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Missing teen

The Canton Police Department is still looking for help locating 15-year-old Bionca Lyons, who left her home in Canton following an argument with a family member March 24.

A resident in the area of Schaefer and Joy roads in Detroit spoke March 25 with Lyons, but she has not been seen or heard from since. It is believed she may still be in the area.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400, or send an anonymous tip to tipline@cantonmi.

Peppers tickets

Enter our Facebook contest for a chance to win two tickets to the Red Hot Chili Peppers concert at 8 p.m. Friday, June 1, at the Joe. The concert will be a homecoming for drummer Chad Smith, who graduated from Lahser High and stops in for sliders at Hunter House in Birmingham. Share the contest link with a Facebook friend and get an extra five chances to win if they also enter the contest.

Author awards

Books written by Canton author Robert Miller will be honored at the 16th annual Independent Book Publishers Awards ceremony June 4 in New York.

Portraits of Service: Looking Into the Faces of Veterans by Miller and Andrew Wakeford of Saarbrücken, Germany, will be awarded a gold medal. Miller's *Hidden Hell: Discovering My Father's POW Diary* will be awarded a bronze medal. Both books are published by Patton Publishing.

Portraits of Service, a collection of photos and profiles of living veterans of all wars, won in the Freedom Fighter category and was one of 10 out of the more than 4,000 contest entrants to be named an Outstanding Book of the Year.

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DPW plays big role in serving public

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

They don't draw as much attention as police officers and firefighters rushing in siren-wailing patrol cars and fire trucks to help Canton residents in need.

Yet, every day, the 37 full-time employees of the Canton Department of Public Works play critical roles to protect and serve the community, considered such a desirable place to live that its population spiked 18.1 percent last decade to 90,173 residents.

"They contribute a lot to every resident's quality of life," Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said.

They make sure the drinking water is safe. They fix ruptured water lines

to restore service on the coldest winter days. They test fire hydrants to ensure there's enough pressure to fight fires. They keep medical rescue vehicles rolling so paramedics can save lives.

They handle trash complaints. They protect property values by cutting unsightly grass and weeds. They clean sewer lines to reduce risks of sewage back-ups in homes. They even dispose of dead deer and other road kill.

Most years, they get little public attention during this, National Public Works Week, which ends Saturday. This year, the *Canton Observer* took a



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Sanitary Sewer Technician Jerry Lica runs the mobile camera used to inspect Canton sewers.

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Donna Henne of Belleville, Nicole Richmond of Taylor and Sue Martinez of Ypsilanti keep up a good pace in spite of the heat.

Walking for life

Relay tops \$230K for fight against cancer

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Becky Krause of Livonia had a pre-surgery conversation with her friend, Tom Roat, several years ago as Roat prepared to go into surgery in his fight with colon cancer.

The two had been planning to walk in the Relay for Life to help raise money to fight cancer, and Roat wanted to make

sure Krause did the walk, with him or without him. He was confident he'd survive the surgery, but he extracted the promise from her anyway.

Roat never made it off the table, the colon cancer claiming him during surgery. So there was Krause Saturday at Canton's Relay for Life, keeping the promise she'd made Roat three years earlier.

Dressed in a pirate costume

with her friend, Melissa Tulppo of Westland — "We're kicking cancer's ARRRRsse!" Tulppo said — Krause walked the path through Canton's Heritage Park in Roat's memory.

"He made me promise I'd walk the relay," said Krause, who also walked for her friend, Michelle, who lost her brother, Dave, to leukemia a

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Canton Cup marks milestone

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

As the Canton Cup soccer tournament marks its milestone 30th year Friday through Sunday, organizers are expecting far better weather conditions after torrential storms last year forced the popular event to shut down a day early.

"It's supposed to be beautiful," tournament director Darryl Noel said.

With 690 teams set to compete, tens of thousands of people including soccer players, their families and spectators are expected to descend on Canton and athletic field at places such as Independence, Heritage and Griffin Parks and the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"I think we're going to be close to 50,000 people," Noel said.

Abe Vinitzki, Canton Leisure Services park and golf supervisor, said Tuesday afternoon the community is eager to welcome the crowds that each year enjoy the tournament while spending money at area hotels, restaurants, gas stations, sporting goods shops, grocery stores and other businesses.

"We are absolutely ready," he said. "In the 10 years I've been involved with the tournament, I've never felt as good as I do on a Tuesday afternoon



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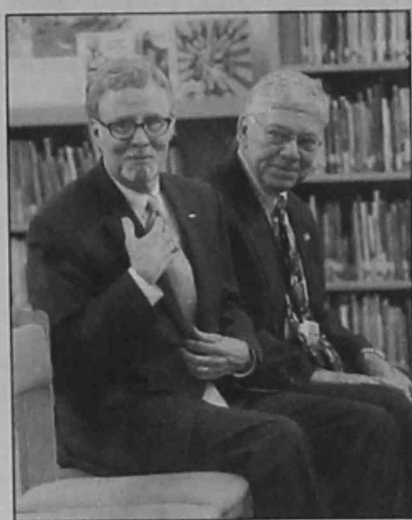
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Michigan Superintendent of Schools Mike Flanagan and Dr. Jeremy Hughes, superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, talk with students during a Bully Busters demonstration at Farrand Elementary School.



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State schools chief impressed with P-C

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Michigan Superintendent of Schools Mike Flanagan likes getting out into the schools every once in awhile to take a look at what's going on.

On Tuesday, he got an eyeful. Flanagan, touring the state's fourth-largest school district, heard from the

Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's award-winning choir, cut a promo for the district's award-winning radio station, WSDP, and ate a lunch prepared by the Park's award-winning culinary team, fresh off its second-place finish at the national competition.

He visited a forensics science class-

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Board to RESA: Put millage on ballot

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

A 2-mill enhancement millage idea being floated by Wayne RESA would more than make up for a projected deficit of some \$5 million in Plymouth-Canton's 2013-14 budget.

If it happens, a divided Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education voted 4-3 Tuesday to urge Wayne RESA to get the enhancement millage on the ballot for the November general election.

According to Superintendent Jeremy Hughes, RESA is considering the millage "at the request" of the school districts

it serves, all of which are struggling with varying degrees of budget issues.

RESA officials have said such a move would be contingent on getting support from districts representing at least 51 percent of the students in the district.

If it goes on the ballot, and if Wayne County voters approve it, the millage would be spread between RESA's 34 districts on a per-student basis. Plymouth-Canton stands to get some \$7 million per year over the millage's five-year lifespan.

"It's a source of revenue for us that would not be available anywhere else," Hughes told Plymouth-Canton board members Tuesday. "Budget pro-

jections over the next few years show us continuing to have deficits. I think all of us believe the Michigan economy will be getting better ... this is something that could tide us over."

Getting enough districts to represent 51 percent of its students could be tough for RESA. The largest school district in the state, Detroit, isn't expected to even take up the issue until after the August primary. That means, according to Hughes, RESA would need support from some combination of Dearborn (the state's third-largest district), Plymouth-Canton (fourth-largest) and Livonia.

Plymouth-Canton's board passed the resolution RESA officials were looking for Tuesday, but just barely. And they were quick to point out the move was only meant to encourage RESA to put the question on the ballot, and not as support of the millage increase itself.

"This is the only game we have," Trustee Barry Simescu said. "It's an opportunity for our voters to weigh in on this."

The issue the no-voters had was the fact the 2-mill question would raise more than \$10 million from Plymouth-Canton taxpayers, but the local district would only keep a little more than \$7 million of that, based on

the per-pupil distribution.

That didn't sit well with some board members. Secretary Judy Mardigian and Trustees Mark Horvath and Mike Maloney voted against it.

"I'm not going to support this," Horvath said. "It's a bad deal for our taxpayers."

But the majority agreed with Simescu.

"We need to give our taxpayers the opportunity to vote on this," Trustee Sheila Paton said. "We need to let people weigh in. We're looking at bad things (in the budget process) right now. If they want to pass it, maybe we don't have to cut as much."

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CUP

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before the tournament. If it started raining right now, we're still in really good shape."

Vinitski cited several measures Canton has adopted to improve the event and its fallout:

- Organizers have been more proactive with homeowners associations to use resources, including more police patrols, to ease traffic disruptions in local neighborhoods.

- Parking areas have been broadened, with 2,000 parking spots identified at Independence Park, alone.

"We're improved a lot of the on-site parking," Vinitski said. "There's more parking."

- Efforts have been made to improve drainage and grading of soccer fields.

Noel, in his second year as the Canton Cup director, said he intentionally slowed down the registration process to keep the tournament from continuing to spiral with more and more teams.

Canton expects 690 teams this year, down 90 teams from last year, he said.

"We could have had over 800 teams, but we decided to limit it to allow some

of our fields to rest," Noel said. "We want to make sure we have a good, high-quality event. What I didn't want to do is grow beyond Canton, because it is the Canton Cup."

While the games are held in Canton, organizers say the economic impact can be felt here and beyond — though a tangible dollar amount is difficult to pinpoint.

"It's a significant economic impact with lodging, restaurants, sporting goods stores, gas stations, grocery stores (and other businesses)," Vinitski said. "They're all going to get a piece of the pie."

Soccer teams include boys ages 8 to 19 and girls ages 8 to 14, according to the township. Canton Cup is billed as the largest tournament of its kind in Michigan and one of the largest in the Midwest, drawing teams from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Ontario.

Canton Cup is sanctioned by the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association and the United States Youth Soccer Association.

This year's featured charity is Soccer Aid for Hope, which provides used soccer equipment to less fortunate players in the Philippines.

For more information, go to www.cantonicup.net or www.cantonsoccerclub.com.



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Franky Hang, Rebecca Paul, Aaron Howarth and Vinci Chen watch Chris Johnson dance. They are members of the P-CEP Breakdance Club.

RELAY

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few years ago. "I promised, and here I am."

She was one of nearly 850 individuals — and 74 teams — who walked the 24-hour relay to raise money for cancer research. Final totals weren't available yet, but Relay representative Mia Gocaj said the event raised in excess of \$236,000.

That means the event in the last five years has raised more than \$1 million.

That total doesn't surprise Brian and Rob-in Holmlund of Canton, who attended their seventh straight Relay for Life event. They lost their son, Andrew, to Ewing sarcoma six years ago, and man a booth selling cookies, water and other treats in Heritage Park.

The cookies are special, designed with Andrew's favorite symbol: sunshine with a smiley face on it. The family sold more than 200 cookies this year.

"We sell out every year," Holmlund said. "We have people who tell us they come back (just) for the cookies. They're very popular."

Holmlund, whose daughter Morgan was team captain this year, said he believes things might be getting better.

"Each year it seems like the statistics get better and better in terms of childhood cancer," he said. "You see more and



Brooke Staffeld and Kaitlyn Schumacher had the pink lemonade ready for a small donation.



Mary Milligan of Roseville and survivor Cheryl Cox of Canton have baked potatoes for sale. Anne's Army is the group, dedicated to Mary's big sister.



Denise Staffeld records the action.



Six-year-old Lexie Wisniewsky has her face painted by Joan Pence, an Advanced Placement biology teacher at P-CEP.

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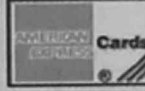
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Mail theft suspect headed to trial

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

The lead defendant charged in a Canton mail theft investigation is facing trial in Wayne County Circuit Court on multiple criminal charges stemming from an arrest made in the Cherry Hill-Beck Road area.

Lee Andrew Qualls, who already spent time behind bars for identity theft and fleeing from police, could face new penalties ranging up to life in prison if he is convicted of charges that arose after a local resident notified Canton authorities April 3 of a suspicious vehicle approaching mailboxes.

Qualls, free after posting a \$50,000 bond, faces trial after he appeared Friday before 35th Dis-

trict Judge James Plakas for a preliminary hearing on charges of second-degree fleeing and eluding police; stealing or retaining without consent a financial transaction device; larceny between \$1,000 and \$20,000; assaulting, resisting and obstructing a police officer; operating a vehicle with a suspended or revoked license; and being a fourth-degree habitual offender.

Plakas ordered Qualls to stand trial following testimony from witnesses such as Detective Jeremy Quinn.

Qualls, 42, was charged following accusations he led Canton police on a car chase that ended in a shopping center parking lot near Michigan Avenue and Canton Center, where he allegedly tried to flee

on foot before his arrest along with co-defendant Herman Robinson III, 35. Canton Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said

police "retrieved a large collection of mail" allegedly stolen in Canton and other communities.

Robinson, also free on bond, earlier waived his right to a preliminary exam, and his case was sent to circuit court for disposition. He only faces two charges — assaulting, resisting and obstructing a police officer and being a second-degree habitual offender. He could face three years in prison if convicted.

Qualls and Robinson were arrested amid an ongoing probe into mail fraud by Canton police and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

Former teacher's case moved to Romulus

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Canton charges against former Wayne-Westland teacher Brandon Tomblin, accused of sexual relations with teen males while he taught vocal music at Wayne Memorial High School, will be handled by Romulus 34th District Court along with charges out of Garden City, Wayne and Romulus, officials confirmed this week.

The State Court Administrative Office has assigned the Canton case to Romulus after all three 35th District Court judges recused themselves after 35th District Judge Michael Gerou publicly acknowledged that his brother, Thomas Gerou, is Tomblin's stepfather.

The 35th District Court judges said they wanted to avoid a potential conflict and any perception they might not be impartial.

Court administrators for Plymouth-based 35th District Court and Romulus 34th District Court confirmed the state has assigned the Canton case to Romulus, where Tomblin, 26, of Canton, already was facing a June 8 preliminary exam in front of Judge Tina Brooks Green on multiple charges of criminal sexual conduct.

A not-guilty plea has been placed on record for the defendant.

Tomblin could face penalties ranging up to 20 years in prison if convicted of Canton charges including one count of child sexually abusive

activity, two counts of using a computer to commit a crime and two counts of distributing sexually explicit material to children. The charges came after a mother alleged inappropriate behavior toward her 16-year-old son.

Tomblin could face penalties ranging up to 15 years in prison for multiple criminal sexual conduct charges out of Wayne, Garden City and Romulus involving allegations he had sexual contact with two males ages 16 and 17.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy has alleged Tomblin had sexual contact with the boys at Wayne Memorial High School, at a Garden City home and at a location in Romulus on Henry Ruff near Ecorse Road.

CRIME WATCH

Dog bites

What happens when a dog bites another dog?

Apparently the owner of the offending dog gets ticketed.

A 39-year-old woman walking her two dogs on leashes through the Wagon Wheel mobile home park on Mott east of Denton told police a large bull mastiff on the loose charged at her dogs and bit one of them about 9:15 p.m. Sunday.

The woman screamed for help and pulled her dogs away, and she said the bull mastiff backed away as well. The owner of the accused dog denied the incident had happened, but a witness reported seeing the same incident.

The bull mastiff's owner was cited for having a dog at large. Canton requires dogs on leashes.

The bitten dog wasn't seriously injured, but its owner contacted police because she was concerned for the safety of others in the mobile home park.

Debit declined

Call it a gas-and-go crime.

An employee for the Speedway gas station at Lilley and Ford notified police after a woman brought a debit card into the station, left it with a clerk and returned to a pump where she put \$63.82 into the tank of a late-model Ford Taurus.

The incident happened about 4:45 p.m. Friday.

The clerk, distracted momentarily by a large number of other customers, said the suspect drove off before it was learned that the debit card was declined.

The suspect was described as a 5-foot-11, 180-pound black female wearing a white top and sunglasses. It appeared she had a male passenger in the car.

Car chase

A male suspect led Canton police on a brief car chase before he escaped Friday morning following allegations he stole clothing from the Kohl's store at Michigan Avenue near Beck.

A police report indicated the incident started around 11:30 a.m. Friday when the suspect, wearing a gray hoodie and khaki shorts, was accused of stealing clothing from the store.

Police went to the scene and spot-

ted the suspect leaving in a 2001 Cadillac, which an officer trailed westbound on Michigan Avenue. The suspect initially pulled over when police tried to stop him, then he sped off and reached 80 mph before the chase was called off outside Canton Township limits.

Retail fraud

Canton police arrested a female suspect accused of stealing merchandise Friday evening from the Kohl's store on Michigan Avenue near Beck.

The incident happened about 6:30 p.m. and led to the arrest of a 20-year-old woman who allegedly stole shoes, shirts, skirts, shorts, a hat and earrings.

Police went to Kohl's after receiving a call from a loss prevention employee of stolen merchandise that allegedly had been placed in the back seat of a Chevrolet Impala. The worker said the items had been taken from the store without a purchase.

Police arrested the woman, who was accompanied by a child she was babysitting. A police report indicated the child was turned over to another woman.

The suspect had a criminal history that included unarmed robbery and larceny, according to a police report.

TVs taken

Police were investigating reports that two women went into the Walmart store on Ford Road east of Lotz around 5:40 p.m. last Thursday, put two flat-screen televisions in a shopping cart and pushed the merchandise out the door without paying for it.

The women reportedly got into a dark-colored minivan that was waiting for them. A customer made Walmart employees aware of the incident.

Intruder foiled

A 76-year-old man and his wife returned from Florida to find that someone had tried unsuccessfully to break into their home in the Royal Holiday mobile home park on Warren east of I-275.

