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## Warren bridge closure clogging traffic

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

In a move that's forcing detours and dumping even more motorists on already traffic-clogged Ford Road, the Warren Road bridge over I-275 has officially closed through late September.

With Canton's orange-barrel season ramping up, drivers going from the east side of I-275 to places such as Lifechurch and Yazaki's North American headquarters near the Warren-Haggerty intersection face a longer com-

mute all summer.

Lifechurch members Mike Rice and Jeff Wilson, working Thursday to install a shelf in the back of a church storage truck, said the overpass closing poses a minor hindrance for some of the congregation, which averaged 984 people a week in May.

"For folks like me who are coming from east of 275, it's a bit of an inconvenience," Rice said. "I live near Warren and Venoy (in Westland)."

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Work on the Warren Road bridge over I-275, already under way, is expected to last through September.



FRANK RUGGIRELLO

St. Kenneth Catholic Church volunteer Chris Radzilowski talks to a Farrand Elementary student at the end-of-year party for the Kid's Hope program.

## One-to-one plan

### Mentoring program helps at-risk kids

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer

Ever since Peggy Schneider retired from educational life, she's been anxious to find a way to continue to be connected to the kids — and the school — she left behind.

So when Schneider, a former counselor at Farrand Elementary School, heard about Kids Hope USA, she felt like she'd found her way back in.

Kids Hope USA is a national effort to pair at-risk kids with mentors to help them in a vari-

ety of ways. The program is based on "one child, one hour, one church, one school." Mentors work individually with students, visiting with them one hour per week to help them through life's struggles.

"When I discovered it was a program that connected church and school," said Schneider, a member at St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth Township, "I thought, 'It was meant to be.'"

Working with fellow St. Kenneth member Gretchen Hennen, Schneider partnered with

Farrand counselor Dani Evans and Principal Troy Reehl to bring the program to Farrand.

### Risk reasons

Evans identified students to be paired with 11 volunteer mentors from St. Kenneth. They're "at-risk" students for any of a variety of reasons, including a death in the family, divorce, academic struggles and others. They are students Evans felt would benefit from the mentoring program.

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## Half-day option ready to roll

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer

A group of parents who circulated petitions urging Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials to offer a half-day option for kindergarten students — amid a district-wide switch to full-day kindergarten for funding reasons —

is encouraged by the district's attempt to satisfy their wish.

Plymouth-Canton will switch to all-day kindergarten with the 2012-13 school year as the state cuts funding to districts that offer only a half-day option. It's the only way to capture the full per-pupil funding from the state.

While the district will get the

full funding for students in its all-day kindergarten, the projected \$7,380 per-pupil grant will be halved for students in half-day programs.

But some parents don't believe all children are ready for a full-day schedule and urged the district — backed by

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## Firefighters rally to support widow, family

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

Canton firefighters and their supporters are rallying to support the family of the late Ryan Swick, who lost a courageous fight against cancer May 14, almost a year after he earned the title of Canton Firefighter of the Year.

As a firefighter and paramedic, Swick, 33, fought to save lives even as he battled for his own, and he left behind his wife, Laurie, and daughters Shelby, 3, and Shylei, 1. He was a Canton resident and Westland John Glenn High School graduate.

Laurie Swick has been amazed at how firefighters and others have come to her family's aid.

"It's so humbling," she said Friday. "It makes me cry sometimes when I think about all the support. Truly, truly, the Canton Fire Department is extended family. It's not just where Ryan worked, it's his family. They're just amazing people. I thank God every day for each and every one of the Canton firefighters."

Laurie Swick is preparing to return to her job July 1 as a Wayne-Westland school custodian after taking a lengthy, unpaid leave of absence to help her husband.

Yet firefighters say she faces the reality of raising two little girls without certain benefits because Ryan Swick, with nearly eight years on the job, didn't have enough time to qualify for a pension.

"We just want to try to help the family have as normal a life as possible," Canton Fire Battalion Chief Mike Caruso said.

Some aid already has come from fire departments across the state and nation, reminding Caruso that "the brotherhood of firefighters is like a second family."

Yet, Ryan Swick's fellow firefighters, who respected his work so much they called him "Super Swick," have stepped up to help his family as it faces the future without him.

Here are ways to help:

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## HALF-DAY

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125 signatures — to also offer a half-day option. The district did so, setting up two sections, one in the morning and another in the afternoon, at Hoben Elementary School.

And parents responded. The morning session is already full, with 26 students signed up. The others are scheduled to attend the afternoon session. They'll get an orientation Tuesday in Hoben's cafeteria.

Registration for the afternoon session has been slower. As of Wednesday, only 15 students had signed up. District officials sent a letter May 21 warning parents the class might not be offered if registration doesn't pick up. The letter used an Aug. 10 date by which parents would have been notified whether the afternoon class was a go.

But Superintendent Dr. Jeremy Hughes said Friday both sessions will be offered, regardless of whether more parents sign their children up.

"I heard from parents that said they couldn't wait that late to make decisions," Hughes said Friday. "We created this thing to benefit parents.

Making them wait until August wouldn't be fair."

Hughes said parents signed up for both sessions are welcome at an orientation scheduled 1:30-2:15 p.m. Tuesday in the Hoben Elementary School cafeteria.

Karin Young of Plymouth is one of the parents who pushed for the half-day option. The mother of twins, Young is among those who doesn't believe every child is ready for all-day kindergarten.

Young said this week she's encouraged by the response to the district's half-day plan.

"The number of names we got on our petitions showed there was interest in this option," Young said. "We are thankful that the district is doing the right thing in giving parents this option."

Young would like to talk to other parents considering the half-day option, or who just want more information. She has set up an email address where parents can write for more information about options, schedules, etc. Contact her at halfdaykindergarten@hotmail.com.

Hughes said history suggests enough parents will sign up to justify both sections.

"If tradition holds, we're going to get some more," he said.

# Trail friends seek volunteers

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

A year after the I-275 Metro Trail got a facelift along a section north of Michigan Avenue, trail supporters are seeking volunteers to remove vegetation that has grown rapidly along the path this season.

Friends of the I-275 Metro Trail maintenance coordinator Dave Duffield said trail users need to protect the trail now that Michigan Department of Transportation officials spent money to refurbish it.

"They're pressed for money. They provided us with the wonderful trail," Duffield said Friday, "so it's not unreasonable to ask the people who use it to help out once in awhile."

Friends of the I-275 Metro Trail has asked volunteers to joint

a trail cleanup day 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, June 6. Volunteers are asked to meet on the trail or in the MDOT parking lot behind the Denny's restaurant on the north side of Ann Arbor Road east of I-275.

"The vegetation has grown rapidly along the trail this spring, so we'll be beating back the brush on the section between Hines Drive and Ann Arbor Road," the Friends group said in a statement.

Workers are asked to bring clippers, pruners, loppers, scythes, rakes, brooms and anything else that would be helpful for trimming brush from the trail. Protective eyewear and work gloves also are recommended. Moreover, volunteers are encouraged to wear pants and long-sleeved shirts to avoid contact with poison ivy.

Water and light snacks will be provided.

The trail has become more popular with bicyclists, joggers and others since MDOT gave it a face-lift last year. Some sections, such as near Warren Road, will be temporarily closed this summer as MDOT crews continue bridge repair projects along the I-275 corridor.

Last year's efforts focused on refurbishing the trail north of Michigan Avenue, but the section south of the avenue also is nearly complete.

"It's 90 percent complete," Diane Bancroft, Friends president, said, adding that the section south of Michigan Avenue is expected to open near the end of June.

For more information about the cleanup, call Duffield at (248) 994-3074 or visit Friends of the I-275 Metro Trail on Facebook.

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tion by making checks payable to C.F.F.C.F., noting they are for the Ryan Swick Fund and mailing them to C.F.F.C.F., Fire Station 1, c/o Ryan Swick Fund, 1100 S. Canton Center Road, Canton Township, MI 48188.

• Show up at the Canton Liberty Fest for the firefighter charity's annual spaghetti dinner, 5-9 p.m. Friday, June 15, in the food pavilion on the north end of Heritage Park.

Dinners cost \$7 for teens and adults, \$5 for children ages 5-12, and children under 5 eat free. The food is prepared by Rose's Restaurant in Canton with ingredients donated by another local company, Sysco.

"I usually sell anywhere from 700 to 1,000 dinners each year," said Fire Capt. Ron Battani, who helps organize the effort. "I'm keeping my fingers



Proceeds from the Liberty Fest spaghetti dinner sponsored by the Canton Firefighters will benefit the family of the late Ryan Swick, a Canton firefighter dubbed 'Super Swick' who lost his battle with cancer last month.

crossed I sell out this year."

• Attend a charity hockey game spearheaded by the Dearborn Fire Department challenging Canton firefighters at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at Compuware Arena, 14900 Beck Road, Plymouth Township.

"They called us and said they wanted to do this (to help the Swick family)," Caruso said.

Attendees are asked to give whatever donations they can afford at the door. Caruso said the arena-based C.J.'s Brewing Co. also has offered to donate 10 percent of sales during the game.

• Plato's Coney Island, southwest corner of Ford and Lilley, will donate all tips and partial food sales 3-9 p.m. June 10-11. Own-

er Tasi Kanellopoulos confirmed the fundraiser along with business partner Tom Canellopoulos.

• Support the Canton Firefighter Charity Foundation's 16th annual Greg Unger Memorial Golf Outing, named after the late Canton teen who had cystic fibrosis and received assistance from the charity for a double-lung transplant.

The golf outing has an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start Tuesday, July 17, and costs \$115 per person for 18 holes of golf with cart at Pheasant Run Golf Club, 46500 Summit Parkway.

The event includes a continental breakfast and lunch at the turn, and a banquet with open bar. There also will be a silent auction and raffle prizes. Banquet only costs \$50 and starts at 1:30 p.m.

Sponsorships also are available ranging from \$100 to \$1,000.

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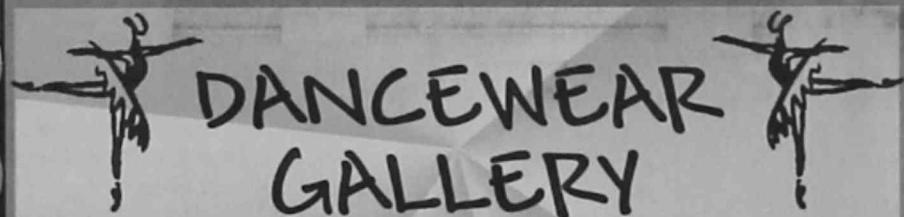
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## Big splash caps canned food drive

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer

When Molly Main brought her Girl Scout service project idea to Central Middle School Principal Anthony Ruela, looking for a reward for the students who would help her, she had lots of ideas for the payoff.

Eventually, they settled on an agreement: Ruela would agree to jump, fully clothed, into the Central Middle School pool, if Main's canned food drive panned out. But first, students had to reach the 250-pound goal for the drive.

They more than tripled it, collecting 768 pounds, and defeating East Middle School in the process.

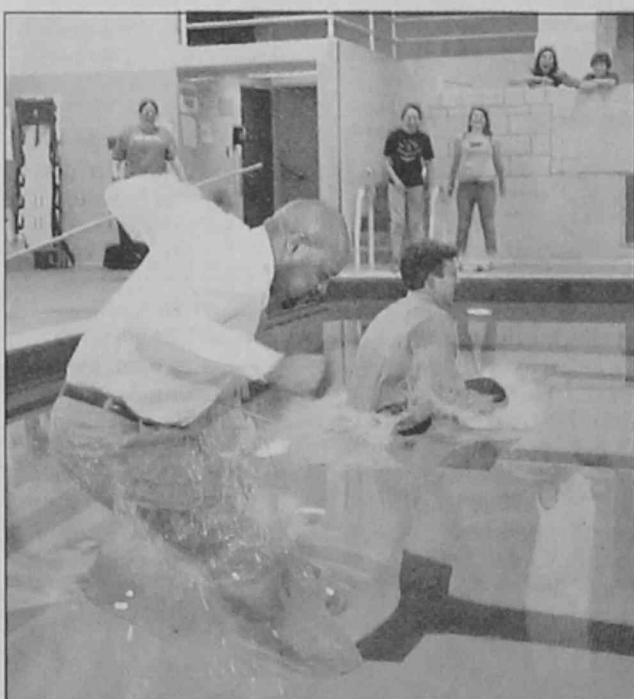
That's why on Friday, Ruela and assistant principal James Hunter were at pool's edge, leaping into the deep end in some of their finest duds.

And they were happy to do it.

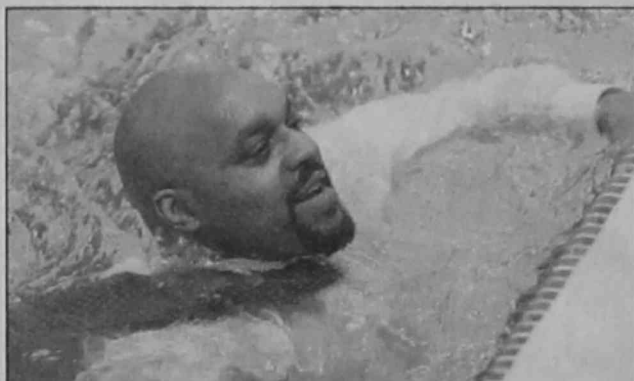
"She had a lot of crazy ideas, and this was the best of them," Ruela said. "We wanted to incorporate the spirit of the school, and the one thing we have different from other schools is the pool."

Main put the contest, between Central and East middle schools, together as part of her Girl Scout service project, for which she has to put in 50 hours of work and service as she builds toward her Silver Award.

She put the contest together with her friend, East Middle School eighth-grader Allison Lennig. Between the schools, the "Food



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Assistant Principal James Hunter and Principal Anthony Ruela hit the water to pay off on the promise they made if Central Middle School students hit their goal in collecting canned goods. Students more than tripled their goal.



Assistant Principal James Hunter surfaces after coming up short in the cannonball contest.

Fight" as the contest was dubbed raised nearly 1,000 pounds of food.

She said the "reward" of having administrators jump into the pool came about as a way to pay the students back for their hard work.

"I knew I needed a

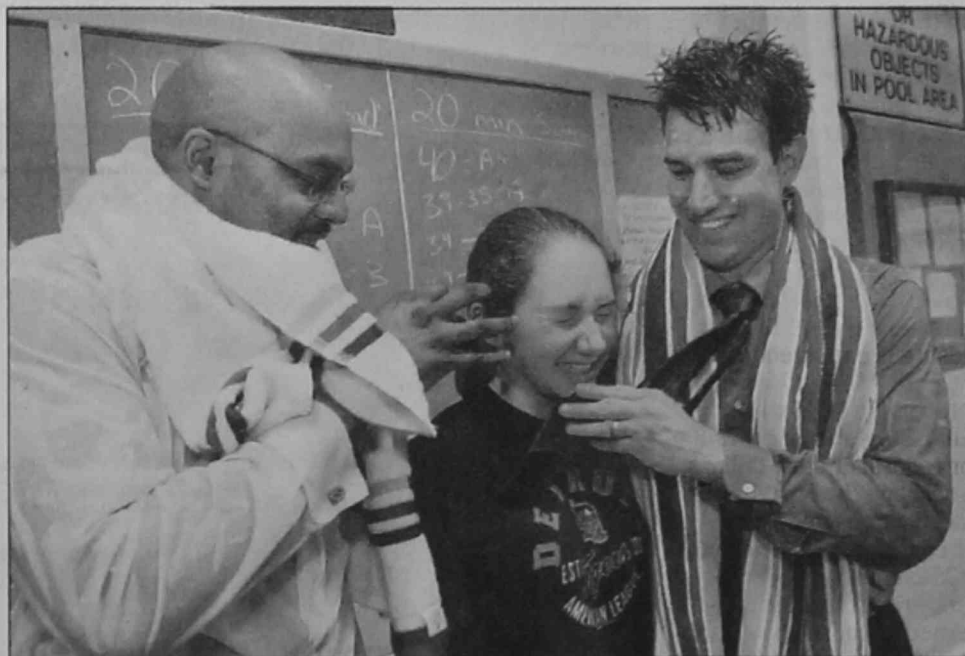
reward to get the kids pumped up," Main said.

Ruela agreed to the leap, and was soon joined by Hunter, who said he just couldn't let Ruela do it alone.

"(Ruela's) agreement to jump in rubbed off on me,"



Judges Aaron Monacelli, William Manley and Sam Aulinskis judge the big splash.



Assistant Principal James Hunter and Principal Anthony Ruela make sure that Molly Main gets a little bit wet. Her Girl Scout service project resulted in the cannonball contest.

said Hunter, who appeared to cause the bigger splash but was denied by student judges. "I couldn't let him do it alone."

Main couldn't have

been happier with the outcome.

"I'm very proud of all the students at Central Middle School," said Main, the daughter of Nelson

and Linda Main of Canton. "They all worked together to accomplish the goal."

