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## MDOT meets

The Michigan Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting for the I-275 at M-153 (Ford Road) Area Traffic and Environmental Study and Evaluation 5-7 p.m. Thursday in the Summit on the Park Grand Ballroom. The study area for the project is bordered by Sheldon, Warren Road, Lotz and Cherry Hill Road.

The meeting will be an open house format. There will be no formal presentation but numerous stations for residents to get information and talk with project team members. For more information, call (313) 375-2400.

## Out for blood

The Canton Public Library is hosting an American Red Cross blood drive Friday, June 8.

Donors can make an appointment by calling (734) 397-0999, Ext. 1071. Walk-ins are welcome anytime between 10 a.m. and 3:45 p.m., at the library located at 1200 S. Canton Center.

Organizers said the need for blood donations is "at a critical level and your donation insures a safe and stable blood supply."

## 'WaterWalk' screening

A special Father's Day screening of the made-in-Michigan feature *WaterWalk* has been scheduled at Canton Cinema in Canton 7 p.m. Sunday, June 17.

*WaterWalk* is based on the true story of Steve and Justin Faulkner's attempt to become the first single canoe team to retrace the dangerous 1,000-mile discovery route of the Mississippi from St. Ignace, Mich., to St. Louis.

For more information and to view the trailer, go to [www.waterwalk-themovie.com](http://www.waterwalk-themovie.com).

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# Canton steps up war on 'Spice'

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

Striking back against synthetic marijuana, commonly known as K2, Spice and Bath Salts, Canton's elected leaders are expected next Tuesday to approve an emergency ban declaring the sale or possession of it as illegal.

"We want to get the word out to the community that you might as well start to remove it (from stores)," Public Safety Director Patrick Nemecek said. "It's going to be the law."

Plymouth Township Police Chief Thomas Tidering-

ton, calling K2 "a huge problem" linked to horrific crimes across the nation, said state and federal laws would carry a bigger punch against the dangerous substance.

"I personally think that's the best way for this to happen," he said.

That said, Plymouth Township officials are "considering" adopting a local ban, Tiderington said. "The attorneys are looking at it."

Their comments came Tuesday amid a push by state legislators to strengthen legislation banning synthetic marijuana.

"We're getting numerous

complaints that kids are buying it in Canton," Nemecek said.

## Penalty phase

If adopted next Tuesday, the emergency ordinance would carry misdemeanor penalties of 90 days in jail and certain fines. Nemecek said police plan to conduct spot checks of local stores.

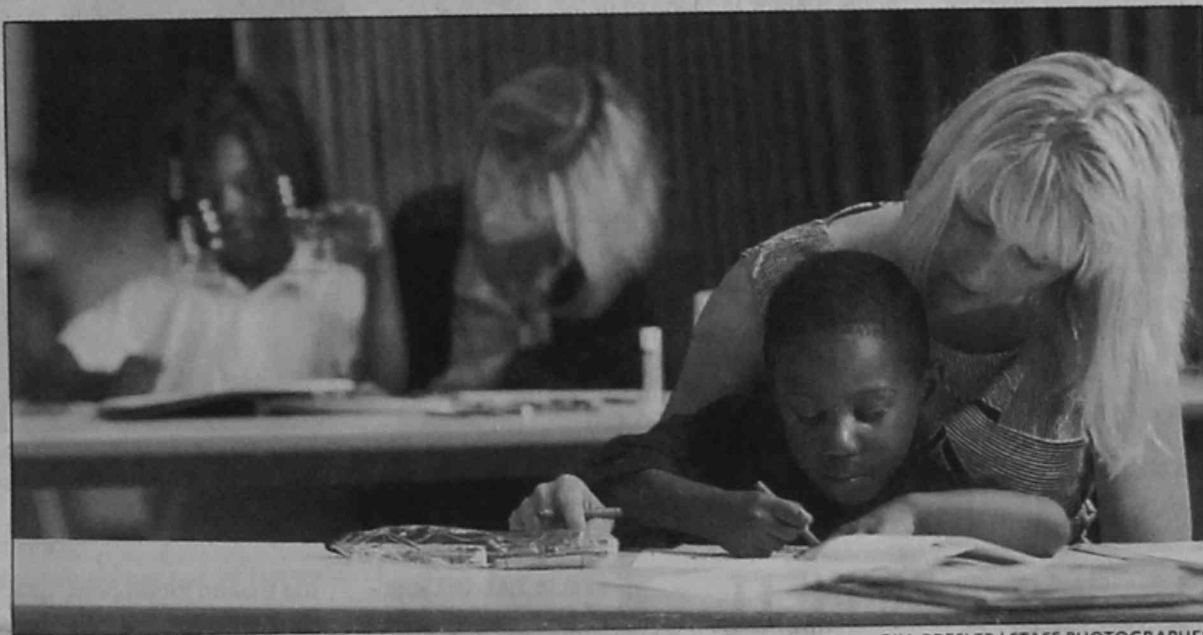
Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said the proposed ordinance is expected to receive the township board's approval.