The man notified police Monday night after finding pry marks on a rear door. The couple had been gone since November, so it wasn't known when the attempted break-in had occurred.

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

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Date/Time: June 1-2, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge in Canton

Details: Cherry Hill United Methodist Church hosts its annual "Trash and Treasure Sale" with everything from toys, kitchen, holiday and hobby items with some furniture. No clothes. There's a bag sale on Saturday after noon.

Contact: Call (313) 562-7496 for more information.

DAY CAMP

Date/Time: June 18 through Aug. 10, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Location: Salvation Army of Plymouth, Main Street just south of Ann Arbor Road.

Details: The Salvation Army of Plymouth still has openings for its Summer Day Camp program. Cost is \$60 per week per child. An optional before-care and after-care program exists for working parents. There are also scholarships available for families who cannot afford the full fee.

Contact: For more information about the program, contact Cassie Hull, Program Ministries Coordinator, at (734) 453-5464 ext. 25 or e-mail cassie_hull@usc.salvationarmy.org.

SUMMER CAMP

Date/Time: June 18 to Aug. 17

Location: Plymouth-Canton Montessori School, 45245 Joy in Canton

Details: Plymouth-Canton Montessori School offers a nine-week summer camp program with different themes each week. The day camp is available for children between the ages of 3 and 6 years. Children have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of theme-related projects that include lots of arts and



Missing dog

Family members are trying to find Woody or Woodstock, a 3-year-old Golden Longhair Dachshund missing now for a couple of weeks. The last verified sighting of Woody was Tuesday morning around 7 a.m. near Warren and Ridge. The owners and several friends have spotted the dog at different times in the area from Gyde to Hanford and from Beck to Ridge in Royal Pointe(s) and Andover Subdivisions, as well Buckingham Place. The dog will run from those who run up on it. Anyone with information can call Nancy at (734) 358-4280 or Cheryl Petersen, (734) 748-5547.

crafts, in-house presenters, science experiments, dramatic play, cooking, picnics, outdoor time, music, stories and games. Full and half-day programs are available. Day camp meets from 8:45 to 11:45 a.m., Monday through Friday.

Contact: For additional information about Plymouth-Canton Montessori School and the summer camp program, call (734) 459-1550 or visit www.pcmontessori.org.

NEWCOMER PICNIC

Date/Time: Saturday, June 2, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Location: Heritage Park Pavilion 1 and 2, Canton

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

Contact: To RSVP to join the Newcomers and Neighbors club and attend its

annual picnic, call Noreen at (734) 981-0486 or e-mail nrybar@yahoo.com.

CHURCH GARAGE SALE

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

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

Details: Great Expectations church-wide garage sale is open to the public. This event is tailored to the community and will be held in the parking lot of Canton Christian Fellowship Church. We encourage everyone to come and bring a friend. Some items which will be sold include clothing, furniture, electronics, and much more.

Contact: Call (734) 404-2480 or visit www.cantoncf.org

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

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

Location: Mettetal Airport, Canton

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

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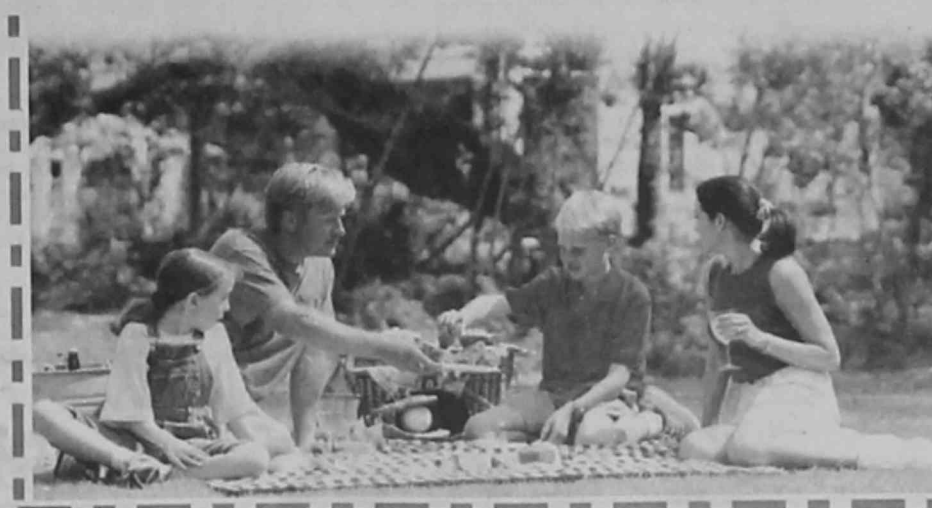
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DPW

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two-hour tour with Faas and Public Works Manager Bob Belair to find these employees working in local neighborhoods, at the DPW yard on Sheldon south of Michigan Avenue and at the vehicle fleet services center off Heritage Park Road west of Canton Center, behind Fire Station No. 1.

Many hats

With a combined budget of nearly \$40 million a year, Canton's DPW encompasses several sections including water, sanitary sewer, environmental, vehicle fleet, geographical information systems and customer service.

Over at the DPW yard, Jerry Lica, a sanitary sewer technician and Canton employee of 24 years, stood inside a rigged-out sewer-inspection truck that uses a robotic camera to look for problems along 338 miles of sewer pipes. He brought up some images on a computer screen.

"We look to make sure the integrity of the pipe is good," Lica said. "What we're doing is good preventive maintenance for everybody in the township."

When Lica finds a leak that can lead to a large mineral deposit, potentially compromising the system, he uses his equipment to cut the crud off pipes and keep Canton's system working top-notch.

Across the DPW yard, water quality technician Brad Byrd, a 16-year employee, and laborer Kevin Clark, an eight-year worker, demonstrated a hydrant meter that lets them measure how much of Canton's water supply commercial and state road crews are using during high-pressure projects such as a power-washing job on the I-275/Michigan Avenue bridge. The move ensures Canton residents aren't paying someone else's tab.

"We try to account for every drop of water that is used," Belair said.



Bob Belair and the robotic camera that prowls the sewers of Canton.



John Fox, Craig Cromie and Jay Herdon finish repairing a water shutoff valve in a Canton neighborhood.

Around town

Byrd, Clark and other water services employees also do their part to test local water for everything from chlorine to lead to copper — tests mandated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Moreover, their skills allow them to regulate and monitor water pressure across 430 miles of Canton water mains.

"We bring the pressure down to a useful pressure for the house," Byrd said.

Across town, Lica showed up in a neighborhood where workers were excavating a water shut-off valve, or stop box, and replacing the outdated metal piece with plastic. They used a hydro-excavating process, made possible by yet another large rig, that



Water Quality Tech Brad Byrd opens a hydrant. The meter attached to the hydrant allows temporary user access to water with accurate billing.

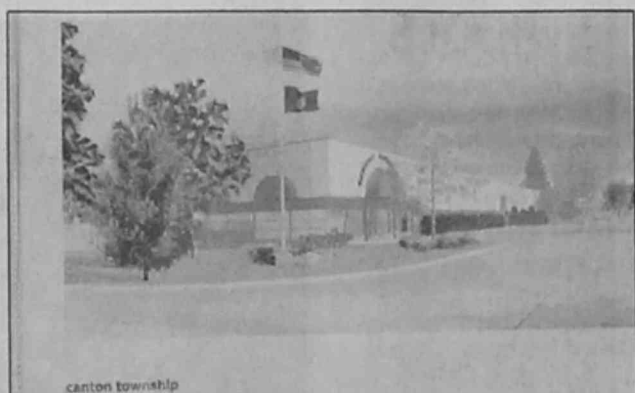
allowed them to dig a hole just 10 inches wide rather than using a backhoe that would carve a 5-foot-wide space requiring extensive repairs.

"It saves a lot of money on restoration," Lica said. That's taxpayer money.

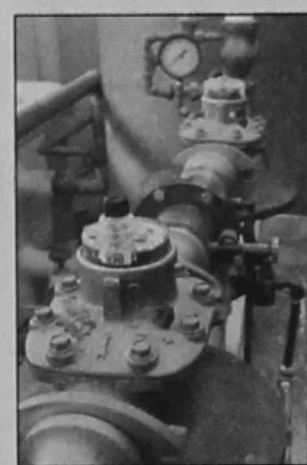
The same rig, known as a vactor truck, can

be used to flush out and clean sewers of debris. Lica puts it in simple terms for the casual observer. "It's a giant shop vac on wheels with a power flusher," he said.

Belair said Canton's water-sewer system has been so well-maintained that, last winter, the town-



Tim Faas, Canton Municipal Services Director, says public works employees do jobs that affect all residents.



The township tests and repairs water meters in-house.

ship only had 12 water-main breaks. "We average 15-20 a year," far fewer than many communities, he said.

Faas chimed in, "That reflects the level of maintenance we have. We've done the right things over the years and made the right investments."

Back across town at the vehicle fleet services center, manager Clark Brusso said his six full-time and one part-time employees service 170 vehicles and 250 other pieces of equipment ranging from golf carts to lawn mowers to backhoes.

"We try to keep all the work in-house," Brusso said — a move that saves Canton taxpayers countless dollars.

He pointed to a job to replace shocks on a fire truck with a 100-foot ladder — a job he said could cost \$5,000 to contract out.

"We're doing it, most definitely, for half the cost," Brusso said.

Customer service

Over the years, township officials have repeatedly lauded fleet services employees for maintenance efforts that allow police patrol cars to rack up well over 100,000 miles, compared to vehicles other communities switch out at 60,000 to 70,000.

"These vehicles are driven hard," Brusso said. "We try to run a tight ship as much as we can to save the taxpayers dollars."

Moreover, police cars retired by Canton can still bring in \$2,500 to \$5,000 when they are sold to buyers such as Chicago cab drivers.

Back at the DPW yard, laborer Richard Nadolski, an employee of 25 years, said he and his co-workers test 350 irrigation meters every year for neighborhoods that have common areas. They also replace damaged water meters and can even help homeowners determine if there's a water leak in a house.

It's a matter of customer service — service Belair said requires hard work and good communication skills because township employees have to deal with residents who ultimately pay the bills.

"It's hard work," Belair said of public works employees who "have to get dirty in harsh working conditions. They're a group of committed people."

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6"	\$345.00
8"	\$700.00

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SCHOOLS

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room and watched students conduct a ballistics lab, then heard from more than three dozen Farrand Elementary School students who are part of the school's Bully Busters anti-bullying team.

Flanagan, whose own children went to Plymouth-Canton schools years ago, came away impressed.

"I can't believe what they're doing here with resources that are about the same as they were in 2005, and are less than some of the districts around them," Flanagan said. "It shows it can be done. This district is a model. It's remarkable to me what they're pulling off."

Battling bullies

Flanagan was particularly impressed with Farrand's Bully Busters. He watched a video explaining the program,



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Some 40 fourth- and fifth-grade students have become Bully Busters at Farrand Elementary School.

then listened as students explained what they liked about the program.

Bully Busters was formed earlier this school year by new Farrand Principal Troy Reehl and counselor Dani Evans after, as Evans said, they "got pushback" from parents about bullying issues at the school.

Evans trains the Bully Busters — there are some 40 fourth- and fifth-graders — in a weeklong session that teaches them what bullying is, strategies

to prevent it, and methods of conflict resolution.

The Busters are outfitted with trademark orange vests, keep records of conflicts they resolve and even hand out "positive behavior" coupons.

"We are finding not only has it been successful on the playground and the buses, but the kids look up to the Bully Busters," Evans said. "A lot of them want to be Bully Busters."

The students said they've noticed a lower number of instances com-



FRANK RUGGIRELLO

Michigan Superintendent of Schools Mike Flanagan accepts his status as honorary Bully Buster from Farrand Elementary School Principal Troy Reehl.

pared to last year. "We prevent bullying before it makes an impact on students in a negative way," said Bully Buster Sophia Balow. "I love being a Bully Buster."

"From last year to this year, I think it's made a big difference," fellow Bully Buster Kaitlin Mockaitis said. "Last year there were huge drama issues. This year, there are almost none."

Passing on

Flanagan was impressed enough to ask students what he could do to replicate the program

at elementary schools across the state.

"It was a serious question," Flanagan said. "How might we reproduce this? you see good things and it's hard to get them to other schools. Bullying is such an inhibitor to learning ... It's a very serious issue, and to deal with it at this age is impressive. The differences these kids were talking about (from last year) is remarkable."

While he was in town, Flanagan talked about:

- Charter schools — With new charters popping up in both Plymouth

and Canton, Flanagan said public schools like Plymouth-Canton have to make clear the differences in the programming they offer. He said the various academies Plymouth-Canton is planning to offer in the fall is a good step.

"There really shouldn't be a fear of charter schools," Flanagan said. "You offer alternatives yourself. The academies are a smart thing."

• Cyber schools — Flanagan said he was against cyber schools at first, and still would be against a complete lifting of the cap. He said cyber schools are an extension of online learning that's already being offered.

"To take the cap off would have been a mistake ... I think they reached a good compromise," he said. "I've seen a lot of alternative education kids really struggling in class who thrive online. So it can work."

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In the Zumba Gold class, Joy Vlcek of Westland and Kathy Zimmer of Farmington Hills get their exercise to the tune "Save a Horse, Ride A Cowboy" by country duo Big and Rich.



Shirley Ziembra of Farmington Hills arrives promptly at 9 a.m. for the Spring Senior Expo held Tuesday at Schoolcraft College.

Seniors catch up on latest info at expo

By Ken Abramczyk
Observer Staff Writer

Seniors and residents from across south-east Michigan lined up early Tuesday morning for the ninth annual Senior Spring Expo at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

And when the doors opened, "it was like opening floodgates," said John Elkins of Livonia.

Elkins distributed information about St. Mary Mercy's senior emergency room, which specializes in assisting patients who are elderly, and Mercy LifeLink, which provides instant access to emergency medical care 24 hours a day, seven days a week. He was one of several people working the more than 60 booths of exhibitors throughout the expo, presented by the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* and *Hometown Weeklies* in partnership with Schoolcraft College.

Seniors scooped up pamphlets, spoke with vendors and grabbed free items from the vendors.

Terry Viavanko of Livonia is a retiree from the Livonia Public Schools. "I'm browsing today as it is my first year as an official senior," Viavanko said. "I want to know what it's all about."

She picked up information on tile and bathroom repair from Keystone Home Improvements.

Vangie Noetzel from Northville said she and her husband, Jim Noetzel, were picking up information on senior housing, not for themselves, but for a friend of her husband's. "We like to come here and get a few free things, too," Jim Noetzel said.

Richard Radcliffe of Farmington was interested in information on senior housing. He wants to find small houses, and not condos, with two-car garages. "I also like to read about the financial things they have here," he said.

Frank Delewsky of Livonia was interested in the lectures. "I always pick up little goodies, too, like batteries or bottled water," he said. Guests enjoyed coffee and breakfast sweets at one of the tables.

Claudia DeGrazia of South Lyon is about to turn 65. "I wanted to learn about Medicare and strength training for

seniors," she said. "I golf and I want to learn about quick exercises. I'm enjoying it."

'Great atmosphere'

Jim Vlcek of Westland visited the expo to consider what his needs may be down the road. He turns 65 next year.

"The expo is great for letting people know what services are out there," he said. "My insurance will run out next year, so I spoke with Blue Cross Blue Shield and picked up materials on insurance and prescription coverage."

Vlcek's sister, Dorothy Cislo, traveled from Temperance. "My brother told me about it, and I wanted information on diabetes, health care and financing," she said.

Doris Ward of Westland wanted to attend workshops on sleep and hearing. "It's a great atmosphere to learn about many things, including health, homes and senior living," she said.

JoJo Sanford of Farmington received information and availability of services for seniors. "I like to go to the workshops and hear about health information and exercising," Sanford said. "You feel good to come and see all the different information."

Carolyn Pearson of Canton took a balance test at The Recovery Project table. She passed it. She smiled when she was asked about why she was at the expo.

"The freebies," Pearson said. "The freebies are always fun. You always get good information here." Actually Pearson was picking up information on assisted living, not for herself, but a relative.

Gwen Dani of Plymouth, who administered the balance test to Pearson, is a physical therapist with The Recovery Project. Tests were administered that day to help provide information about the dangers of falls and how they might be prevented. About 75 percent of seniors have balance impairment, and physical therapy can assist with balance, she said.

"They don't have to wait to fall to go and get physical therapy," Dani said. "We work on flexibility, balance and strength."

Medicare covers up to 15 visits a year for physical therapy, Dani said.

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Bob Piotrowski of Livonia speaks with Jessica Lewis and Melissa Woolfe of Heartland Canton.



Richard Radcliffe of Farmington speaks with Cecilia Reynolds of Comfort Dental Spa.



Kathie Gornick is from Plymouth Township.



Frank Delewsky of Livonia looks through an Observer Newspaper. Behind him is Grace Hampton of Farmington Hills.

Cynthia Belonga of Novi talks with Ron Lieberman of Canton. Lieberman is with the Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Project.



It's a big Expo, and sometimes you have to take a break.



More than 500 All Saints students helped raise some \$12,000 in a walkathon to benefit a local family and the Hereditary Hemorrhagic Telangiectasia Foundation.