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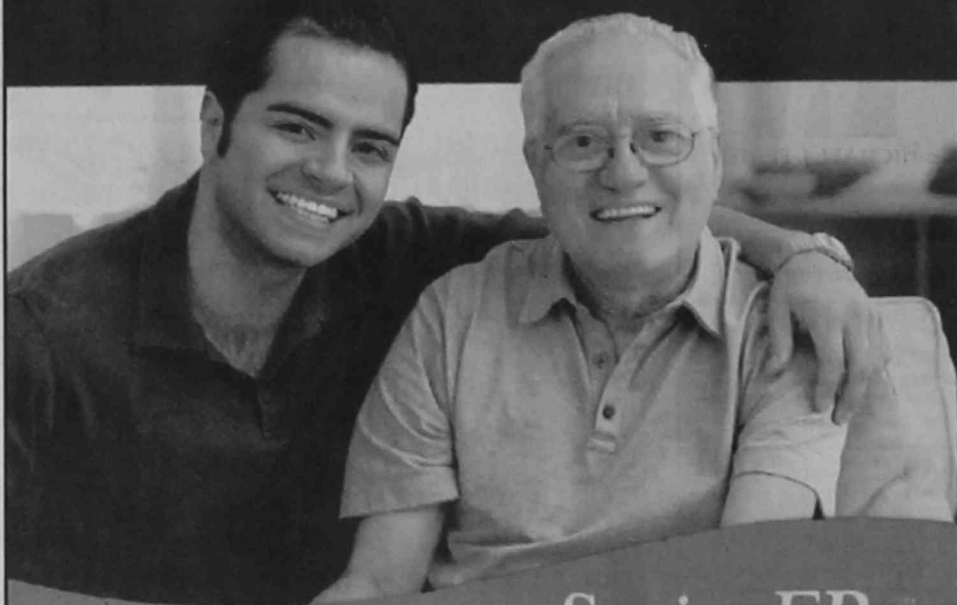
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## WARREN

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### Replacement work

Rather than taking Warren all the way to Lifechurch, Rice said Thursday he took it to Hix, drove north to Koppernick, headed west to Haggerty and then south to the church. He seemed a little more savvy than some drivers who opted for Ford Road.

Just the mention of Ford Road brought a grimace to Rice's face.

"Oh my gosh. I avoid Ford Road even when there isn't any construction," he said.

Wilson doesn't face the same travel issues because he lives off Haggerty between Ford and Cherry Hill.

"It's a straight shot for me down Haggerty," he said.

Michigan Department of Transportation spokesman Rob Morosi said the Warren Road closing through September is allowing work crews to replace the driving surface, overpass approaches and barrier walls, among other repairs.

Canton Engineering Services Manager Bill Serchak called the project "the big one" for Canton's road-project season, considering the overpass closing is expected to last through late September.

Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy, still fighting for federal or state dollars to reshape the Ford/I-275 interchange to ease traffic congestion around one of Michigan's most accident-prone areas, is concerned about the potential for more motorists crowding onto Ford Road.

### Traffic trouble

"It is a concern," LaJoy said. "How much traffic do we need? We already have trouble trying to disperse traffic now, much less dealing with additional traffic flow."

"They've got to fix the bridges," he added, but "it's certainly going to have an impact on Ford Road and 275."

I-275 already has had its share of traffic bottlenecks as construction crews work their way



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Mike Rice, of Westland, and Jeff Wilson, of Canton doing work at Lifechurch, where members will be affected by the Warren Road bridge closing.

through a busy bridge-repair season along the interstate.

In one bit of good news, work on the Joy Road overpass already has been completed, so drivers could opt for that road rather than Ford.

They can't choose Ann Arbor Trail to the north, however, because MDOT

announced that road has closed through late July for bridge repairs over I-275.

It's all part of \$36.8 million in bridge-repair projects MDOT announced in February for the I-275 corridor. Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said MDOT has told local officials the projects will be staggered to

minimize traffic snarls as much as possible.

That's why road crews finished the Joy Road overpass before closing the Warren bridge. MDOT has pledged to try to avoid closing roads that close together.

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## Farmers Market makes its return

Rain or shine, the Canton Farmers Market returns 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. today (Sunday) to Preservation Park off Ridge Road north of Cherry Hill.

Patrons can shop local for items such as strawberries, spinach, kale, beets, turnips, herb plants, hanging baskets, fresh-cut flowers, honey, fresh-roasted coffee beans, farm eggs, Great Lakes fish, artisan bread, hand-cut summer sausage, cinnamon honey-baked almonds, fudge, dog treats, jewelry and numerous other items. Day Dream Cafe will offer chicken salad and deli sandwiches.

Among the other highlights:

- Musician Charlie Nanos performs on the Bartlett-Travis porch.

- A book exchange offers patrons a chance to clean off bookshelves and swap books 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- The Recreation Station Bouncer is available for children.

- The Double Up Food Bucks program for Bridge Card users begins with a special bonus gift, a vegetable peeler, for the first 50 Bridge Card customers.

- Tours of the historic Bartlett-Travis House are available. Stop by the back porch to inquire.

At next Sunday's market, Tola Lewis plays the saxophone on the Bartlett-Travis porch 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Chef Lee Ulrich will discuss fresh herbs 10:30 a.m. to noon, advising people how to choose, preserve and use herbs.

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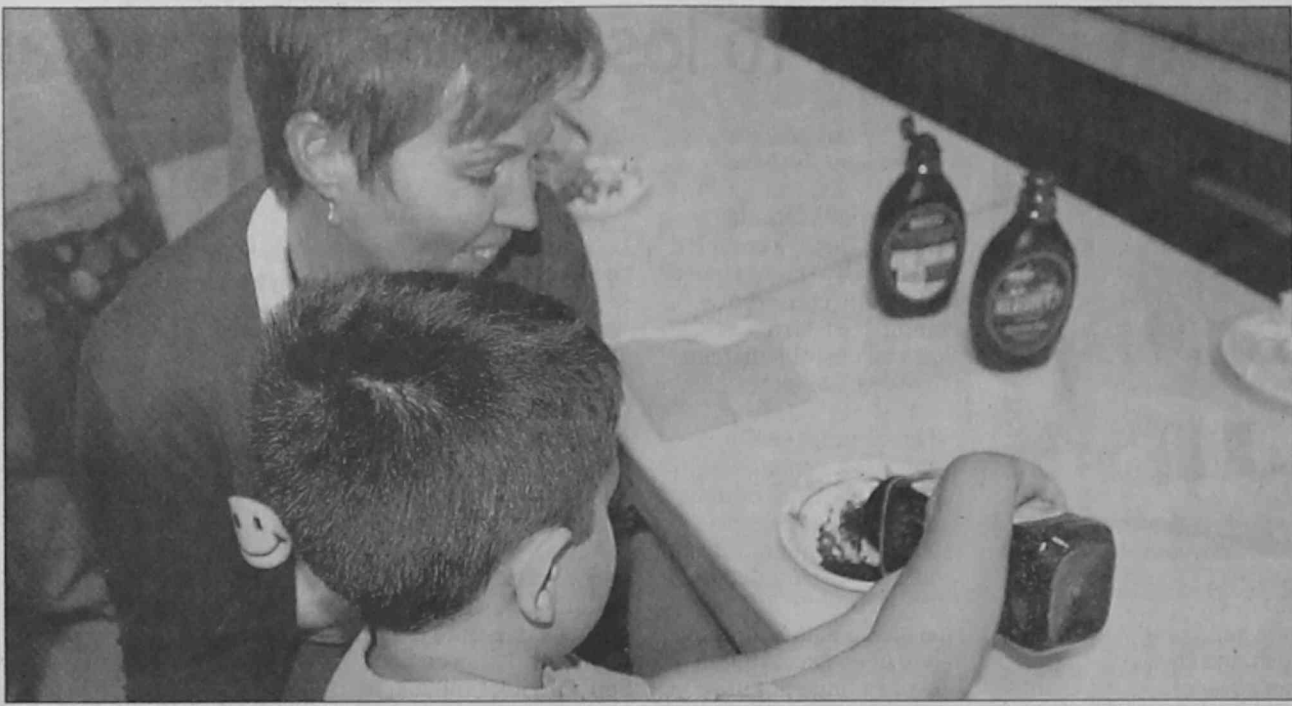
Evans said the mentors are successful because they're seen more as friends and comforters, and not a teacher.

"They talk to them, maybe play games, help them," Evans said. "They give them that self-esteem, a boost in confidence they need. It's different than coming to see me as a counselor. (Mentors) come to see just that one child. It's that special bond."

Reehl said he saw the program work when he worked in the West Ottawa district. He said when he saw it work there, he realized "it's a very powerful" program.

"It's amazing how these kids blossom and how they do at school," Reehl said. "It gives them that sense of pride that they know there's someone out there who cares about them and can help them through the issues they might be dealing with at home or in school. They know they can talk (to mentors) about it and they won't be judged."

It's why Kids Hope USA started the mission in the first place. On the group's website ([www.kidshope-usa.org](http://www.kidshope-usa.org)), it plugs March 2008 statistics collected by the Children's Defense



PHOTOS BY FRANK RUGGIRELLO

St. Kenneth Staff Liaison for Kid's Hope Gretchen Hennen helps a Farrand student prepare an ice cream sundae.

Fund that KHUSA officials say "speak for themselves." According to the statistics, every day in America:

- Four children are killed by abuse or neglect.
- Five children or teens commit suicide.
- 2,467 high school students drop out.
- 2,421 children are confirmed as abused or neglected.
- 3,477 children are arrested, 451 of them for violent crimes or drug abuse.

### Hope for growth

Hennen, who runs the children's faith program at St. Kenneth, said the Kids Hope program was a "natural tie-in" because of the work she does at the church.

She helped round up the 11 mentors, inviting them to become mentors rather than issuing a blanket "call for volunteers." She said the nature of the effort made the invitational route more conducive to finding people.

Now that St. Kenneth is established, Hennen said

she hopes the program grows.

"We certainly have more kids than mentors, and we have more schools than churches right now," said Hennen, who pointed out other schools have expressed an interest in the program. "Word of mouth is certainly helping."

While the volunteers are from St. Kenneth, neither church nor religion — "They don't bring religion into the conversation," Reehl said — is part of the program.

Mentors are trained, background and safety checks are conducted, and parents are offered the chance to meet with the prospective mentor, if they desire.

"It's all about the child and what he or she needs," Evans said.

Evans said the program has been a big hit. She said the school recently sent out a survey to parents, expecting to only get back a few responses. Instead, nearly all of them came back.

"The kids love it. ...

They look forward to it," she said. "(Feedback) has been extremely positive. Parents have written notes saying their child comes home and talks about the mentor. They say they've seen improvement in self-esteem. We're getting a lot of positive feedback from the parents."

### Takes a village

Reehl said younger students were considered so the program could become a self-sustaining one. The hope is that mentors will stay with the students throughout their elementary school years, and additional volunteers will come in to deal with new students.

"We hope those same mentors will come back next year and give kids that continuity in the relationship," Reehl said.

Reehl knows it might sound cliché, but he believes it takes more than just parents to raise children. He's hoping more churches and students will get involved next year.

"A lot of principals would like to have this in their school; it's finding that church and the mentors that are willing to go through that training," Reehl said. "It's that community raising a child aspect."

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

## SLAVENS COFFEE

**Date/Time:** Monday, June 4, and Monday, June 18, 5-6 p.m. both days

**Location:** Daydream Cafe, 47192 Michigan Ave., in Canton  
**Details:** State Rep. Dian Slavens (D-Canton) invites residents to join her for a cup of coffee and conversation at one of her upcoming coffee hours. Slavens hosts regular coffee hours and town hall meetings throughout Canton Township, Belleville and Van Buren Township. Residents can sign up for Slavens' e-newsletter and take her brief community survey by visiting her website at [www.slavens.housedems.com](http://www.slavens.housedems.com).

**Contact:** Call Slavens toll free at (888) 347-8021 or send an email to [DianSlavens@house.mi.gov](mailto:DianSlavens@house.mi.gov).

## 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](mailto:cassie_hull@usc.salvationarmy.org).

## CHURCH GARAGE SALE

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

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

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

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

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**Contact:** For more information visit [www.113.eaachapter.org](http://www.113.eaachapter.org).

## W-W to lose \$3 million in state funding

By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

A Wayne-Westland school official is calling a decision by a state House and Senate conference committee a "travesty" that will cost the district \$3 million in state school aid for 2012-13.

The committee Thursday reached an agreement on the K-12 budget, but not before removing an amendment that would have provided the school district with a portion of the equity funding it had been receiving in lieu of millage not used in calculating aid payments under Proposal A.

"There was a lot of talk about equity, but there's no equity for the children of the Wayne-Westland Schools," Superintendent Greg Baracy said. "I'm shocked and disappointed. I'd like to know why

they chose to discriminate against our children."

The district has been battling for several years to hang onto the equity language worth \$6 million, which was separate from the district's foundation allowance. It was successful up until last year, when Gov. Rick Snyder labeled it a categorical and removed it from his budget proposal.

Working with state lawmakers, the district eventually received \$3 million as a one-time only payment. This year, state Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, spent months pressing for a similar payment in 2012-13. He was able to get an amendment in the budget bill that went to the conference committee.

"I guess the House had a significantly different view of things," Colbeck

said about the decision. "I had a lot of hours in discussions and thought I had this one done. I worked a long time in the Senate on this. The amendment would have restored \$1.5 million, but by removing the line item it's a \$3 million blow. This is very frustrating."

Colbeck had worked with Sen. Howard Walker, R-Traverse City, to get him to understand the rationale for the payment and to offer the amendment in the conference committee.

"When you get in conference, you have to have a passion to get it over the top. He wasn't enthusiastic," said Colbeck, who voted no on the measure because of the "disproportionate cut" of \$3 million to the Wayne-Westland School District. He also protested a "disproportionate increase"

for the 448 school districts, "none of which affect the funding needs of any of the schools in my district."

According to Colbeck, the proposed K-12 budget provides a bump for low-funded school districts, while holding funding flat for better-funded districts. That means every school system in his district, including Plymouth-Canton, will get no increase in their per-pupil payment from the state.

"If they had gone with the normal formula, there would still be an incremental bump, but that money went to the lower-funded districts," he said. "There will be no bump except incentive-based funding, if districts meet seven of eight criteria."

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# Cox: McCotter 'doesn't care about Congress anymore'

By Ken Abramczyk  
Observer Staff Writer

Michigan's former attorney general said Thursday that U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter "doesn't care about Congress anymore."

Mike Cox, who said he once assisted McCotter by going door to door in McCotter's campaign for state Senate, was contacted by the *Observer* for his thoughts on the investigation by state Attorney General Bill Schuette into petitions that contained duplicate signatures and photocopied petitions turned in by McCotter's campaign workers.

The petitions were submitted May 15, the deadline for candidates to declare their candidacies for U.S. Congress.

On Thursday, Schuette



Cox

announced the Attorney General's Criminal Division will investigate allegations of possible fraud. The decision to investigate follows a formal referral from the Secretary of State's Bureau of Elections.

## 'We will not hesitate to prosecute'

"We will follow the facts, without fear or favor," Schuette said in a prepared statement. "It's our duty to maintain the integrity of our election process. We will conduct a thorough and comprehensive investigation. If

evidence of criminal violations is uncovered, we will not hesitate to prosecute."

A formal review by the Bureau of Elections revealed various discrepancies in the petition filing, including duplicate signatures and the appearance of altered petitions.

McCotter released a statement Thursday afternoon that read: "I thank the Michigan Secretary of State & Attorney General for commencing the criminal investigation of petitions I requested Tuesday; will assist as they see fit."

Gisgie Gendreau, spokesperson for the Secretary of State's office, said 243 signatures out of 1,833 were valid. "There appears to be some election law violations

involved," Gendreau said earlier this week.

As a result, the secretary of state's office informed McCotter, R-Livonia, Friday that he lacked enough signatures to qualify for the ballot. McCotter declared Tuesday morning he is running as a write-in candidate for the 11th District of the House of Representatives.

## Procedure no different

McCotter said Tuesday he trusted the campaign volunteers, and that someone "lied" to him about the signatures. The procedure of volunteers collecting signatures for this campaign was no different than from any other campaign that McCotter has run in, he said. "This isn't brain sur-

gery," McCotter said. "You get the signatures and you sign off as a circulator." McCotter said the signatures were collected in February, and that he was told about a month before the May deadline that he had enough signatures.

"We really don't know who did what," McCotter said about the signatures. McCotter said he welcomed the investigation and has informed the Secretary of State in a letter that he will "assist in any way they see fit" in their investigation.

"The buck stops with me," he said. "That's why I urge the continued investigation into the petitions. Everyone deserves to know what happened regarding this filing."

Joy Yearout, spokesperson with Schuette's office, would not comment Thursday afternoon on any specifics about the investigation or on how long the investigation may take.

Cox, who now practices law in Livonia after his unsuccessful run for governor on the Republican ticket two years ago, expects Schuette's office will start its investigation with the petitions and documents, then talk with circulators of the petitions and ultimately McCotter or even those whose names appear on the petitions.

"I can't speak for Ruth

Johnson or Bill Schuette, but I suspect it will be made a priority because of the timing of the upcoming elections," Cox said. "I think that they will move on it."

## Blaming staff

Cox was asked about McCotter's blame of his staff for the signature snafu.

"Let's put it this way, Jack Kirksey wouldn't have blamed his staff," Cox said in reference to Livonia's mayor. "The idea that the staff sabotaged this is nonsense. Leaders don't talk like that."

Cox said he and his brother, Sean Cox, assisted McCotter in his campaign elections for state Senate and Wayne County Commission.

"I helped him by going door to door," Cox said. "It's clear that he doesn't care about Congress anymore. It's clear that he isn't engaged anymore."

Cox paused, and added: "It pains me to say that."

Cox said he was not running as a write-in candidate for Congress, stating he wanted to be around to watch his youngest son, who is now 12, grow up.

Cox said other Republicans are looking at running as a write-in, including Rocky Raczowski and Loren Bennett, and he would not be surprised to see others step forward and run.



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Tom Borg rolls up to the Vietnam Veterans of America/CRUZ'N 528 Car Show in his cherry 1955 Chevy Bel Air. The kickoff for the Wednesday night 2012 car show season benefitted Sue Willim, a longtime volunteer, who suffered a stroke.



