foreclosure looms in the horizon," he wrote on his website. "The good people of the 21st district need a voice for the protection of their Second Amendment rights as contained in the constitution and a voice for quality and affordable health care with the belief that a healthy people is an imperative for a healthy and productive economy." Slavens shrugged off

the challenge, pointing out "everyone has a right to run" for political office.

"I feel good about what we've done in four years," Slavens said Tuesday. "I'm just going to continue to work hard for the people who have sent me here."

The winner of the Aug. 7 primary moves on to face Republican Joe Barnabei of Romulus in the November general election.

While Heise escaped a primary challenge, he will face Democrat Tim Rorabach of Plymouth in the November general election.

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Canton firefighter loses battle with cancer

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Ryan Swick did his best not to let the skin cancer that would ultimately claim his life slow him down.

Swick, a Canton firefighter who was the department's Firefighter of the Year in 2011, worked right up until the last couple of weeks, when the disease finally caught up with him.

Swick succumbed to the cancer Monday night, passing away at home at the age of 33. He is sur-



Firefighter Ryan Swick.

vived by his wife, Laurie, and their young daughters, 3-year-old Shelby and 1-year-old Shylei. Canton Battalion Chief Mike Caruso said Swick worked as much as he

could "right up to the last two or three weeks."

"Ryan was one of the nicest and best guys we had here," Caruso said. "He'd do anything for anybody. He was excellent at his job. He really wanted to be a firefighter and a medic, and he really knew the job."

Swick, a former Westland resident and John Glenn High School graduate, worked eight years in Canton after earlier giving five years of service to Huron Valley Ambulance. He wanted to become a firefighter

since he was a teenager, and he didn't let his asthma deter him.

"I like to be able to help people and be someone people look up to," Swick said after being honored last year.

Swick was lauded by Fire Chief Tim Dunn as a hard-working firefighter/paramedic who emerged as a leader and role model.

"He worked every day his doctors would allow him to work with a smile on his face and determination to make every day count," Dunn said at the

time of Swick's award. "With a hard work ethic, determination and dependability, Firefighter Swick is a positive role model for all firefighters to follow. He is a perfect example of how to handle difficult situations with dignity and strength."

Swick seemed proud as he walked across the Village Theater stage the night he accepted his award. He smiled toward the crowd, which stood and applauded at length until he had returned to take his seat among other firefighters on the stage.

"I'm just so proud of him," Laurie Swick said that night. "I'm immensely proud of him."

Funeral services for Swick are set for Monday at Connection Church in Canton. His family has asked donations be made in lieu of flowers to the Canton Firefighters Charity Foundation (C.F.F.C.F.), 1100 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188.

Staff writer Darrell Clem contributed to this report.

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CRIME WATCH

Drug run

Canton Police were summoned to a Canton apartment complex on Windsor Woods when someone reported what they believed to be the smell of marijuana emanating from one of the apartments.

Officers responded and reported being able to smell the odor of burnt marijuana coming from the apartment patio, according to police reports.

Officers could hear noise and see lights coming from the apartment, but when they knocked, no one answered. They did notice the sound and the lights go down. After repeated knocking, two males answered the door, opening it only wide enough to allow them passage into the hallway, where they talked with officers.

When asked what they were doing, the two men told officers they were "just watching a basketball game," according to reports. Police asked them how much marijuana they had, and they said they had none, having smoked it all before officers arrived.

The two men were cited for loitering where drugs were used and given a court date.

Retail fraud

Police responded to a call from the Ford Road Kohl's store about a woman leaving the parking lot after stealing items from the store. They were told the woman headed west on Ford Road. While responding to the store, police attempted to find the car, but were unable to locate it.

When they got to the store, according to reports, the store's loss prevention officer told officers he had observed the woman in the jewelry section. He said the woman took several items of jewelry off the racks, then proceeded to the "intimates" department of the store, where she picked up a bra which she used to conceal her hands. She then went into a fitting room.

After she left the fitting room, the loss prevention officer told police he found security "backers" from several items in the fitting room. He saw the woman leave the store

without paying for the items. He approached her in the parking lot. She denied taking anything, even after being shown the "backers," according to the report. He asked her to return to the store but she refused, instead getting into her black Mazda and leaving.

The loss prevention officer got the vehicle's license plate number, which police tied to the female in the security video. They found her at home and, after questioning, she admitted she had dumped the jewelry out the window "somewhere along Ford Road," according to the report.

She did admit to taking, and police did find, several items of clothing.

Car theft

A woman reported parking her black Toyota Camry across the street from her Orhan residence Sunday evening, but said when she came out around 7 a.m. Monday, the car was missing.

She told police her brother had parked behind her at around 11:45 the same evening. Police found no evidence

around the site where the car was parked, and found no witnesses after talking to several neighbors.

Male enhancement

The store manager at the CVS store on Canton Center told Canton Police he'd observed a male take two packages of men's enhancement medication off the rack.

According to the police report, the manager saw the man continue walking around the store, then leave without paying for anything. The manager found evidence in an aisle that the man had removed security stickers from the medication.

The manager told police a similar suspect had been investigated by Plymouth Township Police for a similar offense at the CVS store at Ann Arbor Road and Ridge. After obtaining the suspect's name and location, Canton police made contact with him. He said he'd changed his mind about taking the medication after removing the security stickers, and left it in the store.

A search of the man's hotel room turned up no evidence he'd stolen anything.

Child neglect

Police responded to the Michigan Ave., Kroger store on a complaint someone had left two young children unattended in a vehicle.

As police pulled into the parking lot, they were flagged down by a witness and told the car they'd just passed exiting the lot was the woman in question. They affected a traffic stop and asked the woman driving if she'd left the children in the car alone. She said she had, but she'd "left the window open a crack," according to reports.

The woman told police she'd been at Walmart, where her son had slipped and hurt his lip. She said she stopped for "a few things" at Kroger, and left the children in the car because it was "hard" to take them in with her, according to the report.

Witnesses reported the kids were alone in the car for at least 10 minutes. The woman was issued a citation for child neglect and given a court date.

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You must disinherit a child by name

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

At a recent client meeting regarding estate planning, one issue that came up was disinheriting a child. The issue wasn't one of a child estranged from the family. In fact, the parents have a very good relationship with their son. The only reason they are disinheriting him is because, from a financial standpoint, he has done very well; while their daughter is struggling. Consequently, they thought that if they were to disinherit him and leave everything to their daughter, she would then be in good financial shape. The conversation was whether it was legal and whether there were other issues they needed to consider.



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Yes, it is legal to disinherit a child. Parents are under no obligation to leave anything to a child. And you don't have to give a reason. Stating in your will or trust that you are disinheriting the child is sufficient. The key is you must state that you are disinheriting the child. If for example, you just didn't leave him anything, then there is a presumption that you just forgot about that child and it is possible that he/she could still inherit from your estate. If you are going to disinherit a child, make sure you put that in writing.

The next issue, and one that is more difficult with regards to disinheriting a child, is the reaction of the disinherited child. If that child was estranged from the family, then you're generally not concerned with his/her reaction. On the other hand, in this situation, you would be concerned with the reaction of the disinherited child. One of the main goals of estate planning is to promote family harmony and to make it easier on loved ones, upon death. Therefore, when you disinherit a child or when you choose to treat one child differently than the others, you should take into consideration how that child will react.

In cases such as this one, do you address it with the child ahead of time or do you let them find out about it at the

time of death. I don't believe there is one right answer. It depends upon the individual situation. In some cases a discussion amongst the parties makes sense and can resolve any issues and uneasiness. In other cases, leaving an explanation in the estate document is a better alternative. There are, of course, other alternatives that may be more preferable. The key is to remember that you're dealing with your family and no one knows how to handle your family situation better than you.

I always tell people the main reason to do estate planning is because they love their families and they want to ensure that upon their death, family disputes don't arise. Estate planning also helps to avoid taxes and probate and, although those are worthy goals, they

should not be the main concern in deciding whether you discuss certain estate planning issues with beneficiaries or not. The guiding light should be whatever will promote family harmony and reduce the risk of family disputes arising.

Estate planning is something that everyone needs to do. It doesn't matter if you are rich or poor because after all, the money is not the controlling issue. The main issue, and the one that should dominate in any estate plan, is what will promote family harmony and peace in the family.

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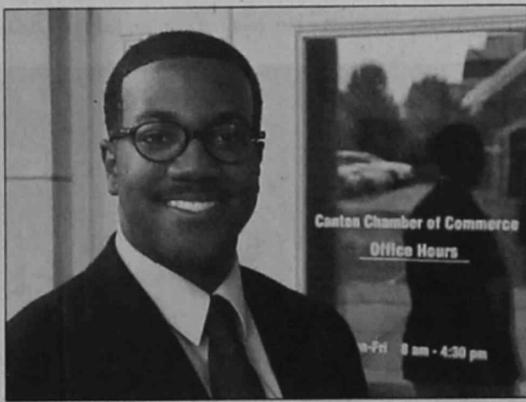
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Moreover, he asked the crowd to don the sunglasses, stand and chant "chamber on the move."

Chamber board Chair Kim Scartelli holds strong hopes that Paden, with his "ton of connections in the community," can engage business representatives and reverse a gradual decline that has left membership at 540.

Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy, himself a strong advocate for growing the business community, said he believes Paden will have a positive influence on the chamber and Canton as a whole.

"He has a track record of being involved in the community, and he's very supportive of the Canton community," LaJoy said. "I think he's an excellent choice to be the chamber president. He comes across to me as being a hard-working individual who is committed to the community. He has a vision to move things for-



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Thomas Paden is enthusiastic about his new job as president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

ward that he is articulating, and he's off to a terrific start."

Scartelli and other chamber leaders have said they believe the community is ready to unite behind Paden amid hopes of energizing the business community.

Positive energy

Paden smiles frequently as he sits behind his desk and discusses his vision for the chamber. "My positive energy without a doubt comes from within," he said.

Paden pledged to work with the chamber board and members on numerous projects such as:

- A recent auction fundraiser that raised about \$45,000.
- Fine-tuning a five-year plan so the organization continually has identifiable — and attainable — goals.
- Launching a Business Education Workshop Series starting May 15 with ways businesses can

use social media to market themselves.

- Using positive energy to help the chamber flourish. "When you do that," Paden said, "everything else clicks."

- Making greater strides to incorporate the industrial sector into the chamber while nurturing established relationships with retail members.

- Upgrading the chamber's technology and making its website more user friendly for members and potential members.

- Encouraging businesses to attend luncheons and other networking events so they can learn ways to benefit from each other.

"I've already told people that our primary goal is to bring exposure to our membership businesses," Paden said.

- Developing smaller groups within the larger chamber to find ways to improve networking relationships.

- Planning an open house, possibly in Sep-

tember, to coincide with a membership drive.

- Developing a print directory — not just an electronic version — for the first time in several years, in a move to link businesses and potential customers.

"We're in the business of helping businesses," Paden said.

Growth hopes

Though the economy in recent years has proved challenging for businesses, forcing them to carefully evaluate every dollar spent including on chamber membership and activities, Paden said he believes the organization still can grow.

"The economy will always be a challenge,

but it's not a roadblock," he said, adding later, "I never like to use the economy as a crutch."

Paden, 27, recalled how his chamber ties date back to his high school days in the Wayne-Westland school district, when then-Canton chamber President Dianne Cojei brought him in as an intern from the William D. Ford Career Technical Center.

Now, he hopes to use his influence to grow the chamber in its 40th year and beyond.

"This is definitely a new chapter in the chamber book," he said, "and needless to say it's an exciting chapter."

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A portion of the Al Smith Avenue lying South of Ford Road and West of Lotz Road and in the Otis O. Rowe Subdivision in Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan, being more particularly described as:

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Therefore, it has been decided a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, June 26, 2012, at 1:30 p.m. at Wayne County Department of Public Services, 400 Monroe Street, 3rd Floor, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

A Hearing Examiner of the County shall hold said Hearing and obtain all necessary facts and information concerning the advisability of either granting or denying said Petition, and shall report all findings of fact to the Board of Wayne County Commissioners.

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Crowds turn out for first farmers market

Mother Nature provided a pretty good day, weather-wise, and vendors and shoppers alike took advantage of it Saturday as the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce opened its 2012 Farmers Market season with first-day shopping.

Good weather and good crowds, along with a large number of vendors, made for a good opening day.

"It was an excellent first-day crowd," said Wes Graff, executive director of the chamber. "We have a good variety of vendors participating this year."

The market takes place every Saturday in The Gathering, across Penniman from Kellogg Park, and on the street in front. The market runs 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and will run nearly every Saturday through Oct. 27.

The market will be closed Saturday, July 9, during Art in the Park, and Saturday, Sept. 10, during the Plymouth Fall Festival.

On the weekends the market is in full swing, shoppers will be able to find a variety of fresh produce, vegetable, herb and flowering plants, fresh and dried flowers, eggs, meats, baked goods, popcorn, cherry products, salsa and BBQ sauces, pastas and sauces, honey, jams and jellies and more.

There will also be a great variety of handmade and recycled items including candles, soaps, lotions, hand-painted furniture & frames, jewelry, birdhouses and garden & holiday deco and more.

"We've already sold out the number of vendor spots we have for this year," Graff said. "If we get some openings later, we'll be able to bring new vendors in."

For more information on the Farmers Market, call the chamber at (734) 453-1540.



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Paul Prielipp of Prielipp Farms in Britton helps customer Kim Riley of Canton load her car with plants.



Richard Waldecker offers buddy poppies for the VFW. Behind him, Kim Riley, of Canton.



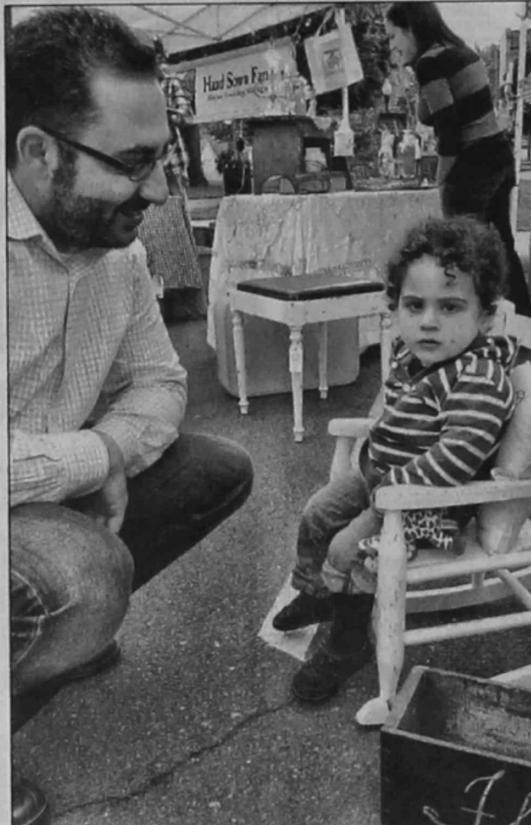
The market is open Saturday mornings, rain or shine.



The first Saturday market draws a crowd, shortly after 9 a.m.



Brian Gaines of Westland selects corn at Saturday's opening day of the Plymouth Farmers Market.



Eighteen-month-old Walt Awdish tries out a rocker that fits just right. Dad and Mom, Randy and Rana Awdish, bought it for him. The family is from Northville.



John Delmotte of Dundee waits for patrons, surrounded by his flowers.

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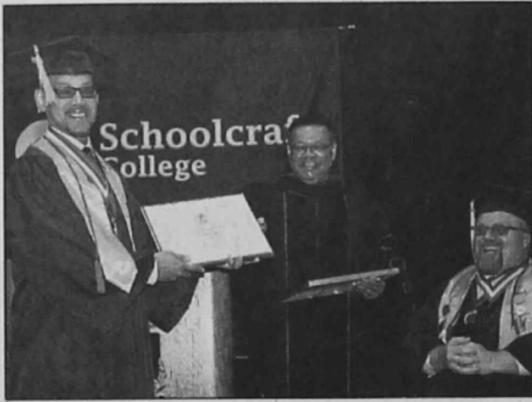
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Keith Dawkins collects his sheepskin from Dr. Conway A. Jeffress as Michael J. Wisniewski Jr. looks on.