Walkathon raises \$12,000

More than 500 All Saints students showed their support for members of their school community, the Nissan Family, and the Hereditary Hemorrhagic Telangiectasia Foundation International by sponsoring a walkathon on May 7.

Three of the five members of the Nissan family — Clay, Sydney (7th grade) and Jared (3rd grade) — have been diagnosed with HHT.

HHT is a genetic disorder that causes abnormalities of blood vessels. A person with HHT has a tendency to form blood vessels that lack the capillaries between an artery and vein. This means that arterial blood under high pressure flows directly into a vein without first having to squeeze through the very small capillaries. This place where an artery is connected directly to a vein tends to be a fragile site that can rupture and result in bleeding.

Jessica Lopata, second grade teacher at All Saints, chaired the event.

"Our school wanted to do something that would help the Nissan family," Lopata said. "We see what the family goes through and just wanted to help them. Through the efforts of all the admin-

istration and staff members, we held a successful event."

There was 93-percent student participation for the walk-a-thon, which was held during the school day. Each class walked at designated times, averaged \$2,026 per hour for a grand total of \$12,157.00 by the end of the school day.

The Nissan family was present the entire day and awarded student participants with ice cream. Jodi Nissan said she was overwhelmed with the outpouring of support for her husband and children.

"My family is appreciative to what the school has done for us and the foundation," she said. "This was a day filled with love and support that will be remembered forever by our family! Over 500 people are now wearing HHT bracelets and t-shirts to support our fight. We have renewed hope and courage to keep fighting for the cure, knowing we are supported by our school community."

For more information on HHT Foundation and how to help, contact HHT Foundation International, Inc., P.O. Box 329, Monkton, MD 21111, call (800) 448-6389 or visit www.hhtinfo@hht.org

Soldier proud to have guarded Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

John Sassaman is proud of his time as a sentinel at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Washington, D.C.

"Oh, absolutely," said the owner of Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home in Northville, noting few in the service hold that role.

He served at Arlington National Cemetery as a sentinel or tomb guard with the Old Guard, 3rd Infantry Regiment of Ft. Myer, Va., with roots back to 1784. Sassaman was assigned in June 1970 through November 1971.

"I was a sentinel toward the end of 1970 until I got out of service," said Sassaman, who had earlier served at the Kennedy gravesite in Washington, D.C.

He was in the Army ceremonial unit for such functions as state funerals. "I was in the right place at the right time," he said, explaining he twice had orders for Vietnam which were canceled.

Sassaman had a low draft number, then determined by birthdate. Enlisting helped him get the assignment, as did having top security clearance and college completion.

'One thing led to another'

His new sergeant when Sassaman was stationed in Louisiana for training had a friend recruiting, and "one thing led to another. I ended up going there" following an interview with the officer.

Sassaman was scheduled to go to officer candidate school at Ft. Benning, Ga., and then Vietnam. Washington, D.C., intervened. In Washington with the



John Sassaman of Northville Township is proud of having served as a sentinel at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery.

Company E honor guard, soldiers were assigned to three reliefs at the tomb, on 24-hour guard duty. Their uniforms and shoes had to be perfect.

"Your day was extremely busy," he said. He'd arrive at 6 a.m., with a schedule made up for the soldiers, then take a tour of duty at 7 a.m. or 0700.

In summer, guards were changed every half hour due to extreme heat. Once away from the public eye, there was a drying rack for uniforms "and maybe drank a Pepsi, you were up for your next walk."

There were less stringent two-hour walks when the cemetery was closed, but the tomb is always guarded. Soldiers were still required to pass by every 10 minutes during closed hours.

Soldiers would then sleep and come back the next day to train new trainees. There was then a free day, and Sassaman became close to the men he served with, but saw less of the others who were working that day.

"I met a ton of people," said Sassaman, 67, who has a daughter and two sons. He met the king of Spain and others he never would have otherwise. They were often introduced after wreath-laying ceremonies.

'Great honor'

"Your chances of meeting somebody like that were slim to none. It was a great honor to have that assignment," he said.

He and others have in more recent years formed the Society of the Honor

Guard, which has a website. They hold a reunion every other year and give college scholarships to service members and their families.

One man was killed in Iraq, Sassaman said, but that's unusual for the group.

Sassaman has a son in the Army now at Ft. Benning, Ga., with all infantry training done. He'll attend airborne school and likely be stationed in Alaska.

The elder Sassaman grew up on the east side, graduating from Grosse Pointe High School and doing his mortuary science studies in Wisconsin. He's glad to have served and stayed in touch with the other men.

"We were all pretty tight and they are today," he said, noting the great precision the work required.

Upon further reflection, Sassaman wrote of the honor of serving at Arlington, visited by many tourists during the days. "It was after hours when the crowds were gone, the cemetery closed and the sun faded off of the horizon that Arlington became a serene and tranquil place of beauty. We could look out over thousands of graves in any direction and reflect back on each and every one's contribution they made to the defense of this country," Sassaman wrote.

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PUBLIC HEARING

The Plymouth Housing Commission has developed its 2012 Agency Plan in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. It will be available for review by May 24, 2012 at our office in Tonquish Creek Manor, located at 1160 Sheridan Street, Plymouth, Michigan between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm.

In addition, a public hearing will be held on Wednesday, July 18, 2012 in the Community Room at Tonquish Creek Manor at 1160 Sheridan Street, Plymouth, Michigan at 6:00 pm. Everyone is invited.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Plymouth NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2012 / 2013 PROPOSED CITY BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Monday, June 4, 2012, at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of City Hall at 201 South Main Street for the purpose of discussing and receiving public comments on the proposed 2012 / 2013 City Budget.

Proposed 2012 City Millage Rates

The property tax millage rates proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. The following statements are provided concerning the 2012 proposed millage levies for the City of Plymouth:

- The 2012 tax rate for City operating millage is proposed to be 11.3834 mills, which is the same as the 2011 operating tax rate. The City Commission has the authority under the City Charter to set the operating millage rate within the maximum allowed rate of 11.3834 mills, as adjusted by the Headlee millage roll-back formula.
- The 2012 tax rate for debt service millage to fund debt service requirements for the 2004, 2008, and 2012 General Obligation Street Bond issues is proposed to be 2.9700 mills, which is .0600 mills higher than the 2011 tax rate.
- The 2012 tax rate for City solid waste and recycling millage is proposed to be 1.7200 mills which is the same as the 2011 tax rate.
- The total City millage for all purposes is proposed to be 16.0734 mills for 2012, which is .0600 mills higher than the 2011 total City tax rate.
- The City Commission will also consider re-adoption of the 1% tax administrative fee permitted under Section 211.44, MCL, General Property Tax Laws.

Equalization Factors

Wayne County established tentative 2012 equalization factors of 1.0000 for the residential class of property, 0.8914 for the commercial class of property and 0.8789 for the industrial class of property. Since the City has adjusted assessments for all property classes for 2012 by the proposed factors, all 2012 equalization factors will be set at 1.0000.

2012 / 2013 Proposed City Budgets

The budgets for the various funds of the City of Plymouth are proposed for 2012/13 as follows:

<u>Revenues</u>		<u>GENERAL FUND</u>		<u>Expenditures</u>
Property taxes	\$ 4,800,300	Administration		\$ 1,335,510
Licenses & Permits	5,100	Buildings & Grounds		390,660
Federal Grants	28,000	Police Department		3,139,930
State-shared Revenue	771,680	Fire Department		743,120
Sales of Service	670,240	Public Works Dept		665,620
Cemetery Revenue	148,500	Other Functions		134,300
Parking Revenue	73,500	Capital Outlay		204,950
Other Revenue	760,680	Debt Service		191,480
<u>Transfers-In</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>Transfers-Out</u>		<u>452,980</u>
REVENUE TOTAL	\$ 7,258,550	EXPENDITURE TOTAL		\$ 7,258,550
MAJOR STREET FUND				
Gas & Weight Tax	\$ 341,800			
<u>Contrib & Other</u>	<u>300</u>			
REVENUE TOTAL	\$ 342,100	EXPENDITURE TOTAL		\$ 342,100
LOCAL STREET FUND				
Gas & Weight Tax	\$ 139,080			
<u>Contrib & Other</u>	<u>99,740</u>			
REVENUE TOTAL	\$ 238,820	EXPENDITURE TOTAL		\$ 238,820
RECREATION FUND				
Contrib. From G/F	\$ 200,000			
<u>Prog. Fees & Other</u>	<u>818,150</u>			
REVENUE TOTAL	\$1,018,150	EXPENDITURE TOTAL		\$ 1,018,150
WASTE & RECYCLING FUND				
Property Taxes	\$ 715,460	Operating Expenses		\$ 1,085,410
<u>Sales of Service</u>	<u>369,950</u>	<u>Debt Expenses</u>		<u>-0-</u>
REVENUE TOTAL	\$1,085,410	EXPENDITURE TOTAL		\$ 1,085,410

<u>OTHER CITY FUNDS</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
Plym Community Youth Advisory Comm Fund	\$ 1,020	\$ 1,020
Recreation Capital Improvement Fund	10,550	10,550
Parking Fund	10	10
DDA Operating Fund	860,570	860,570
Building Fund	397,270	397,270
Neighborhood Services Fund	136,780	136,780
Brownfield Re-Development Authority Fund	306,410	306,410
Brownfield Site Remediation Fund	43,480	43,480
Drug Law Enforcement Fund	9,000	9,000
OWI Forfeiture Fund	10,080	10,080
Omnibus Forfeiture Fund	2,000	2,000
2003 LTGO Debt Fund	43,010	43,010
2004 GO Debt Fund	431,280	431,280
2006 LTGO Debt Fund	120,920	120,920
2008 GO Debt Fund	476,170	476,170
2010 LTGO Debt Fund (DDA)	238,010	238,010
2012 GO Bond & Refunding Bond Debt Fund	361,060	361,060
2012 W/S Refunding Bond Debt Fund	200,000	200,000
Michigan Transportation Fund Debt Fund	275	275
Public Improvement Fund	4,550	4,550
DDA Capital Improvement Fund	112,500	112,500
MTF Construction Fund	10	10
2012 GO Bond Construction Fund	642,990	642,990
Water / Sewer Capital Improvement Fund	600,800	600,800
Water / Sewer Operating & Maintenance Fund	4,192,270	4,192,270
Equipment Fund	684,210	684,210
Cemetery Trust Fund	8,150	8,150

Transfers between Appropriations

As provided in State law, the general appropriations resolution is proposed to allow the City Manager to transfer up to ten percent (10 %) of each appropriation to any other appropriation within each fund, but not from Reserve Accounts nor between funds.

Copies of Proposed Budget Available

A complete copy of the 2012 / 2013 City Budget is available for public inspection at the City Clerk's office during regular business hours, and also at the Plymouth District Library during its regular hours of operation.

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC
City Clerk



As part of DTE's home energy consultation program, energy consultants will install wrap on the water heater pipes — up to nine feet from the hot water tank — an energy-saving measure that can reduce heat loss and increase water temperature in the pipes.

DTE program provides big energy savings

As part of its service and commitment to the community, DTE Energy representatives are currently helping customers save energy and take control of their energy costs. Energy consultants are visiting homes throughout the DTE service area to provide personalized energy assessments and evaluate the energy efficiency of homeowners' gas and electric usage.

The program, called the DTE Home Energy Consultation program, was created to advise homeowners on ways to conserve energy with a goal toward helping residents to better manage their energy costs. Energy consultants assess the cus-

tomers' energy usage, make energy saving recommendations and discuss ways to reduce energy usage that will help lower energy costs.

During the assessment, energy consultants will install:

- Up to 40 compact fluorescent light bulbs which generally use 75 percent less energy than incandescent bulbs and can often last 10 times longer.

- Water-saving faucet aerators in the kitchen and bathroom that can reduce water usage without lowering the water pressure in the pipes.

- Water-saving shower heads that can save up to three gallons of hot water per minute which

can reduce water-heating costs by 30 percent.

- Wrap on the water heater pipes — up to nine feet from the hot water tank — an energy-saving measure that can reduce heat loss and increase water temperature in the pipes, which will save on water-heating costs.

In the first year of the program, DTE Energy visited more than 25,000 homes. This year, they plan to reach more than 30,000 households with energy-saving tips and products.

To learn more information about the DTE Home Energy Consultation program, or to schedule an appointment for DTE to visit your home, call (866) 796-0512.

Investment plans ideal for giving gift to graduate

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Congratulations to all those graduating from high school. There is no doubt that high school graduation is something to celebrate, as it is another milestone in life. As I've mentioned many times in the past, high school graduation doesn't mean the end of someone's formal education. In fact, my advice for high school graduates is that you must continue your education.

That doesn't necessarily mean that everyone should go to college; but, it does mean that everyone needs to continue their education after high school. After all, when you look at the jobs in today's world, there are not many for high school graduates. That being said, as many celebrate high school graduation, the question always is, what to buy the high school graduate?

The traditional and easy gift to give is cash or a gift card. After all, a high school graduate will have no problem finding ways to spend money. However, considering the difficult economic times and the importance of education, there may be some better choices than cash or a gift card. One alternative that I recommend is to invest in a 529 Plan.

Invest for the future

A 529 Plan is an investment program that is geared for post-high school education. The beauty of the plan is that it allows you to invest money and that money grows tax free. When the money



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

is eventually withdrawn for a qualified education expense such as room, board, tuition, books and required

fees, there are no tax consequences. Many people are under the mistaken belief that a 529 Plan is only for college. Although it is a great investment vehicle for college, it can also be used for other educational needs such as for a trade or vocational school.

For the great majority of people, the 529 Plan I recommend is the Michigan Education Savings Plan (MESP - www.misaves.com). The MESP has many advantages and is very user friendly. First, it doesn't take a lot of money to establish the plan. You can start one for as low as \$25. In addition, the plan has very low costs and no commissions. Therefore, you can be assured that your money will go for educational purposes, not to pay to high costs and fees. Another great advantage of the MESP is that it is not limited to Michigan schools. A student can use the money for basically any public or private institution in the country. Therefore, the plan has great flexibility.

Education is key

I cannot stress enough the importance of education past high school. We live in a changing economic environment and

we are no longer just competing against Ohio and Indiana for jobs. We are competing against the world. The one way people will be able to compete is to have a good education. That is exactly what an investment into the MESP does. Not only does it put money away that the graduate can draw upon to cover their expenses, but it also shows the graduate the importance of education.

I recognize that a graduate would much rather get a gift card or cash, however, the standard should be what the graduate needs. If the MESP or a 529 Plan is not for you, consider other gifts that will help the graduate on their journey. For example, it could be a book or a subscription to a financial magazine or even an investment itself.

Graduates, remember that the journey is not over, it's just beginning. To be successful in today's economic climate, you must continue to pursue your education. For those who choose to end their formal education at high school and enter the workforce, I want to encourage you to reconsider. As difficult as it is to continue your education, you must. To give yourself options and opportunities in the future, continue your education past high school. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at money matters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit his website at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

CANTON CHAMBER CHAT

Grub Crawl sponsors

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is offering chamber members the opportunity to purchase a 2012 Grub Crawl Sponsorship.

The Grub Crawl takes place 6-10 p.m., Tuesday, July 17. Chamber officials are already receiving phone calls from anxious patrons requesting tickets for the event. The chamber plans to sell 500 tickets (T-shirts) to the event.

The Grub Crawl is an opportunity for area restaurants to showcase their cuisine as well as promote Canton's diversity while having fun. Past events have had participation from about 13 restaurants in the community. Sponsors include Atchinson Ford Sales, Inc. and Schoolcraft College.

"The Grub Crawl is an exciting and fun event for the Canton community and businesses," said Thomas Paden, President of the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

Tickets (T-shirt) are \$35 each and include transportation to and from participating restaurants. T-shirts are on sale now and can be purchased at the Chamber office. T-shirt sizes are on a first-come, first-served basis so reserve yours early.

Sponsorships are limited. Visit the chamber website (www.cantonchamber.com) or call the chamber at (734) 453-4040 to find out how to become a sponsor.

June luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its June Networking Luncheon 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 6, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Food and refreshment abound at the Canton Chamber of Commerce Grub Crawl, scheduled this year for 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 17.

The cost for lunch is \$25 (advance member registration) \$30 (Non-member) and includes a full buffet lunch, beverages and dessert. This luncheon is open to the public.

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

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

June's Luncheon is hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and is sponsored by Tammy Brown Agency - Farm Bureau Insurance. Seating is limited and reservations are needed. To make a reservation, contact the Canton Cham-

ber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

First Friday

The Canton Chamber's 1st Friday Club meets 8:30 a.m. Friday, June 1, at the chamber office, 45525 Hanford.

This is an opportunity for one on one networking in a small group setting. This networking event is limited to 10 separate businesses plus a sponsor. Participants should bring business cards, flyers, etc., to share with the group. Participation in this networking event is limited to once per quarter. The meeting is sponsored by Showroom of Elegance. To make a reservation, call (734) 453-4040 or e-mail admin@cantonchamber.com.