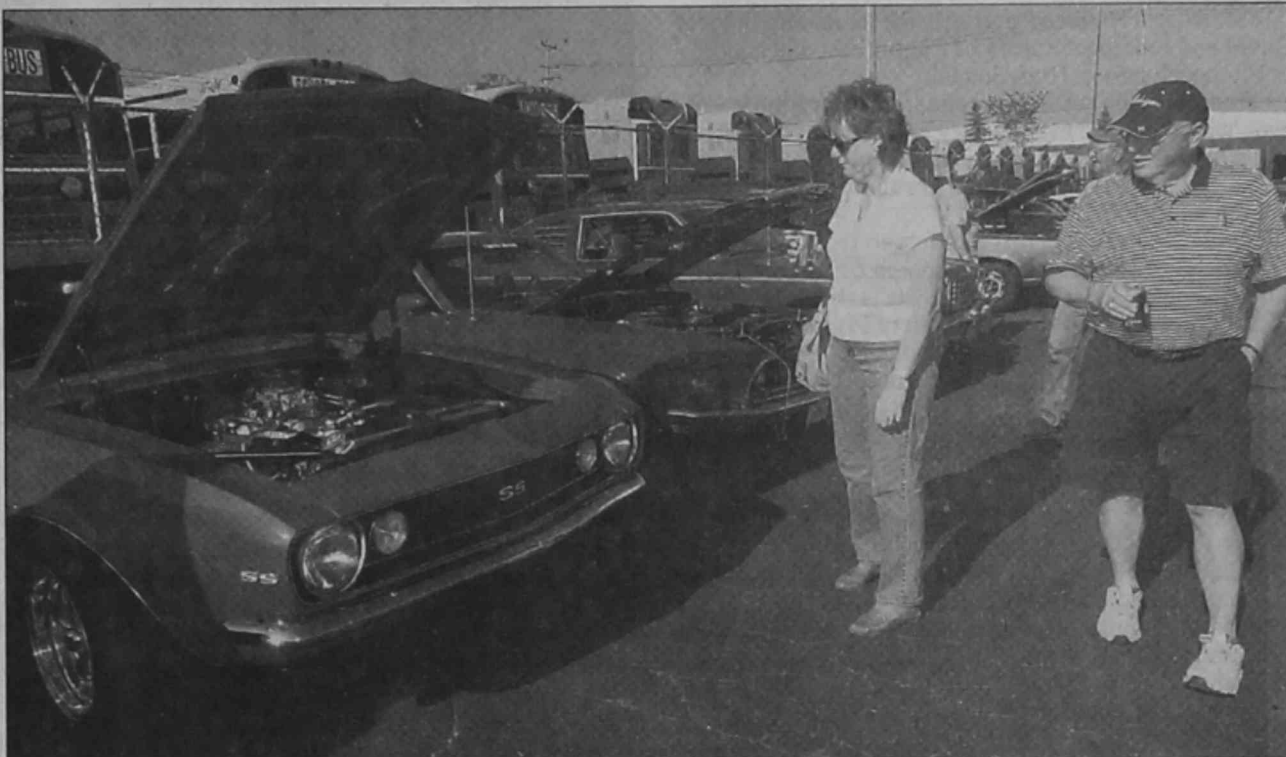
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**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that on June 12, 2012, at 7 o'clock p.m., at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center - 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan, the Board of Education of Plymouth Canton Community Schools will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2012-2013 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2012-2013 budget until after a public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2012-2013 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center - 454 S. Harvey Plymouth, Michigan or on the District's Website at [www.pccs.k12.mi.us](http://www.pccs.k12.mi.us).

**The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.**

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

Judy Mardigian, Secretary

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# Music in the Park series to begin 28th season

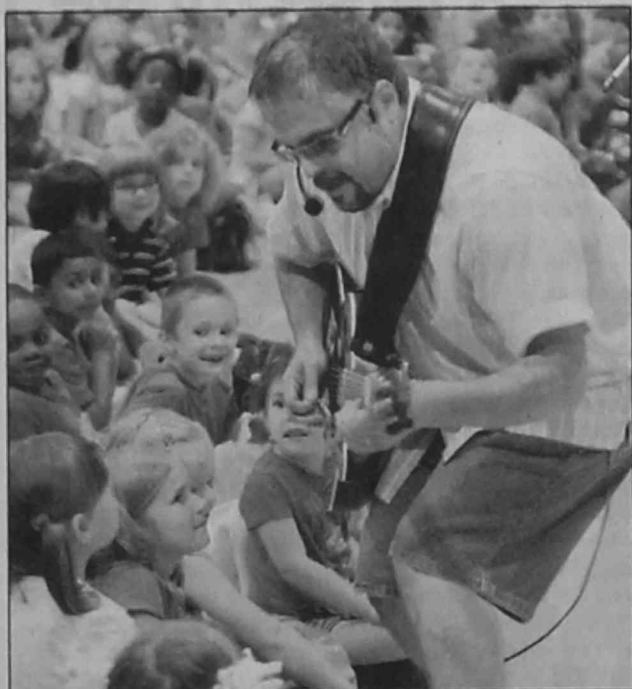
By Matt Jachman  
Observer Staff Writer

Rain or shine, good economic times or bad, people turn out for the Music in the Park concert series.

The summertime series in Kellogg Park — free shows begin at noon on Wednesdays — is entering its 28th season, and has grown steadily in the number of concerts and the number of people they attract.

The family oriented series has dedicated fans and an equally dedicated group of sponsors, said Deb Madonna, board president of the Plymouth Community Arts Council, which organizes Music in the Park.

"Despite the fact the over the last few years everybody's been crunched, we didn't have to compromise anything. People still came though" to keep the free concerts going, Madonna said. "No matter what, people come through. We try to be good stewards and be



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Guy Louis leads off the Music in the Park series in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park.

very careful and responsible."

This year's series begins Wednesday, June 20, and runs for nine weeks instead of the normal 10, with no snow on Wednesday, July 4,

because of the holiday. Guy Louis and Chautauqua Express, a long-time series favorite with an energetic interactive show, kick off the schedule.

Madonna said the series

this year will bring in some longtime favorites — Guy Louis, for example, and the folk duo Gemini — who play regularly in Plymouth as well as some performers making their Music in the Park debut, such as Juice, a seven-member percussion outfit whose members play regular instruments and a variety of everyday objects. Madonna said Juice is reminiscent of the percussion show *Stomp*.

"We try to bring in some new ones, too, and have a nice mix," she said.

Returning performers said they look forward to playing in Plymouth.

"It's been a wonderful tradition for us," said Laszlo Slomovits, half of the folk duo Gemini. "We

have quite a following there and it's just always a treat to come back to play for old friends and new ones."

Gemini plays folk music from American and international traditions, and stresses audience participation. Laszlo and twin brother Sandor both play guitar, and Laszlo also plays violin, mandolin and flute while Sandor also plays a variety of percussion instruments.

"We really like to have people singing along, dancing," Slomovits said. The duo will be joined at Kellogg Park by drummer Mike Morrison.

Madonna is going into her 18th year as Music in the Park's chief organizer, and said she's grateful to sponsors, and the city,

that the series has been able to grow. From about four shows a season in front of few hundred people each, she said, it's grown into a nine- or 10-show season with attendance of 2,000 to 3,000 people for each.

"I wish I had more weeks, or I wish I had a two hour show," she said.

Major sponsors for Music in the Park are the Wilcox Foundation, Huron Valley Ambulance, Monroe Bank & Trust, Kona Ice, Plymouth-Canton Montessori School and Genuine Toy Co.

In case of rain, concerts are held at The Gathering, across Penniman from Kellogg Park.

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## 2012 Music in the Park series

Here is the schedule for this year's Music in the Park Wednesday concert series, organized by the Plymouth Community Arts Council. All shows begin at noon in Kellogg Park and last about an hour. In the event of rain, shows are held in The Gathering.

• June 20: Guy Louis and Chautauqua Express: fun, family oriented and a Plymouth favorite.

• June 27: Tom Seley and the Troublemakers: Mr. Seley, a teacher, and his band promise an energetic, educational show.

• July 4: Fourth of July holiday, no show.

• July 11: Noah Reimer: a newcomer with a contemporary sound. "I think he'll fit right in," said Deb Madonna, the series organizer.

• July 18: Beverly Meyer, the Music Lady: Another returning favorite with a kid-friendly show.

• July 25: Gemini: Ann Arbor-based twins Sandor and Laszlo Slomovits play acoustic folk music from a variety of traditions. With drummer Mike Morrison.

• Aug. 1: Saline Fiddlers: A group of more than 30 young musicians playing folk, bluegrass, western swing, pop songs and more.

• Aug. 8: Dan Kim and the Blueberry Incident: Ann Arbor-based acoustic group. "The music is very unique," Madonna said.

• Aug. 15: Joel Tacey: juggling and a comic variety show.

• Aug. 22: Juice: a percussion group using a variety of instruments and everyday objects, and another newcomer to the series.

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Tuesday, June 12, 2012 – 2:00 p.m. (Local Time) at the office of the Plymouth Housing Commission, 1160 Sheridan, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

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Attention is called to the fact that a iWalk-Through inspection of the Project Site including areas of representative work items will be held on **Tuesday, May 22, 2012** commencing at **10:00 a.m.** at 1160 Sheridan, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. This iWalk-Through is not mandatory, but is recommended for all bidders to help understand the various work items involved and to answer legitimate questions which may have arisen following the Contractors careful review of the Bidding Documents.

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# Getting out of stocks can be a wise move for some

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist

Q: Dear Rick: With the recent downturn in the stock market, along with the problems that are happening in Greece and other parts of the Europe, I feel it is important that I do something with my investments. Currently, I have about \$200,000 in various stocks and about \$100,000 to \$125,000 in municipal bonds. I also have about \$50,000 between my checking and savings accounts. I'm in my early 70s and I am a widower. My pension and Social Security allows me to save about \$1,000 to \$1,500 a month. I decided that in my situation it makes sense to sell all my stocks. With the \$200,000 that I will have, what do you recommend? I want to be conservative and I really don't care about the return on the money; I just want to protect my principal.

A: I understand your frustrations with the stock market. There is no doubt the market is currently going through a difficult time and you're not alone in deciding to no longer invest in it. However, what makes your situation unique is that you are in excellent financial shape, your pension and Social Security more than cover your living expenses, and you have sufficient amounts of assets to provide you with a rising income. Therefore, you have the luxury of investing your money in a more stable principal investment. That doesn't mean that it's a risk-free investment, because principal fluctuation is only one form of risk.

One form of risk that investors consistent-



Money Matters  
Rick Bloom

ly forget about, and one that can be extremely painful, is the risk that your money does not keep up with the increase in cost of living. We all know that a dollar today is not going to be worth a dollar tomorrow. That is what is known as purchasing power risk.

When you consider purchasing power risk, think back 30 or 40 years ago, when a first-class letter cost a nickel to mail. Today, that same letter costs 45 cents to mail. That is purchasing power risk and it is something that we all need to be conscious of.

Unlike principal risk — where the value of your investments goes up and down and is easy to see — that is not the case with purchasing power risk. However, it is there, and it is something that everyone needs to plan for.

In reviewing your situation, the issue is where the money from the stocks should be invested. My recommendation is two-fold. Take half the money and invest it in a ladder of CDs (certificate of deposits). I would recommend six months, one year and 1½ years. My thought is that at this point in time there is no reason to buy long-term CDs. The rates just don't justify a long-term commitment. The key to CDs is to shop them around. In addition to local banks, consider credit unions and Internet banks.

A website like [www.bankrate.com](http://www.bankrate.com) can assist you in finding federally insured CDs.

With the other half of the money, I recommend dividing it equally into three different areas — high-grade corporate bonds, government bonds and a Ginnie Mae Fund. Of course, I recommend commission-free funds. I suggest companies like Vanguard or Fidelity with very good commission-free bond funds.


Not every investor is as lucky as this man. He has the resources to allow him the luxury of assuming purchasing power risk.

Unfortunately, not everyone is in that same position. People that bail out of the stock market during these times and who don't have the resources to assume purchasing power risk will find that, in the future, their money just doesn't buy what it used to. The result is that they use more principal than they should to cover their living expenses and it will cause problems in the future.

All investors must recognize that the stock market does go through some down times and they are painful. However, as the adage says, success in the market is not from timing the market; it's from time in the market. Keep that in mind before you make a dramatic change in your portfolio. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at [moneymatters@hometownlife.com](mailto:moneymatters@hometownlife.com). For more information, visit his website at [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com).

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# After 40 years, Willow Creek gets tots ready for school

By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

Abby Gotts doesn't look like your typical graduate, but she has the paperwork to prove she is. Of course, it's not a high school diploma or a college degree. It's a slip of paper that shows the youngster has successfully completed preschool.

Stopping by Willow Creek Preschool the day after the commencement ceremony, Abby was all about playing one last time.

"I like the teacher," the Wayne youngster said. "She does stuff with us. She helps us learn."

Her comments are music to the ears of teacher Darlene Taig, who for 11 years has been helping preschoolers get ready for kindergarten.

"I've never had a job where I come to play with children," Taig said. "We learn, we laugh and we enjoy ourselves. Even on the hardest day, I can go home and laugh."

For 40 years, Willow Creek has been getting youngsters ready for their school years. Housed at Kirk of Our Savior Church in Westland, it attracts families from Wayne, Westland, Canton and other neighboring communities who serve on the board of directors and work in the classroom once a month.

The preschool got its start in Canton. While Taig is uncertain if the preschool is named for Canton's Willow Creek Subdivision or the actual Willow Creek, it's certain



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Jack Elwell (in the white shirt) of Canton smiles for the camera as he walks down the aisle for graduation.

it was housed at Geneva Presbyterian Church on Sheldon Road before moving to Westland about 15 years ago.

A cooperative program, parents play an integral part in its operation. They serve on the board and work in the classroom once a month.

"Everyone has a job," Taig said. "There's a lot of pluses to a co-op. Working parents get to see where their child is all year and parents who work in the classroom get to see the class. They also pick up tips on working with their children."

Abby's mother, Nancy Gotts, found out about the preschool from her sister. She paid a visit and was sold after seeing Taig and assistant teacher Mary Anne Bourgeois in action. "They got down and

talked to the kids, not me. They got them involved right away," she said. "(Daughter) Alissa absolutely loves her teachers. I like what they have going on and I tell Darlene that even if I move 20 miles away, I still come here."

Gotts's opinion is shared by other parents. They like the teachers and they like the program. They like the focus on education.

Like Gotts, Canton resident Theresa Stewart heard about the preschool from her sister. Her son Joseph went to Willow Creek, graduating in 2007, and now his brother Johnathan does.

"I heard great things about the teacher, and with my sister's kids going here, we could share responsibilities," said

Stewart, who serves on the board. "I came back because I know the teachers. I like being involved."

She enjoys having the opportunity to work in the classroom and how popular her lap is with the youngsters.

"I sit on the floor and everyone wants to sit in my lap," she said.

Bobby Valeri has been bringing his children to the preschool since 2007. The family had been shopping around for a preschool when a friend told him about Willow Creek. There was an open house the next day and they attended.

"We fell in love with the place," he said. "The initial idea of working in the class and helping with chores, I didn't know how I'd do it. But my first time helping was fun. All

the kids were jumping on me and I got to meet my kids' friends."

"I thought it would be a burden, but it's become a privilege because I can be involved in what they're doing in the most important time of their lives," he added.

Also a plus was the cost of the preschool. There was "a major difference" between the fees charged at Willow Creek and ones Valeri had looked at in Canton.

"That was a major draw for us," he said.

Bourgeois also discovered Willow Creek through its open house. She and her daughter went to check it out and signed up her 3-year-old son. That was Taig's first year as teacher.

"We went to a couple open houses and signed

up her," Bourgeois said. "We got information from the board. They answered our questions."

By 2004, she was on the board serving as the membership chair and, six years ago, answered Taig's call to come and work with her two days a week. She said yes. Now her name is connected with Taig's. She's Mrs. B and she's Mrs. T and they're said as one word.

"And now everyone thinks we live here," she said. "If we get caught in the store, they're in shock."

"They call outside our backyard and that's our house," Taig said, pointing to a small play house in the room.

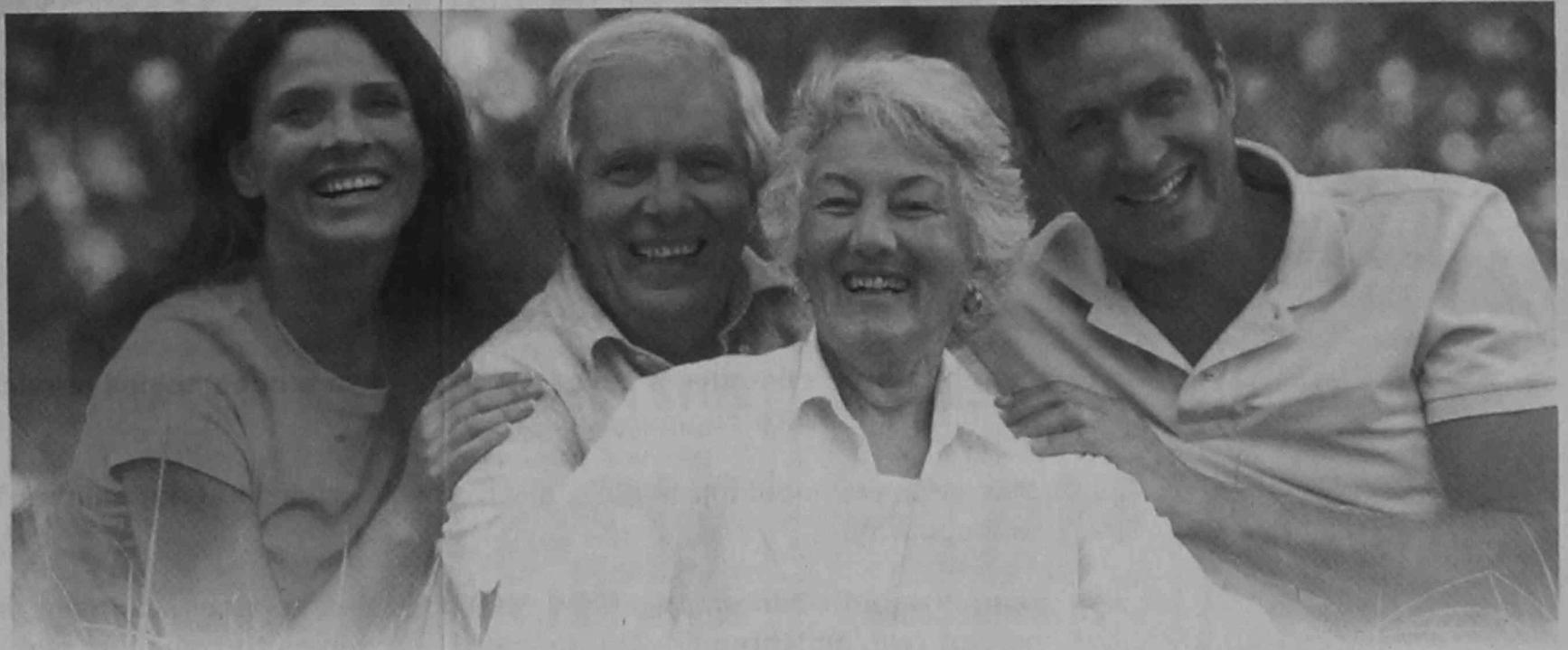
The curriculum covers everything from learning the calendar and days of the week to math, science experiments, printing and art projects. Of course, there's time to dance, according to Taig.