Schoolcraft College celebrates 47th Commencement Ceremony

Schoolcraft College recently celebrated its 47th annual Commencement Ceremony at Compuware Arena in Plymouth.

Of the 1,696 students eligible to participate — those earning an associate degree or certificate — 440 graduates donned their caps and gowns and invited friends and family to celebrate their accomplishments.

Michael J. Wisniewski Jr. of Romulus, president of the Schoolcraft College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the honor society for community colleges, presented the Student Reflection for the Class of 2012.

Following his speech, Wisniewski was recognized for his service to both the college's chapter of PTK and as president of the Michigan Region of PTK. The Michigan Region was named Distinguished Region and Wisniewski received the Distinguished Regional Officer award at the International PTK conference.

Two other student leaders were recognized as well, Keith Dawkins of Southfield and Leah Esslinger of Plymouth. Dawkins served as vice president of leadership for PTK; Esslinger was vice president of communications.

Following the special student recognitions, keynote speaker Paula D. Cunningham addressed the graduates and the 3,000 guests in attendance. Cunningham is president and CEO of Capitol National Bank (CNB), a subsidiary of Capitol Bancorp Ltd.

Jodi Latuszek of Lansing, formerly of Livonia, was presented with



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More than 3,000 guests filled Compuware Arena in Plymouth for Schoolcraft College's 47th annual Commencement Ceremony.



Leah Esslinger of Plymouth was one of three student leaders recognized at the commencement ceremony.

the Distinguished Alumni Award for 2012. As a young adult, Latuszek recognized that her family's financial situation made pursuing a college education, let alone a law degree, difficult at best.

She did not give up and chose to begin her pursuit of higher education at Schoolcraft College. "My experience at Schoolcraft gave me the confidence to think bigger," she said. "If it was

possible to earn tuition doing what I loved, I knew it was also possible that I could be a lawyer." She currently works for Child Welfare Services State Court Administrative Office. She has been named one of the Top 5 lawyers under 35 by the Ingham County Bar Association.

The general Commencement Ceremony, held May 5, is one of several ceremonies celebrating the achievements of Schoolcraft College's graduates. Before that the Culinary Arts program held its ceremony, along with the nursing program's annual Pinning Ceremony, which featured the graduation of 110 nursing students. Eleven members of the Police Reserve Officer Training program graduated at the Radcliff Center in Garden City on May 10, followed by 34 graduates of the Police Academy graduation on May 11. Forty-four from the Fire Academy will graduate on Thursday, May 24.

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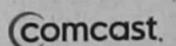
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PLYMOUTH WHALERS

Whalers defenseman Colin MacDonald participates in a school visit earlier this year.

Huntington, Whalers help local groups

While the Plymouth Whalers are perennially successful on the ice, the team also builds a strong connection with its passionate fan base through fundraising activities that support regional community groups.

Together, the Whalers and Huntington Learning Center of Canton joined forces in a simple but effective fashion for the Plymouth home games during the 2011-12 toward these fundraising efforts. The Huntington Learning Center's sponsorship of the 50/50 raffle raised \$20,000 for more than 21 different regional groups and organizations to help them continue carrying out their important missions.

This year's beneficiaries of the Plymouth Whalers and Huntington's 50/50 raffle proceeds include Gleaners Food Bank, Royal Oak Soccer Association, Relay for Life/Canton, Risen Christ Lutheran Church of Plymouth, the Computer Youth Hockey organization (and all teams within), St. Baldrick's Foundation, The New 88.1FM WSDP Radio, 2002 Plymouth Stingrays Youth Hockey, Livonia Career Technical Center, Plymouth Whalers Office Officials, Michigan Mustangs youth baseball, Karmanos Cancer Institute, Novi Woods Elementary School, Brighton Police Department,

Plymouth Whalers Booster Club, Suburban Stars Youth Hockey, Special Olympics of Michigan and March of Dimes of Michigan.

Huntington Learning Center - located on 44630 Ford Road in Canton - provides tutoring for students who need help with any subject. The Huntington Learning Center of Canton's mission is to give every child the best education possible.

The Huntington Learning Center of Canton's commitment to the Whalers while providing assistance to organizations complements their mission of helping students. Their presence at the game offered the opportunity to meet families who recognize the importance of academics while they also enjoyed the terrific entertainment and hockey delivered by the Plymouth Whalers.

"We help many children, including athletes, meet their goals of attending the schools of their choice, so they can continue to play hockey at the college level," said Wie Pan, Huntington Learning Center of Canton's Executive Director. "We can help students achieve dual aspirations of pursuing their league dreams while also fulfilling their academic goals."

The Whalers are actively involved in the community in a variety of ways, including player appear-

ances, school visits, Whalers Kids' Club and filling over 300 charitable donation requests during the 2011-12 season.

"We're always happy to get involved with the community," said Pete Krupsky, Plymouth Whalers Director of Communications and Community Relations. "And it's great to be paired with an organization like Huntington Learning Center of Canton who shares similar values as we do. We're able to help groups and entertain people while putting smiles on their faces. We look forward to working with Huntington Learning Center of Canton in the future."

Social media tips for small businesses

By Jon Gunnells
Guest Columnist

Small business owners are routinely asking what things they should be doing to promote their brands on social media. While there is no "one size fits all" content plan or engagement strategy for your small business, there are a few best practices you can follow to help strengthen your brand.

Whether you are interacting with fans through a Facebook page, Twitter account, YouTube channel or combination of sites, make sure your branding remains consistent. Nothing is more confusing for customers than a company with different logos, colors and other inconsistencies.

Brands should also make sure to link their websites and social properties together. That means if you have a Facebook page make sure your website is linked in the info page. If possible, put links to your Facebook page on the footer of your website too. This easy linking strategy will help drive traffic and fans that arrive to your Facebook page via your website can also be consistently engaged.

When creating a social platform to represent your business it is important to stay committed to your page and your goal. If you created a page to answer fan questions, then set a goal to answer all ques-



Tech Savvy

Jon Gunnells

tions with-in a certain time frame. If your goal is to simply interact with fans, be sure to post frequently. A few posts per week to a post a day will be enough to build lasting relationships with your customers and fans.

Stay current

If your page is abandoned, however, fans will likely think less of your brand and label it as disorganized. Moreover, if you stop posting enough on Facebook, you run the risk of your posts not showing up in fans' news feeds.

Having crisp profile pictures, background art and cover photos are also a must-have for any brand in the social space. Images are the first thing fans see when coming to your page.

Owners can either have art professionally developed like they would for promotional brochures or a website, or they can try to shoot the photography themselves using the best digital camera available. Whichever option you choose, be sure to edit your images to fit the space they will occupy on each respected social network. You never want to have distorted or stretched photos because you didn't

take the time to shoot or edit the picture in the right size or dimensions.

Accuracy counts

Depending on the size of your business, you may be writing the content yourself. When doing so, be sure to check and double check your content for any spelling or grammatical errors. Mistakes in copy will make your brand look sloppy and lazy.

Lastly, when posting text based content to any social network (Facebook, Google+ LinkedIn, MySpace, etc.), try to accompany your text with links or photos.

When links or photos are added to status updates or Tweets they not only catch readers' attention at a higher rate, but fans are more likely to click through and read more content. The end result is a fan spending more time listening to what your brand is saying helping you further strengthen your business relationships.

Strengthening relationships within your community is what your social network strategy should be focused on - not simply selling. By adhering to this one simple rule, you will be more likely to win over fans in the long run.

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CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

RealBarBQ opens

Michigan-owned and operated RealBarBQ is celebrating its grand opening 9 a.m. Tuesday, May 22, at its newest location, 42452 Ford Road (at Lilley) in Canton.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will be on hand for the ribbon cutting and breakfast will be served to all who attend. In addition to the Chamber of Commerce, local businesses as well as the general public are invited.

Officials said Canton and residents from surrounding communities have "been showing great support" since RealBarBQ opened its doors last month.

RealBarBQ offers a menu with RealBarBQ favorites such as ribs and chicken in addition to unique sandwiches and salads. Breakfast is also served on Saturdays and Sundays with everyone's favorite All-American breakfast foods such as omelets, bacon, sausage, toast and coffee.

RealBarBQ officials said they are "showing commitment and appreciation to the community" by supporting local schools. Each time a RealBarBQ customer buys a Booster Sandwich, featuring Pulled Pork, Pulled Chicken, cheese, bacon, lettuce and tomato, \$1 will be donated to the athletic programs at Plymouth, Salem and Canton high schools. "The more sandwiches purchased, the more our local student athletes will benefit," officials said.

RealBarBQ is open seven days a week from 11 a.m. to midnight for lunch and dinner and breakfast 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays and Sundays.

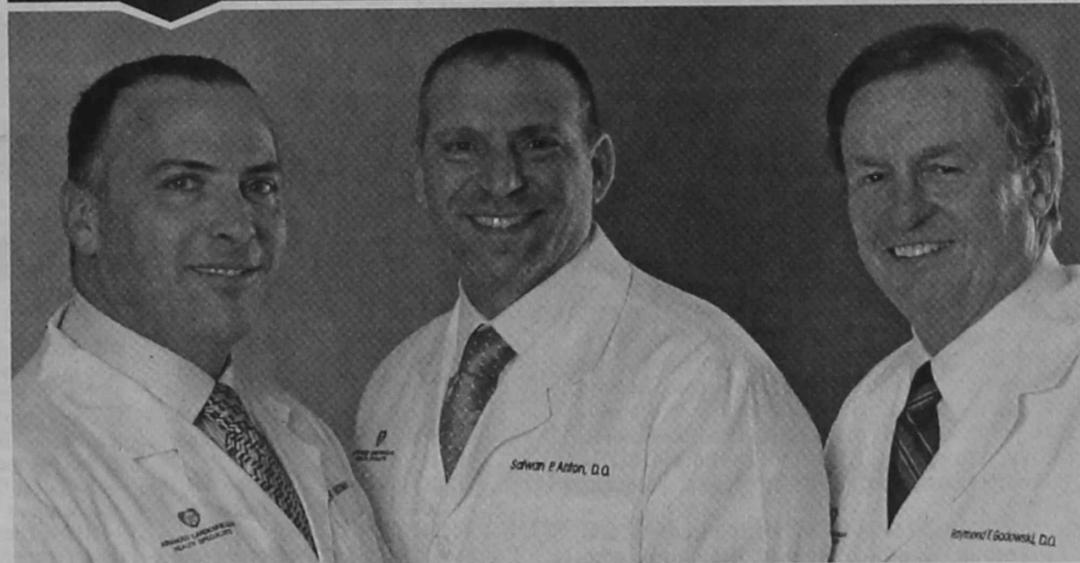
Bridal show success

Brides from all over the metro Detroit area flocked to the recent "Mix and Mingle: Strolling Bridal Fashion Show" at the Showroom of Elegance in Canton. Vendors from all arenas of the bridal business met with brides to pass on some helpful information, while handing out freebies. In addition, models strolled through the room in the latest bridal fashions from Diane's Dream Brides in Livonia.

You're The Bride event planner was on-hand, as well as Pop-i-licious Cake Pops, Precious Memories Photography, and Thomas's Catering. Brides had the opportunity to try out a fun photo booth at the show that printed their pictures on-site, provided by inaBooth Photography.

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OUR VIEWS

Relay for Life

Help walkers reach fundraising goals

Dozens of teams and some 744 participants have made a commitment to give up 24 hours of their time to walk in Canton's annual Relay for Life May 19-20 so that someone somewhere will win their battle with cancer.

The goal is to raise \$275,000 for the American Cancer Society.

The Relay for Life is a time to remember those lost to cancer and celebrate those who have survived. It is a time for people who have shared the same experience to comfort and console one another. The money raised helps the American Cancer Society work toward a future where cancer doesn't take the lives of friends and family.

More than 3.5 million people in 5,000 communities in the United States, along with communities in 20 other countries who are walking this year to raise much-needed funds and awareness to save lives from cancer.

Throughout the spring, the teams have been holding fund-raisers and gathering donations, with it all leading up to next weekend's relay. But they don't want to walk alone. They want the community to come out and be a part of the event, and we agree.

We urge residents to stop by the park, sometime during the 24 hours. Cheer on the survivors as they walk their victory lap or pause to remember those who have lost their fight at a luminaria ceremony. Better yet, come and enjoy the food and activities the teams will be offering to continue to raise money.

Each and every one of us has been touched by cancer, whether it is a family member, relative or friend who is battling the disease, has had and is a survivor or has succumbed to it. Think about them and think about what you can do to help find a cure.

As of Monday, the teams had raised \$125,683. They have a ways to go to reach \$275,000. We say now is as good a time as any to get out and get involved. Learn what it's all about and help the Canton Relay for Life reach its goal.

Stick to issues in township race

They say you can't tell the players without a scorecard.

For Canton Township voters considering the Aug. 7 primary election for the township's Board of Trustees, that scorecard is now filled in.

In the race for the three full-time elected positions, the choice will be easy. Neither Supervisor Phil LaJoy, Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin nor Clerk Terry Bennett faces any opposition.

Trustees John Anthony, Pat Williams and Greg Demopoulos (appointed to the board when Todd Caccamo left last year) are all running, as are former longtime supervisor Tom Yack, former state representative Deborah Whyman and first-time candidate Joseph Cafarelli. The top four of those Republicans will move on to face challenger Steven Sneiderman, the lone Democrat to file for the board, in the November general election.

Sneiderman is a former president of the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education who lost his bid for re-election last fall.

With the slate set, the hard part comes — the campaign. And, in the wake of last fall's contentious, sometimes ugly, Plymouth-Canton Board of Education race, we urge candidates to do just one thing.

Keep it clean.

There are certainly issues in the township. But there are ways to attack issues without attacking the people behind them. Stick to the facts, and leave the personalities out of it. We believe everyone who entered the race did so with what they believed to be the best interests of the township at heart. They should be treated that way.

We also urge residents to become as informed as possible about all of the candidates before making choices. They have different backgrounds, different experiences and differing views.

Voters should be clear on what they're getting before they cast their ballots.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Where's your favorite place to take visitors from out of town?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"I kind of like to take them to the library or the softball park (at Heritage Park)."

Morgan Zach
Canton



"Usually The Detroit Zoo."

Jen Hudson
Canton



"Detroit."

James Jones
Canton



"IKEA."

Kamal Patel
Canton

LETTERS

Food drive thanks

On behalf of The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps, we wanted to share our sincerest thanks to the mail carriers of the Plymouth and Canton post offices for an outstanding food drive last Saturday.

We are so privileged to be the recipients of 31,494 pounds (up from 19,556 in 2011) of canned goods, dry goods and toiletries.

There are many people to thank. Thank you to the team leaders at the post offices, Barb Mitchell and Tammy Bosman at Plymouth and Lois Spritz and Gloria Gorny at the Canton Post Office. Thank you to the mail carriers and your families for supporting the effort and to Greg Stachura and his trucking company for donating his trucks (what a huge difference this made in this effort). To the many, many volunteers sorting out all the food this week — thank you.

And finally we thank the countless donors who left food by their mailbox.

Individually and together, we made a difference last Saturday that will continue to allow us to make a difference in the coming months.

Majs. Dan and Jolene Hull
Corps officers (pastors)
The Salvation Army-Plymouth

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We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters by the following formats:

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Right from wrong

The government of the state of North Carolina amended the Constitution of that state to include wording they believe outlaws same sex marriage for once and for all.

The definition of domestic is: of or pertaining to one's own or a particular country as apart from other countries. The North Carolina amendment: "Marriage between one man and one woman is the only domestic

legal union that shall be valid or recognized in this State. This section does not prohibit a private party from entering into contracts with another private party; nor does this section prohibit courts from adjudicating the rights of private parties pursuant to such contracts."

Whether read "broadly" or "narrowly," left, right or up or down, the amendment clearly attempts to limit anywhere within the confines of the United States any legal union between one man and one woman to marriage.

Read it this way: A man may not work for a woman. A woman may not work for a man. If a man and a woman want to form a union, they must marry, but prostitution is allowed. (See part about contracting between private parties).

In the year of our Lord, two thousand and eight, there were approximately 32,895 abortions in the state of North Carolina — protected by the North Carolina government. During that time, because of custom and law, there were no same sex marriages.