Connection group

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

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OUR VIEWS

Honoring sacrifice

Take Memorial Day's real purpose to heart

Communities around the country will soon gather for parades and ceremonies designed to honor the sacrifices of our military fighting men and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their country (Canton marks the day with a ceremony at 1 p.m. at the memorial in Heritage Park).

And then we'll retire to our patios, parks, pools and cabins, to sizzle the grill and enjoy the holiday.

And while we're doing that, we urge you to really consider the sacrifices you're honoring.

Since this nation's inception, in wars and battles, skirmishes and fights - large and small - more than two million military servicemen and women have given their lives, all to give us the freedom and lifestyle we enjoy today.

The wars these brave souls have fought have produced our country's biggest victories. They've taken down Saddam Hussein and, more recently, killed the orchestrator of the biggest terrorist attack on American soil in history.

All of that stunning success, however, does nothing to overshadow the contributions made by the thousands of our military servicemen and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice to ensure Americans continue to enjoy the freedoms secured by their efforts.

Memorial Day is the one day of the year set aside for the nation to get together to remember, reflect and honor those who have given their all in service to their country. In the Gettysburg Address, Abraham Lincoln called on Americans to complete the unfinished task of ensuring that liberty "shall not perish from the Earth."

Americans have never wavered in that commitment to freedom, nor in the effort to help those who seek to be free. Americans have fought in two World Wars for freedom, in Korea and Vietnam. Americans have fought a Cold War, in Desert Storm, in Iraq and Afghanistan against tyranny, oppression and terror.

However, the traditional observance of Memorial Day has diminished over the years. Some people think the day is for honoring any and all dead, and not just those fallen in service to our country. For many, Memorial Day and the three-day weekend marks the official start of summer. People use the time to open their pools and their cottages and gather for picnics.

People will attend local ceremonies and spend some time observing the meaning of the day but, by and large, Americans will focus on having fun.

To help re-educate and remind Americans of the true meaning of Memorial Day, the National Moment of Remembrance was established in 2000. It asks that at 3 p.m. on Memorial Day all Americans voluntarily and informally observe, in their own way, a moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to Taps.

An e-mail we received sums up best what we should ponder, during that moment of silence. The author is unknown, but the sentiments are on the money:

"It is a veteran, not the preacher, who has given us freedom of religion.

"It is a veteran, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press.

"It is a veteran, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.

"It is a veteran, not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom to assemble.

"It is a veteran, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial.

"It is a veteran, not the politician, who has given us the right to vote."

Enjoy those barbecues, open the pool or spend a relaxing weekend at the cottage. In the midst of that merriment, though, we urge everyone to take a moment to say thank you to those who have made all that possible.

There are more than two million reasons we cannot afford to forget why there is a Memorial Day.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What are you doing for the Memorial Day weekend?

We asked this question at Summit on the Park.



"My sister is flying in from Alaska, so I'm spending time with her and barbecuing in the back yard."

Jane Corso
Canton



"Heading Up North to enjoy Lake Charlevoix and see some family up there."

David Miller
Canton



"We're going to Sumpter Fest down in Sumpter (Township)."

Carlos Prieskorn
Belleville



"We have a cottage in Port Austin, so we're heading up to The Thumb."

Jon LaFever
Canton

LETTERS

Obama no altar boy

President Obama was overheard saying, "You are fed up with him, but I have to deal with him even more often than you," after the president of France, Nicolas Sarkozy, called the prime minister of Israel, Benjamin Netanyahu, a liar.

Our president lies so much that he makes Adolph Hitler's minister of propaganda Joseph Goebbels and Saddam Hussein's "Baghdad Bob" and Bill Clinton look like altar boys.

Every time President Obama gives a speech, he probably thinks to himself, "What a bunch of idiots." If the young people of today would stop and check on every speech that our president has given, they will find that he's a liar, plain and simple.

As a veteran, a majority of veterans think he is nothing more than a con artist. Our country is in grave peril and all they look for is a free handout.

The sad thing is that the media know that our president is lying and won't question what the president says. That is how dictators come to power.

Robert J. Siedlik
Livonia

Repower your vehicle

Engine trouble symptoms can mean major problems with your car. If you see, hear, feel or smell anything that is out of the ordinary, take your vehicle to a reputable automotive repair shop or engine installation center for diagnosis to avoid the inconvenience and unexpected cost of a breakdown.

Symptoms of major engine trouble include:

- Excessive smoke from exhaust — particularly dark smoke indicates oil leaking into the combustion chamber.
- Oil on the driveway indicates a leak which will cause the oil level to drop.
- Excessive oil consumption.
- Unusual noise from the engine such as knocking or tapping.
- Illuminated engine indicator lights: oil, water or engine.

If your car or truck is diagnosed with major engine damage, but the rest of your vehicle is in relatively good shape, talk with your technician about your options, including repowering with a remanufactured/rebuilt engine. For the cost of an average down payment on a new car or truck, a vehicle's engine can be repowered with a remanufactured/rebuilt engine, gaining years of reliable service without monthly car payments and higher insurance rates.

With repowering, a vehicle's engine or an identical one from another like-vehicle is completely disassembled, cleaned, machined and remanufactured/rebuilt. Unlike used or junk yard engines with an unknown performance and maintenance history, remanufactured/rebuilt engines are dependable, reliable and backed by excellent warranty programs.

To learn more about the benefits of remanufactured/rebuilt engines, visit the Engine Rebuilders Council at www.enginebuilder.org

Ken Carter
chairman,
Engine Rebuilders Council

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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

Support unions

America attained greatness on the shoulders of middle-class workers. When they demanded fairness, our economy flourished. They bought houses, cars and other products that kept our farms, factories and small businesses humming. This was the result of treating workers fairly.

Today, as America's megacorporations consolidate economic power, small businesses are being eaten alive and our jobs are being shipped overseas. Communities are being decimated by job loss. This outsourcing is also destroying unions and impoverishing the workers they represent here in America.

Indeed, we must support efforts to make our trade policies more fair to Americans, but that won't be enough. Collective bargaining sets standards for all employers to follow. Thus, nonunion workers also benefit from the collective bargaining of unions. In fact, when our economy is flourishing, small business owners benefit, too. We should all be concerned. And we should all help stop the efforts of Lansing politicians from undermining the rights of all Michigan workers to join unions and collectively bargain.

Randy 'Grumpa' Iuliano
Portage

Protect all women

The Violence Against Women Act designed to combat domestic abuse was enacted in 1994, and last week came to a reauthorization vote in the Senate with 68 in favor and 31 opposed. The act was expanded to include greater protections for LGBT victims, immigrant women facing abuse and Native American women, who have been traditionally underserved.

In the past 12 years, this act has been unanimously reauthorized by Congress twice. However, in this session of Congress, 31 Republican male senators voted against reauthorization, becoming the first senators ever to cast a vote against VAWA.

House Republicans are pushing their own version of VAWA without the new provisions aiding these three groups. The idea of picking and choosing which individuals deserve protection is

objectionable. Ever since this act was renewed, underserved groups have been included to ensure no one is left out of a law that was designed to protect everyone from domestic violence.

Resistance to the bill is further proof of Republicans' disregard to issues affecting women. Let's hope the House Republicans will not prevail and exclude these groups from protection in their version.

Joanie Ignash
Commerce Township

Anti-life mandate

When the Obama administration's health care financing plan was signed into law, President Obama and Congress promised that funds under the new law would not cover abortions.

This has now been proven to be empty rhetoric.

Why? Because the Department of Health and Human Services has mandated that under the health care law, private health insurance plans must cover the "full range of FDA-approved contraception" — in which category HHS explicitly included the abortion-inducing drug ella.

This mandate includes a so-called "religious employer exemption," yet the exemption is so narrowly defined that most religious schools, colleges, hospitals and charitable organizations serving the public do not qualify. Even an expanded definition of "religious employer" would fail to protect nonreligiously affiliated organizations, individuals and even religiously affiliated health insurers whose pro-life consciences are nonetheless violated.

This is an unprecedented attack on the freedom of conscience of millions of Americans, eviscerating their freedom of choice to purchase private insurance that does not violate their ethical, moral or religious objections. I hope all readers will contact their elected representatives in Washington, D.C., and voice outrage over this anti-life mandate.

Mary M. Gieske
Livonia

Celebration of life

A true "Celebration of Life" was enjoyed by many guests of Right to Life-LIFESPAN at their recent annual dinner.

Never forgetting the serious nature of our pro-life efforts, comedian David Dean led us to a lighter look at life filled with joy and laughter.

Diners seemed to enjoy the "tin can drawing," a new feature this year, and many went home with special prizes.

A visit from a group of young people forming a "flash mob" had the attendees on their feet, clapping and joining in with the cheers.

As they were leaving, many of our guests were heard to say they would like to do the same thing again next year. We will try to oblige.

Diane Trombley
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Sun, soccer in Cup forecast

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer



Mother Nature gave the 2011 Canton Cup a kick in the collective mud-splattered shins of thousands of players who couldn't finish what they started.

It rained throughout the three-day tournament, and the threat of severe weather on Day 3 resulted in the remainder of the 29th annual tourney being canceled.

"That was an unprecedented crisis," second-year tournament director Darryl Noel said. "But we came to understand what the Canton Cup crew can do. They were stress-tested last year."

After months of doing what he half-jokingly described as his "anti-rain dance," Noel and

his crew anticipate no such issues when the 30th annual Canton Soccer Club-hosted Memorial Day Weekend tourney commences 5 p.m. Friday.

All are hoping long-range forecasts of sun and warm temperatures are as precise as a perfectly placed header. The buzz is getting louder as opening day looms near.

"We've had some of our teams up at the Midland tournament last weekend and people were very excited about coming back," said Noel, a Canton resident. "People

CANTON CUP FACTS

What: 30th annual Canton Cup Soccer Tournament, hosted by Canton Soccer Club with support from Canton Leisure Services.

When: 5 p.m. Friday through 7 p.m. Sunday.

Where: The tourney headquarters is Independence Park (located at Denton and Cherry Hill roads), where there will be 24 fields in play. Other venues are as follows: Heritage Park (Heritage Parkway and Canton Cen-

ter Road), 13 fields; Griffin Park (Cherry Hill-Sheldon, six fields); Plymouth-Canton Educational Park (Joy-North Canton Center roads), 17 fields; Flodin Park (Saltz between Lilley and Sheldon), three fields.

Who: Teams will include boys and girls of various skill levels and ages (boys between 8-19; girls between 8-14). An estimated 11,000 players will travel to Canton from Michigan, Ontario, Ohio and Indiana in one of the

Midwest's largest club-based tournaments.

Bucks: A free game between the Michigan Bucks and Hamilton FC Rage will take place noon Saturday at Independence Park. Preceding the game will be a Memorial Day remembrance including Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy.

Web: For game schedules and other information, go to www.cantonsoccerclub.com or www.cantonsoccer.net.

are always interested in the way the Canton Cup experience comes across. Because we're not just a soccer tournament."

Noel said family fun is as integral as the soccer,

and that's what he and the rest of the tournament team work countless hours trying to help come to fruition.

Of course, soccer is front and center. There

will be 690 club teams comprised of boys ages 8-19 and girls ages 8-14 kicking it all over Independence Park and four

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Chiefs in tourney

The Canton varsity baseball team will play in the first Champions Tournament over the Memorial Day weekend in Flint. The tourney features six 2011 teams that won district championships last year, including Birmingham Brother Rice (No. 1 in Division 1), Bay City Western (No. 4 in D1), Lapeer East (No. 4 in D2), Flushing and Howell. Canton opens 4 p.m. Friday against Lapeer East.

"The upcoming weekend will give the team an opportunity to play some of the best competition in the state as we finish off the regular season and prepare for districts," Chiefs head coach Mark Blomshield said. "We feel that this tourney will create a playoff like atmosphere where the margin of error will be small."

'Cats win 1st KLAA crown

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

When Plymouth junior Bri Giordano lifted a towering fly ball to left during Monday's KLAA Kensington Conference softball championship game between the host Wildcats and Northville, she wasn't sure if it would go far enough or stay fair.

GIRLS SOFTBALL With two runners on base and Plymouth up 2-1 in the bottom of the fifth, the swirling winds pushed the ball toward the foul line.

"But I knew it was a good hit, so I just started running my hardest," Giordano said following the game.

She was smiling as she talked, and that's all you need to know about what happened next. The ball glanced off the screen attached to the foul pole to give Giordano a three-run homer and give Plymouth an insurmountable 5-1 lead — which held up as the final score as the Wildcats won the conference title for the first time in school history.

"It's the first time it's happened, so we're all excited and coach (Val) Canfield is super excited," Giordano said, referring to the conference crown.

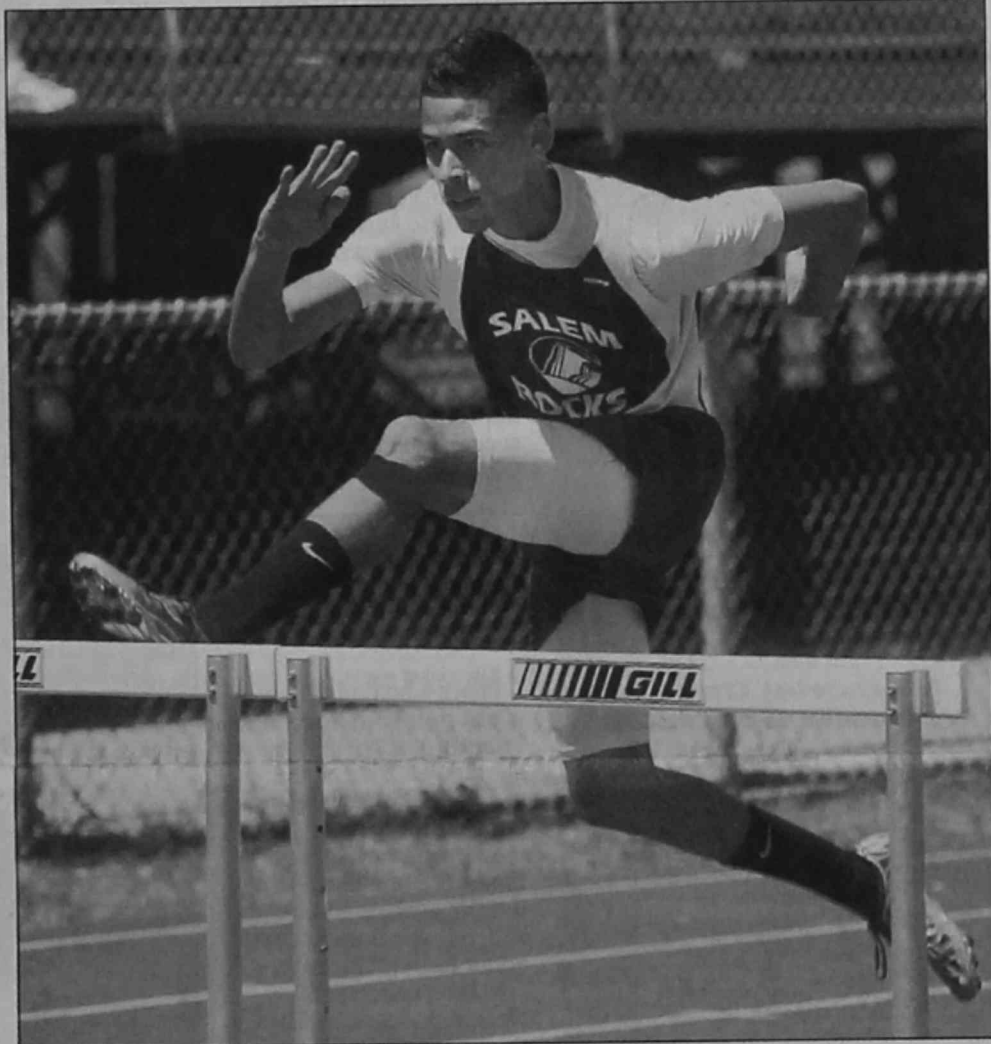
Final frenzy

Pitching the distance for the victory was freshman Mik Marciniak — who caught a liner off the bat of Jessica Jones for the final out, triggering a mob scene in the circle.

"She did, boy am I impressed," Canfield said about how Marciniak got stronger as the game progressed, after giving up a run in the third on a two-out RBI single by Allie Oosten.

But Marciniak shut the door after that inning and her teammates tied the contest in the fourth, when Marciniak doubled to left to score Giordano (who walked and moved to second on Brittney Miller's perfect sacrifice bunt).

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Salem's Joe Amado is the picture of skill and concentration when competing in hurdle events.

He's no ordinary Joe

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Overcoming hurdles is what Joe Amado's all about — literally.

The Salem senior is headed to the Division 1 state finals June 2 in East Kentwood after winning the May 18 regionals at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park in both the 110-meter and 300-meter hurdles.

Some other fast facts about the talented 17-year-old, the latest in a series of elite, state-qualifying Salem hurdlers (following Baze Efremov and Scott O'Connor):

The 5-11, 135-pound Amado set new school marks this season in both hurdle events.



• He completed the 110 hurdles in 14.86 seconds, breaking the record set in 2011 by Dion Walker (15.50), another excellent hurdler who walked on this year at Eastern Michigan University.

• Amado also outdid O'Connor's 40.17, the record set in 2010, when he cracked the 40-second mark (39.56) at last week's regionals.