The preschool has already held an open house, but a fun fair in July is planned to bring in new families. Families can also call Taig at (734) 326-0078 to set up an appointment to visit the school.

Currently, the preschool has openings in its 3- and 4-year-old classes, as well as a Tots and Toddlers program.

"Willow Creek is a wonderful place," Taig said. "It's wonderful for the kids, it's wonderful for the families and it's wonderful for the parents."

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# Cardiologist offers expo to ‘educate public’

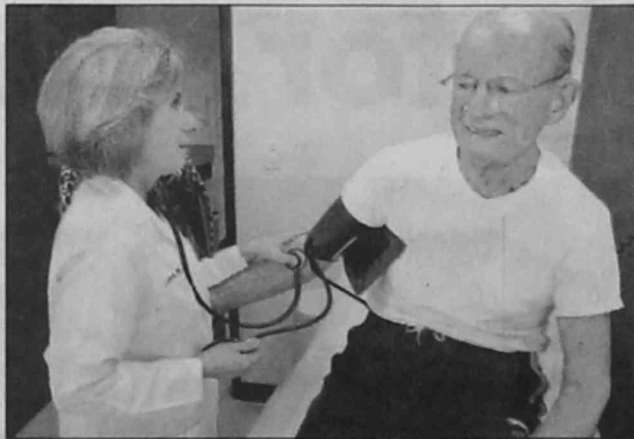
By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

Dr. Vicky Savas remembers the first health expo she ever did. The year was 1989, and she offered free cholesterol checks, lunch and a lecture. Twenty-three people showed up.

The cardiologist still holds the expos but now they're all-day affairs with a variety of low-cost tests, breakfast and lunch and complimentary gifts, door prizes and health lectures.

"It's turned out to be five hours long and last year more than 1,200 people attended," said Savas, who has offices in Novi and Southfield. "I've added demonstrations and lots and lots of free giveaways."

This year the Savas Health Expo will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, in Westland.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Novi Providence Park physician Dr. Vicky Savas checks the blood pressure of Alex Modreski. Savas will be hosting a health expo in Westland in June.

Savas is excited about this year's expo because she's never offered so much testing and an auction will help raise money for the Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Westland.

Guests will enjoy free massages and receive gifts like pedometers, hand cream, toothbrushes, toothpaste and cook-

books. Free tests include hearing, BMI, blood pressure and blood sugars. Low-cost testing — "lower than most co-pays" — includes carotid ultrasound, bone density, abdominal ultrasound, cholesterol, prostate cancer, thyroid, ABI, and heart rhythm.

"They can do a total of 15 tests for \$129, that's

cheap," she said.

The auction features autographed Detroit Tigers and Red Wings sports memorabilia, hockey and baseball tickets, a wine tasting tour in Traverse City, golf lessons and local golf packages including rounds of golf at the Grand Hotel, watches by Maloof Jewelry, spa packages, salon certificates and product baskets and dinner certificates.

"I'm very excited about the auction," said the West Bloomfield resident. "After five months of pounding the pavement, it's coming together. It's truly exciting."

Savas's interest in providing the expo stems from her work with migrant workers while in training at the University of Michigan. She and six other students provided medical care to the workers near Grand Rapids. They rented a storage center, cleaned it, and when the opened the

doors found a huge line of people waiting to see them.

"There would be 50, 75, 100 people waiting. A lot of times they had no medical insurance," she said. "We were used to working hard 14-hour days. When we finally closed it down, that's when I decided I wanted to do something for the community. That's when I did my first lecture."

"I wanted to do what I did for the migrant workers and it evolved into breakfast, lunch and a full day of activities." Savas spends thousands of dollars on the event and covers the cost of having her staff work on it. The only thing she asks of those who attend is preregister. A "fun pack"

costs \$25 and includes lectures, giveaways, breakfast, lunch and testing. The low-cost tests range from \$25 to \$30 and all six are available for \$125.

Registration for this year's expo is down. Savas hopes more people will respond by June 9. For registration forms and more information, contact Savas at (248) 356-5033 or vickysavasmd@hotmail.com.

"This is really for the community. You can see that when you look at what's available," she said. "I want to meet my goal of educating the public in a non-threatening, fun way."

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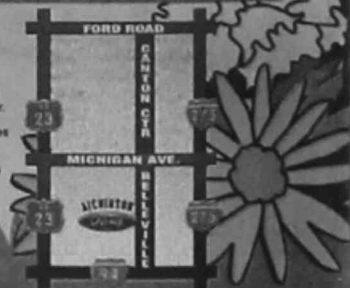
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## GIRLS TRACK & FIELD



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Salem freshman Elizabeth Tripp makes the turn during the 1,600-meter relay at the May 18 Division 1 state regional at PCEP. Tripp and three teammates won that event in 4:07 to qualify for this weekend's state meet.

## Young Rocks in state meet

Salem freshmen Elizabeth Tripp and Rebecca Lopez didn't take long to make a big impact on the Rocks varsity girls track and field team.

Both ninth-graders are among five Salem relay runners who qualified for Saturday's Division 1 state meet at East Kentwood.

Joining Tripp and Lopez are sophomores Kayla Kavulich and Kati Binsfeld and senior Adrianna Beltran.

Both relay teams made the cut with excellent performances at the D1 regionals, held May 18 at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

The 1,600-meter relay team of Beltran, Tripp, Bins-

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Plymouth's John Tatti launches a tee shot during Thursday's MHSAA Division 1 district tournament held at Whispering Willows Golf Course.

## Tiebreaker costs 'Cats

But all three PCEP teams qualify for Division 1 regionals

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

A tiebreaker was needed to determine the Division 1-District 9 boys golf tournament team champion Thursday at Livonia's Whispering Willows Golf Course.

After posting identical 299 totals, Saline emerged the winner over Plymouth going to the fifth players' score.

The Hornets, the Adrian Invitational and Southeastern Conference Red Division champions, were led by junior Caleb Wittig, who placed fourth with a 73.

Rounding out Saline's contingent were senior D.J. Aben and junior Ryan Peruski, 75 each, along with sophomore Ian Martin and senior Jackson Lambert with 76 and 79, respectively.

"We played it (Whispering Willows) last year and we came out this year and played another practice round this year, so we definitely know the course and feel good about it," Saline fourth-year coach Debbie Williams-Hoak said. "Plymouth is just an outstanding team and they're very consistent year-in and year-out. I think they're ranked second in the state right now, so to be able to come out top this week is great."

Plymouth had the tournament's top two individual finishers in medalist Kyle Rodes, who shot a 71, along with senior Josh Heinze, who added a 72.

Rounding out the top five for the Wildcats were sophomores Chris Kohler and John Tatti with



Canton's Brent Perry chips the ball onto the green during Thursday's MHSAA Division 1 district tournament held at Whispering Willows Golf Course.

77 and 79, respectively, followed by junior Ryan Rieckhoff with an 82.

"The pins were harder, the greens were a little faster," Plymouth coach Chris Moore said. "Usually around the greens, it's usually pretty tight and bounces pretty hard, but today it was soft. It was a different game than we were used to over at their course."

"I was a little disappointed in not winning. We had a goal of trying to win districts, but we were very happy with the way

we played. We can't control what other teams do and Saline played awesome today. They have a great team and we knew they'd be tough to beat. Obviously our goal is to get to 'states,' and by finishing in the top six today we go on to regionals."

### On to regionals

Also making the cut and advancing to next Thursday's Division 1 regional at West Shore County Club in Grosse Ile were Canton (311), Salem (313), host Livonia Churchill (316) and Ann Arbor Skyline (318).

"It was very scoreable, it was fine," Williams-Hoak said of the district course. "The greens were pretty receptive, it wasn't as hard as we thought they would be. They were holding pretty well. You love to stay below the hole here, and we practice that and talked about that. And keeping your tee shot in play is huge. That was a main emphasis for us and it worked out well today."

Rodes took the individual title by one shot over his teammate Heinze and Skyline sophomore Connor Lang.

"He (Rodes) is just having an unbelievable season," Moore said. "He's been very consistent, usually around par every tournament we've played in. He had three three putts today, which is a little frustrating for him because he normally doesn't do that. Again, the tough pins were probably part of the reason, but a very solid round."

Heinze was also in serious contention for medalist honors.

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## Summer camps

Madonna University is offering summer camps in the following sports: boys and girls basketball, cross country, soccer and volleyball.

For more information, visit [MadonnaCrusaders.com](http://MadonnaCrusaders.com) and click on "Youth Camps."

## Soccer tryouts

The Plymouth F.C. soccer club is holding tryouts to bring even more enthusiastic players into its ranks. Tryouts will be held over two days: Saturday, June 16, and Sunday, June 17, at Visteon Fields, 14425 N. Sheldon Rd., near M-14 in Plymouth.

Players are requested to enter at the south entrance behind the Visteon/ACH plant, bring a soccer ball and water, and arrive 15 minutes prior to start time to check in. The tryouts will include girls teams from U9-U11, and boys teams U9-U12.

The full schedule is available on the club's website — [plymouthhunted.com](http://plymouthhunted.com) — or by contacting a board member at [info@plymouthhunted.com](mailto:info@plymouthhunted.com).

## Plymouth grid camp

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

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

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

Canton's Tracy Moore (No. 5, left) and Ally Krause (No. 3, right) try to ward off Plymouth's Maria Farmer during Thursday's Division 1 district semifinal girls soccer contest at Northville.



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## Chiefs nip Wildcats in districts

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Almost right from the opening minutes of Thursday's Division 1 district girls soccer match-up between Canton and Plymouth, it looked as though the race to the elusive first goal would be enough to claim victory.

The Chiefs got there first — with senior Megan Trapp ripping a hard shot off the extended hands of Plymouth sophomore goalkeeper Kylie Robb with 19:24 left in the second half.

That goal, along with putting defensive roadblocks in the way

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of Plymouth scoring threat Madi Lewis, enabled the Chiefs to earn a 1-0 victory at Northville High School.

Posting the shutout was senior Danielle Schendel.

"Danielle made a lot of great saves," Canton head coach Jeanine Reddy said.

Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich lamented missing several close calls to even the game and perhaps extend it to overtime.

"We had our opportunities to tie it up there, we just missed by a

little bit," he said. "I thought we played a great second half. We had quite a few more opportunities than them, but we didn't capitalize."

With the win, Canton's first in three tries this season against Plymouth, the Chiefs (14-2-3) advanced to Saturday's noon district final against Northville.

"We just denied her (Lewis) the ball," Reddy said. "We just felt like when she gets the ball, she's just so fast and so dangerous."

"Let her turn and she's gone. So our whole thing was to deny

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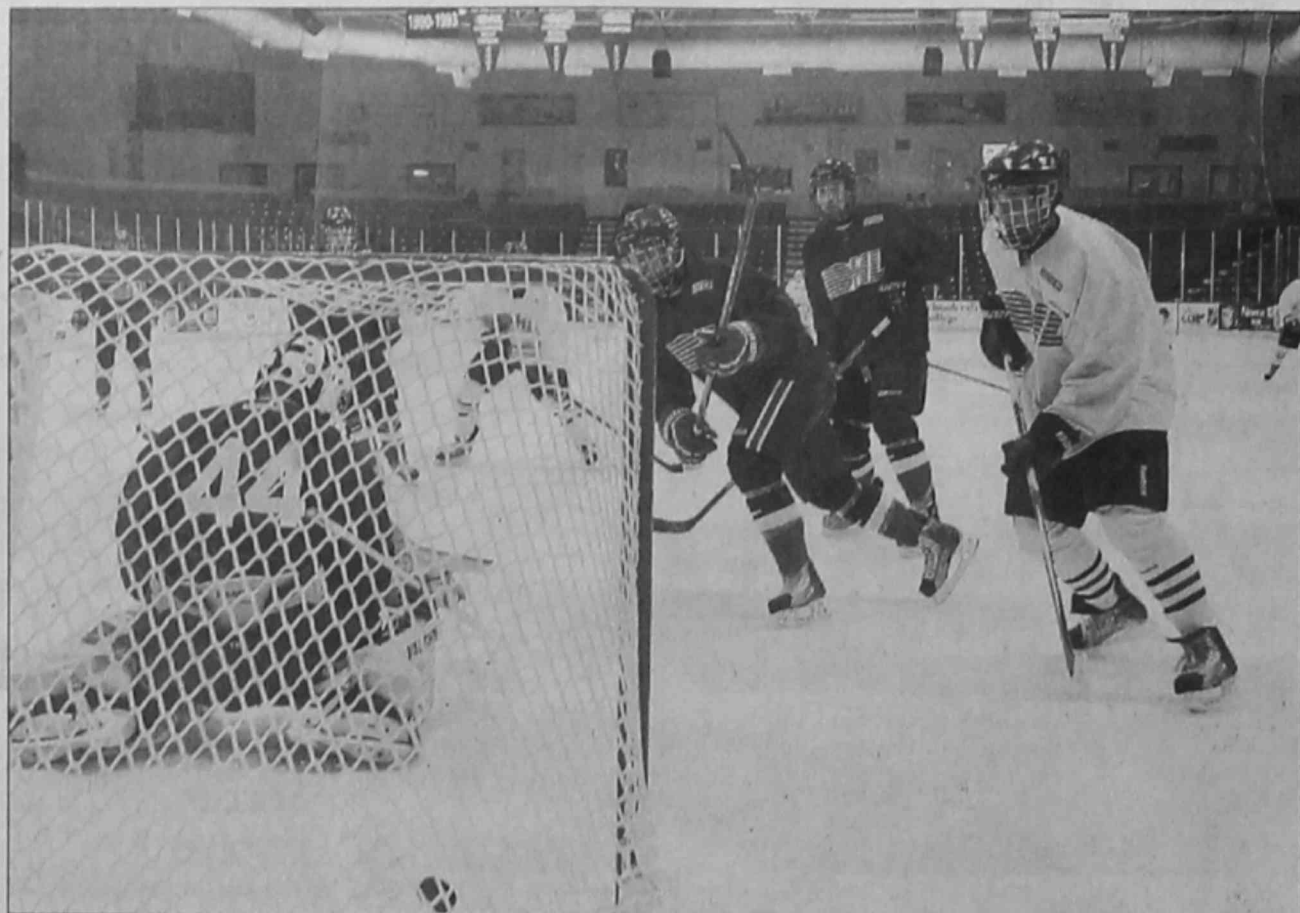


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Prospective Plymouth Whalers players compete in one of the two Blue-vs.-White scrimmages held during the recent rookie orientation camp at Compuware Arena.

# Potential Whalers get OHL primer

**By Tim Smith**  
Observer Staff Writer

The next wave of Plymouth Whalers' prospects recently got a first-hand glimpse at what life playing for the Ontario Hockey League team might be like.

Compuware Arena hosted the team's annual rookie orientation weekend, featuring Blue-vs.-White scrimmages and an overview of the Plymouth-Canton community.

Among players on hand were 2011-12 Whalers Mitchell Dempsey, Matt Mistele, Mitch Jones (Rochester) and Danny Vanderwiels as well as several others with ties to the area.

Rochester Adams' Christian Wolanin of the Detroit Little Caesars Under-18 squad made his second straight orientation camp.

Thomas Ebbing and Nolan Gluchowski, from Birmingham Brother Rice and Novi-Detroit Catholic Central respectively, also were on the ice.

Lacing up the skates were prospective players from local programs such as Honeybaked Mid-et Major (Bryan Basilico, Tom Marchin, Dante Suffredini), Belle Tire U-16s (Alec Nedeljkovic, Lester Lancaster) and Little Caesars U-18s (Wolanin, Jacob Pritchard). Most were drafted by the Whalers either in 2011 or 2012.

And two of the Whalers' top 2012 draft picks (forward Zach Bratina and defenseman Alex Peters)



Skating during one of the rookie scrimmages at Compuware Arena is defenseman Jamie Wilson, a 10th round draft pick of the Whalers.

participated before subsequently signing contracts with Plymouth.

Besides the Blue-vs.-White scrimmages, players toured Compuware's weight and conditioning facilities, attended an educational seminar and visited Plymouth-Canton Educational Park (where high-school age players go to school while playing for the Whalers).

Many players were joined by their parents for the program.

**Closer look**

"The hockey is almost secondary," explained Whalers' communications director Pete Krupsky. "It's more about bringing the parents and players in, showing them what the area's all about."

Krupsky said the educational seminar helps players and parents get a better grasp of OHL life.

"A lot of these kids are Canadian and their credits have to transfer over to American schools," Krupsky stressed. "If you're sending your kid to Plymouth, and your from Blyth, Ontario like Alex Peters is, and he's never been here, you certainly want to know where your kid's going to be staying over the next three or four years."

One player who impressed was Wolanin, whose father Craig was a defenseman in the National Hockey League.

"He's on the radar," Krupsky said. "I can also tell you he's a great lacrosse player for Rochester Adams. On Saturday morning he played lacrosse and scored something like six goals."

"And then he came in here and played with us. He's a well-rounded athlete, certainly someone we're definitely interested in."