Not one. Have those not able to tell right from wrong come to not being able to tell wrong from right?

Alfred Brock
Wayne

STAFF COLUMN

Event offers hopeful — and sobering — glimpse at school life

An event at Comcast's regional headquarters in Plymouth Township this spring offered reasons for both optimism and skepticism about the future.

I'm not talking about the future of cable television or Internet access, but the social and economic future of the Detroit area, and more broadly the nation,

that, as is so often repeated, is in the hands of young people.



Matt Jachman

Rebecca Nadis and Ayesha Sajjad provided the reason for hope.

They are recent University of Michigan graduates who are taking a year away from post-graduate studies and careers to work for City Year Detroit, a nonprofit that puts young people in middle schools and high schools to mentor at-risk students. City Year members spend four days a week in partner schools during the academic year; on Fridays, they work at more hands-on service projects such as park cleanups, or take time for professional development, as they were doing on the day I met them.

Nadis, who grew up in Farmington Hills and lives in Detroit, and Sajjad, of Canton Township, were at a Comcast career day for about 80 City Year Detroit workers, learning how to polish their resumes and prepare for job interviews, and listening to tips from executives.

Talking with them for a fea-

ture on Comcast's career day, I was impressed with the smarts and dedication, the commitment to community, shown by Nadis and Sajjad. Both spend long days at their respective high schools — Sajjad at Osborn in Detroit, and Nadis at Truman in Taylor — where they tutor, encourage, coach students on their behavior and otherwise play a supporting role to often-beleaguered teachers. They're both focused on ninth-graders whose learning skills, behaviors or social problems put them in danger of dropping out.

The City Year idea is that, as staffers are in their late teens and early 20s, they're close enough in age and experience to relate well to adolescents while also providing positive role models.

I was also impressed with the long view Nadis and Sajjad took of their futures: Sajjad wants to go to medical school and work as a doctor in medically underserved areas, while Nadis wants to teach at the high school level. Despite having put their futures on hold for City Year, the real-world experience they're gaining now will be valuable throughout their careers.

It's probably fair to say new college graduates as a whole aren't as altruistic as Nadis and Sajjad, but if their peers in City Year programs and similar organizations around the country share their concern for the larger society, that's a big plus for their generation.

However, the stories told by Nadis and Sajjad and others familiar with City Year gave me

pause, especially as the father of a girl looking at high school options.

Their experiences suggest there are too many high schoolers out there with poor academic skills and little motivation. Too many who are struggling with problems at home, or in school, that sap their energy and attention. Too many who are unprepared, lack parental support and good role models and don't have a vision of how education can improve their lives.

In the wake of a devastating recession in which job losses cut across demographic lines and budget-slashing makes post-high-school education less attainable, that last problem's a tough one to crack. When high schoolers see unemployed of all educational levels, college graduates who can't find work in their fields and take unpaid internships or low-wage service jobs, and a murky employment forecast, it's not hard to understand why, amid the everyday turmoils and pressures of adolescence, they're less inclined to invest in their minds.

Politicians and opinion-makers often talk about the value of higher education and post-secondary training, and rightfully so, but struggling students need to see more concrete examples of that value in order to keep motivated in today's challenging educational environment.

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'Sky is falling' rhetoric harms county's economic progress

By Robert Ficano
Guest Columnist



Robert Ficano

Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox has again been in the news with pointed criticism of county operations and me. Having worked with Commissioner Cox for years on park and road projects which have benefitted communities in her district, I will leave it for others to speculate about the motivation behind her harsh personal attacks at this point in time. However, as county executive, I cannot leave unchallenged her irresponsible characterization of key aspects of county business. I appreciate that the *Observer Newspaper* has provided this opportunity to set the record straight. Commissioner Cox has stated that economic development

has ground to a halt and that the county is in imminent financial peril, with an emergency financial manager waiting in the wings. These reckless characterizations undermine our economic development efforts and the good will we have sought to foster among the business community. They also come at a time when we are working closely with the county commission and the state on plans to ensure the continued financial viability of the county in the face of unprecedented loss of revenue.

Progress achieved
Judge for yourself. In the area of economic development, Ray Byers joined the county as eco-

economic development director about six months ago following a distinguished career with Ford Motor Co. He reports commitments of more than \$346 million in new investments this year that will result in more than 1,700 jobs, with additional investments on the horizon. The Detroit Region Aerotropolis development area alone has seen nearly \$100 million in commitments from three multinational corporations. This progress has been achieved through hard work and successful collaboration with local communities and other organizations, including the MEDC, DEGC and Ann Arbor SPARK.

Our Chief Financial Officer Carla Sledge and her team is still intact and working hard on budgetary challenges. In the most recent fiscal year, the county finished with a balanced

budget and actually generated a small surplus. It is true that we continue to work to eliminate a structural deficit. For the past year, the county team has proactively identified ways to eliminate the accumulated deficit. Earlier this month an aggressive deficit elimination plan (DEP) was presented to the county commission and it was hailed as "creative" by some commissioners, while being approved by a 14-1 vote. The sole "no" vote was cast by Laura Cox. At a sensitive time when this DEP is now before the state for approval, the "sky is falling" rhetoric of Commissioner Cox undermines the combined efforts of my administration and the county commission to protect the financial health of the county.

Apart from mistakes that I have acknowledged, and the mis-

deeds of a small group of selfish individuals that have been widely reported, Wayne County continues to be open for business. My executive leadership team has been bolstered by the addition of people of outstanding character and experience, who have joined other dedicated professionals who continue to stand with us. Together, we are undeterred in our efforts to move the county forward.

Despite the significant challenges of the recent past, our focus continues to be on bringing jobs to the area and effectively managing county government. We are committed to working with all interested parties who in good faith desire to make Wayne County a better place to live.

Robert Ficano is Wayne County executive. He is a Livonia resident.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Let me get this straight

Now that there is a slight lull in campaigning for the Republican presidential nomination, it gives me a chance to sort through and see if I understand what the candidates have been saying.

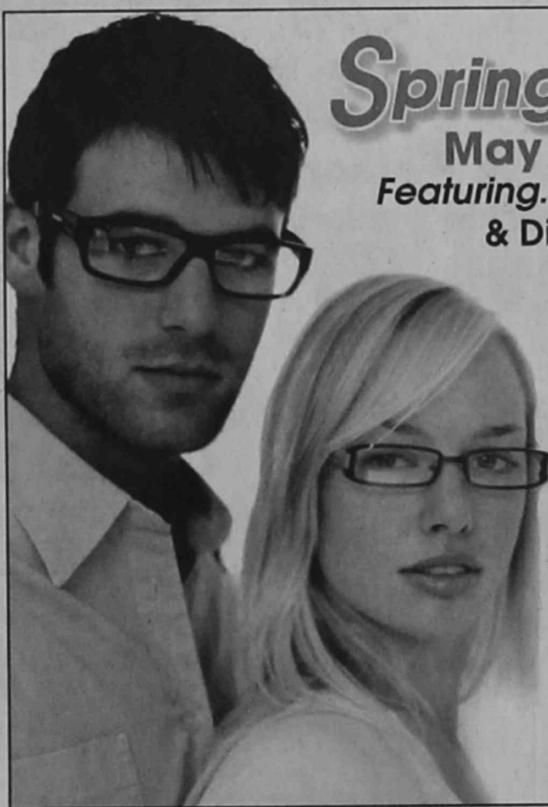
For instance, they say that government is too big, that it infringes too much into our personal lives. And yet they are telling us that, if they have their way, women will no longer have access to safe abortion procedures. Or to prescriptions for birth control.

What I don't understand is why it is the government's right to involve itself in such a personal decision, which should be solely between the procreators and their doctors.

After all, those advocating the right to choose are NOT forcing anyone to have an abortion, whereas the "right to lifers" do want to force their beliefs on everyone. Same with birth control, no one is forcing anyone to use it just because it is available through their prescription insurance. Don't the religious institutions trust their members not to use it? Do they not have enough faith in what they have taught their adherents?

Why would candidates want to cut off all funding to Planned Parenthood? Isn't the main purpose of that organization to provide birth control information? Isn't preventing a pregnancy a much better solution than having an abortion?

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Sweet stretch run

Canton senior volleyball star Muir happily gives track a whirl

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Even as Kristen Muir circles the track during practice, her allegiance to volleyball is evident.

The Canton senior's T-shirt is from a 2011 camp and features her customary No. 4 on the back — the number she wore during a standout four-year career with the varsity volleyball team.

But the 18-year-old Muir is happily enjoying her first and only stint as a member of Canton's varsity girls track and field team — qualifying for Friday's regionals (with a personal best of 5:18 in the mile run) and having a crack at the Division 1 state meet with a good showing.

"It's an incredible feeling and I'm really thankful that I'll have the opportunity to possibly do that, so that's my goal," said the always-smiling Muir. "I'm just going to train and work really hard and hopefully it will pay off."

Muir will need to shave off five seconds at the regionals (at PCEP) in order to move on to the state meet.

Whether or not she makes it won't take away from why she's on the track team instead of just



counting down the days to graduation.

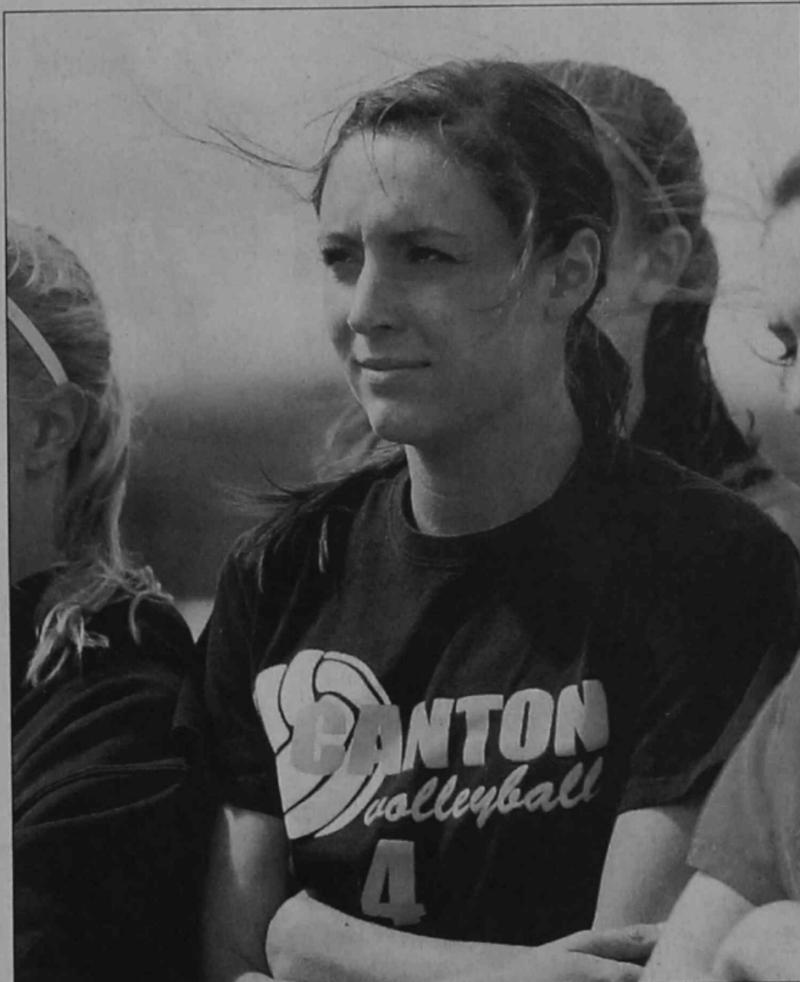
The right decision

Muir said being part of a team one last time before walking across the stage at Eastern Michigan University in June undoubtedly played a key role in her decision to become a two-sport athlete this year. She couldn't run track in previous years due to her obligations with a club volleyball team.

"I wanted to stay active, and I miss participating in school activities and stuff," Kristen explained. "And so I thought it was a great opportunity for me because I've enjoyed running. That was pretty much my decision."

"And all the girls are really nice. So I tried it out for the first week and I wasn't sure if I was going to do it or not. But I really liked the team and

Please see **MUIR, B3**



BRIAN QUINTOS

During a practice last week, Canton senior Kristen Muir and teammates listen to instructions before beginning a running drill.

Salem 1-2 punch sparks team to win

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Throughout a disappointing season, Salem's Eric Duprey and Brian Patterson have been showing their mettle — and earning medals — as the best performers for the Rocks' varsity boys golf team.

Such was the case again Monday at Fox Hills, with Patterson the medalist with a 1-under-par 34 and Duprey scoring a 38 to spark Salem's 150-157 win over South Lyon East.

"Our No. 1 and No. 2 guys, Eric Duprey and Brian Patterson, they've been carrying us all year," Salem head coach Ryan Nimmerguth said. "They're very consistent golfers, a couple over par, right around par each time out."

"They've been playing really good. After that, we're looking for guys to step up."

Patterson in particular



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On their way to the next tee Monday are Salem's Eric Duprey (left) and Brian Patterson, who finished 1-2 for the Rocks against South Lyon East.

had it going Monday, with three birdies and two bogeys.

Both Nick Danis and

Kyle Eggenberger registered 39 for the Rocks (2-4 in the KLAA Central Division).

David Nikkila (40) and Brady Cole (41) rounded out the varsity card, although their scores did

not count for the final tally.

South Lyon East (0-6) was led by Conner Kivisto (36), with Matt Sherry adding a 39.

Salem is starting to build some depth, however.

"Nick Danis a sophomore, spends a lot of time in the varsity lineup, and Brady Cole, another sophomore, he spends majority of time in the varsity lineup," Nimmerguth said. "Those guys are right on the verge. We're just looking for them to cut a couple strokes here and there and they'll be right there in the running."

Second season

Still, Nimmerguth said it's been a tough season due to the fact the Rocks haven't been consistent enough.

As a result, Salem dropped several tough

Please see **GOLF, B4**

Salem euchre tourney

The Salem Wrestling Boosters Club is hosting its annual Euchre Tournament. It will take place Saturday at Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Road. Doors open at 6 p.m. with games following at 7 p.m.

Players must be at least 21 years old to participate, with a \$25 entry fee per player.

Awards will be given to the top three players with the highest scores and there also will be raffles and prizes. Complimentary food also will be available.

Walk-ins are welcome, but seating is limited.

For more information, call (734) 981-7913, (313) 706-3282 or send an e-mail to rkddox@aol.com.

Canton-EMU wrestling camp

Eastern Michigan University again is bringing its "Four-Day Intensive Wrestling Camp" to Canton High School. It's scheduled to run from 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, July 23-26, in the Canton gymnasium. Cost is \$225 per camper. Applications are available at cantonchiefs-wrestling.com.

The camp showcases a combination of running, lifting, technique, drills, intense practices and end-of-day competitions. Contact Canton varsity wrestling coach Cory Mancuso at cory.mancuso@gmail.com for more information. There will be available concessions, through the Canton Chiefs Wrestling Boosters Club, for an additional fee.

Blazers earn lacrosse title

Senior Emma Ellwood scored five goals and added one assist Saturday as Livonia Ladywood defeated host Pontiac Notre Dam Prep, 15-12, to capture the Catholic League girls lacrosse championship.

Senior Alyssa Daly chipped in with three goals and two assists, while junior Jackie Snyder also added a hat trick and one assist.

Junior goalie Stephanie Mackley made 16 saves for the Blazers.

"With two of our top players out due to injuries, the rest of the team stepped up for them to secure the win, and ultimately, the championship," said Ladywood coach Kris Sanders, whose team improved to 12-3 overall and 8-0 in the league.

"This is something we've been doing for the last three weeks when we lost our top scorer. We used the time clock to our advantage as we possessed the ball for a good majority of the second half. Our accurate passing was a key to our success as well as our defense."

Mary Eicher scored four goals, while Tia Jurkiew and Mara Maclean added three each for the Fighting Irish.

Notre Dame Prep goalie Marin McPernery made three saves.

On Tuesday, host Ann Arbor Huron got three goals each from Kelsey Gradwohl and Taylor Standiford in an 11-6 victory over the Blazers.

Daly scored three goals for the Blazers, while Mackley made a total of seven saves.

Ladywood is now 12-3 overall. Huron is 13-2.