And nobody works harder or wants to be better than Amado, who promised Salem head coach Kyle Meteyer that he would rip through the competition this season after being disqualified in a preseason indoor meet after a false start.

"As soon as it was done with it, he texted me and said he was going to destroy people in the outdoor season," said Meteyer, a onetime hurdler at North Farmington. "... He's been motivated all year to do better and

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Madi scores in move to soccer

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

On your mark, get set, score goals ...

Plymouth junior forward Madi Lewis can be forgiven if she confuses the speed of track and field with the rush of bursting through and beyond opposing defenders on the soccer pitch.

That's because the 17-year-old Canton resident excelled her freshman and sophomore years on the Wildcats girls track and field team, but gave that up this spring to play on the varsity girls soccer team.

So far, so fast. Through Monday's KLAA conference title game, Lewis has compiled 22 goals and 23 assists while leading the Wildcats to the KLAA South Division title.

"Breakaways are definitely thrilling," Lewis said, underscoring what she loves most about soccer. "So is scoring."

During a recent game, Lewis found the back of the net on one breakaway attempt. She later blasted one off the right post and always lurks as a threat to put points on the board.

Instant speed

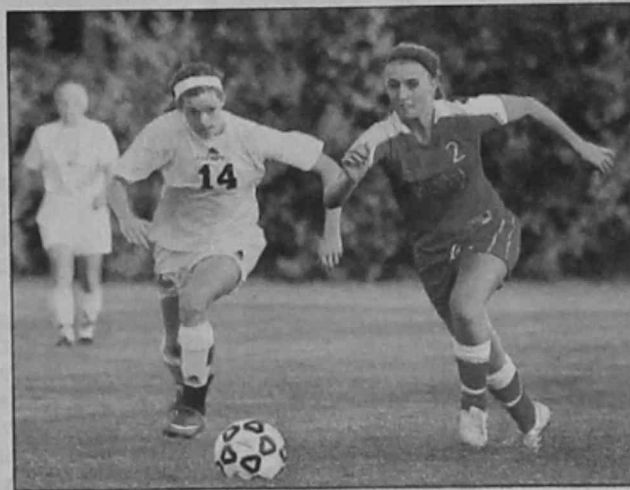
To that end, Lewis can

step through the tiniest of openings and be going full blast in an instant, and her track experience garners an assist for that.

"For track, we worked on my starts a lot," she said. "And with short distance sprinting it definitely helps, because on the field that's just basically what I do is short sprints."

"And doing the 400 (meter dash) also helped with my endurance, because you need to train for longer in that. I think it helped."

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JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Here comes Plymouth junior forward Madi Lewis (No. 14), racing for a 50/50 ball with Canton's Alex Bryden during a recent game.

Pheasant Run hosts Publinx

Pheasant Run Golf Club in Canton is set to host the Michigan Publinx Medal Play tournament Saturday and Sunday. The 54-hole event, one of the premier amateur golf events held in Michigan annually, is moving from nearby Fellows Creek. "Adding Pheasant Run to the mix truly gives Canton two exceptional public championship tested golf venues," said Greg Bores, PGA head golf pro at Pheasant Run. "This event will offer qualified golfers a chance to take on many of the best amateur players in the state."

Contestants will compete in a two-day tournament within two divisions. A champion for the gross and net division will be awarded the Lee Goh's Classic Trophy for their fine play.

The Michigan Publinx Golf Association is one of the original organizations established to serve golfers in the state. To check the status of the event or if interested in competing, visit www.mipublinx.com.

Pheasant Run Golf Course is located at 46500 Summit Parkway in Canton. The 27-hole layout covers more than 300 acres of rolling terrain, and traverses over 10.5 miles from start to finish. For more information, visit www.golfprgc.org or call (734) 397-6460.

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 Laveriza 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 information, contact Mark Mangune at mark.mangune@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/SoccerAidforHope.

'Cats drop bid for conference title

Plymouth's bid for the KLAAs Kensington Conference girls soccer championship washed away with the rain Monday night.

The host Wildcats (10-2-3, 9-0-1 in the KLAAs South) were trounced 7-2 by Northville.

Things looked promising in the first half for Plymouth as sophomore Sydney Rouse and junior Morgan Klabunde each found the back of the Mustangs net to go up 2-1. Rouse finished a

feed from junior forward Madi Lewis and Klabunde fired a cross from Zoe Foster into the cage.

But Northville tallied an own-goal to tie the contest and went up 3-2 at halftime on Mallory Weber's goal.

It was all Mustangs in the second half, however. "Not one of our better efforts," said Jeff Neschich, head coach of the KLAAs South Division champions.

SALEM 1, CHURCHILL 0

(PKs): The two Kensington Conference teams played to a scoreless draw through 80 minutes of regulation and two minutes of overtime Monday night before the Rocks (9-6-1) prevailed in a shootout at Livonia Churchill (4-8-5).

Salem converted all four chances in penalty kicks with senior Kaitlynn Krause tallying the game-winner. Also finding the mark in PKs were Olivia Kaye, Hayley Rogers and Emily Lundh.

Salem goalkeeper Ali Eggenberger earned her sixth shutout of the year.

Churchill made two-of-four with Kelsey Parrinello and Erin Emmanuel converting.

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Then in the fifth, Cassidy Hewitt singled and Brooke Senkbeil laid down a sacrifice bunt that turned into a throwing error, giving Plymouth runners on second and third with nobody out.

Kayla Rebain then hit a sacrifice fly to center for the lead run, Lindsay Luton singled and Giordano followed with her round-tripper above the 200-

foot mark against Northville pitcher Laura Pond.

"We kind of regrouped (after falling behind 1-0)," Canfield said. "I told them, 'Let's not miss out on this opportunity. I want you to seize the moment because it doesn't come too often.'"

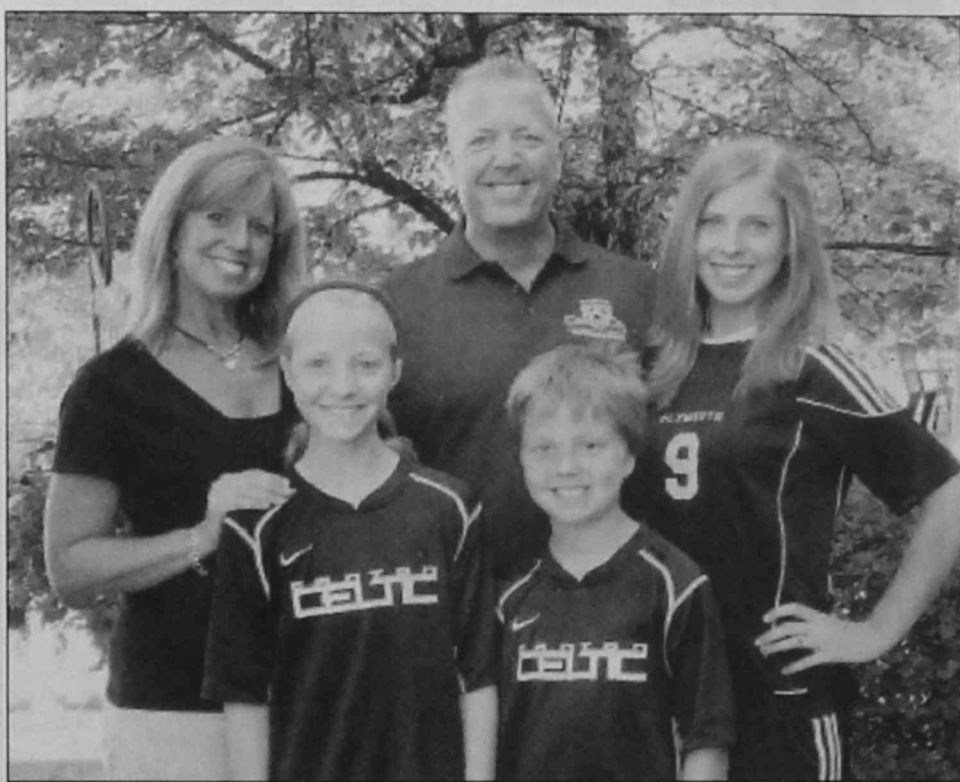
"We took a deep breath and it's like (we) collected ourselves and started over. ... I'm just really proud of this team."

Plymouth (29-6, 16-2 in the KLAAs South Division) enjoyed the victory, fully aware that the championship game

for the overall KLAAs is Wednesday against Lakeland (26-4, 15-1) and that the Wildcats and Central champion Mustangs (17-3, 14-2) will meet up again Tuesday in the Division 1 pre-district game at Salem.

"It will be another battle," Canfield said. "We already know each other. This (will be) the third time we've played each other. We have all the stats and I'm sure they (Mustangs) do, too."

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Canton Cup tournament director Darryl Noel and his family can't wait for the games to begin Friday. From left are wife Patty, daughter Julia, Darryl, son Tyler and daughter Nicole. Julia and Tyler will play for Canton Celtic teams; Nicole (a member of Plymouth's varsity girls soccer team) will help out with scorekeeping.

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other venues.

Everything from recreational to elite teams to the Michigan Bucks-Hamilton FC Rage Professional Development League US Open Cup Qualifier match (noon Saturday at Independence Park) is on the docket (with 1,100 games).

Once again, kids who play for various Canton Celtic and Plymouth Reign teams will compete against squads from across Michigan, the Midwest and Canada.

Noel said the continuing popularity of the Canton Cup is linked to how soccer kids from the

1970s and 1980s are now raising children who are growing up entrenched in the sport.

Soccer is picking up where youth baseball left off decades ago.

"Back in the '60s and '70s, soccer wasn't even on the radar here in Michigan," Noel emphasized. "... But now, with the explosion of soccer, and the quality of teams, you are starting to see second generation soccer players."

"The way I was trained in baseball was my dad showed me, so I started off at an early age. Now what you're seeing is a lot of these soccer players who are now parents, who are teaching their children at a young age."

Noel and his wife, Patty — whom he credits

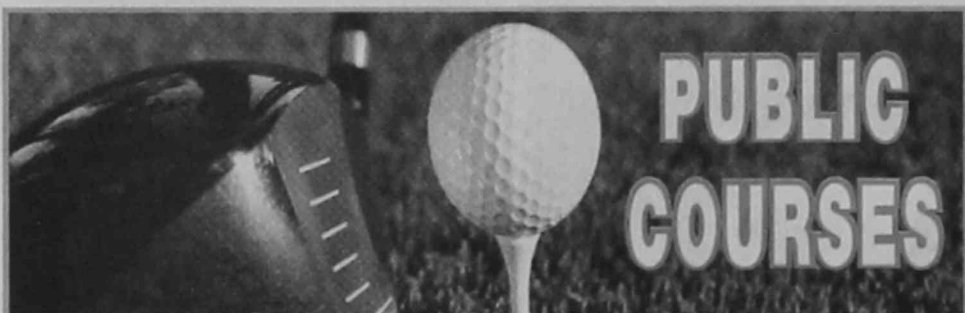
with keeping his family going while he spent endless hours mapping out the 2012 tourney — head one of those soccer-loving families.

They have two children (Julia, Tyler) competing for Canton Celtic teams and another (Nicole) helping out with scorekeeping duties. Nicole also plays varsity girls soccer at Plymouth High School.

"It's a shared family experience," he added.

If all goes according to plan this time around, with no constant rains morphing soccer pitches into mosh pits, many more families will leave Canton knowing exactly what that means.

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There's no doubt Lewis can get from Point A to Point B quickly and rip shots to all four corners of the goal when she gets opportunities.

As proof, Lewis is at the top of the team's all-time list for goals in a season, but she doesn't care about individual stats.

In fact, coach Jeff Neschich described her as so nice and selfless that "she'd play defense if I wanted her to."

That's probably not needed this spring, but nice information to have for any coach with championship aspirations as the Wildcats have this year.

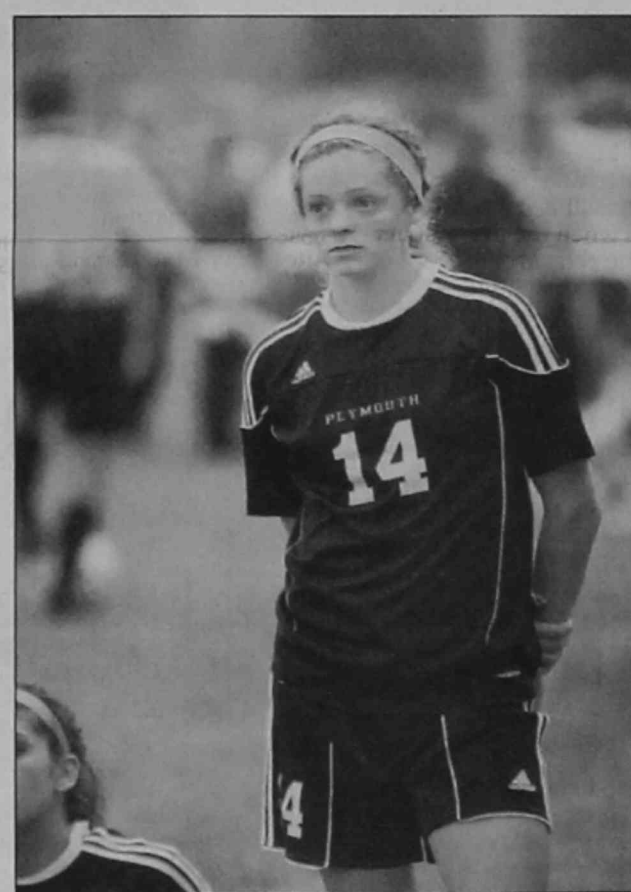
"Madi makes a difference," Neschich said during a recent practice. "She's blessed with a lot of speed, she's also a very talented soccer player. She has good touch, and good sense for going to the goal. You can tell she's played at a high level."

The future looks pretty bright, too. Lewis is making lists of national prospects (including one by ESPN.com) and has verbally committed to play college soccer at the University of Michigan.

Neschich, who also coaches Plymouth's boys team in the fall, likened the rise of Lewis to one of his former players — Colin Rolfe, a two-time All-American at Louisville who now is playing professionally for the Houston Dynamo.

"As a coach, it's awesome," Neschich said. "I'm blessed to have players with the kind of talent she does, but you know, it's not just one player."

"We've got a really good core group of kids that have a lot of experience here. It's nice to add that piece to the puzzle that we already had going here."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

'You need to have the mindset of working hard, and you need to put the effort out there because it's not just going to come easy.'

MADI LEWIS
Plymouth junior

During a recent practice, Lewis said soccer has always been her favorite sport to play. It's just that MHSAA rules would not permit her to play prep soccer her freshman and sophomore years because she was playing for the Livonia-based Michigan Hawks club team.

So during those years, she ran track — namely the 100, 200 and 400 dashes, 100 hurdles and sprint relays. Her name is on the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park record board, too.

Effort counts

Lewis said the two sports have something basic in common.

"You need to have the mindset of working hard, and you need to put the

effort out there because it's not just going to come easy," Lewis said. "I think that the harder you work, the easier things will come."

A different kind of goal she hopes comes along is another trip deep into the Division 1 state tournament. In 2010, the Wildcats reached the finals, only to lose to Novi.

Lewis watched from the stands, lamenting not being able to help her schoolmates out.

"I don't regret running track at all, because I loved it and I made a ton of friends," she said. "But when I went to the state game, I really wished I was there."

"And also when they lost last year (in the districts to Canton) I wanted to be there, and be there for the team. ... I want to get there (in 2012). I think we all do."

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By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Plymouth's varsity baseball team Monday could not complete what would have been quite a double play for the decade-old high school, falling behind early to visiting Northville and losing 4-1 in the KLAAs Kensington Conference championship game.

On the adjacent field, the softball Wildcats defeated Northville 5-1, giving Plymouth its first-ever conference title in that sport.

The loss was a bitter pill to swallow for Plymouth senior catcher Rich Guglielmi, because the Northville pitcher that stymied the Wildcats (Matt Stojkov) is going to be a college teammate next year with Guglielmi and Canton senior Ryan Bazner at Saginaw Valley State University.

"He (Stojkov) is a good pitcher, he threw a lot of fast balls by us and fooled us on a lot of curve balls," Guglielmi said. "He kept us off-balance. He pitched well. But we didn't hit well, they hit well and that's the game of baseball."

Guglielmi noted that the loss was the second of the year to the Mustangs in 2012, and that the two division champions will meet up again Tuesday (May 29) in a Division 1 pre-district game at Salem. That means one of the two top-seeded teams in the districts will be quickly bounced from the state tournament.

"They beat us twice," he said. "We do not want to lose to them a third time in a row."

Plymouth head coach Bryan Boyd, whose team dropped to 23-7 overall and 12-4 in the conference, said players hopefully will learn from the loss when the pre-district game rolls around.

"This was the tune-up for that," Boyd said.

"They got it today, hopefully we can get it next Tuesday. We obviously wanted to win the conference title, but at the same time, if we beat them next Tuesday, we're going to feel pretty good about ourselves."

A two-run first immediately put the Wildcats into a hole, and Stojkov made sure they never climbed out of it.