"But I couldn't tell you if we're going to sign him or not. That's something Mike (Vellucci) and Brian (Sommariva) will determine."

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Canton's Megan Trapp (No. 19, left) is thwarted in her bid to score Thursday by Plymouth goalkeeper Kylie Robb (gray shirt) and other Wildcats defenders Maria Farmer (No. 5), Stephanie Dillon (No. 22) and Kate Watson (No. 6).

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her the ball and Rachel Winters marked her and couldn't have done a better job."

Canton possessed the ball and kept it in Plymouth's zone for much of the first half.

The Chiefs came close to taking a 1-0 lead with 13 minutes to play in the half, when Trapp's header at the end of a Winters corner kick eluded Robb — only to hit Plymouth junior defender Stephanie Dillon, standing along the goal line near the right post.

Plymouth (14-3-3) made some adjustments at half-time to open up room for Lewis (24 goals) and the Wildcats did threaten at times.

"We just tried to get more people forward," Neschich said. "We were just giving them way too much room (in the first half), especially in the midfield."

"We just tried to play the game more in their end. It seemed to work."

But Schendel and strong defensive support kept the Wildcats at bay long enough for Canton's offense to click.

**In the clutch**

And all it took was one time.

Krause moved the ball up the middle toward the Plymouth 18-yard box and sent it to Trapp streaking in on the left flank.

Trapp drove a high shot inside the left post, bouncing in off the hands of Robb — who went airborne in a desperate attempt to block it.

With the clock ticking down on their season, the Wildcats amped it up on offense even more. With about 12 minutes remaining, Lewis burst into the box and headed the ball, only for the bid to be blocked by Schendel.

Minutes later, Plymouth sophomore Alyssa Dillon made a nice run around the Canton defense and sent the ball over to Lewis on the doorstep. But Schendel hit the turf along the goal line and kept the low shot out.

Several other Plymouth rushes were effectively diffused by Canton's back line, spearheaded by senior clearing machine Robyn Mack.

And whenever trouble loomed, Schendel either stopped the ball or punted it out of her end.

"I just stayed calm, no freaking out, you just have to stay calm," Schendel said about maintaining composure in crunch time.

She also credited the play of her defense.

"They were awesome, Robyn, Rachel and Natalie (Schmidt)," Schendel said. "They were amazing."

Krause said the victory "was a team effort. We did a good job knocking it around. Here and there we made a few mistakes, but we were able to pick it back up as a team and got the W."

**Tough exit**

Neschich, meanwhile, said it was tough for the stellar careers of his seniors — Alyssa Burris, Kate Watson, Stephanie Sheridan and Megan Pelpinski, among others — to end on such a disappointing note.

Two years ago, they were part of a Plymouth group that reached the D1 finals, only to lose to Novi. This time, they couldn't escape one of the most competitive districts around.

"What a great group of kids and it's been a great four years seeing them grow and develop," Neschich said. "Just their successes that they've had. We're going to miss them."

Sharing that sentiment was Lewis, visibly upset following the game: "We just really wanted this for our seniors."

**LADYWOOD 5, S.L. EAST 0:** Five different players scored Thursday as host Livonia Ladywood (20-2-2) used a 34-0 shot differential to blank South Lyon East (11-9-1) in a Division 2 district semifinal.

"Our backline was solid tonight," said Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker, whose team faced Dearborn Divine Child in Saturday's district final at home. "We did a good job keeping them pressed in their end for a good majority of the game."

Ladywood took a 2-0 halftime with Kelly Capocchia opening the scoring in the second minute when she headed in her 23rd of the season on a cross from Domenique Sarnecky. That was followed by Erin Cronyn's 13th of the season from Emily Huddleston in the 26th minute.

The Blazers added three more in the second half — Sarnecky's 13th of the year on a header off Paige Brennan's 27th assist in the 64th minute; DeYana Walker (her 13th from Sam Riga in the 70th minute; and Brenna Wright from McKenzie Cronin in the 77th minute.

Sam Cook made 17 saves in goal for the Cougars, while Sara Even and Whitney Bauriedl did not face a shot in combining on the shutout for Ladywood.



MARTY SCHENDEL

Calmly getting ready to punt the ball out of trouble Thursday is Canton senior goaltender Danielle Schendel, who blanked Plymouth 1-0.

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Good, basic Canton Cup soccer — such as shown here by Christian Lopez (foreground) of the Canton Soccer Club U9 boys team — was everywhere to be found during Memorial Day weekend.

# Cup overflows with soccer fun



Once again, the Canton Cup provided a weekend to remember for all of the soccer-playing boys and girls who enjoyed goals, Gatorade and good, competitive action.

There were approximately 700 teams competing across a number of age brackets at Independence Park and four other venues in the township.

It was estimated that 45,000 people attended the 30th annual tournament, considered one of the largest club-based tournaments in the United States.

All teams were guaranteed three games, and

those that won all three moved on to championship games for a crack at team trophies and individual medals.

Family members also had a splendid time, soaking in all the soccer they could under mostly sunny skies.

Only a couple of rain delays on Saturday tempered their enthusiasm a bit.



BRIAN QUINTOS

Closing the gap on a Michigan Alliance opponent is Ryan Tasco (right) of the Canton Celtic U15 Black team, during Canton Cup action at Independence Park.

## Plymouth United teams excel at Canton Cup

After an intense shoot-out with the Van Buren Wildcats '03 Black Team prior to the final match, the Plymouth United Girls U9 (Red Bracket) soccer team advanced to the championship game of last weekend's Canton Cup tournament, winning 3-0 again the SOCS Storm 03 White for the 1st Place trophy.

Following the championship win, coach Sam Miller said that it was a competitive field and a hard-fought win.

"I'm very proud of this team; they simply couldn't have played better than they did this weekend," Miller said. "These kids really deserved this."

On another field, United's Boys U11 White Team (Gray Bracket) played through a heart-stopping ending to earn second place, with Michigan Chill SBC White scoring a goal with just 10 seconds remaining. The



Plymouth United's victorious U9 Canton Cup Red girls team includes (from left) Elizabeth Fletcher, Claire Campbell, Laura Boesch, Liliana Kash, Katie Zimmer, Zoe Barkoff, Talia List and Caitlyn Cieslik with coach Sam Miller (back).

East Lansing-based team took a 5-4 win, but the match was consistently back and forth.

Coach Mario Ramirez wasn't surprised at the team's success. "These players have grown dra-

matically over the past few months, and earning a spot in the finals is the result of some really hard

work."

Not to be outdone by their club mates, the United 02 Girls Blue Team (Girls U10 Red Bracket) was faced with strong competition throughout the tournament, ultimately winning its way into the championship match against Michigan Rush Downriver Olympians.

The U10 girls battled against a challenging offense, and earned a 2nd Place finish. Coach Kelli Donahue-List was thrilled with the results, noting, "With a team like this, that really hasn't been playing together long, a trip to the finals is nothing short of outstanding. I could not be prouder of these girls."

Plymouth United's 01 Boys Blue Team also played extremely well, with a solid 2-1 record.

"For all of these teams to give such a great showing at the Canton Cup is incredibly rewarding for

the coaches and the whole club," said club president April Dono.

Plymouth United was founded by families in the Plymouth community in the summer of 2010 with the goal of creating a player-focused club to develop passionate, confident, skilled youth players.

As a quickly growing select club, it offers year-round, individual and team training, as well as competitive play in the select outdoor division of the Western Suburban Soccer League and the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association, as well as indoor play at area facilities.

The club's goal is to prepare each player to compete at the highest level of select and premier competition so that they can play with the best throughout their playing careers. For more information, visit [www.plymouthunited.com](http://www.plymouthunited.com).

## 2012 CANTON CUP RESULTS

### BOYS RESULTS

**Boys Under 8 BLACK:** Michigan Jags 04 defeated Green Dexter SC 04  
**Boys Under 8 WHITE:** Michigan Jags 04 def. White MHYA Express 04  
**Boys Under 8 GREEN:** WWSL Arsenal 04 def. FC Elite 04  
**Boys Under 8 BLUE:** Tri-County United 03 def. Jags 04 Black  
**Boys Under 8 YELLOW:** CSC Strikers def. CSC Speeders  
**Boys Under 8 PURPLE:** BTUFC KCST 05 def. MI Revolution Academy  
**Boys Under 9 BLACK:** Waza FC 03 def. Blue FC Elite 03  
**Boys Under 9 WHITE:** Canton Celtic 03 Black def. ROYSA Renegades Green  
**Boys Under 9 GREEN:** MI Alliance Pinckney 03 def. Chelsea Bulldogs 03 Blue  
**Boys Under 9 BLUE:** GPSA Salvo 03 def. Green MI Revolution 03  
**Boys Under 9 RED:** Michigan Tigers 03 def. C Kingdom Select - Lentz  
**Boys Under 9 ORANGE:** Force SC Strikers def. MI Alliance H 03 Blue  
**Boys Under 9 YELLOW:** RSC Lightning 03 Gold def. CSC Wolverines U9  
**Boys Under 10 BLACK:** Ole SC 02 Black def. Power Academy White  
**Boys Under 10 WHITE:** AAUSC 02 Royal def. Plymouth Reign 02B Green  
**Boys Under 10 GREEN:** Kingdom Select - Chibende def. MI Rush Downriver Thunder  
**Boys Under 10 BLUE:** GR Crew Jrs 02 Silver def. AAUSC 02 Gold  
**Boys Under 10 RED:** WWSL Arsenal 02 Black def. Gladiators 02 Black  
**Boys Under 10 ORANGE:** ROYSA Renegades 02 White def. WWSL Arsenal 02 Red  
**Boys Under 10 YELLOW:** CSC Sharks - Samulski def. HVSC Storm 02 Gold  
**Boys Under 11 BLACK:** Vardar South 01 Black def. CW3 Extreme 01 Red  
**Boys Under 11 WHITE:** Michigan Jags 01 White def. Chill SBC 01 Blue  
**Boys Under 11 GREEN:** Canton Celtic 02 Black def. Vardar South 02 Black  
**Boys Under 11 BLUE:** Farmington Flash def. MI Alliance 01 Blue  
**Boys Under 11 RED:** Dearborn Drive 01 def. Romeo FC Yellow Jackets  
**Boys Under 11 ORANGE:** BTUFC 01 WH def. FC International  
**Boys Under 11 GRAY:** Chill SBC 01 White def. Plymouth United 01 White  
**Boys Under 11 TAN:** RSC Lightning Gold 01 def. MI Alliance 01 Grey  
**Boys Under 11 YELLOW:** MI Rush Downriver Crushers def. Force SC Banditos  
**Boys Under 12 BLACK:** SYSL Vardar United def. Farmington Flash 00 RED  
**Boys Under 12 WHITE:** Plymouth Reign 00 White def. Dexter SC 00 Maroon  
**Boys Under 12 GREEN:** BASC Hurricanes 00 White def. MI Revolution 00  
**Boys Under 12 BLUE:** Lyon FC 00 def. Michigan Legacy 00 Silver  
**Boys Under 12 YELLOW:** GISA Vipers def. CSC Dominators  
**Boys Under 13 BLACK:** SCOR 99 - Dalton def. Canton Celtic 99 Black  
**Boys Under 13 WHITE:** Ole SC 99 def. Farmington Flash  
**Boys Under 13 GREEN:** Vardar



### Strikers strike!

The Canton Soccer Club U8 Strikers won their division final at Sunday's Canton Cup, winning all four games at the tournament. Members of the Strikers, now 5-1 for the season, include (front row, from left): Adarsh Yalamanchi, Griffin Gutierrez, Christian Austin, Evan Morrison, Jaivish Patel; (middle row, from left) Jacob Weber, Ryan Lynch, Kaleb Anderson, Ayush Patel, Ian Nadeau, Connor Hands; (back row, from left) coaches Christian Morrison and Scott Austin.

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**Boys Under 13 RED:** Chill SBC 00 Blue def. MI Revolution 99  
**Boys Under 13 ORANGE:** RFC Fury 99 def. Gladiators 99 Black  
**Boys Under 13 GRAY:** Troy SC Titans def. Chelsea Bulldogs 99  
**Boys Under 13 YELLOW:** FSSC Inferno def. CSC Wolverines U13  
**Boys Under 14 BLACK:** MI Rush CA 98 def. MI Alliance 98 Elite  
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**Boys Under 14 GREEN:** La Forza 98 Blue def. GPSA Salvo 98 Green  
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**Boys Under 15 BLACK:** Power Academy def. MI Alliance 97 Elite  
**Boys Under 15 WHITE:** Waza FC East 97 Royal def. MI Revolution United  
**Boys Under 15 GREEN:** Perrysburg Gold def. CW3 Extreme 97 Red  
**Boys Under 14/15 YELLOW:** Home Dawgs def. CSC United FC 97  
**Boys Under 16 BLACK:** MI Rush CA

Nike 95-96 def. AAUSC 96 Royal  
**Boys Under 16 WHITE:** Michigan Legacy Patriots def. Lobos Wizards Red  
**Boys Under 16 GREEN:** SCOR 96 - Milotin def. Michigan Jags 96 Gold  
**Boys Under 16 BLUE:** DSC Moustings 97 (Scada) def. Harrow Hurricanes U16  
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**Boys Under 17 WHITE:** SOCS Force 95 Navy def. Petoskey Lakers  
**Boys Under 17 GREEN:** Plymouth Reign 95 def. Chill SBC 95 Blue  
**Boys Under 18 BLACK:** SCOR - Crooks def. The Kewadin Style  
**Boys Under 19 BLACK:** TNT Dynamo 93 def. Hamburg U-19 Boys

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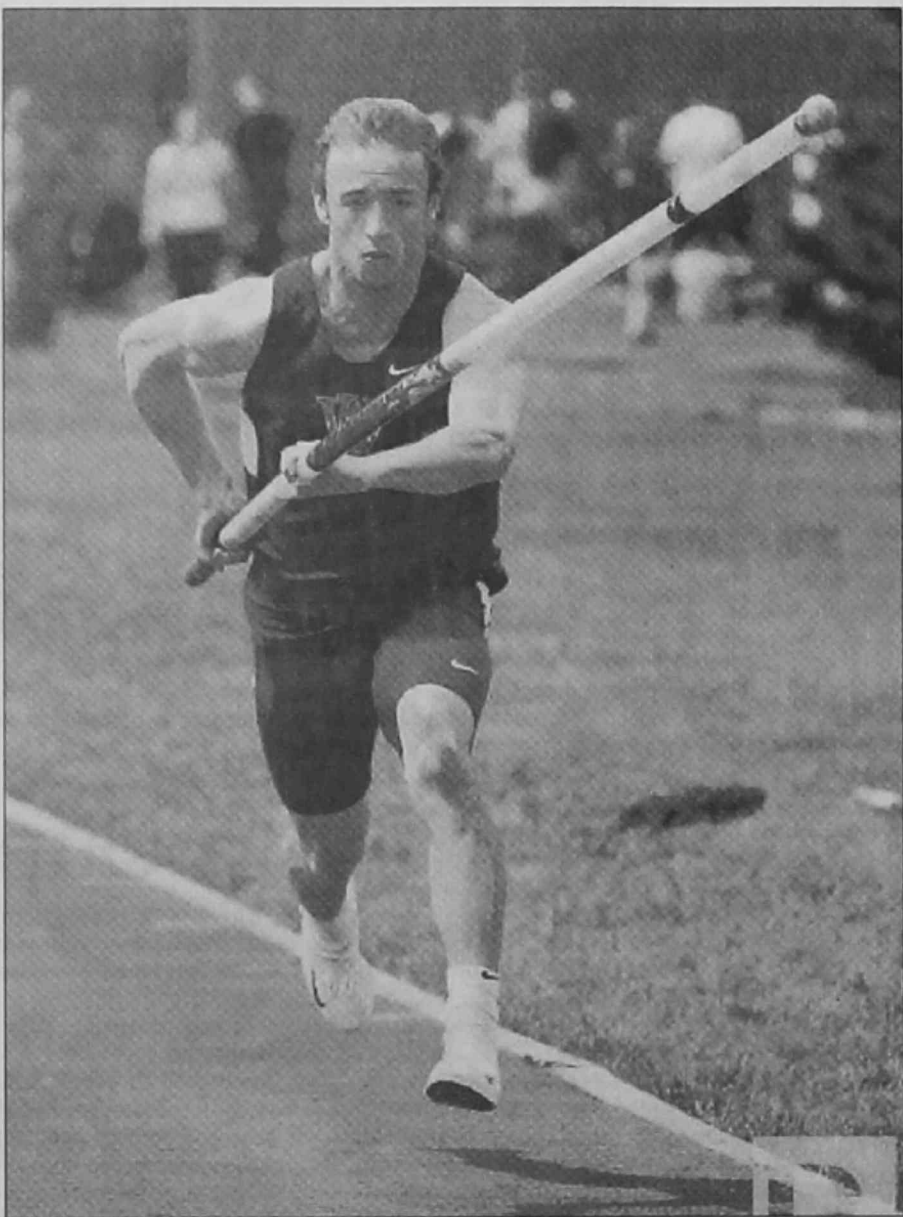
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**Girls Under 9 GREEN:** CW3 Extreme 03 Red def. Chill SBC 03 Blue  
**Girls Under 9 BLUE:** RSC Lightning 03 Blue def. Romeo FC Pulse  
**Girls Under 9 RED:** Plymouth United 03 Blue def. SOCS Storm 03 White  
**Girls Under 9 YELLOW:** CSC Thunder def. BTUFC 03 BLK  
**Girls Under 10 BLACK:** Georgetown Rangers def. New Albany Crew Jrs 02  
**Girls Under 10 WHITE:** Michigan Legacy Silver def. Chill SBC 02 Blue  
**Girls Under 10 GREEN:** Plymouth Reign 02 Girls White def. BTUFC 02 G  
**Girls Under 10 BLUE:** Ole SC 02 def. Northwest Screaming Eagles  
**Girls Under 10 RED:** MI Rush Downriver Olympians def. Plymouth United 02 Blue  
**Girls Under 10 YELLOW:** RSC Fire def. CSC Kickers  
**Girls Under 11 BLACK:** Michigan



Unveiled at the 30th annual Canton Cup was the new Canton Soccer Club logo, featuring a star representing the national championship won in 2011 by the CSC Celtic U20 boys team.