Local netters OK with 'A'

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Players from the Plymouth and Canton girls tennis teams could not get over the Northville-Novati talent barrier at Saturday's KLAA "A" tournament at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Northville topped the 12-team field with 30 points, with Novi second (28 points). Plymouth and Canton placed 9-10 with six and five points, respectively.

But gutsy efforts by players such as Plymouth senior co-captain and No. 1 singles player Lindsay Stemberger — either reaching second round or semifinals — was not lost upon their respective coaches.

Stemberger won her

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first match against Walled Lake Northern's Maddie Morton only to run into a top-seeded player in Livonia Stevenson's Aimee Moccia.

"It is frustrating, but that's what comes with 1 singles," Stemberger said. "It's the best of the best, so you win some and you lose some. But as long as I play my hardest then I'm OK with it."

"The score says who won and who lost but it doesn't say who played their hardest, so that's all that matters to me."

Plymouth's No. 5 doubles tandem of Lindsey Dean and Carly Curvin, defeated only once this season, lost 6-1, 6-1 to Northville in the second round "but almost every

game went to deuce and they were playing their hearts out," Wildcats head coach Robert McLaren said.

Ditto for Stemberger and for the No. 3 doubles team of Katie Bartek and Sarah Dillon, the latter also losing in Round 2 to the Mustangs.

Good gauge

"You want to see how many points you get compared to other teams," McLaren said. "You get a pretty good understanding of how your team fares in the KLAA."

"... We can get a really good gauge. We know Novi and Northville are going to be at the top of that list. But we just want to see how many wins we

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Plymouth senior co-captain and No. 1 singles player Lindsay Stemberger, shown from earlier this season, reached the second round at Saturday's KLAA 'A' tournament.

Benevolent baseball teams come through

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Baseball took a back seat to helping others at Saturday's third annual Strike Out Prostate Cancer doubleheader between Salem and Plymouth.

Through the sale of special programs, raffle prizes and other concessions, approximately \$2,000 was generated for the Prostate Cancer Foundation. Co-hosting the event were the two Park teams and booster clubs, as well as the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association.

Plus, players from both teams wore powder blue wrist bands to promote the cause and bases were blue instead of white.

"It's an honor to do something for a great foundation," said Anne Driscoll, a Salem fundraising coordinator whose son Jack is a senior shortstop. "The boys take a lot of pride in doing for others."

The varsity teams played a twinbill, switching venues. But the Salem and Plymouth junior varsity and freshman teams also participated.

Michelle Hubbard, a Plymouth fundraising coordinator whose son Seth plays for the JV Wildcats, said, "I think it's a great learning experience for them because they can come out and play for a worthy cause. And they understand it's not all about playing baseball.



Plymouth base runner James Willey dives back into the powder blue bag, eluding a quick tag by Salem first baseman Andrew Miller during Game 2 of Saturday's Strike out Prostate Cancer doubleheader. Players sported light blue wrist bands for the cause.

Michelle Hubbard, a Plymouth fundraising coordinator whose son Seth plays for the JV Wildcats, said, "I think it's a great learning experience for them because they can come out and play for a worthy cause. And they understand it's not all about playing baseball.

"It's about donating to great events and great causes because cancer touches everybody in some way every day of their lives."

Visiting teams win
The benefit — to also raise awareness about a disease that strikes more than 240,000 men annually — provided a worthy

backdrop to baseball, of course.

But on the diamond, home-field advantage didn't mean too much.

In the morning opener, the visiting Rocks pounded Plymouth 9-3.

Then at Salem's varsity field for the early afternoon tilt, it was the Wildcats' turn to shine.

Clearing the fence twice, doubling and knocking in seven runs for Plymouth was senior shortstop Brendan Swanson as the Wildcats won 12-2 in a six-inning contest.

"It felt great, just seeing the ball really well today," Swanson said about his power surge.

Clubbing a three-run homer off the foul pole in left in the sixth to make it a 10-run spread (invoking the mercy rule) was first baseman Austin Ebeling.

Nick Sandberg collected two hits as Plymouth's 12-hit attack helped starting and winning pitcher Andrew Page (five innings, two runs).

For the Rocks, first baseman Andrew Miller went 2-for-3, while catcher Lucas Salinas singled in all three at-bats.

"Everybody played today for the Wildcats and we feel good about that," Plymouth head coach Bryan Boyd said. "And honestly, everybody contributed in one way or

another. A lot of guys did good things today."

Boyd said it would have been nice to have won the opener instead, however, because that game counted in the division standings instead of as an overall (which Game 2 did).

But he tipped his cap to the Rocks for the opener, which featured a two-run homer to left by Demetrius Dunlap and a two-run single by Zak Widlak.

"They deserved it," Boyd said about Salem winning the opener. "They were better than us in Game 1."

Earning the win with four innings of work was starter Zach Bird, with Jeremy St. Laurent finishing up the final three innings for head coach Dale Rumberger — instrumental in kicking off the annual fundraiser for prostate cancer in 2010.

It was Rumberger's 300th coaching win for Salem.

"Jack's learning it's not just about what he does on the field, it's about doing something off the field, too," Anne Driscoll added. "It helps him be a well-rounded young man. We appreciate that and we appreciate coach Rumberger encouraging this program."

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Soccer equipment drive

As part of the Soccer Aid for Hope project, a soccer equipment drive will take place Saturday-Sunday, May 26-27 at the 2012 Canton Cup Soccer Tournament.

The drive is slated

from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day, at Independence Park (Denton Road, south of Cherry Hill).

All soccer equipment will be donated to the Achievers Football Club and Futbol Club Leveriza in the Philippines.

Among needed items:

jerseys, shorts, socks, T-shirts, soccer cleats, indoor soccer shoes, running shoes, goalie jerseys and gloves, warmups, bags/backpacks, soccer balls, shin guards, cones, practice pinnies/vests and ball air pumps.

For more informa-

tion, contact Mark Mangune at mark.mangune@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/SoccerAid-forHope.

Golf outing

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

Included in the \$100 registration fee are 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch at the turn, dinner and a prizes raffle. Go to: www.facebook.com/cantonchiefsbasketball to get registration forms or contact Jimmy Reddy at redjy@slcs.us.

State Senior Olympics near

The Michigan Senior Olympics will be hosting the 2012 Summer Games June 9-17 and a golf tour-

namment May 23-25. Softball and track and field will be held July 27-29.

Participants aged 50 and up will be competing for medals and the chance to go to the National Senior Games in 2013. There are more than 20 sports available in which to compete. The deadline to register for the summer games is May 4.

MSO is a nonprofit organization that promotes living healthy, competition and wellness programs. Volunteers are needed to help run the games and there are many positions that need to be filled. There are also sponsorship opportunities that can be customized to best suit your needs. Contact the MSO office to find out more about sponsoring the Summer Games.

Visit www.michigan-seniorolympics.org or call (248) 608-0250 to learn more about the organization, to register or volunteer for the upcoming games.

Plymouth grid camp

The Plymouth High School Football Program will be holding its annu-

al football camp June 25-27 at the PCEP varsity turf field.

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

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

Football info meeting

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

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

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

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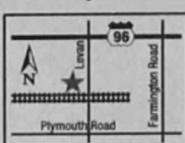
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Putting a charge into the ball Tuesday is Plymouth Christian Academy's Emily Gerulis (No. 13), helping the Eagles defeat Ann Arbor Greenhills.

PCA gives boot to Gryphons

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Plymouth Christian Academy is serving notice that this is a new era of Eagles varsity girls soccer, underscored by Tuesday's 3-0 win over nemesis Ann Arbor Greenhills.

"The girls played terrific today, probably one of their best games," PCA head coach Abby Lorion said. "They maintained possession 90 percent of the time and the game was played in our attacking third the entire time."

Lorion added that the Eagles "did an excellent job of connecting their passes and working the ball around the field. They played physical

and didn't give Greenhills any opportunities to score."

Blanking the Gryphons was Abigail Aitken, but she didn't even have to make a save.

As for PCA, freshman Abby LeMerise (two goals) scored the only goal the team needed about 15 minutes into the opening half. She scored off a cross from Rachel Zandee.

That lead held up almost until the end of the match. With seven minutes to play, Emily Gerulis converted a penalty kick to make it 2-0.

The Eagles then finished the scoring in the 36th minute of the second half, when LeMerise headed in a Gerulis corner kick.

That PCA breezed to victory perhaps exacted a bit of revenge as the Gryphons have been a thorn in the Eagles' side — both in the Michigan Independent Athletics Conference and state tournament.

Last spring, Greenhills blanked the Eagles 4-0 in the Division 4 district finals. Although the teams are not slated for the same district this year, they could meet up down the road.

PCA 3, OAKLAND 2: Last Thursday, Plymouth Christian Academy edged Oakland Christian 3-2, building a three-goal cushion at halftime and coasting from there.

Scoring early in the contest was Jenna Abraham, with Abby LeMerise and Katelynn Barkell also finding the

mark. Assisting on all three goals was Rachel Zandee.

Earning the win in goal was Haley Wright (three saves), who filled in for PCA's regular netminder (who was not available due to illness).

PCA 2, WB 1: Goals in the first half by Katelynn Barkell and Emily Gerulis held up Saturday against Division 1 opponent West Bloomfield. Barkell drilled a shot into the lower right corner, after receiving a through ball by Gerulis. The second goal also was a thing of beauty, with Gerulis scoring off a give and go from Abby LeMerise.

"The girls were first to the ball, winning balls in the air, and were playing excellent through balls and slotted passes," PCA head coach Abby Lorion said. "Emily Gerulis played very strong for us in the center of the field, while Katelynn Barkell had one of her best games as well."

Goalkeeper Abby Aitken made three saves for the victory.

Salem clicks on Senior Night

It was Senior Night for Salem's varsity girls soccer team Monday night and the Rocks came through on their promise to play hard on behalf of seniors Megan McCormack, Gusti Kummer, Katelynn Krause, Emily Lundh and Claire Hud-das.

Salem earned a 4-3 victory over visiting Livonia Stevenson, to improve to 6-6-1 overall and 4-4-0 in the KLAAs Central Division.

Rocks head coach Joe Nora called the senior quintet "the heart and soul" of the team all season and the entire team came through with a complete effort.

"It was a back and forth exciting game," Nora said. "I thought both teams played well. We've

been working on combining and finding the second runner offensively and tonight it clicked."

The contest was knotted up 1-1 at halftime, with Salem scoring when Emily Barfuss drilled a 16-yarder off a cross from Nancy Krutty. Lundh started the play.

Stevenson (7-6-1, 4-4-0) evened things up on a penalty kick but the Rocks regained the lead early in the second half.

Kylie Knight slotted a perfect pass to Krutty for the tie breaker and Krause headed in a corner kick from Lundh for a 3-1 edge.

After the Spartans cut the deficit to 3-2, Salem answered when Knight crossed the ball to a sprinting Sarah Martin who one-touched a per-

fect shot from 15 yards out.

Stevenson closed the gap to 4-3, but could not even the score as Salem goalkeeper Ali Eggenberger held the fort. Eggenberger, who missed a week due to injury, stopped five shots.

• On Tuesday, Salem won again, whipping South Lyon 6-0 behind Eggenberger's fourth shutout of the season. She made three saves.

Hayley Rogers (from Krause) and Morgan Siterlit (from Taylor Jaaska) put Salem up 2-0 at the break.

In the second half, Krause finished a nice cross from Barfuss and Lundh's assist sprung Knight for a break-in tally.

Closing out the scoring were Rogers (from

Knight) and Olivia Kaye, who scored on a nifty header off a cross from Jaaska.

With the win, Salem upped its record to 7-6-1 overall. 5-4-0 in the division.

PLYMOUTH 2, CHURCHILL 1: Livonia Churchill (4-6-4, 4-3-2) turned in its best effort of the year Tuesday,

but it wasn't enough as the host Wildcats (10-1-3, 8-0-1) clinched the KLAAs South Division title outright.

Plymouth took a 1-0 halftime lead on a Madi Lewis goal and Sydney Rouse scored early in the second half to make it 2-0.

Bailey Pizana then cut the deficit to 2-1 with a goal from Rachel Blackney on a play started by Erin Emmanuel, but the Chargers couldn't score the equalizer despite hitting a crossbar and being denied three times in the second half by Plymouth goalkeeper Kylie Robb.

MUIR

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everything."

Throw in some positive reinforcement from Canton's new coach (Tiffany Grubaugh) and it's been nothing but a winning situation for Muir.

"I didn't really have a lot of expectations going into it," she said. "The pros are I have met a lot of great people and I'm continuing to push myself and finish out my senior year. The cons? I don't really have any. Weather maybe, track meets are really long but I knew that coming into it."

"Plus Tiffany's been great, she's always talking to everybody getting their perspective on things."

If Muir was hesitant at the beginning, it didn't take long for her to go all-in. A victory in the 1,600-meter run against Plymouth in her very first dual meet did the trick.

"It was pretty exciting, I was so shocked," Kristen continued, with a laugh.

"There's two really good girls from Plymouth that I beat. Yeah, it did feel pretty good."

Hobby for life

Meanwhile, Muir emphasized that, although she intends to keep playing volleyball at the club level at Michigan State University, it's not the only sport she enjoys.

Back in fifth grade, she was on the track team at Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Then she focused on travel volleyball, although she did chalk up four years of experience in competitive gymnastics.

"I did (like running) then," she noted. "But I really liked volleyball better."

Muir still likes to run, by the way. "I've learned a lot and I really enjoy running, (it's a) hobby for life, too."

The sports are drastically different, but the same competitive flair that drives Muir to ram a spike over the volleyball net from the front row pushes her to pick them up and put them down as she tries to finish strong in a race.

While running the mile, she stressed that "you don't want to burn out too

ALL ABOUT KRISTEN

Who: Kristen Muir, 18-year-old Canton High School senior.

Family: She lives in Plymouth with parents John and Michele Muir.

Athletics: This spring marks Muir's first on Canton's varsity girls track and field team. She also was a standout, four-year player with the Chiefs' varsity girls volleyball team. In 2011, the outside hitter was co-captain.

Misc.: Muir is owner of a 3.5 grade point average and plans to attend Michigan State University. She hopes to play club volleyball at MSU. She enjoys family travel to western Michigan and Florida and holds down a part-time job.

Sports: Besides Canton athletics, other sports experience includes four years of competitive gymnastics, seven seasons with a travel volleyball team and one season (fifth grade) running track for Our Lady of Good Counsel.



Canton senior Kristen Muir is happy she decided to join the girls track and field team this spring.

early, you want to make sure you have enough in the end so you can run your hardest for the last 200. But it's all about pacing yourself."

Kristen Muir is reaching the finish line of her high school life. But with her enthusiasm, talent and determination, it looks like the best is yet to come.

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Kristen Muir enjoys running and being part of the varsity girls track and field team.

Chiefs nip Rocks at Massey

A complete game shut-out by Canton senior Alysa Boucher enabled the Chiefs to nip Salem 1-0 Monday night at Massey Field in the annual Massey Classic.

Boucher gave up just three hits and no walks and struck out seven as the Chiefs parlayed a triple by Paige Aresco and RBI groundout in the fourth for all the scoring they needed.

"You can throw all that records away," Canton head coach Jim Arnold said. "When Salem and Canton play, you're going to have a game. There's no question about it. Each team will step up, I don't care if each team was 0-20."

Arnold added that the teams played "a great game, a great defensive game. We

got lucky. We opened up an inning with a triple and a ground ball scores her. If it wasn't for that we'd probably still be playing."

Pitching a strong game for Salem was freshman Marissa Hunley, who Rocks head coach Bonnie Southerland said "showed great composure and poise in the circle."

She lauded her team's strong defense, calling it "one of the best defensive games we've played all year. We got out of a lot of tough situations and managed some great textbook plays."

But the Rocks (12-9 overall) "just didn't connect at the plate. We were a little over-anxious. But all in all a pretty evenly matched game that could have gone either way. That's what makes this annual game so great."

PLYMOUTH 6, SOUTH LYON 3:

Also on Monday, the state-ranked Wildcats (No. 4 in Division 1) doubled up host South Lyon.

Plymouth, now 23-4 overall and tops in the KLAAs Kensington Conference with a 13-1 mark, featured a lineup with four players collecting at least two hits.