Scoring chances were few and far between. Plymouth put two runners on base to open the second (Guglielmi, hit by a pitch; Casey Sudz, single) but could not push across a run.

Northville then upped its lead to 3-0 in the third against Plymouth starter Austin Ebeling. With one out, Brendan Patrone doubled to right-center and scored on a single to right by Trevor Maresh.

The Wildcats sliced that lead to 3-1 in the bottom of the inning, with Matt Janke tripling over the center fielder's head and scoring on a wild pitch.

Northville padded the spread to three runs again with a tally in the fifth, with Patrone scoring the run with a single.

Plymouth could not spark any kind of comeback, however. After scoring in the third, the Wildcats could only muster a single by Brian Schmid and back-to-back walks to start the seventh by Sudz and Schmid.

"They're a very good team," Boyd said. "You got to make plays against a team like that. There were a couple plays we didn't make. Frankly, we made a lot of plays, too; we turned three double plays that kept us in the game."

"But we just missed out on a couple big hits here and there."

Tripleheaders: On Saturday, Plymouth played a tripleheader against the three teams from Farmington Public Schools. After losing 4-1 to Farmington, Rich Guglielmi's walk-off homer gave the Wildcats a 6-5 victory over Farmington

Harrison in the second tilt. Collecting the win in relief was Brian Schmid. Plymouth wrapped up the busy day with a 4-3 win over North Farmington. Pitcher Nick Sandberg threw a complete game for the win.

Canton also played a tripleheader Saturday at PCEP, winning 3-0 over North Farmington and 9-5 over Harrison but losing 5-3 to Farmington.

Ryan Bazner struck out nine and threw a one-hitter in the win over North, with Nick Hazergian pitching one inning for the save. Jake Boucher went 3-for-3 with two RBI with Mike Stafford doubling and scoring a run.

Against the Hawks, Alex Cole pitched into the fourth for the win with Riley Regner hitting a grand slam while going 3-for-4 with five RBI. James Hall helped out with two hits and two runs.

The Chiefs could not muster enough offense to support the pitching of David Blythe (three runs over 5 1/3 innings) against Farmington. Bazner did chip in with two hits and an RBI.

CANTON 4, STEVENSON 3: Josh DeYonker went 2-for-4 with a double, triple and two RBI, but it wasn't enough Monday as Livonia Stevenson fell to host Chiefs (17-7) in a Kensington Conference crossover.

Riley Regner, Chad Russell and winning pitcher Nick Hazergian each had an RBI for Canton, which scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh to pull out the victory.

Hazergian went all seven innings, allowing three runs on seven hits. He struck out five and walked four.

Losing pitcher Chris McDonald also threw all seven, allowing two earned runs on three hits and five walks. The senior right-hander struck out five.

McDonald also went 2-for-3, while Jake Semak also had an RBI for Stevenson.

SALEM 2, WAYNE 1: Josh Penn threw a complete-game four-hitter Monday as the Rocks edged host Wayne Memorial (12-16) in a Kensington Conference crossover.

Penn struck out five, walked one and hit one batter to outduel Wayne starter Zach Lankton, who also went all seven innings while allowing just four hits.

Lankton struck out eight and walked four.

Tyler McCurry went 2-for-3 and scored Wayne's only run in the first inning on a Salem outfield throwing error.

Kyle Penn's RBI single made it 1-1 in the third and Justin Sydlowski scored the game-winning run on the passed ball in the fourth for Salem.

AMADO

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so far, so good."

No. 1 on the Amado checklist is finishing in the top-eight in any of his three events at the finals, which would earn him all-state status. Last year, he just missed out. Nailing down a college track scholarship would be 1A.

To get to where he wants to go, Amado doesn't mind falling occasionally while sprinting, launching and landing around the PCEP track. He'll just pick himself up and take aim at the next hurdle in his path.

"Flat running is completely different than hurdles," said Amado, following in the footsteps of recent Salem all-state hurdlers Baze Efremov and Scott O'Connor. "When you're up against an obstacle like that, you have to time it perfectly or else you fall and hit yourself on the track and then you're out for a couple races."

The right way

Sprinters might get the limelight. But Amado is finding plenty of it headed his way as he continues to work, grind and smoothly scale hurdles in his path.

"I've been doing this seriously for three years now," Amado said. "I've been going to practice every day, I think it's just like a continuous flow going to practice, working hard and trying to get better and better."

It helps being familiar with the track and hurdles at PCEP, where KLAAs and regional meets were held this season.

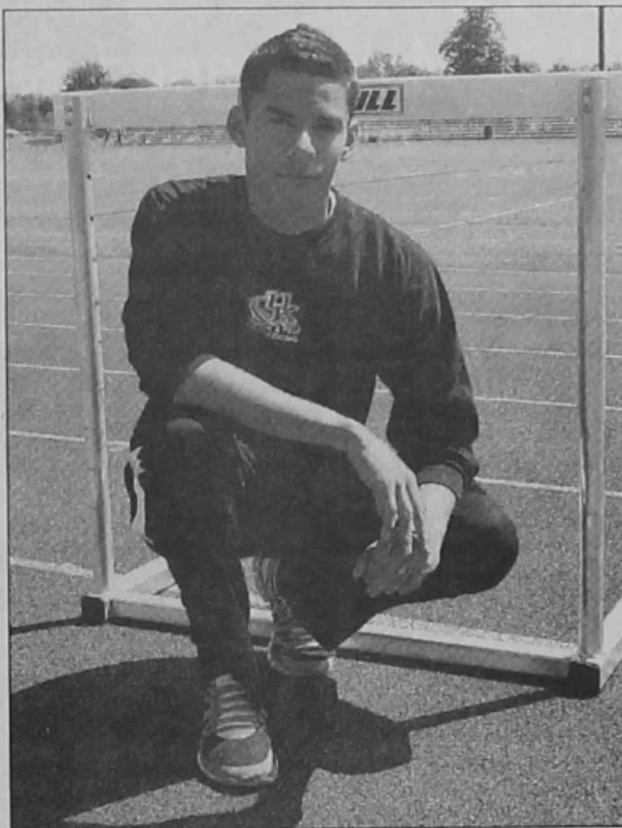
"People always perform better at home," he said. "These are my hurdles, this is my track, I'm used to it. I kind of have that advantage over the other guys."

Amado also has worked hard with Salem assistant coaches during his prep career to improve his technique and maximize strength and flexibility through a pre-practice stretching regimen. He augmented that by joining the Michigan Accelerators Track Club after his sophomore season.

And he could always use teammates such as Efremov and O'Connor as sounding boards for how to tweak his approach.

Now, he doesn't mind being available to help younger guys.

"You need to have the right form, that's really important," Amado said. "Some people can run super fast in an open event, but then they run hurdles and have terrible



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When it comes to running hurdles, Salem senior Joe Amado is all business. He will compete in the Division 1 state meet on June 2.

THE AMADO FILE

Who: Salem senior hurdler Joe Amado, 17 of the varsity boys track and field team.

Elite: Amado is undefeated this season in both the 110- and 300-meter hurdles, having set new Salem school records this season in each. He will compete at the June 1 Division 1 state finals in both events, as well as with teammates Colin McCormack, Chase Minshew and Thom Crawford in the

1,600-meter relay.

Hello: Salem head coach Kyle Meteyer immediately saw promise in Amado when the latter competed in an eighth-grade track meet. Meteyer said Amado has progressed from a "skinny little freshman" into an athlete who has potential to excel with a college team.

Family: Amado's parents are Jose and Maria Amado.

form.

"The guy with the better form will win. To be a really good hurdler, you got to have both, speed and good form. Land strong on your toes and get three steps to the next hurdle."

Concurring was Meteyer, who added that hurdlers deserve to get more credit than they usually receive.

"Hurdlers are I think the most versatile kids on the track team," Meteyer said. "It takes a lot more coordination to do hurdles than run the 100-meter dash or a 200. Those guys (hurdlers) have to put in a lot more time to learn the technique. (With the) 100, more or less you have it or you don't. Hurdles? Not so much. You can be a mediocre sprinter and turn into a very good hurdler with some work on technique."

Smooth as silk

Of course, mediocrity and Joe Amado have nothing in common whether doing hurdles or running events.

"He's the smoothest hurdler I've seen in high

school this year," Meteyer said. "Other guys might have a little more foot speed, a little more explosiveness. Joe's the smoothest one over the hurdles."

And it was Amado's momentum-seizing second leg of the 1,600 relay at regionals that enabled the Rocks to win that race and finish first in the team standings.

All of that, as well as being as coachable as they come, are why the veteran coach sees a bright future somewhere at the collegiate level.

"Some guys can go on to college and maybe they're not as coachable or maybe they peaked in their running," summed up Meteyer. "I think Joe has a lot more to offer, especially in the college 400 hurdles because he's a good 400 runner, too."

With every high-profile meet that Amado sails through this spring, it looks as if a college track and field coach somewhere will happily find that out very soon.

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Eagles grounded by HVL

By Tim Smith
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A dazzling, 17-strikeout performance by Plymouth Christian Academy senior pitcher Daniel Slater should have been the story Tuesday on the team's Senior Day game against Huron Valley Lutheran.

Instead, Slater had little support in the field and at the plate and the visiting Hawks pounced for a 5-2 victory in a contest to determine the second-place finisher in the Michigan Independent Athletics Conference Red Division.

Huron Valley improved to 11-4 overall and 10-3 in the MIAC Red while PCA dropped to 12-6, 10-4. Although the teams could finish tied record-wise in the division, the Hawks now own the tie-breaker.

"This team (Hawks) has turned out to be our nemesis," PCA head coach Joe Bottorff said. "In the last three years we've played them eight times and lost seven."

"I think we're pretty equal talent-wise, but they just did a lot better job of catching and throwing than we did today. I was really impressed with their defense."

Conversely, fielding woes hurt the Eagles. With two outs and

nobody on in the top of the first, a ground ball skirted through a PCA infielder's legs and before the frame ended, there were three infield hits and two Huron Valley runs (with RBI hits by Alex Harris and James Brown).

Hawks lefthander Ryan Schaffer, who allowed just five hits in a complete-game effort, shut the door except for a two-run homer by PCA's Daniel Jipping in the sixth (following a walk to Ben Cockrum (2-for-2, one run).

That blast to left only sliced the PCA deficit to 4-2.

Schaffer (3-for-3, three runs) also swung a big stick, tripling down the right-field line to open the fifth against Slater.

He scored on a subsequent two-bagger into the left-field corner by Alex Harris (3-for-3, two runs, three RBI).

"(Schaffer's) been consistent as of late, he hits the ball, whether it's a single or a home run he hits the ball," Hawks head coach Matthew Schaeve said. "And (on the mound) he was really good today with his control."

"He struggled with it the last couple games, but today he was really on the ball with it."

After the homer by Jipping (1-for-3), Huron Valley got a run back in the

seventh when Harris doubled to bring home Schaffer (who singled with one out).

The way the contest played out disappointed Bottorff, who would have liked to have seen Slater rewarded for his strong pitching. (As part of Senior Day, both Slater and outfielder Jon Beauchemin were introduced before the game.)

"He is a real competitor on the mound, he really goes after hitters and throws hard," Bottorff said. "When he has his slider working, like he did today, he can get a lot of strikeouts."

"... Unfortunately, the rest of the team didn't help him out a whole lot. But he gets 17 by himself and you'd think we'd be able to get the other four without giving up five runs. But we had a little trouble with that."

The Eagles might soon have a chance for redemption against the Hawks, however. Both teams along with Lutheran Westland comprise a Division 4 district hosted by PCA on Saturday, June 2.

PCA will face the Warriors at 10 a.m. with the winner then facing Huron Valley for the district title.

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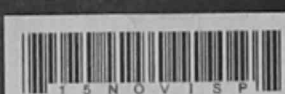
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RONALD LEE, SR.**

Age 68, May 19, 2012. Beloved husband of Maryann. Loving father of Ron (Carylyn) Jr., Bianca (Dave) Sarns and David (Paula). Grandfather of Donnielle, Shalen, Colin, Zach and Megan. Funeral Service 11:00 AM Saturday at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Visitation Friday 2-9 PM. Please share a memory of Ron at www.rggharris.com.



**DESROCHERS, II
JOSEPH**

Age 68 of Livonia, May 20, 2012. Beloved husband of Lois. Loving father of Joseph DesRochers III. Dear brother of Ann (Harvey) Hamel, the late Ernest, and Joseph (Carol) Santelio. Joseph leaves behind many loving nieces, nephews, family, and friends. Visitation will be held at Fred Wood Funeral Home Rice Chapel 36100 Five Mile Road (E. of Levon) Livonia. Thursday May 24, 2012 from 3-9PM with a 7PM Rosary Service. Funeral services will be held at St. Edith Catholic Church 15089 Newburgh Rd Livonia, Mi. Friday instate 10:00 AM, Mass 10:30 AM. Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice. Please share your memories at: Fredwoodfuneralhome.com



**KENYON,
RAYMOND B.**

Asheville, NC. Raymond Burdette Kenyon, age 86, passed away Friday, May 18, 2012 at Mission Hospital. Ray was born in Woodland Township of Barry County in Michigan on June 3, 1925 to the late Ernest Adelbert Kenyon and Ina Mae Will Kenyon. He was also preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Shirley Granger Kenyon. Ray came from a large family of four brothers and three sisters. He graduated from Hastings High School in Michigan, class of 1943, and was class President. He then attended and graduated from the University of Michigan. Ray was a U.S. Army Veteran serving in Europe in 1944 and 1945. In the 1960's, he was a proud member of the Garden City School Board. Ray worked for Ford Motor Company from 1962 to 1985 in Dealer Development and was a member of Lake Lure Fairfield Chapel in Lake Lure. Ray is survived by his three children; a son, Frederick Kenyon; two daughters, Pavanne Kenyon Lapham and Amy Kenyon; two sisters, Lois Finkbeiner and Jean Jowett; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and Margy Herrmann, his close companion for seven years, and her three daughters. A memorial service was held on Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at 4:00 P.M. at Lake Lure Fairfield Mountains Chapel, 1384 Buffalo Creek Road, Lake Lure, NC 28746 with Reverend Everette Chapman officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to CarePartners Hospice in Asheville, P.O. Box 25338, Asheville, NC 28813. Groce Funeral Home at Lake Julian, Arden, N.C. is assisting the family and the memorial register is available online at: www.grocefunealhome.com



**RODRIGUEZ,
RANDY RAY**

MAY 20, 2012
Born January 19, 1950. Age 62. Lived in Westland for over 55 years. Husband of Donna (nee Blackwell). Son of Etta (Cochran) and the late Andrew. Father of Robert, Andy, Natalie (fiance David). Brother of Caroline, Rodney, Kathelene, Andrew Dean (Sherrill). Randy left behind many Uncles, Aunts, cousins and their families, and friends who gathered in Irish Hills for family reunions. Worked with friends and his brothers from Local #412 at Detroit Diesel in Redford for over 30 years. Attended the Wayne-Westland school system and graduated as the State Champion wrestler in his weight class from Wayne Memorial High School in 1968. Visitation was held Tuesday, May 22nd at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 8809 Wayne Rd., Livonia, Michigan. Memories and thoughts can be made at griffinfuneralhome.com.

TAFT, WILLIAM D.

May 18, 2012, of Plymouth. Beloved husband of Joann. Dear father of Gregg (Ann), Susan (Gary) Matthews & William (Maggie). Loving grandfather of six & great-grandfather of four. Dear brother of Lois Simmons. Memorial services will be announced at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Michigan or Lapham Cemetery. For further info or to leave a memory or condolence, please visit: www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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Successful walk



Participants stroll through Westland earlier this month during the annual CROP walk. Approximately 143 individuals, including members of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, First Congregational Church of Wayne, First United Methodist Church of Wayne, Good Hope Lutheran of Garden City, Grace Moravian of Westland, Kirk of Our Savior of Westland, Prince of Peace Lutheran of Westland, St. Mary Catholic of Wayne, and St. Richard Catholic of Westland, walked to raise awareness of global and local hunger. The group raised \$12,500 for Church World Service. A quarter of those funds will be returned to four organizations in the Wayne-Westland community.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

May

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

June

GARAGE SALE

Time/Date: 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 9
Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Church, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton
Details: "Great Expectations Garage Sale," will include such items as clothing, furniture, electronics, and more. The sale will be held in the church parking lot
Contact: (734) 404-2480; www.cantoncf.org

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 of others help for those 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 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

TRASH, TREASURES

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., June 1-2
Location: Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge Road, Canton

Details: Annual Trash and Treasure Sale will include toys, kitchen and holiday items, hobby-related goods and some furniture. No clothing. Bag sale is after noon Saturday
Contact: (734) 495-0035

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 5 p.m. social hour, 6 p.m. dinner, Wednesday, June 13
Location: Corsi's Italian Restaurant, 27910 W. Seven Mile, three blocks west of Inkster Road, in Livonia
Details: Cost is \$14 and includes dinner, beverage, dessert, tax and tip. Pay exact amount at the door. Cash bar available. After dinner enjoy cards, games, and conversation until 9:30 p.m. RSVP by June 6
Contact: Carol at (248) 946-0300 or Pat at (248) 545-8348 or Cookie at (248) 357-2183



**BOUGHTON,
ROBERT CARL**

Was born in Wayne, Michigan February 13, 1979, the oldest son of John and Louise Boughton. He attended Livonia Churchill High as a member of the Math, Science and Computers Program. He went on to attend Michigan Tech University, where he received a Bachelor's in Computer Science and Secondary Education. Rob always enjoyed working with people. For many years he served as the Tournament Director for the American Contract Bridge League. Robert also played Bridge and had reached the status of a Bronze Life Master. He also worked for the Observer Newspapers and was an Eagle Scout. Robert enjoyed playing trivia every Thursday with his family. Robert is survived by his parents, John and Louise Boughton as well as his sister April (Clark) Smalley and brothers Ryan and Ross Boughton. He is the grandson of Robert (the late Anna) Boughton and the late Carl Arthur (the late Dorothy) Nelson. Services were entrusted to the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Livonia and took place earlier this week. He was laid to rest at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia. Memorials may be made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation in his honor. Please visit: www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com To leave condolences for Rob's family.