Jags 02 Green def. New Albany Crew Jrs Gold East  
**Girls Under 11 WHITE:** TNT Dynamo 01 def. GR Crew Jrs 01 Black  
**Girls Under 11 GREEN:** Canton Celtic 02 Black def. Troy SC Nova  
**Girls Under 11 BLUE:** MI Revolution 01 def. SCOR - Bowman  
**Girls Under 11 RED:** BTUFC 01 G def. Force SC Mustangs  
**Girls Under 11 ORANGE:** MI Alliance U11 Grey def. Romeo FC Vortex  
**Girls Under 11 YELLOW:** MI Rush Downriver Score-chers def. Gaylord Cyclones  
**Girls Under 12 BLACK:** New Albany Crew Jrs 00 Black def. TFA Premier  
**Girls Under 12 WHITE:** GISA Lights Out def. Red Arrow Echo  
**Girls Under 12 GREEN:** BTUFC 00 G def. GCSC Fury 00  
**Girls Under 12 BLUE:** MI Alliance 00 Grey def. SCOR 00 - Milotin  
**Girls Under 12 RED:** Renegades Red def. Michigan Legacy Black  
**Girls Under 12 YELLOW:** MI Rush Downriver 00 Lightning def. Gaylord Ambush  
**Girls Under 12 PURPLE:** DHSC Ravens 00 def. CSC Tornadoes U12  
**Girls Under 13 BLACK:** MI Alliance 99 Elite def. Kingdom Premier 99  
**Girls Under 13 WHITE:** Canton Celtic 00 Black def. Force FC 99 Purple  
**Girls Under 13 GREEN:** Chill SBC 00 Blue def. Force SC Attack  
**Girls Under 13 BLUE:** Saginaw Storm 99 def. BTUFC 99 G  
**Girls Under 13 RED:** Dexter SC 99 def. Kingdom Elite 99  
**Girls Under 13 ORANGE:** RFC Vipers def. Force SC White  
**Girls Under 14 BLACK:** Canton Celtic 98 Black def. Chill SBC 98 Blue  
**Girls Under 14 WHITE:** Canton Celtic 99 Black def. RASC 98 Premier Thunder  
**Girls Under 14 GREEN:** Michigan Hawks E 98 Red def. WAZA FC West 98 Green  
**Girls Under 14 BLUE:** New Albany Crew Jrs 98 Black def. CW3 Extreme 98 White  
**Girls Under 14/15 YELLOW:** Plymouth Extreme def. TSL Hurricanes



## Honors for Alaniva

Washington University in St. Louis freshman and Canton High School alum Nick Alaniva (Plymouth) recently was named the 2012 University Athletic Association (UAA) Men's Outdoor Track & Field Rookie of the Year. Alaniva received the Men's Rookie of the Year award after earning all-UAA honors in two events, including winning the pole vault title with a season-best mark of 4.26 meters. He also ran a leg of Washington U.'s third-place 400 relay team, and posted a season-best leap of 6.52m to finish fourth in the long jump.

## TRACK

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feld and Kavulich finished first with a time of 4:07.89 (edging second-place Livonia Churchill, 4:09.52).

In the 3,200-meter relay, the Rocks finished sec-

ond with a time of 9:35.11. The lineup for that quartet included Beltran — who led things off with a split of 2:19 — Tripp (2:23 split), Lopez and Kavulich.

Going into the regionals, the 1,600 and 3,200 relay teams were seeded second and third, respec-

tively, thus exceeding projections by one place each.

The breakdown of individual runners for the relays was not listed in official regional statistics made available following that meet.

— By Tim Smith

## GOLF

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"Another great performance by our senior captain," Moore said. "It's disappointing because he finished bogey, bogey to finish out his round, but he had a lot of opportunities to make putts today that lipped out, so the score could have been even lower because he hit the ball very well. Again, he's been shooting around par pretty consistently all season. It was good."

Canton freshman Donnie Trosper also turned in a solid round by finishing fourth with a 73. Also figuring in the scoring for the Chiefs was junior Alex Champagne (77), junior Brent Perry (80) and senior Josh Maxam (81).

Just two strokes behind Canton was neighbor Salem led by sixth-place finisher Eric Duprey, a senior who shot 75, and sophomore Nick Danis, who carded a 76 to place ninth. Senior Brandon Duprey chipped in with an 80 and sophomore Brady Cole added an 82.

Churchill also advanced led by senior Ben Proben, who finished 12th with a 77. He was followed by seniors Andrew Ioanou and Eric Hill with 79 each, along with senior Dominic DiLisi with an 81.

"There were a lot of good teams and we did not play our best today, and it's our home golf course, but we did survive," Churchill coach Paul Worley said. "The greens were tough today. They were fast, a lot of

three putts. But there were some kids who made putts, too, that made some birdies out there. The course played relatively short because it was so firm out ... but the greens made up for that."

Additional individual state qualifiers included Reid McCallister (78) and Guy Frydenlund (79), both of Ann Arbor Huron; Kris Sharp (78), of Belleville; and Brendan Schoonover (80), Nick Margolis (81) and Keegan Pape (82), all of Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Pape garnered the last individual spot on the fourth extra playoff hole over Westland John Glenn sophomore Nick Doupe.

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## BOYS GOLF RESULTS

**MHSAA DIVISION 1 DISTRICT 9 BOYS GOLF TOURNEY**  
May 31 at Whisp. Willows  
**TEAM STANDINGS (top 6 advance to regional):** 1. Saline, 299 strokes (won tiebreaker); 2. Plymouth, 299; 3. Canton, 311; 4. Salem, 313; 5. Livonia Churchill, 316; 6. Ann Arbor Skyline, 381; 7. Ann Arbor Huron, 334; 8. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 329; 9. Belleville, 337; 10. Westland John Glenn, 354; 11. Ypsilanti, 379; 12. Wayne Memorial, 385.  
**Individual medalist:** Kyle Rodes (Plymouth), 71.  
**TEAM-BY-TEAM SCORING**  
**Saline (299):** 4. Caleb Wittig, 73; 6. (tie) D.J. Aben and Ryan Peruski, 75 each; 17. Jackson Lambert, 79.  
**Plymouth (299):** 1. Kyle Rodes, 71; 2. Joshe Heinze, 72; 12. Chris Kohler, 77; 17. John Tatti, 79; 28. Ryan Rieckhoff, 82.  
Canton (311): 4. Donnie Trosper, 73; 12. Alex Champagne, 77; 22. Brent Perry, 80; 25. Josh Maxam, 81; 35. Tyler McMahan, 84.  
**Salem (313):** 6. Eric Duprey, 75; Nick Danis, 76; 22. Brandon Duprey, 80; 25. 28. Brady Cole, 82; 39. Brian Patterson, 86.  
**Churchill (316):** 12. Ben Proben, 77; 17.

(tie) Andrew Ioanou and Eric Hill, 79 each; 25. Dominic DiLisi, 81; 48. Cory Dare, 93.  
A.A. Skyline (318): 2. Connor Lang, 72; 9. Josh Bourque, 76; 35. Andrew Wayrynen, 84; 39. Ian Marshall, 86; 43. Shane Anderson, 88.  
**A.A. Huron (324):** 15. Reid McCallister, 78 (SQ); 17. Guy Frydenlund, 79 (SQ); 32. Danny Langa, 83; 35. Kevin Masini, 84; 42. Jack Ottenwess, 87.  
**A.A. Pioneer (329):** 22. Brendan Schoonover, 80 (SQ); 25. Nick Margolis, 81 (SQ); 28. Keegan Pape, 82 (SQ); 39. Davis Argersinger, 86; 43. Nate Yenckel, 86.  
**Belleville (337):** 15. Kris Sharp, 78 (SQ); 32. Casey Fecker, 83; 35. Mark Dybicki, 84; 47. Mike Brothers, 92; 49. Tyler White, 95.  
**John Glenn (354):** 28. Nick Doupe, 82; 32. Mitch Dean, 83; 46. Austin Valentine, 90; 56. Andy Snyder, 99; 57. Tim Moran, 100.  
**Ypsilanti (375):** 43. Tom Reynolds, 88; 49. Ryan Katon, 95; 52. Brice Marich, 96; 57. Ben Darnell, 100; 60. Sean Katon, 107.  
**Wayne (385):** 49. Zachary Williamson, 95; 52. (tie) Zackary Huffman and Austin St. Peter, 96 each; 55. Jarret Williamson, 98; 59. Ken McKay, 103.  
**(SQ):** Additional individual state qualifier.

## Eldridge to play at Indiana Tech

Salem alum Meaghan Eldridge recently signed her national letter of intent to attend Indiana Tech in 2012-13 and play on the women's varsity lacrosse team.

Eldridge is a goalkeeper who graduated from Salem in 2011. She spent the past year as a volunteer goalie coach for the Salem girls lacrosse team and continued her education at a local community college.

During her senior year she was captain and MVP for the Rocks, having recorded 211 saves.

"When (Salem) coach (Dave) Medley brought Meaghan Eldridge to my attention, I seized the opportunity to evaluate her," Indiana Tech coach Ed Karasek said. "We were in need of an additional goalkeeper."

Eldridge visited Indi-



Meaghan Eldridge (No. 28) is shown playing goal for Salem during the 2011 season. She recently signed to play women's lacrosse at Indiana Tech.

ana Tech after Karasek read Medley's detailed report about her high school achievements, athletic ability, academics and character.

"I determined that Meaghan was not afraid to be between the pipes," Karasek said. "She understands that goalkeeping is 90-per-

cent mental and 10-percent physical. She has a really great clearing pass and can throw to all areas of the field with accuracy. We are pleased to have Meaghan as part of our program."

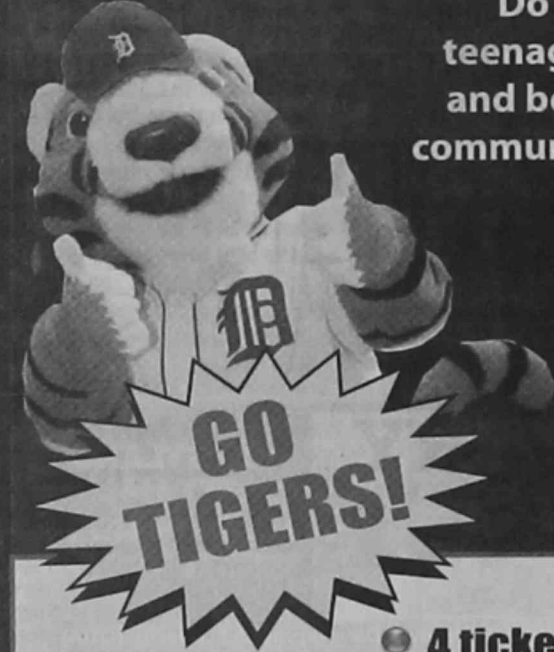
She plans to study toward a degree in criminal justice.

## PREP TRACK RESULTS

**MICHIGAN INDEPENDENT ATHLETIC CONFERENCE TRACK & FIELD MEET**  
May 22 at Luth. Westland  
**BOYS TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Lutheran Westland, 159 points; 2. Plymouth Christian, 98; 3. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, 68; 4. Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, 58; 5. Southfield Christian, 43; 6. Sterling Heights Parkway Christian, 30; 7. Ann Arbor Greenhills, 28; 8. Newport Lutheran South, 14; 9. Birmingham Roeper, 9; 10. Novi Franklin Road Christian, 4; 11. Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, 2.  
**FINAL EVENT RESULTS**  
**Shot put:** 1. Dawon Davenport (LW), 46 feet, 7 inches; **discus:** 1. D. Davenport (LW), 135-1; 4. Jacob Bartos (LW), 116-3; 5. Thomas Krueger (LW), 108-2; **high jump:** 1. Mick Noel (PCA), 5-10; 2. Mitch Boehm (LW), 5-6; 3. Jake Fairbairn (LW), 5-6; 4. Jacob Davenport (LW), 5-6; **long jump:** 1. Drew Perrin (OC), 20-8; 2. Caleb Kempf (LW), 19-11; 3. Dan Roberts (LW), 18-7.25; **pole vault:** 1. Newman Harper (LW), 9-9; 2. Josh Kuhn (LW), 8-0; **110-meter hurdles:** 1. Fairbairn (LW), 16.03; 4. Austin Olson (LW), 18.84; **300 hurdles:** 1. Fairbairn (OC), 11.31; **200:** 1. Jimmy Parks (PCA), 23.48; 4. Roberts (LW), 24.74; **400:** 1. Parks (PCA), 51.76; 2. Kempf (LW), 51.92; 4. Bobby Miller (LW), 55.82; **800:** 1. Alex Irwin (LW), 2:08.18; 4. Zach Foor (LW), 2:11.26; **1,600:** 1. Evan Carter (LW), 4:37.6; **3,200:** 1. Carter (LW), 10:19.26; 6. Seth Whitehouse (LW), 11:05.6; **400 relay:** 1. Lutheran Northwest, 48.49; 4. Lutheran Westland, 49.45; **800 relay:** 1. Lutheran Westland (Kempf, Miller, J. Davenport, Dan Roberts), 1:37.41; **1,600 relay:** 1. Lutheran Westland (Kempf, Miller, Foor, Fairbairn), 3:40.96; **3,200 relay:** 1. Plymouth Christian, 8:48.24; 2. Lutheran Westland, 8:52.72.  
**GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, 110 points; 2. Lutheran Westland, 96; 3. Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, 63; 4. Plymouth Christian Academy, 55; 5. Birmingham Roeper, 47; 6. Newport Lutheran South, 37; 7. Novi Franklin Road Christian, 33; 8. Ann Arbor Greenhills, 27; 9. Sterling Heights Parkway Christian, 25; 10. Southfield Christian, 14; 11. Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, 10.  
**FINAL EVENT RESULTS**  
**Shot put:** 1. Briana Ratchford (Roeper), 39 feet, 3.5 inches; 5. Leah Refenes (LW), 28-2; 6. Aleijah Mollenhauer (LW), 26-11.5; **discus:** 1. Abby Pierce (LW), 96-5; 4. Janine Erickson (LW), 79-3; 5. Refenes (LW), 77-6; **high jump:** 1. Melaina Saunders (Parkway), 4-7; 2. Amanda Terranella (LW), 4-5; **long jump:** 1. Ratchford (Roeper), 14-11; **pole vault:** 1. Elizabeth Matthews (LW), 8-0; 2. Alissa Flury (LW), 8-0;

**100-meter hurdles:** 1. Ratchford (Roeper), 15.11; 4. Flury (LW), 18.54; 5. Allison Johnson (LW), 20.07; 6. Claire Gordon (LW), 20.89;  
**300 hurdles:** 1. Ratchford (Roeper), 47.73; 2. Terranella (LW), 51.85; 3. Flury (LW), 53.65; 6. Rachel Wiggins (LW), 56.48; **100 dash:** 1. Grace Gardner (AAG), 12.78; **200:** 1. Gardner (AAG), 27.53; 5. Flury (LW), 28.63; **400:** 1. Akwia Tilton (FR), 1:00.27; **800:** 1. Karen Windle (PCA), 2:28.56; 3. Jess Rice (LW), 2:37.17; **1,600:** 1. Terra Crown (PCA), 5:53.79; 4. Maria Froman (HVL), 6:24.07; **3,200:** 1. Crown (PCA), 12:48.34; 3. Froman (HVL), 14:35.35; 6. Emma Buffone (LW), 15:22.63; **400 relay:** 1. Oakland Christian, 54.62; 5. Lutheran Westland, 103.95; **800 relay:** 1. Southfield Christian, 1:59.73; 3. Lutheran Westland, 2:01.13; **1,600 relay:** 1. Lutheran Northwest, 4:30.5; 2. Lutheran Westland, 4:32.85; **3,200 relay:** 1. Plymouth Christian, 10:52.16; 4. Lutheran Westland, 12:33.0.  
**CATHOLIC LEAGUE A-B DIVISION TRACK & FIELD MEET**  
May 22 at Liv. Ladywood  
**GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Dearborn Divine Child, 173.5 points; 2. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 96.17; 3. Warren Regina, 91.33; 4. Birmingham Marian, 59; 5. Farmington Hills Mercy, 53; 6. Livonia Ladywood, 23.  
**FINAL EVENT RESULTS**  
**Shot put:** 1. Ashley O'Neill (DDC), 37 feet, 5.75 inches; 4. Amy Lewandowski (LL), 32-8; **discus:** 1. O'Neill (DDC), 117-2; 3. Sarah Wojnarowski (LL), 94-8; **high jump:** 1. Andrea Pangori (NDP), 5-1; **long jump:** 1. Christine Palazzolo (WR), 15-8.25; **100-meter hurdles:** 1. Mallory Myler (DDC), 15.41; 6. Hannah Gove (LL), 18.23; **300 hurdles:** 1. Myler (DDC), 46.48; 4. Gove (LL), 50.94; **100 dash:** 1. Ashley White (WR), 12.74; **200:** 1. Paige Patterson (DDC), 25.53; 6. Amber Riethmiller (LL), 28.07; **400:** 1. Patterson (DDC), 57.59; 6. Pilar Furlong (LL), 1:04.33; **800:** 1. Sarah Barron (NDP), 2:15.35; **1,600:** 1. Barron (NDP), 4:47.35; **3,200:** 1. Heather Smith (FHM), 11:45.49; **400 relay:** 1. Divine Child (Kayla Gandy, Liz Mullen, Hannah Korpics, Rosanna Reynolds), 49.82; 6. Ladywood (Kimberly Soalk, Maria Bloem, Mackenzie Darr, Jillian Tuba), 56.82; **800 relay:** 1. Divine Child (Myler, Gandy, Mullen, Patterson), 1:43.61; 6. Ladywood (Furlong, Molly McClorey, Riethmiller, Wojnarowski), 1:54.22; **1,600 relay:** 1. Divine Child, 3:58.91; 6. Ladywood (Furlong, McClorey, Riethmiller, Wojnarowski), 4:36.46; **3,200 relay:** 1. Divine Child (Olivia Hauser, Mullen, Ellayna laquaniello, Nicole Urbanick), 9:49.79; 5. Ladywood (Megan Talty, Katherine Taylor, Hannah Pereira, Serenity Tyll), 10:57.8.