Bri Giordano went 3-for-4 with a triple and drove in two runs to pace the attack. Brooke Senkbeil and Lindsay Lutton each doubled and singled while Brittney Miller doubled, tripled and knocked in two.

Going the distance for the win was Mik Marciniak (five hits, eight strikeouts).

• The Wildcats went 1-2 at Saturday's Canton Classic, losing 2-0 to Tecumseh and 7-6 to Sterling Heights Stevenson before turning around for a 15-1 thumping of Belleville.

Against the Tigers, Senkbeil went 3-for-3 (two doubles) and knocked in two while Kayla Rebaun went 3-for-4. Chipping in with two hits and an RBI each were Cassidy Hewitt, Elaine Gerou and Lutton.

Riverside roller skaters excel

Ten roller skaters from Riverside Arena earned top 10 placements at the recent Artistic Inter-Club skating competition held in Roseville.

Several skaters medaled in both individual and team events, while the Riverside RASCals Precision Team also added first place in their competitive debut.

Taking firsts in their respective categories were Stephanie Cueva, Ryan Heersink, Sofia Cueva, Jillian Heersink, all of Livonia, along with Valentyna Stadnik of Northville.

Members of the winning Riverside RASCals Precision Team included Jade Ross, Heersink, Stephanie and Sofia Cueva, all of Livonia; Amanda Smyser, Westland; Chloe LaMay, Plymouth; Hanna Denes, Garden City; Andrew Esser and Stadnik, both of Northville,

Both Heersink and Stadnik also captured bronze medals, while rounding out the club roster was Emma Chappell of Livonia.

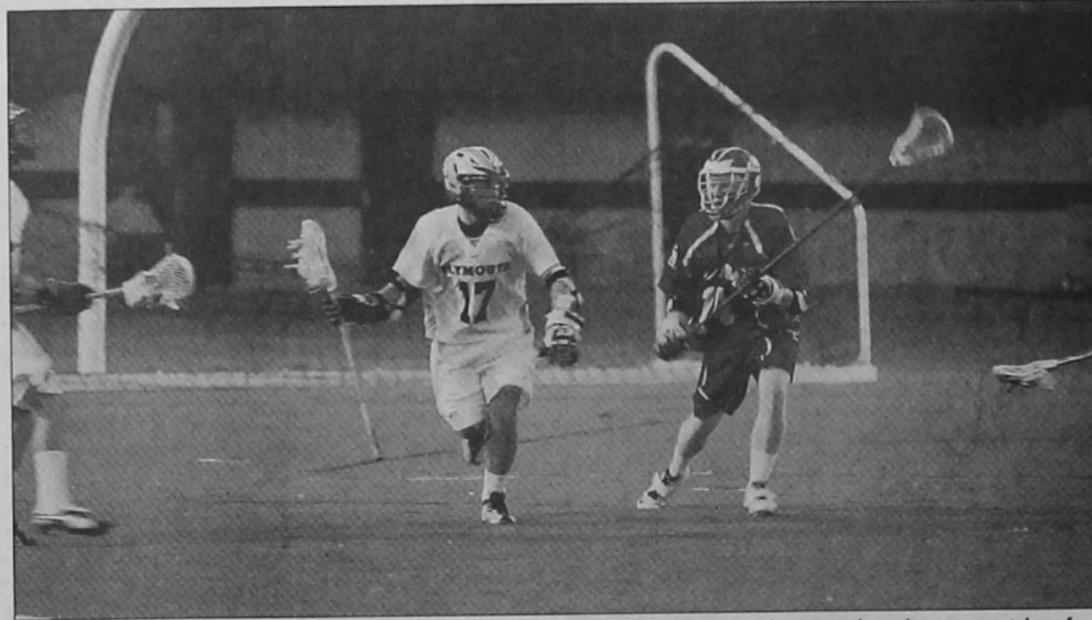
Proceeds from the show will benefit the Riverside Arena Skating Club, which will be travelling to Romeoville, Ill. and Lincoln, Neb. for the upcoming Regional and National Roller Skating Championships.

These skaters will be featured from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 20 in the Riverside Arena Spring Spectacular skating show.

Tickets, available in advance or at the door, are \$5 per person. Children under-5 will be admitted free.

Riverside Arena is located at 36635 Plymouth Road, Livonia.

For more information call, (734) 421-3542; or visit online at www.riversidearena.com.



Salem's Phil Sutfin (right) puts defensive pressure on Plymouth's Phil Flesch during the recent boys lacrosse matchup for the PCEP championship.

Rocks club 'Cats for Park crown

Salem is the "best in the Park" for the 2012 boys lacrosse season following last Wednesday's 16-12 win over Plymouth.

That win gave the Rocks the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park boys lacrosse title.

Salem fell behind 7-4 after one quarter, but outscored the Wildcats 12-5 the rest of the way.

Plymouth did cut the lead to one goal during the third, but Salem quickly reestablished a comfortable margin.

Salem scored the first goal when Jake Perkins hit a cutting Jason Newel who ripped a shot that found the top corner for the first tally.

Plymouth answered quickly with a nice assist from Gabe Osorio to Phil Flesch. The shot was blocked by Salem goalie Justin Oldani but found a way to just trickle over the goal line.

From there Plymouth got on a roll scoring two goals from Kenny Fanelli with both assists coming from Kyle Durham.

Salem then gained some momentum. First Patrick Kretschmer (six goals, two assists) answered the run with an assist from

Salem girls back on track

After a tough loss April 27 to Plymouth, the Salem varsity girls lacrosse team turned things around with wins over Canton and Walled Lake United the following week.

On May 4, on Canton's Senior Night, the Rocks fell behind 2-0 but roared back with five unanswered goals and prevailed 9-7.

"It was a very close, exciting rival game with neither team yielding," Rocks head coach Dave Medley noted. "... I know the Canton girls feel bad and we have had to face those kind of losses ourselves over the past two seasons.

"Perhaps they can take solace they still have the respect of our girls, and we were chal-

lenged by them to the final tick of the clock."

Despite the loss, Canton senior co-captain Stephanie Bower had an outstanding night with four goals (one assisted by senior Megan Wherrett, her first point of the season). Senior Julie Podorsek also scored.

Salem's big guns were Kiersten Vala (five goals, one assist) and Bridget Kerwin (two goals). Also scoring were Alex Godre and Lauren Harber.

"Hats off to Salem for playing a tough, physical game and coming out on top," Canton coach Dave Bower said.

Canton seniors honored during halftime were Stephanie Bower, Wherrett, Podersek,

Kristen Larsen and co-captains Kaitlyn Allard, Julia Beard and Jenny Nyberg.

SALEM 10, W.L. UNITED 9: On May 5 against Walled Lake United, Salem seniors Lauren Harber, Alexandra Godre, Mikhelle (Heather) Hughes and Laure Danis all contributed in a 10-9 win (on Salem's Senior Day).

Scoring three goals each were Jenna Carter and Lauren Harber, with Kiersten Vala chipping in with two. Bridget Maul scored and freshman Joslyn Longe netted her first varsity goal. Stopping 12 shots for the win was goalkeeper Samantha Howell.

CANTON 10, NORTHVILLE 8 (OT): Stephanie Bower's fifth goal of the game, in overtime, sparked the host Chiefs to this win on May 2.

Scoring twice were seniors Kaitlyn Allard and Julie Podorsek while Sara Davenport added a marker.

Jason Newel (two goals, two assists); then Salem tallied another goal, Brandon Lee (four goals, one assist) from Mason Amin.

Plymouth answered with a goal from Gabe

Osorio but then the Rocks began to pull away.

Kody Duhl tallied two goals and two assists while Nick Giannini and PJ Rogers each chipped in one goal each.

In the junior varsity

contest, Salem routed Plymouth 10-1.

Earlier this year, the Rocks varsity and JV teams bested Canton (12-8, 6-3, respectively), thus giving them Park bragging rights for the year.

GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

KLAA GIRLS TENNIS 'A' TOURNAMENT
May 12 at Plymouth
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 30 points; 2. Novi, 28; 3. Grand Blanc, 13; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 10; 5. (tie) Hartland and Brighton, 9 each; 7. Livonia Churchill, 8; 8. White Lake Lakeland, 7; 9. Plymouth, 6; 10. Walled Lake Western and Canton, 5 each; 12. Walled Lake Northern, 1.

FINAL FLIGHT RESULTS
No. 1 singles: Abby Wang (Novi) defeated Aimee Moccia (LS), 6-1, 6-0; **semifinals:** Wang (Novi) def. Sabrina Dass (GB), 7-6 (7-2), 6-0; Moccia (LS) def. Erin Doud (N'ville), 6-1, 7-5.
No. 2: Quincy Banini (LC) def. Rachel Byron (H), 7-5, 6-2; **semifinals:** Banini (LC) def. Erin Day (Novi), 6-2, 6-1; Byron (H) won by default over Danielle Romano (N'ville).

No. 3: Paige Baal (N'ville) def. Dhiyya Sridar (Novi), 6-0, 6-4; **semifinals:** Baal (N'ville) def. Rylie Fallu (LC), 7-5, 6-4; Sridar (Novi) def. Taylor Sims (WLL), 6-3, 6-4.
No. 4 singles: Alex Jeannotte (N'ville) def. Caitlin O'Brien (Novi), 4-6, 6-2, 6-2; **semifinals:** Jeannotte (N'ville) def. Madison Johnson (Canton), 6-0, 6-1; O'Brien (Novi) def. Mara Karageozian (LC), 6-4, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Mackenzie Powers-Claudia Ma (N'ville) def. Ala Nowakowska-Andrea Thompson (GB), 6-4, 6-3; **semifinals:** Powers-Ma (N'ville) def. Emily Sheeran-Amy Zhou (Novi), 6-4, 6-1; Nowakowska-Thompson (GB) def. Lexie Hayes-Laura Seifert (H), 6-2, 6-2.

No. 2: Elizabeth Sakorafis-Jordan Hermiz (N'ville) def. Emily Kwederis-Ori Nagasaka (Novi), 6-3, 6-3; **semifinals:** Sakorafis-Hermiz (N'ville) def. Maddie Heatley-Rebekah Wright (B), 6-0, 6-1; Kwederis-Nagasaka (Novi) def. Morgan Ulseth-Hali MacMillian (GB), 6-4, 6-1.

No. 3: Rebecca Chen-Asawari Kanitkar (NOV) def. Chloe Page-Libby Quinn (N'ville), 6-4, 6-2; **semifinals:** Chen-Kanitkar (Novi) def. Alyssa Pratt-McKenna Russell (B), 6-3, 6-1; Page-Quinn (N'ville) def. Josie Abdulbaki-Jenny Cami (LS), 6-0, 6-1.

No. 4: Rachel Bailey-Dina Fawaz (Novi) def. Shannon Williams-Val Trupiano (N'ville), 6-1, 2-6, 6-3; **semifinals:** Bailey Fawaz (Novi) def. Sam DiGiovanni-Sarah Morse (LS), 6-3, 6-3; Williams-Trupiano (N'ville) def. Sam Elias-Christine Colasanti (GB), 6-4, 6-2.

No. 5: Rachel Crittenden-Alison Kozerski (N'ville) def. Angela Huang-Alice Jiang (Novi), 6-2, 6-2; **semifinals:** Crittenden-Kozerski (N'ville) def. Kirstie Waller-Julie Hamlin (B), 3-6, 6-2, 6-2; Huang-Jiang (Novi) def. Madisyn Olivo-Haley Harasim (GB), 6-1, 6-1.

'B' TOURNAMENT

May 12 at Novi Meadows and South Lyon East
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Salem, 32 points; 2. Howell, 17; 3. Walled Lake Central, 16; 4. Milford, 13; 5. (tie) Livonia Franklin and South Lyon East, 11 each; 7. South Lyon, 10; 8. Pinkney, 9; 8. Wayne Memorial, 7; 10. Waterford Kettering and Waterford Mott, 2 each; 12. Westland John Glenn, 0.

FINAL FLIGHT RESULTS
No. 1 singles: Carolyn McCullen (LF) def. Morgan Spencer (Salem), 6-0, 6-0; **semifinals:** McCullen (LF) def. Stephanie Tomlin (Wayne), 6-1, 6-0; Spencer (Salem) def. Brenna Dougherty (Milford), 6-2, 6-3.

No. 2: Ashley Walker (Salem) def. Victoria Meeder (WLC), 6-2, 6-1; **semifinals:** Walker (Salem) def. Jenny Quang (SL), no score available; Meeder (WLC) def. Amy Jackowski (P), 6-2, 6-4.

No. 3: Sushmi Diraviam (Salem) def. Haley Linkous (WLC), 6-3, 6-4; **semifinals:** Diraviam (Salem) def. Janae Strickland (Wayne), 6-0, 6-1; Linkous (WLC) def. Shannon Parr (Milford), 6-4, 3-6, 6-1.

No. 4: Jordan Lewis (WLC) def. Sophie Welch (SL), 6-4, 6-4; **semifinals:** Lewis (WLC) def. Sarah Wagner (H), 6-3, 6-0; Welch (SL) def. Narges Pourmandi (Salem), 6-3, 6-3.

No. 1 doubles: Courtney March-Katie Vena (Salem) def. Abbie Fielding-Sam Raney (SL), 6-4, 7-6 (7-1); **semifinals:** March-Vena (Salem) def. Jessica Rentsch-Krista Bagnick (P), 6-4, 6-1; Fielding-Raney (SL) def. Kylie Hartford-Courteney Schulke (H), 7-6 (7-2), 6-2.

No. 2: Sarah Bellaire-Kathy Kemp (Salem) def. Lauren Bryne-Makayle Millington (H), 7-6 (7-5), 6-0; **semifinals:** Bellaire-Kemp (Salem) def. Morgan Witherspoon-Anna Mozata (LF), 6-2, 6-0; Bryne-Millington (H) def. Ashley Larmee-Kaelyn Zdanowski (P), 6-1, 6-2.

No. 3: Meghan Barry-Monica Topolovec (Salem) def. Briana Browder-Kara Browder (H), 7-6 (7-3), 6-3; **semifinals:** Barry-Topolovec (Salem) def. Meghan Taylor-Rachel Erickson (Milford), 5-7, 6-0, 6-1; Browder-Browder (H) def. Nicole Kline-Leah Nonis (SLE), 6-4, 6-2.

No. 4: Abi Collingwood-Julie Meireles (Salem) def. Alex Brown-Miranda Brunett (WLC), 6-3, 6-2; **semifinals:** Collingwood-Meireles (Salem) def. Holly Vasher-Alley Butler (P), 6-2, 6-7 (5-7), 7-5; Brown-Brunett (WLC) def. Kylie Gustafson-Keagan Belyk (H), 1-2 (retired).

No. 5: Miranda Rios-Heather LaVanture (H) def. Maggie Sneiderman-Liz Gonzalez (Salem), 6-1, 6-2; **semifinals:** Rios-LaVanture (H) def. Grace Beck-Katie Bell (Milford), 6-1, 6-4; Sneiderman-Gonzalez (Salem) def. Emma Suris-Danielle Rubin (WLC), 6-1, 6-2.

TENNIS

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can get to see where we stand against the rest of the teams."

Canton head coach Barb Lehmann added that being in the "A" tournament is a good learning experience. The top three teams from each division competed in that tourney; the bottom half per division took part in the "B" tourney.

"If they were in the other half of the association, the bottom half, they'd be winning," Lehmann said. "But at the same time, I think it's just better credibility."

She said she talks to the players about not getting caught up in the final rankings, particularly because they are going up against some of the state's elite.

"With it being single elimination it's tough," she noted. "But in any of our tournaments we always talk about it, that anybody can be beaten."

"On any given day something can change. So if you come out with all your energy and your positive attitude about where you're going, your chances are always there."

The Chiefs did have two singles players reach the semifinal round, in No. 3 Haylee Cook and No. 4 Maddison Johnson.

"I have two of my singles still in it, so that's

awesome," said Lehmann, following the second round. "And I think with the competition that's here, I think they've played extremely well."

Salem tops B-list

The "B" tournament, featuring the bottom three teams from each division, was played at Novi Meadows and South Lyon East High School with Salem finishing first.

It was the first time the Rocks were bumped down to the lower tier, said head coach Lin Ware.