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See a parade, hear a choir sing on Memorial Day

Communities will observe Memorial Day with parades, musical performances and even a carnival on Monday, May 28.

Residents also will pay tribute to fallen veterans at solemn ceremonies in most cities.

Here's a sampling of activities in Wayne and Oakland counties:

Canton

A local veterans group presents the Memorial Day ceremony at 1 p.m. Monday, May 28 in Heritage Park, west of Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill Road.

BeckRidge Chorale concludes its regular concert season with its third annual Memorial Day Concert, "Because of the Brave" at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., Monday, May 28 in the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road. Tickets are \$8 and \$10. Visit www.beckridgechorale.org.

Farmington

Farmington Memorial Day Parade starts at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 28, along Grand River Ave., in downtown Farmington. A ceremony follows at Memorial Park, near the corner of Farmington Road and Grand River Ave.

Garden City

Garden City's Memorial Day Ceremony starts at 11 a.m., Monday, May 28, on the lawn at City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt. The Garden City High School Air Force Junior ROTC Color Guard will present the colors and Marianna Seal, a Farmington Elementary School sixth grade student, will sing the national anthem. Sophia Walker, a second grader at Memori-

al Elementary, will lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Guest speaker will be Sergeant David Knezek USMC. He was deployed in Iraq for two tours, from 2007-2008 and 2009-2010 with the 2nd Battalion, 24th Marine Scout Sniper Platoon. He is the recipient of 21 military awards and decorations for leadership, mission accomplishment, and educational achievement. Garden City resident James Townsend will perform a patriotic medley and taps.

Rifle Salute performed by VFW Post 7575 Garden City resident & GC Chaplain Pastor Bob McDonald will give the invocation & benediction.

Livonia

The Polish Legion of American Veterans, PLAV White Eagle Post No. 166, will hold an open house, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, May 26, at the Post building, located at the corner of Eckles and Amrhein, just north of Plymouth Road. The public may visit and see the facility, as well as meet the veterans. Snacks and refreshments will be served. There will be a brief memorial ceremony at 1 p.m. honoring deceased members of the post.

The City of Livonia will hold its Memorial Day Ceremony at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 26, at Veterans Park Memorial Plaza at the corner of Five Mile and Farmington Road. A tribute to the city's veterans, it includes military salutes, a wreath-placing ceremony, special guests and music.

Plymouth

Start your Memorial Day early with the annual parade through downtown Plymouth. The action starts



The P-CEP Marching Band color guard makes its way along the streets of downtown Plymouth, last year on Memorial Day.

at 8:30 a.m. at Main and Wing and moves to Veterans Memorial Park at Main and Church where a ceremony is held from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Guest speaker this year is World War II veteran and Plymouth Lions Club member Al Crowley. For more details visit www.ci.plymouth.mi.us

Redford

Last year hundreds of people honored veterans at the annual parade, which always is held a week after Memorial Day. This year's 62nd annual parade starts at 2 p.m., Sunday, June 3, at Five Mile and Beech Daly and moves to Plymouth Road. It features Scouting troops, community groups and marching bands.

Westland

The Wayne-Westland Veterans Parade is 1 p.m. Sunday, May 27, starting at Town 'N Country Lanes, 1100 S. Wayne Road. It

heads south to the Peace Memorial in Wayne.

Other nearby communities:

Birmingham's Memorial Day ceremony is at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 28 in Shain Park, located on Merrill Street in downtown Birmingham. The park is home to the annual Art Birmingham festival on Memorial Day weekend, Saturday-Sunday, May 26-27, sponsored by the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center; www.bbartcenter.org.

Beverly Hills' parade starts at 11 a.m. Monday, May 28, at 13 Mile and Evergreen. It heads to Beverly Park, where a carnival will be held.

Milford Memorial Parade will start at 11 a.m. Monday, May 28 on Main in downtown Milford. A ceremony at Central Park follows.

Northville Memorial Day Parade starts at 10 a.m. Monday, May 28, on



A clown bikes along the route at previous Redford parade, held a week after Memorial Day.

Main Street in downtown Northville. It heads to Wing, goes south to Cady and west with a stop at Oakwood Cemetery, before continuing to First Street, south to Fairbrook and west to the Veterans Memorial in Rural Hill Cemetery. Parade is presented by VFW Post 4012; (248) 348-1490.

Novi's parade will begin at 10 a.m. Monday, May 28, at Karim Road. It will travel west on 10 Mile to the Novi Civic Center where a memorial service will be held near the Veteran's Memorial marker. Kids interested in participating in the bike parade with their decorated bikes, should meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Holly Hill Plaza, 39555 W. 10 Mile. For more information, call Rachel Zagaroli, seniorservices manager, by calling (248) 347-0414 or e-mailing rzaagaroli@cityofnovi.org

Royal Oak's historical society hosts a pancake breakfast from 7 a.m.-noon Monday, May 28, at Royal Oak Farmer's Market, located on 11 Mile at Troy Street, a block east of Main. The Navy Band Great Lakes wind ensemble will perform at the parade, which will start at 9 a.m. on Main Street at Harrison, south of Lincoln. It will head north to Second Street and east to Veteran's Memorial.

Southfield's veterans memorial ceremony starts at 10 a.m. on May 25 at the memorial plaza in front of City Hall, which is in the Civic Center, on Evergreen between 10 and 11 Mile.

The South Lyon Memorial Day Parade is a community tradition. Organized by VFW Post 2502, the parade launches at 9 a.m. from Bartlett Elementary School, 350 School Street, and travels along 10 Mile through downtown South Lyon. The parade ends in the South Lyon Cemetery, where a ceremony takes place to commemorate the contributions and sacrifices of all military veterans.

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John DeMerell of Walled Lake tries to keep his wife, played by Nancy Cooper of Farmington, from killing his new dog, played by Barbie Weisserman of Farmington Hills in Two Muses Theatre's production of "Sylvia."

Local theater stages comedy about a dog

Two Muses Theatre will partner with the Michigan Humane Society when it presents *Sylvia* by A.R. Gurney, June 8-July 1 at Barnes & Noble in West Bloomfield.

The modern romantic comedy about a marriage and a dog is directed by Two Muses co-founder, Diane Hill of Farmington Hills. The show features Two Muses co-founder, Barbie Weisserman of Farmington Hills as Sylvia, the dog. Weisserman played the role many years ago with the Farmington Players.

"I was a puppy of sorts when I played the role before," Weisserman stated. "Now I have a more mature understanding of the special relationships that dogs have with their owners."

Hill said she likes the show because "we all talk to our pets, and we believe they are communicating back, but in this show, you actually get to hear what the dog has to say."

In addition to Weisserman the cast

includes John DeMerell of Walled Lake as Greg, Nancy Cooper of Farmington as Kate, Joshua Brown of Brownstown as Tom, Maggie Gilkes of Farmington Hills as Leslie and Jan Cartwright of Novi as Phyllis.

Two Muses aims to raise funds and adoption awareness for the Michigan Humane Society through the production.

Advance tickets are \$18 for adults and \$15 for students and senior citizens, and can be purchased at www.twomuses-theatre.org or by calling (248) 850-9919. Tickets can be purchased at the door for an additional \$2 and doors open 30 minutes prior to each performance.

Performances are 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, June 9; 2 p.m. Sunday, June 17, 24, and July 1; and 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 15-16, 22-23 and 28-30.

Barnes & Noble Booksellers is located at 6800 Orchard Lake Road.

Art

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Sundays

Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit

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

Exhibits: 75th Annual Detroit Public Schools Student Exhibition through June 3

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

CITY GALLERY

Time/Date: Through June 29; reception runs 7-9 p.m. Thursday, May 30; gallery hours are 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday

Location: At the Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: The Colored Pencils Society of America presents works by members of its Detroit chapter

Contact: (248) 473-1856

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

Contact: (248) 473-1848

GALLERY@VT

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

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: "West of Center" 4th Annual All Media Show

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

VISUAL ARTS ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA

Time/Date: June 3-28; reception runs 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 7

Location: Livonia Civic Center Library, 33000 Civic Center Drive, east of Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Spring Art Exhibit, "Artistic Expressions," includes watercolor, oil, acrylic, pastel and mixed media art work, juried by Nancy Wolfe of Eastern Michigan University. Awards will be given at



Jill Jack performs June 2 at Trinity House Theatre in Livonia.

the reception

Contact: (734) 838-1204; www.vaalart.org.

Comedy

GO COMEDY!

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays through Sundays

Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale

Details: Improv most nights. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays

Contact: (248) 327-0575; gocomedy.net

JD'S HOUSE OF COMEDY

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings

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

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

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

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB OF LIVONIA

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

Details: Kevin Zeoli, through May 26; Danny Browning, May 30-June 2; Steve Lott, June 5-8; Mark Poolos, June 13-16; Davin Rosenblatt, June 20-23

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

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Time/Date: Bill Hildebrandt, May 24-26; Dave Waite, May 31-June 2; A.J. Finney, June 7-9; Nick Vatterott, June 14-16; Duncan Trussell, June 21-23

Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

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

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

Details: Farmington Contra Dance; cost is \$10, \$5 for students, with all proceeds benefitting a charity. No partner is necessary. Dancers should bring clean, smooth-soled shoes for dancing — no street shoes. Peter Baker is the caller

Contact: American Legion at (248) 478-9174

DOWNTOWN ANN

ARBOR

Time/Date: 7 p.m. June 7-9

Location: Four performance sites are WGS Gallery in the Pratt Building, 306 S. Main; Kline Gallery, Downtown Home and Garden on Liberty and Ashley, and the corner of First and W. Liberty

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FAIRLANE BALLROOM DANCE CLUB

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

Location: Lyskawa V.F.W. Hall, 6840 Waverly, east of Telegraph, south of Warren in Dearborn Heights

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

Contact: Jean Orleans at (734) 516-0500

MOON DUSTERS

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

Location: Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia

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

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

Film

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m. Friday, May 25 and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, May 26-27

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: "Big Miracle," \$3 **Thursday classics:** "The Man Who Knew Too Much," May 24; all shows start at 7 p.m. and tickets cost \$3

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Time/Date: 8 p.m. May

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Location: 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit
Details: "Grease," sing-along version, tickets \$5
Coming up: "It Happened One Night," 8 p.m. June 1 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. June 2, tickets, \$4; "American Graffiti," 8 p.m. June 15 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. June 16,

tickets, \$4
Contact: (313) 537-2560

Museums

CHARLES H. WRIGHT
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday
Location: 315 E. Warren Road, Detroit
Details: Regular museum admission is \$8 for adults, 13-61; and \$5 for youth, 3-12, and seniors, 62 and over. Members and children 2 and under are admitted free.

Exhibits: "Mixing Metaphors: The Aesthetic, Social and Political in African American Art includes more than 90 works by 36 artists, through June 3; "Moving to His Own Beat - Fela: The Man, the Movement, the Music," celebrates the life and music of Fela Anikulapo-Kuti, through June 17; "The Chris Webber Collection: Exceptional People During Extraordinary Times, 1755-Present," includes rare artifacts collected by Detroit native Chris Web-

ber, through September; "Witness: The Art of Jerry Pinkney," through Sept. 9
Contact: (313) 494-5800
PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM
Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday and Friday-Sunday; current exhibit runs through June 17
Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth
Details: "Ration Stamps & Bombers, WWII at Home" is the current exhibit. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students, 6-17

Contact: (734) 455-8940

Music

THE ARK

Time/Date: Danilo Perez, May 24; Stella! & The Joshua Davis Band, May 25; Marcia Ball, May 26; Stephane Wrembel, May 30; Hana Malhas & The Overthinkers and Jetty Rae, May 31; Kenny Brown, June 1; Suzanne Westenhoefer, June 2; Jason Waggoner, June 3; John Primer, June 4; Jim Hurst, June 6; Bill Bynum & Co., June 7;

Steve Poltz, June 8; Rickie Lee Jones, June 9; Shape Note Singing, June 10; Heartland Klezmerim, June 10; Matt Flinner Trio, June 11; Jon McLaughlin & Bob Stamper, June 12; Anne Hills, June 13; Stephen Kellogg and the Sixers, June 14; Jonathan Coulton & John Roderick, June 15, The Flatlanders, June 16; Tish Hinojosa, June 17
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- ½ cup sliced green onions

Preheat oven to 425°F and coat a 9-inch-square baking dish with nonstick cooking spray.

Cut potatoes in half lengthwise. Place cut side down on a board and slice very thinly. Place in a large bowl and set aside.

Heat broth, Parmesan, garlic salt, cheeses and artichoke hearts in a medium saucepan until cheeses are melted.

Stir in spinach and cook until wilted.

Stir mixture into potatoes with green onions, mixing well to coat potatoes as evenly as possible.

Spread in prepared dish and bake for 30 minutes. Cover loosely with foil and reduce temperature to 375°F; cook for 1 hour more or until potatoes are tender when pierced with a fork.

Quick Tip: To shave an hour off the cook time, boil potatoes for 5 minutes or until tender, then drain well. Prepare as directed above then bake at 425°F for 30 minutes.



Roasted Fingerling Potato Salad with Lemon and Thyme

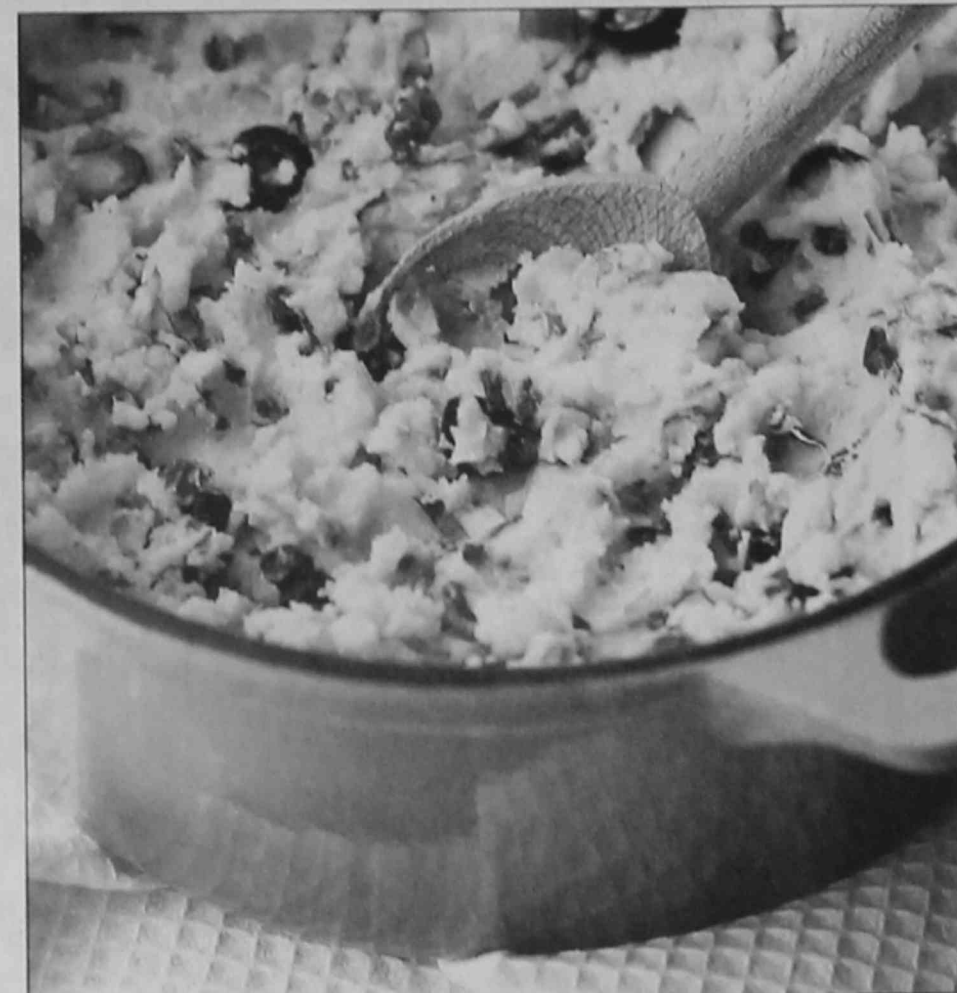
Mediterranean Mashed Potatoes

Makes 4 servings
Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 10 to 13 minutes

- 1½ pounds russet potatoes, cut into 1-inch cubes (best for light and fluffy mashed potatoes), or 1½ pounds white or red potatoes, cut into 1-inch cubes (best for creamier mashed potatoes)
- ½ cup nonfat plain yogurt
- ½ cup fat-free milk
- 1½ tablespoons heart-healthy buttery spread
- ½ teaspoon sea salt (or ¼ teaspoon garlic salt)
- ½ cup reduced-fat Italian blend shredded cheese
- ½ cup sun-dried tomatoes, chopped
- 2 tablespoons snipped fresh basil
- 2 green onions, sliced
- 1 2.2-ounce can sliced ripe olives, drained
- Freshly ground pepper to taste

Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Add potatoes and cook for 10 minutes or until tender; drain well. Transfer back to pot and mash well, then stir in yogurt, milk, buttery spread and salt. Gently stir in remaining ingredients and cook for 2 to 3 minutes more to heat through.