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## Local supporters turn out to race for a cure

Thousands of runners and walkers turned out over Memorial Day weekend for the 21st Annual Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure® in a show of support for friends and family members who have experienced breast cancer.

The race route, which began at Woodward Avenue at Comerica Park, was decorated with 10,000 pink ribbons and racegoers enjoyed a festive atmosphere that included food, giveaways, music, entertainment and shopping.

View more photos on page B8.

Two local families were out in force May 26 — one in memory of a mother and wife who died of breast cancer and the other celebrating survivorship of a young mother and wife.

Tami's Team celebrated the life of Tami Rosens-Fink of Farmington Hills who died May 18, 2011 — just three days before the 2011 Race for the Cure. Tami's children, Danielle and David Fink, along with her hus-

band, Gary, walked in honor of her memory. This was the fourth year for Tami's Team.

Another local team, Breigh's Bosom Buddies, celebrated breast cancer survivor Breigh Macek of Livonia. Macek was diagnosed with breast cancer at age 31. Some 40 friends, co-workers from R.S. Electronics in Livonia, and family turned out for the race.

This year's event was extra spe-

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Rebecca Grigsby of Novi, Angela Konja of Farmington Hills and Candice Jarosa of West Bloomfield are part of the Bartech Believers Team. Bartech is a global work-force management and staffing solutions company headquartered in Livonia.

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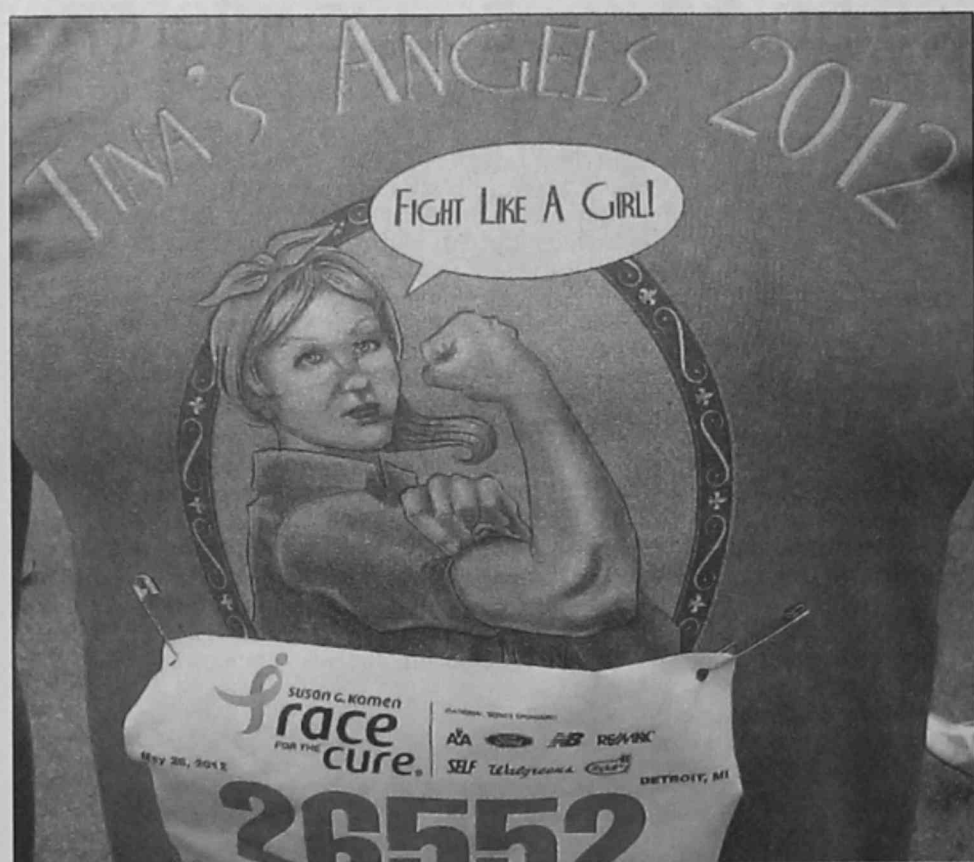
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cial for Macek because her sister, Brandi Lindvall of California, was able to join the team for the first time.

"It (race day) was like my Christmas morning," said Macek, who noted her progress in beating cancer by looking at photos of her and the team — organized by friend and co-worker Mandy Merlo of Westland.

"The first year I wore a bandana on my head because I didn't have any hair. The second year I had very short hair, the third I had more hair and this year it is longer," said Macek, a mom to three children, ages 15, 9 and 6. After being diagnosed, Macek underwent a mastectomy on her right side followed by radiation and chemotherapy. She celebrated this year's race cancer free and says everything "is going well."

### Screening, treatment

Money raised from the Detroit race, locally presented by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, goes toward early screening, patient and treatment programs for

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### BREIGH MACEK

Livonia

those that might not have access to those services.

In 2012, it is estimated that there will be 226,000 new cases of breast cancer among women in the U.S. including nearly 40,000 deaths.

"For three decades, Susan G. Komen has been seeking cures and helping low-income, uninsured and underserved women have access to life-saving breast cancer screenings and treatment services, and that mission has never changed," said Maureen Keenan Meldrum, of Lathrup Village, chair of the Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure®. "Here in metro Detroit, since 1992, the Komen Detroit Race has raised and invested \$21 million to help end breast cancer. We're grateful for the generosity of metro Detroiters and we ask that you continue to

give whatever you can, to help save lives and end breast cancer."

### Prevention, research

Each year, the Race awards 75 percent of the net proceeds to breast cancer screening, treatment support and education programs for medically underserved people in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. The remaining 25 percent funds breast cancer research grants awarded through Komen for the Cure.

The 2011 Komen Detroit Race for the Cure awarded \$1,475,000 to community programs and contributed nearly \$422,000 to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Award and Research Grant Program.

Donations are still being accepted for this year's race. Visit [www.karmanos.org/RACEFORTHECURE-DETROIT/index.asp](http://www.karmanos.org/RACEFORTHECURE-DETROIT/index.asp).

# Local gardeners trade, sell plants

By Sharon Dargay  
O&E Staff Writer

Gardeners swapped, bought and took home dozens of perennial plants at local gardening events last month.

The Livonia Garden Club held its spring plant exchange at historic Greenmead in Livonia, while the Farmington Hills Beautification Committee encouraged gardeners to trade both plants and seeds at its 12th annual event in Heritage Park, Farmington Hills.

The Hill and Dale Garden Club also was on hand in Heritage Park with its annual "Proven Survivors" plant gala, offering pussytoes, bear's breeches and other unusual perennials from members' gardens. They sold gently-used garden items, herbs, annuals and house plants in addition to perennials.

The plant gala is the club's major fund raiser for the year. Proceeds benefit garden therapy classes and help fund Junior Gardeners, a gardening programs for youth at the Farmington library.

"Every month they have a project. We go into the schools and do projects with special needs kids," said Mary Sclawy of Hill and Dale Garden Club, referring to the garden therapy work.

"Four times a year the Junior Gardeners meet. We just dug up a whole lot of sunflowers and took them to Junior Gardeners so that everyone could take home a sunflower."

Sclawy said the Club may offer a small plant gala in the fall.

She said there's still plenty of time to plant perennials this summer and suggests that beginning gardeners ask for advice if they aren't sure where to place them.



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Colleen Allen found bachelor buttons and forget-me-not at a perennial exchange in Farmington Hills last month.



David Jones carts a load of yellow irises to the Livonia exchange.

"We deal in plants we know and we can tell people 'Oh, you don't want to put that there' or 'If you put it in the shade it may be okay but won't spread fast.' You need to know your plants."

"Most nursery stores will have people you can ask."

Unlike annuals that "you plant, water and they grow," perennials may take a bit more "digging, scratching and weeding out," Sclawy noted.

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## PLANTS

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"I thought a little goldenrod would be nice in the garden," she said, adding that it spread quickly after she planted it. "Last fall I dug it up, every plant I could find. If you have something like a hill that you want to hold, to keep from eroding, you might want to put some goldenrod in."

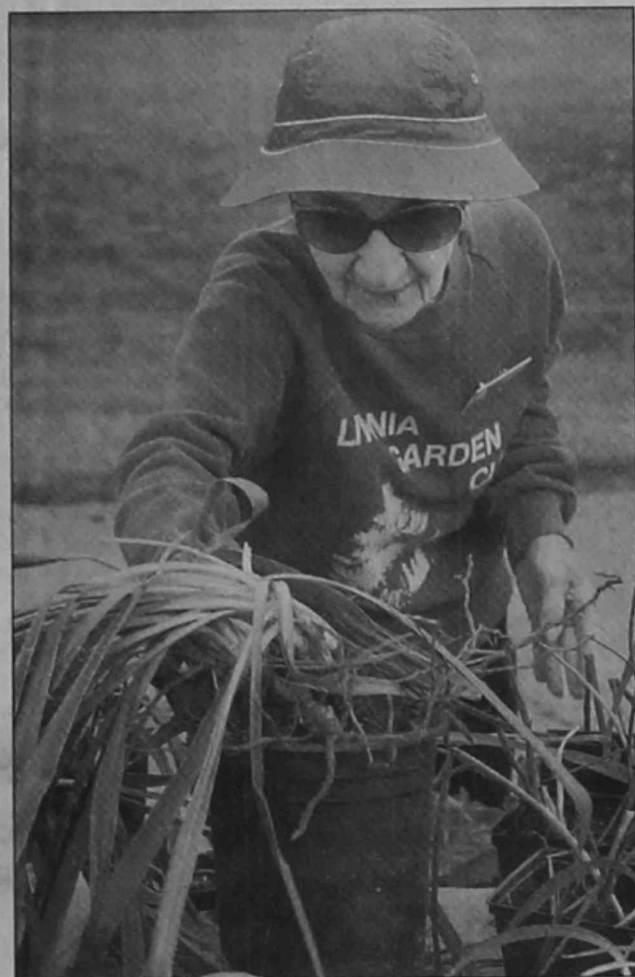
"Spiderwort is pretty prolific. You dig it up and it's going to show up someplace else in the

garden. It's throwing out seeds as you haul it out."

She suggests that gardeners pinch back mums now for fuller plants in the fall. Taking withered flowers off perennials may encourage them to continue blooming.

"Even spiderwort will re-bloom if you chop it back before it sets seeds."

Hill and Dale meets the second Thursday of the month except January and July at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills. The meetings start at 7 p.m. and include refreshments.



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Marion looks for good plants at the Livonia Garden Club perennial exchange.

## Feathered and furry

The Michigan Humane Society (MHS) will hold a series of Friday adoption events called "TGIFFFF" - Thank Goodness it's Furry and Feathered Friend Fridays this month at its Westland shelter.

The special adoption event will feature animals seized during a recent raid of the Pet Station pet store in Dearborn Heights.

"We had more than 200 animals come into our care immediately after the Pet Station raid, and the vast majority of these animals were birds and smaller pets," said Debby MacDonald, MHS Chief Cruelty Investigator, in a press release.

"These animals were living in extremely poor conditions and required weeks of care while they were evaluated and treated. More than 20 staff members here at MHS have stepped up to the plate and provided foster care for these animals as they recuperated from their ordeal. Now, we want to make sure all of these animals are placed with wonderful families."

The events run from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. every Friday.

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fer to live in same-sex groups)

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For a listing of the adoptable animals visit [www.michiganhumane.org](http://www.michiganhumane.org).

## No kill conference

Registration continues for the Michigan Pet Fund Alliance's second annual conference aimed at helping animal shelters, rescues, animal control workers, veterinarians, students, volunteers, policy makers, and community members learn how to save lives by implementing a "no kill" strategy for homeless animals.

Nathan Winograd of

the No Kill Advocacy Center, Don Cleary of the National Canine Research Council, and Stacey Coleman of Animal Farm Foundation, are among the speakers at the event, set for 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21 at the Radisson Hotel, 111 N. Grand Ave., in Lansing.

Seminar sessions include such topics as innovation in animal welfare, pit bull adoptions, compassion fatigue, starting a TNR program, save rate reports, reducing shel-

ter intake, and more.

An awards banquet, designed to recognize shelters with the best save rates in the state, starts at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20. The Humane Society of Huron Valley, which serves Plymouth and Canton, was among the winners last year.

Tickets for the conference are \$90. Banquet tickets are an additional \$30. To register, visit [michigan-petfund.org](http://michigan-petfund.org) and click on 2012 No Kill Conference.

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Natelee Hall, 4, of Wayne enjoyed showing her sign Saturday.



# Local teams, supporters, turn out for Komen Race for the Cure



Donna Bosanko of Livonia holds the Breast Friends Team sign so others can locate her. The team is a group of 15 breast cancer survivors.



Members of Tami's Team walked in memory of Farmington Hills resident Tami Rosens-Fink who died of breast cancer just three days before the 2011 Detroit Race for the Cure. Tami's children are (front) Dannielle, 19, and David, 17, both of Farmington Hills. Other team members include (back from left) Erica Silver of West Bloomfield, Marc Metzger of Farmington Hills, Emily Metzger of Farmington Hills, Sophia Herczeg of Farmington Hills, Sarah Markowitz of Walled Lake and Carly Rosen of Walled Lake. This was the fourth year for Tami's Team at the Detroit Race for the Cure.



Getting ready to walk the course are Melissa Arcand of Westland, Kaeden Arcand, 3, Sharon Tolsma (standing from left) of Dearborn Heights, Sara Tolsma of Dearborn, Adrian Boucher of Livonia, Dave Boucher of Livonia and Kelsey Boucher, 3 (in the wagon).



Breigh's Bosom Buddies, a team of some 40 friends, family, co-workers and supporters of Breigh Macek of Livonia (second row in pink shirt) — included Breigh's children, her mom, Judy Tomasaitis of Livonia and formerly of Redford, team captain Mandy Merlo of Westland and Breigh's boss Howard Taxe of Bloomfield Hills. Taxe is president of RS Electronics in Livonia.



The Ford Warriors Team was out in full force at Saturday's Race for the Cure. Pictured are Mike Sugiyama of Northville, Kathy Sugiyama of Northville, Rachel Bowerman of Southgate, Gary Bowerman of Southgate, Bob Jacek of Canton, Sami Sugiyama of Northville and Ashley Schiffer of Novi.



Boy Scouts from Livonia Troop 271 Tommy Strach (left) and Noah Bagazinski passed out water at the event. This was the sixth race for these scouts.

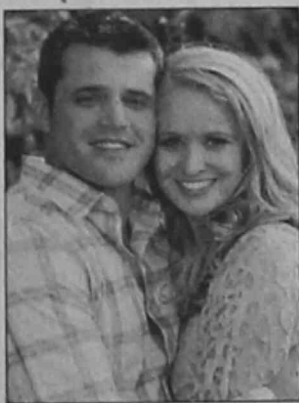
## Milestones

### Smith-Perkovich

Sarah Smith and John Perkovich announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Katie Smith of Farmington Hills and the late Bill Smith, attended Michigan State University and is a sourcing analyst at Jones Lang Lasalle in Chicago, Ill.

Her fiancé, son of John and Debbie Perkovich of Canton, attended Michigan State University and is business development manager at Coyote Logistics in Chicago, Ill.



A September 2012 wedding is planned at St. Mary's Orchard Lake, with a reception to follow at Dearborn Inn.

### Baker-Singleton

Mr. and Mrs. John Baker and Mr. and Mrs. James Singleton announce the engagement of their children, Kelly Baker and Nicholas Singleton.

Kelly graduated in 2004 from Canton High School and in 2008 from the Michigan State University College of Nursing. She is employed by Henry Ford Hospital.

Nicholas graduated in 2003 from Canton High School and in 2007 from



Grand Valley State University. He is employed by St. Clair County.

An August 2012 wedding is planned.

The couple will make their home in Chesterfield Township.

### 50th anniversary

Gary and Kay Prevo of Livonia will celebrate 50 years of marriage on June 16. They were married at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Livonia in 1962.

Gary first met the former Kay Bradley while they were both students at Livonia's Whitman Junior High School. Sweethearts at Bentley High School, Gary and Kay married shortly after graduation and moved to Garden City to raise their family.

Gary had a career as a sheet metal worker with Local 292 and later as an engineer, while Kay was a homemaker and supporter of their children's school and community activities. Together, they spent their family life as active volunteers in youth sports in their community. They raised three children — Liz, Dan and Amy — and have four grandchildren, Ashley, Katie, Sullivan and Ellie.

The couple enjoys singing in various choirs, volunteering and spending time with family and friends. They still can be found cheering on the sidelines at various sporting events.

The couple will celebrate their milestone anniversary with a family dinner.



Gary and Kay Prevo of Livonia

## GARDEN & NATURE

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### Livonia walk

The Friends for the Development of Greenmead present the 23rd Annual Friends of Greenmead Garden Walk, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 23. Five gardens at homes located throughout Livonia, as well as the Hill House Gardens at Greenmead, will be open for viewing.

Tickets are \$9 in advance and \$10 the day of the event and are available from committee members, the Livonia Public Library, Alfred Nobel Branch Library, Carl Sandburg Library, Greenmead, and the Community Resources Department at Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive. For more information call (248) 477-7375.