"Salem is in a very strong division with both Northville and Novi so our rivalry is now with (Livonia) Stevenson," she explained. "Whoever wins that match plays in the upper tournament and the loser plays in the bottom tournament."

Conference champions for the Rocks included Ashley Walker (second at No. 2 singles), Sushmi Diraviam (first at No. 3 singles), Courtney March-Katie Vena (first at No. 1 doubles), Sarah Bellaire-Kathy Kemp (first at No. 2 doubles), Meghan Barry-Monica Topolovec (No. 3 doubles) and Abi Collingwood-Julie Meireles (No. 4 doubles).

"As 10 of 14 of my girls are seniors, this was a nice way for them to finish their year," Ware said.

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SPORTS BRIEF

Just a reminder

Plymouth High School football is hosting a mandatory informational meeting for any student-athletes interested in playing in 2012. It will be Tuesday, May 22, in the high school cafeteria. Incoming freshmen will meet from 6-7:30 p.m.

with upperclassmen meeting from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

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

GOLF

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dual matches, by two strokes each.

"We've been struggling to play our best golf, and when that happens it's hard to win, especially in our division," he said. "We have some of the better teams in the state in our division."

Nimmerguth said he hopes the squad finds its collective game soon. The KLAA meet will be May 29 at Pheasant Run, followed with the districts May 31 at Whispering Willows.

"Those are the two big tournaments the team is trying to peak for," Nimmerguth said. "We're looking to gain some momentum, get the kids feeling good about themselves."

"When you get to conferences and districts, that's like a new beginning."

Chiefs 7th

On Monday, Canton finished seventh out of 26 teams at the Huron Valley Invite at par-72 Prestwick Village Country Club.

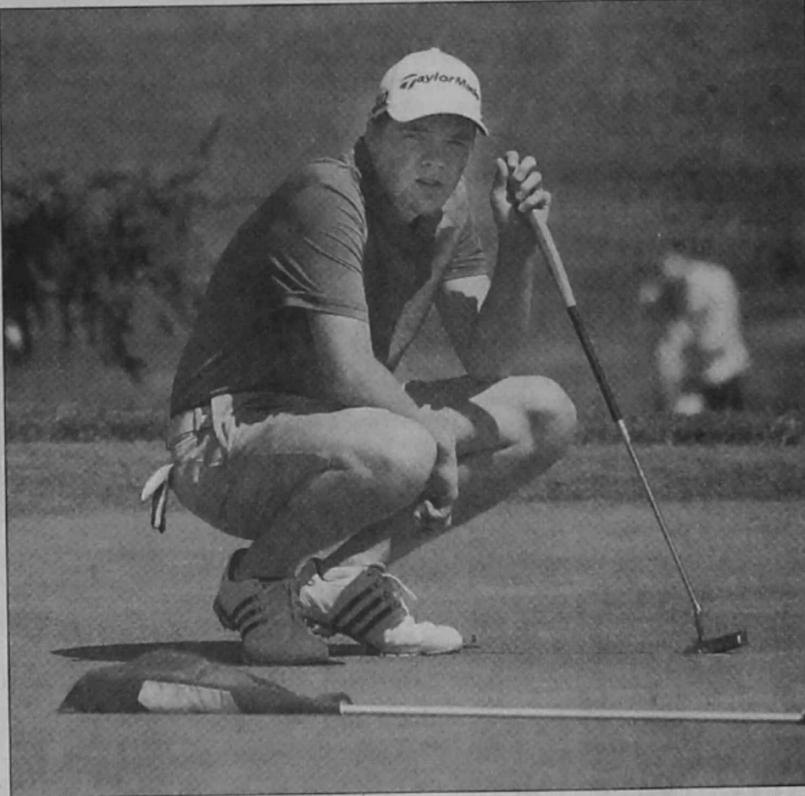
Canton shot a 304, trailing champion Rochester Adams (298).

Canton freshman Donnie Trosper was medalist with a three-under 69, finishing first out of 154 golfers and winning a three-hole playoff.

Other Chiefs to score included Josh Maxam (77), Alex Champagne (78), Brent Perry (80), Tyler McMahan (80) and Chris Dooley (93).

Record for 'Cats

At Saturday's Bedford Invitational at The Legacy, Plymouth registered



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Scoping out the landscape before putting Monday at Fox Hills is Salem's Eric Duprey.

a school-record even-par 288 and captured the 22-team field.

Ryan Rieckhoff led the Wildcats with a school record 67 while Kyle Rodes contributed a three-under 69. Other performers included Josh Heinze (even par 72), Kyle Melnick (80) and Craig Whatley (82).

• Meanwhile, Friday at Fox Hills, Plymouth bested Wayne 145-180 to improve to 5-0. Medalist with a 35 was Evan Chipman, followed by John Tatti (36), Josh Heinze (37), Kyle Melnick (37), Eric Thompson (44) and Daniel Furlong (49).



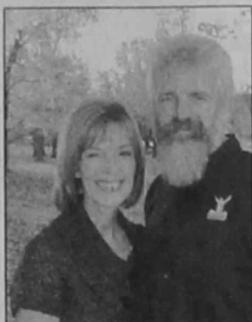
Sending a putt on its way Monday at Fox Hills is Salem's Brian Paterson. He was medalist with a nine-hole score of 34.

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Learn about Christian 12-step recovery program

Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered, 12-step recovery program at Connection Church in Canton, will hold an open house from 6-8 p.m. Friday, May 18.

The event will begin with dinner followed by guest speakers Mac and Mary Owens of West Monroe, La. Mac is national director for Celebrate Recovery and Mary is the national encourager coach. Mac struggled with drugs and alcohol for much of his life and Mary wrestled with codependency. They will explain how their lives are being restored through Jesus Christ.



Mac and Mary Owens will be the guest speakers at an open house for Celebrate Recovery, Friday at the Connection Church in Canton. Mac is the organization's national director and Mary is national encourager coach.

The Canton Connection Church, located at 3855 S. Sheldon, launched a local branch of Celebrate Recovery in November 2011. In a press release, Jonathan Sherman, Michigan Celebrate Recovery representative, said "anyone with a hurt, habit or hang-up and a desire to change" is encouraged to attend the open house and see if the program is right for them. Family and friends also may participate.

Celebrate Recovery program associates specific Bible verses with each of the 12 Steps. The program has helped more than 17,000 people at Sad-

dleback Church, in Lake Forest, Calif., where it was launched in 1991, 700,000 individuals worldwide and has grown to more than 19,000 ministries in churches around the globe.

A national leadership conference for Celebrate Recovery will convene Saturday, May 19, at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville. Participants may attend one of two seminars during the conference, which will run from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. One session will explain how to establish a Celebrate Recovery ministry. It's designed for pastors and lay leaders interested

in learning how Celebrate Recovery can reach out to their congregations and communities. The other will offer advanced training for Celebrate Recovery leaders whose programs have been in existence six months or longer.

Celebrate Recovery founder, John Baker, and his wife, Cheryl, will kick off the conference with an

overview and history of the program.

Ward Presbyterian Church is located at 4000 Six Mile.

Anyone interested in attending the leadership conference should contact Patti at CR@wardchurch.org or call (248) 374-5964 to register. Walk-ins may register on the day of the conference.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at 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

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 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: 4 p.m. Sunday, May 20

Location: St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills

Details: Fourth annual Marie Walck Memorial Hymn Festival will feature a mass choir composed of members of the St. John Chancel Choir, the DTE Singers and guest singers from churches throughout the Metro area. Accompanists include St. John's organist, Wes Fishwick, pianist Brooks Hoste and Elaine Vermiglio, accompanist for the DTE Singers. Constance Markwick will play violin and Jeff Markwick will perform on trumpet. Troy Nelson, St. John's director of music, and guest director Dr. David Wagner will share directing duties. The program will include Handel's Hallelujah Chorus, Pachelbel's Canon in D, and other works. Free admission — a free-will offering will be taken — and refreshments will be served

Contact: (248) 474-0584

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

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; or Richard Shebib at (734) 422-0278 or pascha-books@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 insur-

ance 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: 7-9 p.m., Tuesday, June 5 and Thursday, June 7, 14, 21 and 28

Location: Our Lady of Victory Parish, 133 Orchard Dr., Northville

Details: The "Grieving with Great Hope" workshop offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for individuals who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Speakers will include the Rev. Denis B. Theroux, as well as John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization. Registration forms are online at www.goodmourningministry.net or call the parish office.

Contact: The church at (248) 349-2621, www.olvnorthville.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

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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

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Formally of Plymouth, Michigan, passed away April 24, 2012 at his residence in Erin, Tennessee. He was born February 21, 1927 in Ontario, Canada. He was preceded in death by his wife Faith Ann Godfrey Hall of Pontiac, Michigan. He was laid to rest at Cedar Valley Cemetery in Erin, Tennessee. Ronald Hall was loved, respected and honored throughout his life and will be truly missed. He is survived by his sister Marion Powers of Arizona, his children Rebecca Williams (Danny) of Tennessee, Bradley Hall of Michigan, Dawn Scott (David) of Michigan, and Laura Napier (Larry) of Ohio, 11 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

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Drive-in movies

Popular summer attraction starts this weekend



By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Head for the great outdoors this weekend and track down *The Lorax* without leaving your lawn chair.

Then bring out the cream pies and get into the spirit of *The Three Stooges* — just make sure to have a tarp on hand for your car upholstery.

The Compuware Arena Drive-in makes it all possible Friday-Saturday, May 18-19 with double-feature sneak previews before it starts its daily summer schedule next month.

The animated feature based on the Dr. Seuss story, *The Lorax*, and the comedy, *The Three Stooges*, share Screen 1 at the outdoor theater, located at 14900 Beck Road, between Five Mile and M-14 in Plymouth Township.

If you're looking for heroics rather than laughs, try *The Avengers*-*John Carter* double feature on Screen 2, but bring a pillow — the combined running time is four hours and 20 minutes. *John Carter* is adventure-action



A truck bed makes for a perfect viewing area at the Compuware Arena Drive-in, in Plymouth Township.

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flick based on the classic novel by Edgar Rice Burroughs. *The Avengers* brings Iron Man and his Marvel Comics' superhero colleagues together to battle evil.

Screen 3 will show *Battleship*, an action-adventure in which the earth fights an invasion of space aliens. The film was inspired by Hasbro's

Battleships game. The other half of the double feature, *This Means War*, stars Reese Witherspoon in a romance-comedy-action film about two CIA agents who fall in love with the same woman.

Drive-in fans

Peter Krupsky, director of communications and public relations for Compuware Arena, said patrons are eagerly

awaiting the start of the summer drive-in season.

"We've had comments from families that love it on our Facebook page," Krupsky said. "We're getting calls."

"What have you decided to show? We are so excited!" a Royal Oak woman posted on the drive-in's Facebook page. A Plymouth man recommended seeing *The Avengers* ("Awesome") and a writer

from the West Bloomfield area figured *The Three Stooges* would be a funny film and noted "We liked your movie. We will be there this summer!"

Krupsky said gates open at 7:30 p.m. and the movies will begin between 9:10 and 9:30 p.m. Another sneak preview weekend will run Friday-Sunday, May 25-27. The drive-in will begin showing daily fea-

tures Friday, June 8. Its eighth full summer season runs through Sept. 2.

Stormy weather

Patrons can get rain checks for screenings that are cancelled because of inclement weather.

"It happens occasionally, if there are thunderstorms in the area. We're pretty cognizant of that. If it's bad for families to be out in a thunderstorm or if there is lightning, we'll postpone it for the night," Krupsky said.

Admission for the drive-in is \$9 for adults, \$6 for children, 4-12, and free for kids, 3 and under. College and high school student tickets are available for \$7 with ID, Sunday-Thursday.

Patrons listen to the movies through the FM radio in their car. Or they can bring a batter-powered FM radio.

A full service restaurant, CJ's Brewing Company, is on-site, but concession fare also is available. Wednesday is \$5 pizza night. Visit <http://www.compuwarearena.com/drivein.html> or call the drive-in movie hotline at (734) 927-3284 for more information.

Learn how to succeed in film at Actorfest

Professional and aspiring actors can audition for casting directors, attend workshops and browse exhibits at Actorfest Detroit, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, May 1, at Raleigh Michigan Studios, 1999 Centerpoint Parkway, Pontiac.

Actorfest Detroit is an interactive tradeshow that has been held in Los

Angeles, Calif., and New York City, N.Y., and is expanding to four new cities, including metro Detroit.

The event is designed to bring attendees together with dozens of professionals seeking talent for new and existing entertainment programming.

Workshops include a session on "How to Make

It in Hollywood," led by Tyler Perry's casting director, Kim Williams.

Other workshops are:

- Q&A sessions with casting directors Dan Velez of Big Dream Casting, Carrie Ray of Carrie Ray Casting, and Janet Pound and Kathy Mooney

- Finding, keeping and working with an agent, with Olga Denysenko of Productions Plus and Tony DiMambro of IGroup

- Fashion, runway and print modeling with Robere Lett of Affiliated Group Models

- Nailing the audition with Dayna Polehanki, owner of Detroit Casting Company

- Lisa Cole of Productions Plus—The Talent Shop will talk about what it takes to be a spokes-model

- Headshot workshop
- Rich Goteri and Rachel Bellack of Michigan Actors Studio will present sessions for young performers and for new actors.

Basic admission to Actorfest is free and includes open casting calls, entry to the "Networking Cafe," and access to the exhibit hall where products and tools for performers will be on display.

Cost to attend one workshop, in addition to exhibit hall access and casting calls, is \$40. Two classes cost \$50, three cost \$75 and four cost \$100. A VIP "all access" pass is \$495.

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Event brings documentary storytellers together

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Got a story to tell? The Detroit Documentary Summit is designed to help you learn how to bring your story to life. "The panelists come from all aspects of the industry and reflect a diverse populous of story telling. The purest form of documentary filmmaking is that everyone has a story, and if you let it unfold as you film — it can be an incredible journey," said Jennifer Champagne, an award-winning producer-director who teaches Madonna University's Capstone Film Class. The class will host the Summit, which runs 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, May 19-20 in the Franciscan Center Lecture Hall, room S100 at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Cost for the two-day event, which includes informational panels and networking, is \$149. Tickets are available online at www.documentarysummit.com and will be sold at the door throughout the weekend. Participants will learn

about story structure, technology, crew, financial investment, distribution and more. They'll also get a chance to network with each other. The authors of *The Guerilla Film Makers Handbook* series, Andrew Zinnes and Genevieve Joliffe, created the Summit, which also will be held in Boston, Mass., and London, England this year. Champagne said she asked Zinnes and Joliffe to bring the Summit to Detroit this year. Her Capstone Film Class is team-taught by Charles Derry, director of broadcast and cinema arts. The class last year was nominated for a 2012 Detroit Music Award for a music video they filmed. This year's class is developing a comedy feature and will shoot several music videos. "Capstone is whatever the students want it to be. It's my job to teach them how to be filmmakers, it's up to them on what kind of film they wish to make," Champagne said. "This year's class is doing a

little of everything — feature film, commercials, music videos and documentaries." The Detroit Documentary Summit will look at other media in addition to film as vehicles for stories. "We have a panel focused solely on radio, other panels on film and it all gets tied together through the social media panel," Champagne said. Speakers include Zak Rosen, an independent radio producer; Billy Whitehouse, communications director for Michigan Film First; Lindsay Blackwell, Ingenex's social media director; entertainment and sports attorney Joe Bellanca; Harvey Ovshinsky, teacher at the College for Creative Studies and documentary producer; Oren Goldenberg, owner of Cass Corridor Films; Sue Marx, producer, director and writer; and Rachel Grady, who has produced documentaries for HBO, PBS and The Discovery Channel, along with many other professionals in the documentary field.

Motorcycle Mania roars into senior community

Residents, employees, family members and fans of Botsford Commons Senior Community will prove you're never too old to ride — or at least look like you do — at Motorcycle Mania, 1:30-3 p.m. Saturday May, 19, 21450 Archwood Circle, Farmington Hills. Bikers of all ages may make a reservation to showcase their rides and share their travel stories with the senior community residents. The event will include food, live music and a photographer on hand to take souvenir shots of the seniors and their favorite motorcycle.