Courtesy of Family Features



Mediterranean Mashed Potatoes

Fresh ways to enjoy potato classics

Potatoes are the ultimate comfort food, but a few twists on classic side dishes like mashed potatoes, salads and casseroles can take potatoes to a whole new level. With so many delicious types available year-round, it's easy to create exciting and nutritious side dishes that can be the highlight of any meal.

Here's what you need to know about the seven different potato types to help you start experimenting with different colors, textures, cooking methods and flavor additions:

- **Fingerlings** — These small, slender "finger-sized" potatoes range from two to four inches in length. They come in a wide range of skin and flesh colors and most possess a firm, waxy texture, which makes them ideal for potato salads. Pan frying enhances their robust flavor and showcases their wonderful nutty or buttery tastes.

- **Petites** — Petites share the same flavor and texture as their full-sized cousins, but their flavors are actually more concentrated, and they cook more quickly. Petites can be found in red, white, yellow, brown and purple, and make delicious roasted potatoes and potato salads.

- **Purples/Blues** — Purple/blue potatoes have a deep purple skin with flesh that ranges from purple to almost white. The moist, firm flesh retains its shape and adds rich colors and a mild, yet distinctly nutty flavor to tossed salads. They are also sensational roasted.

- **Reds** — Reds are widely known for their rosy red skin and white flesh. The moist, waxy flesh stays firm and flavorful throughout cooking, making it ideal for roasting. The slightly sweet, always-tender texture complements any dish, and the vibrant red skin adds appealing color and pizzazz to potato salad, soups and stews.

- **Russets** — Russets are characterized by a brown, netted skin and white flesh. The delicate potato flavor and grainy texture of a baked russet creates light and fluffy mashed potatoes and crispy pan-fried potatoes.

- **Whites** — This all-purpose potato has a white flesh and white (sometimes light tan) skin. They are slightly dense and creamy, with a subtly sweet flavor. Their delicate, thin skins add just the right amount of texture to mashed potatoes without the need for peeling. Grilling whites brings out a more full-bodied flavor; or use them in soups and stews.

- **Yellows** — This type boasts golden skin and golden flesh. Grilling gives them a crispy skin, which enhances the dense and buttery texture, and gives them a slightly sweet, caramelized flavor. Their naturally smooth texture also lends itself well to lighter versions of baked or roasted potatoes.

To get more healthy potato recipes and to sign up for the US Potato Board's weekly recipe e-mail, visit www.potatogoodness.com. You can also "like" the USPB on Facebook at www.facebook.com/potatoeatersandspuds to enter contests, sign up for sweepstakes and get new recipes with a community of potato lovers.

A medium size potato (5.3 ounces) with skin is 110 calories, has no fat, sodium or cholesterol, provides 45 percent of the Daily Value of vitamin C, and has more potassium than a banana.

Roasted Fingerling Potato Salad with Lemon and Thyme

Recipe created by Laura Bashar, Family Spice, www.familyspice.com

Makes 6 servings
Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 20 to 25 minutes
Cool time: At least 10 minutes

- Salad:
- 1½ pounds fingerling potatoes (mixed colors), cut into ½-inch circles
 - 1 red bell pepper, cut into 1-inch cubes
 - 1 red onion, cut into 1-inch cubes (do not separate layers)
 - 3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
 - ½ teaspoon kosher salt
 - ½ teaspoon pepper
- Dressing:
- ½ cup light or olive oil based mayonnaise
 - 1½ tablespoons lemon juice
 - 2 teaspoons extra virgin olive oil
 - 2 teaspoons fresh thyme leaves
 - 1½ teaspoons lemon zest
 - ½ teaspoon kosher salt
 - ½ teaspoon pepper

Preheat oven to 425°F. Toss all salad ingredients together in a large bowl. Spread in a single layer on a large baking sheet and cook for 20 to 25 minutes or until potatoes start to brown. Let cool for at least 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, whisk together all dressing ingredients in a medium bowl; toss with cooled vegetables. Serve at room temperature or chilled.

Real estate industry pro, 26, honored by '30 Under 30' recognition

By Julie Brown
O&E Staff Writer

Ken Pozek of Keller Williams in Novi has been named to the "30 Under 30" Class of 2012 by the editors of REALTOR Magazine, published by the National Association of Realtors. Each year, the magazine recognizes 30 young practitioners who are making a mark in the real estate industry through success in real estate sales, business management, leadership, and community service. This year's honorees are featured in the May/June 2012 issue of the magazine.

"It's exciting. I think it's a culmination of hard work. It definitely means I'm on the right track," said Pozek of the honor. Originally, 50 top young professionals were chosen, with the field then narrowed to 30.

He's 26 and a Northville Township resident. He's married to Holly and the couple has a son, almost 3, and a daughter, 6 months.

He will meet the other young professionals at the NAR convention in November. "That's a big part of it to network with other people from around the country."

Pozek (www.NoviNorthvilleRealEstate.com) has been in real estate full time for five years. He earned an associate's degree in business from Henry Ford Community College.

"We're actually going to Chicago this weekend to celebrate," he said May 16 of Holly and the NAR kudos. Pozek was an Hour Detroit Magazine Real Estate All Star this year, and in the top 1 percent in sales for Keller Williams International.

"I'm really excited about what's going on for our local market." He specializes in Northville and Novi and sees economic improvement, including in jobs.

"Our average days on market is under three months which is considered a seller's market," Pozek said.

REALTOR Magazine has been honoring young practitioners since 2000. For more information and to read profiles of all of this year's honorees, visit REALTOR Magazine online at <http://realtormag.realtor.org/30-under-30>.

"I am always astonished to see the '30 Under 30' professionals every year and all that they have achieved in such a short amount of time," said National Association of Realtors President Moe Veissi in a May 16 statement. "What amazes me the most about this year's class is how they recognize there is no one formula for winning in real estate. They have discovered success their own way and display the dedication and hardworking spirit all Realtors possess. As Realtors, we are constant-



Ken Pozek, honored as "30 Under 30" by Realtor Magazine.

ly evolving with the market and it's important to recognize these young people and learn from them, as they are the future of the real estate profession," said Veissi, broker-owner of Veissi & Associates Inc., in Miami, Fla.

The NAR contributed to this report.

Pool use unlikely ADA issue

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: We are in a condominium and have a pool which sometimes is open to outside events over the course of several years by the public. Do you think that is going to cause us to have to comply with the ADA?

A: While there is not any definitive authority on that point that I am aware of, there was a recent California District Court case that was, at least, encouraging which suggested that "a few swim meets does not a public facility make." In that case, the court found that the occurrence of 38 events over the course of several years did not rise to the level of a "regular" or "indiscriminate" use by



Robert Meisner

members of the public which would contradict exempt status under the ADA. The court indicated that the

fact that to a great extent the use of the commissary, which was adjacent to the pool, was limited to the employees of the association and their guests favored a finding that the commissary adjacent to the pool was exempt from the ADA requirements. Of course, you should obtain an opinion from your legal counsel regarding the propriety of your actions.

Q: We own lots in a condominium project where the developer has basically walked away, has not finished the roads or the clubhouse, and hasn't even kept the association viable. Many of the homeowners are about to give up and give back their property to the bank. What do you think?

A: I think that you need the services of an aggressive attorney who can determine who the "successor developer" is including, perhaps a lending institution, plus take affirmative steps collectively to reinstate the association and pursue the successor developer and/or any other persons responsible for the demise of the condominium development. While you will be dissuaded by representatives of the developer and/or others from pursuing the matter, success can be achieved under the right circumstances.

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.

Close to home: Campaign pushes building with Michigan, U.S. products

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan launched its Made In America/Built In Michigan — The Red, White and Blueprint for Recovery, a grassroots effort to generate local jobs by working with BIA member companies to build new homes using as many "made in Michigan" products as possible. A total of 100 percent of each home's materials are made in the United States. Groundbreaking for the first home will take place at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 5, at 59677 Twin Pines Drive, in the Twin Pines subdivision in New Hudson.

The home is being built by Elkow Homes, a Wixom-based building company and member of BIA. Other BIA members are also involved, including Todd Hallett, AIA, of TK Design & Architecture in Howell, who designed the home and DTE Energy's Builder-Developer liaison, Robert Veresan, AIA, who is working toward making the home net-zero in terms of energy consumption and emissions.

Michael Stoskopf, BIA's CEO, collaborated with home builders association executive Paul Kane of Tulsa, Okla., and Bart Fletcher of Birmingham, Ala., to conceive the program they intend to offer as a template for other home builders associations across the country to use.

The National Association of Home Builders looks closely at the economic impact of home building, Stoskopf said, noting three new jobs are created for each home built.

"Obviously there's more than three people that work on the construction of the house," he said. "That all has an impact. The more houses you build the more work they have to do and more people get hired."

Restaurants and stores are also impacted, such as an eatery near a construction site. "When that goes away, guess what? People aren't eating out at that restaurant," Stoskopf said.

Jobs are created in such industries as lumber, concrete, lighting fixtures, heating and cooling equipment and other

products used in home production. There are also jobs for real estate agents, lawyers and brokers.

Michigan has a strong manufacturing heritage, he noted. When home under construction is as "rough finish," officials will announce importance of using Michigan lumber. A later announcement will focus on local appliances from Benton Harbor, Mich.

"Guess what? That's money that comes back to Benton Harbor because that's where those products are made," in other part of the U.S. where more homes are being built.

"Everybody is just very positive on made in America, made in Michigan. There seems to be a real sense of pride, ownership for people in the community for this concept as well," Stoskopf said.

"We were inspired by the work of Anders Lewendal, an 'economist-turned-home builder' from Bozeman, Mont., who was highlighted in an ABC News segment in October 2011," said Paul.

"Based on his calculations, and confirmed by ABC News through interviews with other economists, replacing just 5 percent of materials normally used in home construction with materials 'Made in America' could create up to 220,000 jobs, if adopted nationwide."

Beyond job creation, every house that is built generates about \$90,000 in government revenue — \$67,000 in federal taxes and \$23,000 in state and local taxes.

Rick Elkow, the home's builder, couldn't agree more. "For me, it's all about putting people back to work," he said. "From the BIA members working on the project to the tree cutters working in northern Michigan, each new home built under this program will have a positive impact on our local, state and national recovery. It's what we need to support the first steps we've taken toward putting our industry back to work."

O&E staff writer Julie Brown contributed to this report.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Feb. 13-17, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
49719 Courtyard Ln	\$145,000
41460 Glade Rd	\$143,000
8180 N Ridge Rd	\$729,000
1827 Pinecroft Dr	\$67,000
44243 Proctor Rd	\$119,000
3523 Shepherd St	\$165,000
3551 Shepherd Ln	\$165,000
49448 Taft Ln	\$40,000
43598 W Arbor Way Dr	\$42,000
1245 W Crystal Cir	\$160,000

41763 Wayside Dr	\$96,000
GARDEN CITY	
29508 Balmoral St	\$42,000
30616 Brown St	\$110,000
29625 Rosslyn Ave	\$55,000
LIVONIA	
14164 Bainbridge St	\$103,000
29512 Barkley St	\$115,000
14891 Bassett St	\$150,000
27530 Bentley St	\$73,000
28997 Broadmoor St	\$75,000
15895 Deering St	\$77,000
18225 Glastonbury Dr	\$305,000
30614 Greenland St	\$182,000
9312 Hartel St	\$77,000
19471 Ingram St	\$114,000
10750 Laurel St	\$65,000
29680 Minton St	\$71,000
30931 Munger St	\$234,000
27653 Perth St	\$92,000

14040 Sunset St	\$129,000
35286 W Chicago St	\$95,000
19451 Westmore St	\$60,000
NORTHVILLE	
44945 Broadmoor Cir S	\$370,000
17290 Crestbrook Dr	\$913,000
15844 Crystal Downs E	\$475,000
15860 Crystal Downs E	\$561,000
17512 Hilltop View Dr	\$453,000
19830 Irongate Ct	\$74,000
16671 Old Bedford Rd	\$240,000
17420 Parkshore Dr	\$490,000
15489 Prestwick Cir N	\$517,000
15513 Prestwick Cir N	\$562,000
655 Randolph St	\$56,000
PLYMOUTH	
48153 Colony Farms Cir	\$110,000
9899 Hillcrest Dr	\$300,000
14835 Lakewood Dr	\$151,000
8910 Marlowe Ave	\$103,000

49479 Pointe Xing	\$94,000
958 Ross St	\$125,000
9370 Saddlebrook Ct	\$68,000
REDFORD	
13937 Brady	\$31,000
19315 Denby	\$57,000
11361 Kinloch	\$35,000
14261 Mason Dr	\$166,000
12690 Mercedes	\$63,000
10003 San Jose	\$30,000
26316 Student	\$38,000
11455 Tecumseh	\$17,000
11703 Virgil	\$35,000
WESTLAND	
34037 Frances St	\$77,000
37110 Gilchrist St	\$53,000
27531 Hanover Blvd	\$20,000
29098 Manchester St	\$24,000
7458 Maple Dr	\$211,000
1563 S Hambleton St	\$19,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 30 to Feb. 3, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
18382 Riverside Dr	\$582,000
19592 Wilshire Blvd	\$360,000
BIRMINGHAM	
2598 Buckingham Ave	\$250,000
1348 Edgewood Rd	\$277,000
588 Landon St	\$324,000
465 Pilgrim Ave	\$1,350,000
411 S Old Woodward Ave Unit	\$168,000
503 W Merrill St	\$650,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
1139 Meadowglen Ct	\$240,000

30 Quarton Ln	\$269,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
1254 Cedarholm Ln	\$1,150,000
177 E Hickory Grove Rd	\$226,000
2082 E Spinningwheel Ln	\$221,000
1631 Franklin Rd	\$388,000
2730 Hunters Blf	\$448,000
2099 Kemp Rd	\$204,000
173 S Cranbrook Cross Rd	\$315,000
1685 Shaker Heights Dr	\$180,000
3565 Tuckahoe Rd	\$540,000
4870 Wye Oak Rd	\$275,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
4821 Fairgrove Ln	\$206,000
3262 Lacosta Ct	\$158,000
4404 Racewood Dr	\$200,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
37288 Aspen Dr	\$272,000
28485 Bayberry Rd	\$120,000
28602 Golf Pointe Blvd	\$257,000
24169 Lori Ct	\$83,000
34042 Lyncroft St	\$430,000
35932 Old Homestead Dr	\$231,000

29790 Palmer Ct	\$100,000
30703 Shiawassee Rd	\$25,000
37731 Stableview Dr	\$157,000
23867 Stony Creek Dr	\$235,000
37900 Wendy Lee St	\$77,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE	
18241 Glenwood Blvd	\$110,000
18470 Santa Ann Ave	\$138,000
MILFORD	
2698 E Maple Rd	\$175,000
334 Riverbend St	\$231,000
1061 Riverside St	\$274,000
NOVI	
27523 Belgrave Pl	\$45,000
24507 Cavendish Ave E	\$340,000
47626 Cheltenham Dr	\$470,000
45369 Dunbarton Dr	\$225,000
22439 Eaton Ct	\$224,000
24347 Hampton Hill St	\$134,000
40728 Heathbrook	\$125,000
25641 Hilldale Dr	\$590,000
24779 Jamestowne Rd	\$236,000
27065 Ladbroke St	\$217,000

23660 Maude Lea St	\$120,000
39814 Village Wood Cir	\$38,000
22734 Waycroft Dr	\$293,000
SOUTH LYON	
54295 Birchwood Dr	\$307,000
23881 Lyon Ridge Dr	\$61,000
23916 Lyon Ridge Dr	\$61,000
52635 Trailwood Dr	\$47,000
52852 Trailwood Dr	\$74,000
SOUTHFIELD	
29220 Briarbank Ct	\$93,000
20457 Midway Ave	\$19,000
23505 Plumbrooke Dr	\$75,000
23410 Riverview Dr	\$114,000
17450 Stratford Dr	\$65,000
28104 Stuart Ave	\$25,000
21700 Virginia St	\$135,000
20610 Willowick Dr	\$125,000
WHITE LAKE	
9364 Beechcrest St	\$198,000
64 Myrick St	\$21,000
611 Overlook St	\$38,000

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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