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### BARBER, ALECIA MARIE

Highland, MI. Passed, away Saturday, May 26, 2012 at Harper University Hospital in Detroit from complications of recent surgery. Alecia 48, was born October 12, 1963, and lived most of her life in Plymouth, MI. She was the daughter of the late Edward and Ruth (Ivey) Barber. Born the youngest of five children, she is survived by siblings: Dianne Barber, Richard (Virginia) Barber, Margaret Carter, Gayle Nelson, sixteen nieces and nephews and many great nieces and nephews. Alecia was special, being born with Downs Syndrome. She showed friendliness and love, making friends wherever she went and was a joy to be around. Friends may meet with her family on Friday from 10am until time of the funeral service at 1pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Burial will follow at Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park in Livonia, MI. Share a memory or sign the guestbook at: www.schrader-howellfuneralhomes.com



### BREMER - COPPOLA, MARGARET HARRIET

February 5, 1918-May 30, 2012. Margaret is a former Farmington, MI resident. Margaret moved to Stuart, Florida from Michigan in 1978. Born a member of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, she was preceded in death by her husbands, Rex K. Bremer (1941-1986) and Dominic Coppola (1991-2000). She is survived by her six children — Michael (Linda), Cheryl, Robert (Suzanne), Barbara (George Kappus), Richard (Kathy) and Thomas and three step-children — John and Dominic Coppola and Maria Truppi. Margaret's survivors also include 19 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren and network of friends. Margaret remained active, independent and health conscious until her sudden death in Stuart. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10 AM Tuesday at Gesu Church, 2049 Parkside Boulevard, Toledo, OH, after which she will be laid to rest with her first husband, Rex, at Calvary Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 3-8 PM Monday at the Ansborg-West Funeral Home, 3000 Sylvania Avenue, Toledo, OH where recitation of the Rosary will begin at 7 PM. Any tributes may be made in the form of contributions to the American Cancer Society. Online condolences may be left for the family by visiting the website www.ansberg-west.com



### BAUER-LEGGAT (nee COOKE), ADELAIDE

Died from respiratory failure, May 24th, at the age of 82. She retired after 40 years as a realtor at the age of 80. She spent 10 years in advertising early in her life, and then formed her own advertising agency in Detroit. She was a patron of the arts and benefactor to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. A charter member of the Nomads — a travel club that owned its own jet. She traveled the world with them. Her last trip was in 1998 when the club chartered an Air France Concorde to fly from Detroit to Paris, and then travel by train through the 'Chunnel' to England. Finally returning to the USA on the Queen Elizabeth II. She was a lifelong resident of Grosse Pointe Shores and Grosse Pointe Park, MI. She was an avid gardener and tennis player. She was active in numerous charities, serving as Chair of the Detroit International Freedom Festival, and the Cinderella Ball in Detroit in the 1960's. Former board member on the Detroit Fine Arts, Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and Detroit Orchestra Hall. She was also a member of the Grosse Pointe Women's Club, Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra, and the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation. Addie was a Bon Secours/Beaumont Hospital volunteer in her later years. Her first love was founding the Woman's Division of Project Hope. She was the daughter of the late Cecil and Louise Cooke of Grosse Pointe Woods. Former wife of the late Russell E. Bauer (1960-1979) and the late Norman Leggat (1983-2004). She is survived by her sister Victoria Kareus, of Grand Junction, CO; her son Jeffrey Bauer, of Grosse Pointe, her step-daughter Jane Pizer of Madison, WI, her step-sons William Bauer of Delray Beach, FL, James Bauer of Venice, FL, John Bauer of Mattawan, MI, and Douglas Leggat of Grosse Pointe. The family requests donations be made to: Project Hope; American Red Cross; Services for Older Citizens (SOC) of Grosse Pointe; and, the Alzheimer's Foundation. The Memorial Service for Addie will be Wednesday, July 11, 2012 at 4:00 PM, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236. ahpeters.com



### COSTA-MULÈ, EMILY M.

May 27, 2012, age 94 of Canton. Dear Wife of the late Charles Mulè and the late Frank Costa. Loving Mother of the late Kenneth J. Costa. Dearest Grandmother of Lisa (John) Ninkovich, Carrie (Robert) Vacca, and Frank (Tamara) Costa. Beloved Great-Grandmother of Alyssa, Michael, Joey, Cara, Juliana, Jack and Madeline. Dear Sister of the late Steve, Frank, John, Sam, and Tom Gallucci. She will be deeply missed by many nieces, relatives, and very close friends. Visitation Thurs 4-9 PM with 6:30 PM Rosary at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd. (Btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. In state Friday 10 AM until the 11:00 AM Funeral Mass at St. Thomas a'Beckett, 555 S. Lilley Rd., Canton. Entombment Mt. Hope Memorial Park, Livonia. Memorials may be made to the National Kidney Foundation of MI, 1169 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48108. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com



Bob and Eleanor Bielenda



Bob and Eleanor Bielenda on their wedding day in 1962

### 50th anniversary

Bob and Eleanor (Mastej) Bielenda celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 2. They were married in 1962 at St. Hedwig Roman Catholic Church in Detroit. A reception was held at Dom Polski Hall on Junction Avenue.

Bob graduated from St. Hedwig High School Detroit in 1952. A veteran of the Korean War (1952-54), he received his degree in medical technology from Carnegie College in Cleveland, Ohio and owned and directed the Warrenfield Medical Laboratories in Detroit for 40 years until his retirement in 1999.

Eleanor was born in Poland and trained as a medical technologist. She came to the United States as a citizen in 1961. She currently loves gardening and sewing. Eleanor recently finished making 3,000 dresses for children in Africa and Haiti.

The Bielendas lived in Dearborn Heights from 1962-1976 and then moved to Redford where they currently live.

Their children are Mark of Dearborn Heights; David (Lynda) of Novi; Theresa (Shivagee) Nallamothu of Clarkston; Richard (Jeannette) of Elmhurst, Ill.; Lisa (Jerry) Luzynski of New Baltimore; and Jane of Farmington.

They are the proud grandparents of six grandsons and six granddaughters.

The couple celebrated their 50th anniversary at St. Valentine Catholic Church.

### 60th wedding anniversary

Donald Lowell and Dorothy (Jarrell) Shifford marked their 60th wedding anniversary Saturday, May 19. The couple married in 1952 at the Chapel in the Garden, in Angola, Ind., after Donald completed Army basic training.

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

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

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



Donald and Dorothy Shifford on their wedding day

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

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

They also have 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Donald enjoys watching the Detroit Red



Donald and Dorothy Shifford

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

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

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

Dorothy said that "patience," "thick skin" and the ability to forgive and forget have helped to make their marriage last. They celebrated at Weber's Restaurant in Ann Arbor.

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## St. Mary Mercy health fair focuses on seniors

Senior citizens can receive health screenings, attend educational seminars and watch a variety of demonstrations at St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Senior Health Day Fair, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 16, in the hospital's south lobby.



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All activities are free and a boxed lunch will be served from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The fair also includes complimentary valet parking. Health education exhibits will offer information about heart health and wound care, ear and eye care, stroke awareness, orthopedics, podiatry and physical rehabilitation, women's health, the senior emergency room, and St. Mary's Geriatric Assessment Center.

Participants will get an opportunity to check their balance, blood pressure, bone density and be screened for depression.

Demonstrations will include simple, healthy cooking ideas and exercise.

Several health professionals will lead seminars:

### 9:15-11 a.m.

- Managing Urinary Problems - Dr. John Harb, a urologist and Dr. Paul Makela, gynecological robotic surgery medical director

- How to Talk to Your Physician - Marianne Simancek, director of community outreach

- Making the Best Nutrition Choices (including a food prep demo) - St. Mary Mercy dietician. The program will repeat at 1:45 p.m.

- What to Expect From Medicare - Betty Hughes, regional coordinator, Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program

### 11 a.m.

Lunch with a Medical Expert:

- Q&A: Healthy Aging Strategies - Dr. Erin Diviney Chun, geriatrician

- Aging Wellness in the 21st Century - Michelle Moccia, a nurse practitioner and senior ER program director, and Kathy Datto, a geriatric social worker.

- Pharmacist - Ray's Drugs, Livonia

### 12:45 p.m. and 1:45 p.m.

- What to Expect From Medicare - Betty Hughes, regional coordinator, Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program

- Yoga for Seniors - exercise demonstration class, Kelli Joyce, group fitness instructor, Livonia Family YMCA

The hospital encourages participants to pre-register for the event. Call (734) 655-2929. For a complete list of exhibitors and activities, visit [stmarymercy.org/SeniorHealthFair](http://stmarymercy.org/SeniorHealthFair).

## Help a charity through teeth whitening

Dr. David Bradley, a cosmetic dentist in Farmington Hills, hopes to raise \$15,000 for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southeast Michigan this month by whitening patients' teeth.

Bradley will donate half the cost of each whitening procedure — approximately \$250 — to the

charity.

"I love sharing the story of wonderful, local organizations with my patients," he said, in a press release. "Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southeast Michigan has helped so many children and their families over the years and I've seen the differ-

ence this organization makes in people's lives.

"With so many people getting their teeth whitened on a regular basis, why not give back at the same time?"

To participate in Bradley's charitable effort, call his practice, Studio 32, at (248) 851-0032.

## Get tips for nutritious meals at summer series

Botsford Hospital and Busch's Fresh Food Market will present a series of healthy cooking demonstrations and nutrition workshops this summer. Events will be held at Busch's grocery stores in Farmington Hills and Livonia.

A nutrition workshop "Diabetic Friendly Shopping" led by a Botsford registered dietician, is set for Thursday, June 21 at

Busch's, 37083 Six Mile, Livonia and Thursday, July 26 at Busch's, 24445 Drake, Farmington Hills. Both sessions run from 6-7:30 p.m. Call (734) 779-6100 to register for the session in Livonia and (248) 427-7400 for the session in Farmington Hills.

"Healthy Summer Grilling" will include recipes, samples, cooking tips and a \$10 Busch's coupon. It runs 6-7:30 p.m. Thurs-

day, June 28 at the Farmington Hills store and Thursday, July 19 at the Livonia store. Cost is \$10. Call ahead to register.

The "Made in Michigan" demonstration costs \$10 and will include recipes, samples, cooking tips and a \$10 Busch's coupon. It is set for Thursday, Aug. 9, at the Farmington Hills location and Thursday, Sept. 13, at the Livonia store. Both sessions

run 6-7:30 p.m. Call ahead to register.

Two Wednesday sessions, one on Aug. 15 in Livonia and the other on Aug. 29 in Farmington Hills, are aimed at kids, 8-13. A Botsford dietician will lead "Healthy Lunches and After School Snacks" from 11 a.m.-noon in both locations. Call ahead to register for these free demonstrations.

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# Don't be a slowpoke networker

Why a quick follow-up is important  
**Rachel Farrell, Special to CareerBuilder.com**

Time is of the essence, not only in life, but also in your job search. Whether you've just had an interview, met a new contact or gotten off the phone with a recruiter, you must act quickly -- potential jobs and connections can be gone in a flash.

"Every move you make in approach and response to any opportunity is greatly magnified in your audience's eyes. For better or worse, this fact can be unfair unless you use it to your advantage," says Gordon Curtis, author of "Well Connected." "If you are the quickest to respond to an opportunity or the fastest to follow up on a conversation, you will be considered the most responsive person overall, even if, truth be told, you actually are a procrastinator."

But the circumstances in which immediacy is key vary. After an interview, for example, it's imperative to follow up right away to extend the positive impression you made, says Colette Ellis, founder and head coach at InStep Consulting.

"In today's tight job market, it's important that job seekers do all they can to stand out from the crowd. If they wait too long to follow up, the interviewer may forget about them -- and why they're the best candidate. The interviewer could even fill the position in the interim."

While you want to show responsiveness and interest,

the key to following up after an interview is control, Curtis says.

"Retain control by not leaving voice mails or emails that basically say, 'Don't forget about me,'" he says. Instead, try the following techniques:

"If you can't reach the interviewer by phone, hit zero to be forwarded to someone (anyone) you can ask when a better time to call is. If they ask you to leave a message, graciously reply, 'I'm happy to call back so he or she doesn't have to chase me down.' If your follow up is via email, end it with, 'I'll follow up again shortly unless you catch me first,'" he says.

When it comes to tapping into your network or new contacts, you may not need the same velocity as when you're following up after an interview. And if you take the right approach, you don't risk losing a potential connection, Curtis says.

"If they are taking time to be focused, targeted and strategic with the most valuable people, they won't miss out on a thing," he says.

Echoes Ellis: "Job seekers should take time to get to know the people in their network so that they can maximize their connections and find ways to build professional relationships beyond their job search. It's not about attending tons of events, tossing out hundreds of business cards and résumés and hoping things will pan out," she says. "It's about being strategic in your approach: selecting specific events that are relevant to your target industry;



engaging in thoughtful conversations with new and current connections; being diligent about following up on new leads and contacts; and staying in contact with your network to let them know your progress and offering to help when you can."

If you need help networking efficiently, here are five tips from Ellis:

**1. Respect other people's time.** "Remember that when you initiate a call, it might not be the best time for the other person to speak. Ask if they have a few moments to speak with you. Prepare what you're going to say in advance so you can get to the point quickly."

**2. Be clear about what it is that you need from your network.** "The more clearly you can describe your goal and the input you need from

the other person, the easier it will be for him or her to help you, or let you know when they can't help."

**3. Get to know your connections.** "Ask about their goals and interests so that you can find ways to be resourceful on their behalf. Also, make sure you understand enough about their business, industry and network so that you know what new connections they can help you make."

**4. Say thank you.** "Even if the introduction or connection doesn't pan out for you, remember that the other person still took time out to help you. Thank them for their efforts and keep them posted on your progress."

**5. Find ways to help people in your network.** "You can best build on your relationships when you find ways to be a resource for

others. Think of your own assets and connections. Ask your connections what they're seeking to accomplish or learn more about and then be proactive about finding ways to help them. Networking is a two-way street. It's not just about what you can get from others; it's also about what you can offer.

"If you stay in touch with people in your network consistently and remember to ask about their needs, interests and accomplishments, you'll be seen as a helpful person. Most people like to help other helpful people."

*Rachel Farrell researches and writes about job search strategy, career management, hiring trends and workplace issues for CareerBuilder.com. Follow @CareerBuilder on Twitter.*

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## Garage/Moving Sales

**CANTON SUB SALE:** Nottingham Forest N. of Ford Rd. W. of Lilley. E. of Morton Taylor. June 7-9, 9am-7

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**NORTHVILLE:** Blue Heron Pointe Condo Community Garage Sale - Sat., June 9th 8am-4pm. W. side of Beck Rd. btwn 6 & 7 Mile. Furniture, books, clothing, appliances, & misc.

**NOVI. ALL SUB GARAGE SALE.** Thurs., May 31 thru Sun, June 3, 9-5pm. N. & S. of Ten Mile, btwn. Meadowbrook & Haggerty.

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### ACROSS

- 1 Spurt forth
- 5 No.
- 8 Daisy — Yokum
- 11 Like felines
- 12 Suffix for forfeit
- 13 Web addr.
- 14 Inflexible
- 15 Falls
- 17 Keats opus
- 18 Bring out
- 20 Jam or pickle
- 22 Vane dir.
- 23 Warty critter
- 27 Do magazine work
- 29 Gracias in Grenoble
- 30 Walks in
- 33 Cell-like
- 34 Diner employees
- 35 Gait
- 36 Former science magazine
- 37 Very long time
- 38 Pops

- 42 City near Pompeii
- 45 — and Perrins (steak sauce)
- 46 Cur
- 49 Bonfire residue
- 51 Spinks defeater
- 52 Honorarium
- 53 Petrarch beloved
- 54 Vitality
- 55 9-digit ID
- 56 Cement component

### DOWN

- 1 Sherpa, often
- 2 Natural impulses
- 3 Herr in Madras
- 4 Jekyll's alter ego
- 5 Old-timey
- 6 Cease-fire
- 7 Hairy humanoid
- 8 Shaggy flower
- 9 Comic-strip

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

GAP		FAT		EACH
EASE		OWS		ELLA
THAN		NAPOL		LEON
STEADY		TEXTS		
	MBA	SIR		
REDYE		WASSAIL		
OBI		BED		MOO
OBS		OBSCURE		PEONY
	UMA	REX		
SHARP		SUGARS		
POLISHED		COOT		
RYAN		GAD		TAME
YANG		TRY		MEN

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- 21 Trying to find
- 24 Ex-Bruin Bobby
- 25 Stretchy bandage
- 26 Accomplished
- 28 Rx givers
- 29 Apple computer
- 30 Author of "Foucault's Pendulum"
- 31 — de guerre
- 32 Freight weight
- 33 Nuisance
- 35 What bees spread
- 37 Weapons for a duel
- 39 Snapshot collection
- 40 Tractor pioneer
- 41 "— Smile" (Hall & Oates)
- 43 Kennel sounds
- 44 Be convincing
- 46 Atlas page
- 47 Flamenco shout
- 48 Touch of frost
- 50 Spring month, in Burgundy

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	2	1	9		7		6	
			3	8	2			9
						5		4
					8		4	
7	6	4		5			8	2
3				4	7	9	6	
8		6		9				
4				7	6	2	5	8
2				3				6

Level: Beginner

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U L Q E O P I K T Q G R C A E  
M L I K P N O R H O V Q B M M  
K B T G Q C A N C E R I F I G  
A V V R H X S L V X P L S N I  
Z N M D A T U S E R F H F A P  
G R S Q E V J M E M A H Z T N  
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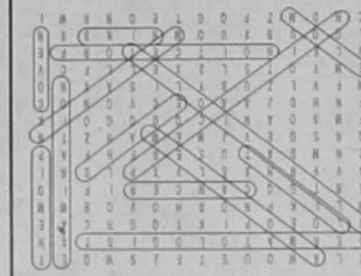
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8	3	5	2	9	7	6	1	4
1	7	2	4	6	9	8	5	3
5	1	9	6	7	4	2	8	3
2	8	6	3	5	1	4	9	7
7	4	3	9	8	2	9	6	1
4	2	1	9	3	9	8	7	6
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