After the event, a ride will leave the campus and head to Boomer's Roadhouse in Waterford. "Motorcycle Mania will be a thrill for our residents who are young at heart and continue to live life to the fullest," stated Barb Smith, senior recreation program coordinator, in a press release. "One resident and her husband plan to get their photo taken with one of the fiercest looking motorcycles to use for next year's Christmas card." The entry fee to display a motorcycle is \$25. To reserve a spot, call Barb Smith at (248) 615-2898.

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Art

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

DOWNTOWN FARMINGTON

Time/Date: Booth hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, June 2 and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, June 3
Location: On Grand River Ave., from Farmington Road to Grove, Farmington
Details: More than 100 booths with paintings, sculpture, photography, jewelry, pottery, fiber, and mixed media; free entertainment, including live concerts and children's hands-on activities; and food booths
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Time/Date: Through May; gallery hours are 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during public performances at the theater
Location: 50400 Cherry Hills Road, Canton
Details: "US-12: Now and Then" a photo exhibit by Gwendolyn Day and Gregory Feight, features industrial cities, agricultural towns, churches, schools, and factories located along Michigan Avenue—the iconic stretch of highway connecting Detroit and Chicago. The exhibit showcases a wide variety of architecture that illustrates how mobility changed the look of US-12 and sparked an automobile culture
Contact: (734) 394-5300; visit cantonvillage-theater.org.

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, June 1-24; artist reception, 6-9 p.m. Friday, June 1
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Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays
Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia
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Dance

CONTRA DANCE

Time/Date: Beginner instruction at 12:30 p.m.; dance starts at 1 p.m., Sunday, June 3
Location: American Legion Hall, 31775 Grand River Ave., Farmington
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CITY BITES

Mexican fiesta

FARMINGTON HILLS — Try south-of-the-border favorites, like fajitas, burritos and quesadillas at the Mexican Fiesta, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Friday, May 18 at the Longacre House, 24705 Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile. The mood will be set with festive music, and the bar serve cervezas, margaritas, and tequila. Pre-registration is recommended. Cost is \$15 per person. For more information, call (248) 477-8404 or visit www.longacrehouse.org.

Country lunch

LIVONIA — A Place at Catherine's Table includes a country lunch, tabletops showcasing cherished collections of china and linens, and door prizes at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 19 in the historic Alexander Blue House at Greenmead, located at Newburgh and Eight Mile.

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Raspberry Cream Cupcakes with Cream Cheese Frosting

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By Frankie Francollo

Yield: 24 cupcakes

Serving size: 1 cupcake with frosting

Cupcakes:

- 2½ cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup milk
- ½ cup canola oil
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups raspberries, fresh or frozen

Cream Cheese Frosting:

- 2 packages of cream cheese (8 ounces) at room temperature
- 1½ cups powdered sugar, sifted
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 350°F. Line muffin tin with 24 cupcake liners.

In small bowl, combine flour and baking powder. In medium bowl, combine sugar and eggs. Using electric mixer, combine until mixture thickens, about 1 minute. Add milk, canola oil and vanilla. Continue to mix. Slowly add flour mixture until fully combined, scraping sides of bowl with spatula to get out all lumps. Remove bowl from mixer.

Add 1 cup raspberries. Gently mix in raspberries by hand. Spoon mixture into muffin cups until about two-thirds full.

Bake for 20 minutes or until cupcakes spring back to touch. Remove from oven and cool cupcakes completely.

To prepare frosting: In medium bowl, mix cream cheese on medium speed until lump free. Slowly add powdered sugar and vanilla extract until fully combined. Spoon cream cheese frosting into pastry bag with medium round tip and pipe on top of cooled cupcakes. Top each cupcake with a raspberry. Serve right away or refrigerate until serving.

DRIVE TOP FOOD TRUCK RECIPES

INTO YOUR KITCHEN

No other trend has parked itself at the forefront of the culinary world quite like food trucks, but these aren't the stale doughnut and questionable hotdog stands of yore.

From coast to coast, a new generation of chefs has been putting unique cuisines on four wheels. But if you're not in an urban setting, that doesn't mean you have to miss out on these delectable dishes.

To celebrate the phenomenon, CanolaInfo partnered with four food truck chefs/owners representing different U.S. regions to create the Street Eats Recipe Collection, allowing home cooks everywhere to recreate delicious food truck fare.

"The economic downturn has driven the street food trend in recent years along with Americans' love of all things fast and convenient," says Josh Henderson, owner of Skillet Street Food in Seattle, Wash. "There are all of these wonderful chefs looking for a way to bring their creations to the masses, and now with mobile kitchens, it's easier than ever. This recipe collection provides yet another way of sharing our love of flavorful foods."

Because of its versatility, canola oil is used in each Street Eats recipe. At 468°F, the smoke point (heat threshold) of canola oil is among the highest of all cooking oils, which means it's perfect for sautéing and baking.

"I use canola oil in my food truck because it can take the heat and has a light texture and neutral flavor," says Henderson. "From my skillet dishes to my gravy, it is very adaptable, letting other ingredient flavors shine without weighing them down."

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Kale Salad with Hazelnut-Balsamic Vinaigrette

Kale Salad with Hazelnut-Balsamic Vinaigrette

Yield: 4 servings

Serving size: Just over 1 cup salad

Kale Salad:

- 4 cups chopped kale
- 2 tablespoons chopped, toasted hazelnuts
- 2 tablespoons dried cranberries
- 2 tablespoons blue cheese crumbles
- ½ cup flat leaf parsley, whole leaf

Hazelnut-Balsamic Vinaigrette:

- ½ cup balsamic vinegar
- 1 tablespoon water
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 shallot, minced
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon fresh chopped thyme

- ½ teaspoon black pepper
- ½ cup crushed, toasted hazelnuts
- ½ cup canola oil

In large bowl, combine kale, hazelnuts, cranberries, blue cheese and parsley. Set aside.

To prepare vinaigrette: In medium bowl, combine all ingredients except canola oil using immersion blender. Then slowly blend in canola oil until emulsion forms.

Add Hazelnut-Balsamic Vinaigrette to Kale Salad, toss and serve.



Cheddar-Parmesan Poutine with Gravy

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Yield: 4 servings

Serving size: 1½ cups poutine

- 4 Russet potatoes, peeled and sliced into uniform sticks
- 5 cups canola oil
- 2 cups poutine gravy (recipe follows)
- 1 cup sharp cheddar cheese, grated
- 1 cup Parmesan or Grana Padano cheese, grated
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh dill
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh flat leaf parsley
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh sage
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper

Soak cut potatoes in cold water overnight. Before deep-frying, remove potatoes from water and pat dry.

Using deep-fryer, heat canola oil to 375°F. Deep-fry for 8-10 minutes or until lightly golden. Remove fries from deep-fryer and drain on paper towels.

If necessary, in saucepan, reheat 2 cups poutine gravy and set aside.

Return fries to deep-fryer and fry for additional 3-5 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from deep-fryer to stainless steel bowl. Add gravy, cheese and herbs. Stir gently to combine. Season with salt and pepper. Serve.

Poutine Gravy

Yield: 5 cups

Serving size: ½ cup

- ½ cup diced yellow onion
- 2 tablespoons diced carrot
- 2 tablespoons diced celery
- ½ cup canola oil
- 1 tablespoon chopped sage
- ½ teaspoon tomato paste
- ½ cup all-purpose flour
- 4 cups beef stock
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon chopped garlic
- 1 tablespoon chopped rosemary
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper

In large saucepan, sweat onion, carrot and celery in canola oil over medium heat until slightly caramelized. Stir frequently. Add sage and tomato paste and sauté for 1-2 minutes.

Sprinkle vegetable mixture with flour and combine to form roux. Heat for about 30 seconds. Add stock, Worcestershire sauce and garlic. Simmer for 35 minutes.

Season with rosemary, salt and pepper. Simmer for additional 10 minutes. Using immersion blender, purée gravy. Leftover gravy can be frozen for future use.

Courtesy of Family Features

Basic safety steps reduce risk of electrical fire

Electrical failures or malfunctions were factors in an estimated 46,500 home structure fires reported to the U.S. fire departments in 2010, accounting for 13 percent of reported home fires. These fires resulted in 420 deaths, 1,520 injuries and \$1.5 billion in direct property damage, according to the National Fire Protection Association's Home Electrical Fires Report.

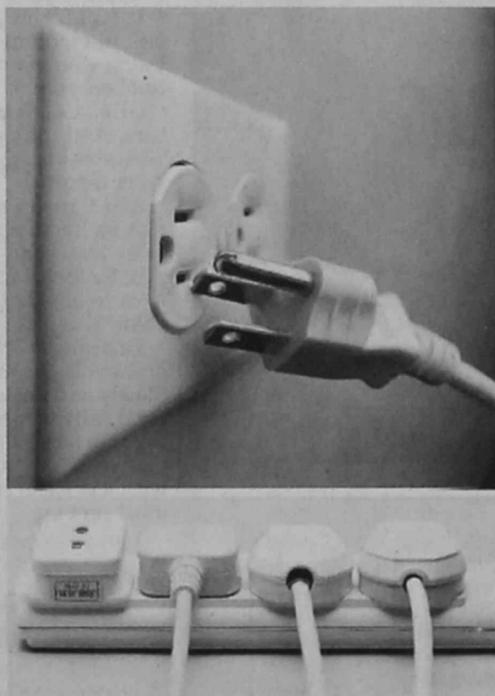
NFPA is marking National Electrical Safety Month (May) by reminding the public to be aware of the risks associated with the use of electricity and providing safety tips and information to assist individuals in taking steps to reduce the risk of home electrical fires.

According to Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of Communications, "The risk of electrical fire may not always be on your mind, but it probably should be — there are actions that can be taken to eliminate electrical hazards in your household and safety guidelines that can be followed to reduce the chances of having a home electrical fire."

Any type of equipment that uses electrical power can have an electrical failure or malfunction. In 2005-09, nearly half of the fires started by electrical failures or malfunctions involved some type of electrical distribution or lighting equipment such as wiring, outlets, extension cords, and fuse or circuit breakers, per year.

Other key findings in the report include:

- Some type of electrical failure or malfunction was cited as a factor contributing to ignition for 73 percent of electrical distribution or lighting equipment home structure fires.
 - One-third (31 percent) of civilian deaths in these incidents began in the living room, family room, or den.
 - Wire or cable insulation is what ignited first in 31 percent of electrical distribution or lighting equipment home structure fires.
- "National Electrical Safety Month is the perfect reminder that it's time to review home



electrical safety and put a plan into place that can be followed all year," said Carli.

NFPA is offering the following electrical safety tips:

- Replace damaged or loose electrical cords.
- Avoid running extension cords across doorways or under carpets.
- In homes with small children, make sure your home has tamper-resistant (TR) receptacles.
- Consider having additional circuits or outlets added by a qualified electrician so you do not have to use extension cords.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for plugging

an appliance into a receptacle outlet.

- Avoid overloading outlets. Plug only one high-wattage appliance into each receptacle outlet at a time.
- If outlets or switches feel warm, frequent problems with blowing fuses or tripping circuits, or flickering or dimming lights, call a qualified electrician.
- Place lamps on level surfaces, away from things that can burn and use bulbs that match the lamp's recommended wattage.
- Make sure your home has ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) in the kitchen, bathroom(s), laundry, base-

ment, and outdoor areas.

• Arc-fault circuit interrupters (AFCIs) should be installed in your home to protect electrical outlets.

• When you are buying, selling, or remodeling a home, have it inspected by a qualified electrician.

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Check with lawyer on boat slips

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: The developer of our condominium has constructed boat slips on its residential lot and has leased the spots to tenants. Does that constitute a violation of the restriction which prohibits trade or business of any kind?

A: In a recent case out of Louisiana, the court in citing Black's Law Dictionary and the American Heritage Dictionary, concluded that the restriction's purpose was to protect a lot's residential nature by ensuring nonresidential uses were prohibited. The court further indicated that the phrase "no trade or business of any kind" as used in the restriction should be interpreted as a ban of all gainful activity on



Robert Meisner

Association property except for forbidden business activities that don't result in regular traffic. Of course, each case

is fact-intensive and you should consult with your community association lawyer who presumably has experience and expertise regarding this issue.

Q: We have the old adage in our condominium that the co-owner's car should be towed away as opposed to taking other legal action. What do you think?

A: For years, I have indicated that while the association may have the right to tow the vehicle, there are obviously risks involved in doing so. I am aware of one situation where a handicapped owner without a handicapped tag on his car claimed a disability prevented him from recovering the car from the tow yard. He claimed that he had been discriminated against. This is just another example of what I have said for over 40 years, get a court order that the co-owner is violating the restriction and if they do not remove the car within a certain time frame, they are in contempt of court and the association can tow. No board wants to hear this when they put a signature on a tow sheet at no cost to them and have the car gone immediately, but it is a lot better than being sued by the co-owner who has lost his million dollar sale because he didn't have his car or is otherwise disabled.

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

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Feb. 6-10, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
43683 Abbey Cir	\$190,000
2043 Centennial Dr	\$405,000
286 Constitution St	\$86,000
7561 Corbett Dr	\$190,000
45445 Fieldstone Dr	\$178,000
45645 Graystone Ln	\$90,000
48660 Greenwich Cir	\$330,000
46497 Killarney Cir	\$171,000
2053 Knollwood Dr	\$65,000
1843 Lone Wolf Ln	\$100,000
1608 Longfellow Dr	\$118,000
44605 Lowell Ave	\$108,000
1828 N Morton Taylor Rd	\$150,000
42065 Saratoga Cir	\$125,000
GARDEN CITY	
6038 Belton St	\$55,000
29014 Florence St	\$45,000

973 Helen St	\$25,000
28531 James St	\$70,000
32440 James St	\$82,000
31453 Marquette St	\$31,000
LIVONIA	
19326 Antago St	\$38,000
36307 Fairway Dr	\$280,000
36036 Grennada St	\$150,000
11722 Haller St	\$48,000
11120 Karen St	\$68,000
9614 Loveland St	\$118,000
15529 Mayfield St	\$45,000
19547 Merriman Rd	\$105,000
36902 Munger St	\$175,000
34360 Parkdale St	\$107,000
31772 Perth St	\$140,000
19675 Saint Francis St	\$38,000
15621 Sunset St	\$127,000
28601 W Chicago St	\$135,000
27932 W Stanmoor Dr	\$103,000
17875 Woodside St	\$206,000
NORTHVILLE	
16090 Brook Trout Ln	\$124,000
42424 Corlina Dr	\$149,000
16290 Forest Lake Dr	\$218,000
48776 Freestone Dr	\$110,000
15938 Johnson Creek Dr	\$120,000

16098 Johnson Creek Dr	\$120,000
19605 Neptune Ct	\$71,000
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41309 Rayburn Dr	\$195,000
216 West St	\$275,000
PLYMOUTH	
500 Ford St	\$36,000
662 Irvin St	\$391,000
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9114 Marlowe Ave	\$52,000
222 Riveroaks Dr	\$68,000
1175 Starkweather St	\$120,000
768 York St	\$70,000
REDFORD	
10040 Appleton	\$38,000
13429 Arnold	\$42,000
17189 Brady	\$30,000
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17357 Five Points St	\$15,000
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36082 Abbey Dr	\$112,000
28914 Ann Arbor Trl	\$15,000
33694 Avondale St	\$45,000
34047 Aztec Dr	\$74,000
32351 Birchwood St	\$75,000
32846 Comanche St	\$90,000
6661 Deerhurst Dr	\$85,000
830 Denice St	\$82,000
6213 E Morgan Cir	\$98,000
36124 Fernwood St	\$75,000
36435 Hazelwood St	\$38,000
30492 Hively St	\$60,000
28356 Powers St	\$46,000
1331 Rahn St	\$37,000
7692 Rivergate Dr	\$70,000
7713 Rivergate Dr	\$50,000
1730 S John Hix St	\$48,000
29963 Shacket St	\$69,000
8201 Terri Dr	\$86,000
7325 Woodview St	\$25,000

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22125 Valley Oaks Dr	\$270,000
BIRMINGHAM	
275 Bryn Mawr St	\$268,000
690 Hanna St	\$980,000
868 Hazel St	\$129,000
200 Woodland Villa Ct	\$1,150,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
2375 Tilbury Pl	\$1,400,000
COMMERCETOWN TOWNSHIP	
2847 Alorington Ct	\$230,000
1719 Kinghill Dr	\$50,000
5675 Lancaster Ln	\$252,000
1730 Sadie Shore Dr	\$133,000
FARMINGTON	
23970 Wesley Dr	\$166,000
Farmington Hills	
29494 Beau Rdg	\$101,000
29739 Eldred St	\$39,000

27934 Gettysburg St	\$136,000
21435 Hamilton Ave	\$67,000
35324 Muer Cv	\$252,000
20975 Ontaga St	\$40,000
22065 Ontaga St	\$42,000
25920 Ridgewood Dr	\$255,000
29840 W 12 Mile Rd	\$20,000
28397 Westerleigh Rd	\$120,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE	
27420 Lathrup Blvd	\$157,000
MILFORD	
611 River Oaks Dr	\$255,000
630 Tower Ridge Ct	\$220,000
417 Whitewater St	\$255,000
NOVI	
27330 Benjamins Way	\$205,000
50709 Calvert Isle Dr	\$508,000
44695 Ellery Ln	\$75,000
24300 Meadowbrook Rd	\$200,000
27839 Middleton Dr	\$155,000
27841 Middleton Dr	\$149,000
27843 Middleton Dr	\$159,000
27867 Middleton Dr	\$156,000
27878 Middleton Dr	\$149,000
27882 Middleton Dr	\$152,000
27886 Middleton Dr	\$151,000
27910 Middleton Dr	\$160,000
24636 Nepavine	\$426,000

41437 Reindeer Dr	\$362,000
45139 Roundview Dr	\$263,000
22627 Woolsey	\$40,000
SOUTH LYON	
25685 Coach Ln	\$40,000
24407 Peters Barn Ct	\$78,000
871 S Parkwood Dr	\$180,000
SOUTHFIELD	
27319 Aberdeen St	\$84,000
17235 Anna St	\$40,000
29576 Brentwood St	\$35,000
27135 Everett St	\$65,000
21301 Evergreen Rd	\$10,000
26925 Farmbrook Villa Dr # 2	\$54,000
20290 Lacrosse Ave	\$86,000
18421 Lincoln Dr	\$105,000
15833 New Hampshire St	\$75,000
30060 Rambling Rd	\$99,000
27735 Sutherland St	\$83,000
21218 W Nine Mile Rd	\$31,000
TROY	
8226 Carpathian Dr	\$225,000
8914 El Dorado Dr	\$234,000
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Thursday PUZZLE CORNER

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

ACROSS

- 1 Intrigue
- 5 IRS employees
- 9 LP speed
- 12 Palace entrance
- 13 Costa —
- 14 Before, to bards
- 15 Lb. and 'oz.
- 16 Debate side
- 17 Up — point
- 18 Sprang up? (hyph.)
- 21 Constellation near Scorpius
- 22 Potpie veggie
- 23 Short flight
- 26 Country addr.
- 28 Alice in Wonderland's cat
- 32 Cheerleading yells
- 34 Stockholm carrier
- 36 Actress Turner
- 37 Went downhill fast

- 39 Sporty truck
- 41 It flies by night
- 42 Felt boot
- 44 Notre Dame sight
- 46 Rapturous
- 51 Put down
- 52 Cheerful tune
- 53 — & The Belmonts
- 55 Galena, for one
- 56 Aha! (2 wds.)
- 57 Napoleon's island
- 58 Diner choice
- 59 Parroted
- 60 Balance

DOWN

- 1 Links org.
- 2 Reading aid
- 3 Dog in "Beetle Bailey"
- 4 Famed physicist
- 5 Kin of foulards
- 6 "The — Colada Song"
- 7 Misbehave

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- (2 wds.)
- 8 Weighed anchor
- 9 Nerve network
- 10 Cattle mover
- 11 Give — break
- 19 Slip up
- 20 Mouse appendage
- 23 Thousands of secs.
- 24 Wood for floors
- 25 Upsilon follower
- 27 — de cologne
- 29 Grab
- 30 Literary collection
- 31 Pillbox or bowl
- 33 Fall mo.
- 35 Pompous
- 38 Showy flower
- 40 Pipe fitting
- 43 Brit's potato chip
- 45 Fluffy quilt
- 46 "Fatha" Hines
- 47 No, to Ivan
- 48 Toward shelter
- 49 Pharaoh's river
- 50 Lots
- 51 Tennis return
- 54 "Mona Lisa" singer

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SUDOKU

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Word Search — Moving Time

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Boxes	Furniture	Newspapers	Rental	Travel
Closing	Home	Packing	Security	Truck

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

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CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

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BUY & SELL

Antiques/Collectibles

RECORD SHOW May 20, 10-4 SCash Prizes \$ LPs, 45s, CDs. VFW 25671 Gratiot (N of 10), Roseville. 566-759-5133

TOY SHOW - May 19 Kalamazoo Fairgrounds 2900 Lake Street, 9am-2pm For more info: 262-366-1314

Rummage Sale/ Flea Market

WAYNE HUGE Retired Longaberger Products Sale! May 19th, 10am-3pm. 1st United Methodist Church of Wayne, 2 Towne Square Wayne.

Estate Sales

Another Bernard Davis Estate Sale 313-837-1993 We are having a Tent Sale 19521 Burlington Dr. Detroit 48203. The Historic Palmer Woods. May 18-19, 8:45am-4pm and May 20, 10am-4pm. For more info estatesales.net SEE YOU THERE!

GARDEN CITY Estate Sale of World Class Shopper Friday and Saturday, May 18 & 19th 9am-5pm RAIN OR SHINE! Items priced to move! Lots of craft items, glassware, serving pieces, new pieces still in the box, yard items. 27621 Windsor Garden City, MI 48135

LIVONIA ESTATE SALE: 35940 Jamison, 1 blk S of 15 Mile, off LeVan. May 17-19, 9am-5pm. Furniture, china, glassware, misc. antiques.

PLYMOUTH ESTATE SALE BY NANCY Thurs-Sat, 10-4pm. 12112 Hunters Creek Dr. Btwn Ann Arbor Tri & North Territorial, off Beck, enter on Powell. Furniture, Royal Daulton china, duck prints by Larry Hayden, new watches, huge toy car collection: Viper, Proveler, Matchbox slot cars; signs, western items, Ford car collectibles, aquariums.

SOUTH LYON ESTATE SALE: 11827 Sherandoah Dr. in Centennial Farms Condominium Subdivision. Sat-Sun, May 19-20, 10-6.

WAYNE ESTATE SALE May 17-20, 8-6pm. 34539 Glenwood. Furniture, stereo, treadmill, grill, misc. No Early Sales.

WESTLAND ESTATE SALE 8060 N. Wildwood (N. Wayne Rd to Cowan), go E to N Wildwood, turn left) Sat 5/19, 9-4 and Sun 5/20, 10-3pm. Contents of home: Lg TV, pool table, leather recliner, fridge, hand & power tools, storage lockers, shelf units, artwork, books, holiday items, much more! Pics. michiganestate.com 734-675-6586

WESTLAND - Household, beds, nick-nacks, X-mas, etc. May 18 & 19th, 8:30-5pm. 34644 Fountain Blvd, Lot 4, in Holiday Park Townhouses off Wayne Rd btwn Central City Pkwy & Joy Rd.

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GARAGE SALES

Garage/Moving Sales

FARMINGTON HILLS MEADOWBROOK PARK ANNUAL GARAGE SALES. S. of E. of Haggerty May 17, 18, & 19, 9am-4pm

FARMINGTON HILLS CHURCH OF GOD EXTREME YARD SALE! 25717 Power Rd. btwn 10 & 11 Mile. May 17-19, 9am-5pm. Thurs-Fri 9am-2pm, Sat 10-4pm. Misc. items incl: organ & full electronic piano, knife & scissor sharpening on site & windshield repair "nominal fee. To support our Costa Rica Missions Team. New items arriving daily!

FARMINGTON HILLS MOVING SALE! May 17-19, 8-4, 27991 Geddysburg, Writzer Piano, books, toys, games, crafts, fabric, etc. (248) 488-0467

FARMINGTON HILLS - 10+ homes! Barrington Green Sub. W of Drake. N of 12 Mile Rd. May 17-19th. Maps on signs. Furniture, kid's stuff & more!

FARMINGTON HILLS: Hunt Club Sub Sale. Sat-Sun. May 19-20th, 9-5pm. 25 homes. E. of Halsted, S. of 11 Mile. Household, & lots more!

FARMINGTON HILLS: 3 Family Sale! 5/18 & 5/19, 9-5pm. 28453 Quail Hollow, 12 Mile & Farmington Rd. Stereo equip, bikes, lacrosse/hockey sticks, golf clubs/bags, bar stools/chairs, lawn mower, leaf blower, snow blower, tools, stroller, framed pics, household items, books, computer equip., collectibles & antiques.

Farmington Hills: Furniture, lawnmower, misc. Fri-Sat, 5/18-19, 9-3pm. 30111 Old Bedford, Briar Hill sub. btwn 13-14 Mi & Farmington/Drake.

FARMINGTON HILLS: Moving Sale! Furniture & lots of everything! 33800 Cotswold, 11 Mile & Farmington. May 17-18, 10-5pm.

FARMINGTON: 5+ homes in sub! Old Homestead, N of 11 Mile/Drake. May 18-19, 9-5pm. Puzzles, books, misc and lots more!

FARMINGTON: Yard Sale. May 19, 8-5, 33810 Hamlin Ct. Farmington/Freedom Rds. All proceeds go to Make a Wish. Nice Stuff, odd & ends.

GREEN OAK TWP HISTORICAL SOCIETY GARAGE SALE: At the Quonset Hut on Rushton Rd. btwn 9 & 10 Mile Roads. Thurs-Sat, May 17-19, 9-5pm. Furniture, antiques, collectibles, appliances, 17L aluminum boat, holiday items, books & records. For info contact Jo Williams: 248-939-2901

HIGHLAND GARAGE SALE: Thurs-Sat, May 17-19, 9-4, 4517 Desert Bridge Ct. Millford & Clyde. Pictures, toys, tools, much more!

LIVONIA Huge Estate Sale - Furniture, tools, craft supplies, treadmill, juke box, sporting goods, whole house, 32904 Bobrich Ct. Livonia. Thurs., 9-5pm, Fri., 9-5, Sat., 9-4, Sun., 9-3

LIVONIA Fri-Sun, May 18-20, 9-5 pm. 15140 Cavour St. Furniture, books, household items, 2 bikes, tools, basketball hoop, and other misc.

LIVONIA GARAGE SALE 18325 Loveland, S. of 7 Mile, E. of Farmington. Multi-Family - May 17-19, 9AM-5PM.

GARAGE SALES

TROY: 4085 Walnut Hill. Sat. May 19, 9-3pm. Refrigerator, furniture, designer clothes, jewelry, misc. items from \$1 to \$100. 17 Mile/Adams.

WESTLAND - BIRCH HILL COMMUNITY YARD SALE Cherry Hill, E. of Venoy Saturday, May 19, 9am-4pm Rain Day, June 2nd

WHITE LAKE HUGE FAMILY SALE - 5445 W. Cedar Island Rd., off Bogie Rd. Household items, tools, electronics, camping, exercise equipment, more! Thurs-Sat., May 17-19, 8am-5pm.

WHITE LAKE: Brenwood Subdivision Sale! May 17-20, 9am-4pm. Off Carey Rd. or off Bogie Lake Rd. Look for Signs.

LIVONIA WOODCREEK FARMS SUB - 16+ HOMES! May 17, 18 & 19, Thu-Sat, 9-4. Furniture, toys, tools, etc. E/Farmington, btwn 5 & 6 MI

LIVONIA: Tools, power equip., women's clothes, TV, kid. items & lots more! May 23-25th, 8-5pm. 14065 Blackburn, btwn Schoolcraft & Perth.

LIVONIA: 5 families, 1 HUGE Sale. Lots of toys, kid clothes & shoes, furniture, 29617 Hillbrook Ave. Fri-Sat, May 18-19, 9-5. S/W, W/Middlebelt.

LIVONIA: 15500 Oporto + 3 other homes. 5/17-19, 9-5. N/5 MI, W/Middlebelt. Misc. computer desk, bathroom sink, tools. See Craigslist.

LIVONIA: Proceeds will help Women's Missionary Fellowship Jewelry & more! Thurs-Sat, 5/17-19, 9-5pm. 14835 Ingram, 5 Mile & Merriman.

MILFORD 3 FAMILY - May 18-19, Fri-Sat., 9-5pm. 2110 W. Commerce Rd. Household, Building Supplies, Furniture, TV's, Linens, Books, Bar Collectibles, Golf Clubs & Much MORE!!

MILFORD Huge Moving Sale! Thur-Sat., 5/17-19, 8am-1pm. 435 Heritage Drive, Milford.

MILFORD: Moving Overseas Sale!! Furniture, chairs & household items. All must go! 542 Hickory, Milford Village, Corner of Detroit St., near Commerce, 5/17-5/19, 9-4pm.

MILFORD: Vintage Sale 210 Main, 48381. Sat. & Sun. May 19 & 20, 10am-5pm. Books, furniture, clothing, purses, china & more.

NEW HUDSON SUB SALE Martindale Meadows Sub Sale Martindale Rd., S of Pontiac Trail, N of Travis. May 17, 18, 19, 9am-5pm.

NORTHVILLE TWP. MILE-LONG GARAGE SALE. Fri & Sat, May 18 & 19, 8am-5pm. Seven Subdivisions. Six Mile W. of Haggerty, both sides of the road. E. Northville Trail, Whitewater, Maple Hill Drive, Summit, Winchester (north & south), Bradner (north & south). Includes, Northville Colony Estates I-V, Northville Commons, Lakes of Northville, Northville Trails, Maple Hill and Parkstone.

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NORTHVILLE: DOWNTOWN HUGE SALE to benefit school & orphanage. May 16, 17, 18 & 19, 9-6pm. 229 High St. N. of Main St., W of Center/Sheldon. Antiques, furniture, toys, misc.

NORTHVILLE: WOODSIDE VILLAGE ASSOCIATION Thurs-Sat., May 17-19, 10am-4pm. Off Haggerty btwn 5 & 6 Mile on W. side of Haggerty.

NOVI Garage Sale - Whole House, everything goes! Sat., 9am to 5pm, Sun., 10am to 4pm. 25915 Clark St., Novi, 48375.

NOVI: Chase Farms & Riverbridge 5/18 & 5/19, 9-4pm. Off 8 & 9 Mile btwn Novi & Meadowbrook. Look for signs. Over 35 Homes.

NOVI: Children's, household, clothing & more! Bradford of Novi and Lexington Green Sub Sale. S. of 9 Mile, W. of Taft Rd. Thurs-Sat., May 17-19, 9-3pm.

NOVI: MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE! Thurs-Sat, 9-4p. 41248 Coventry. Household items, crafts, scrapbooking supplies, clothes, records & more.

PLYMOUTH TWP. May 18-20 RIDGEMOOD HILLS ANNUAL ALL SUB SALE The RIGHT STUFF at GREAT prices. N. side of Ann Arbor Rd., 1/2 mile W. of Beck.

PLYMOUTH Walnut Creek Sub Wide Garage Sale - Saturday, May 19, 9-5pm. Off North Territorial, between Sheldon and Beck.

PLYMOUTH: Heather Hills garage sale May 17 & 18, 9-5pm. 13143 Latheron Ct. W. of Beck/S. of N Territorial. Lots of furniture, home interior, kitchen items, linens, sporting goods, toys, kid's clothes, tools & much more!

PLYMOUTH-Community Wide Garage Sale: Colony Farms Condo Assoc. May 17-19, 10am-4pm. Colony Farm Dr. W. of Beck. off Ann Rd.

PLYMOUTH: Big Garage Sale! May 18-19, 10-4. 11324 Maple Valley Dr. Maple Ridge & Maple Valley.

REDFORD MOVING SALE! 27212 Meadowbrook, S of 5 Mile, E of Inkster. Fri. - Sun., May 18 - May 20, 9-5pm. Everything must go!

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