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A small vial of 'Cap'n Kush' is a legal incense sold at many party stores and gas stations in the area. Its effects mimic those of synthetic marijuana. In small letters at the bottom of the vial it reads "Product Is Not For Human Consumption."



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Volunteer Jacquelyn Unis of Canton works with AhKendre Lawton. In background, Averyanna Thomas and tutor Nancy Conzelman of Plymouth work together.

## Reading is fundamental

### Volunteers make a difference in Detroit schools

By Jill Halpin  
Correspondent

When Becky and Gary Hurst walk into the classroom of Detroit's Burns Elementary School every Wednesday morning, they look into a sea of smiling faces, all wondering the same thing: Will you pick me?

"All of these little faces looking up at you, so excited and eager. They run up and give you hugs ... It is really something," said Becky Hurst, a Plymouth resident.

Becky and her husband, Gary, are retired elementary teachers from Novi Community Schools

but they are still busy as educators. Now they have an equally important mission, joining ranks with a group of 20 other local volunteers who meet weekly with students at Burns to help them learn to read as well as develop a lifelong love of literature.

Plymouth resident Karen O'Keefe has nearly the same experience each time she visits the school along with the Hursts.

"The students call, 'Ms. O'Keefe, pick me today.' They all love the extra attention and the one-on-one time. The hardest part for me is when I don't have enough readers to cover every

child," O'Keefe said.

It is just one of the experiences that inspired O'Keefe to volunteer in the Detroit Public Schools and to grow and cultivate a dedicated group of local volunteers to provide reading support to students from Burns Elementary as part of the Detroit Reading Corps.

Aimed at helping young children develop a strong foundation in reading during their early elementary years, the Detroit Reading Corps formed as a response to declining student achievement within DPS.

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## Bennett crafts write-in plan

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

Former state Sen. Loren Bennett, a Canton Republican, said Monday he hopes to quickly raise \$250,000 and mobilize 1,000 volunteers to wage what he concedes is a daunting write-in campaign to win the seat held by U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter.

"It's an uphill battle," Bennett said, but "I think I can win it."

He announced his 11th District GOP candidacy one day before McCotter ended his own write-in campaign Saturday, amid a Secretary of State probe of nominating petition irregularities and startling revelations that McCotter fell short of the signatures he needed to get his name on the ballot.

Bennett told the *Observer* he hopes to raise enough money to quickly assemble campaign

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Annabelle Road will be one of the headline entertainment acts during the 2012 Canton Liberty Fest.

## New twists, old faves back for Liberty Fest

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

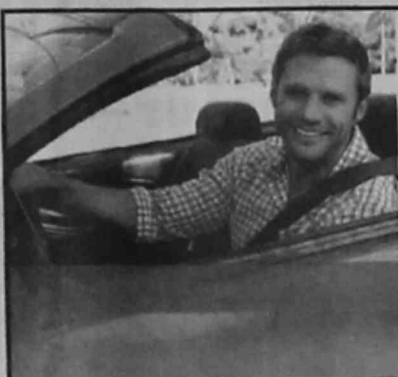
Liberty Fest, a popular community event that has helped shape Canton's summertime memories for two decades, returns to Heritage Park June 14-16 with new twists such as a dancing flash mob, a Guinness World Record attempt

and longtime favorites such as carnival rides, classic cars and fireworks.

Jon LaFever, Canton Leisure Services recreation coordinator, said crowds of 50,000 people are expected as the three-day festival marks its 21st year.

"We're ready," he said. "We've got

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# W-W sells vacant school to Canton academy

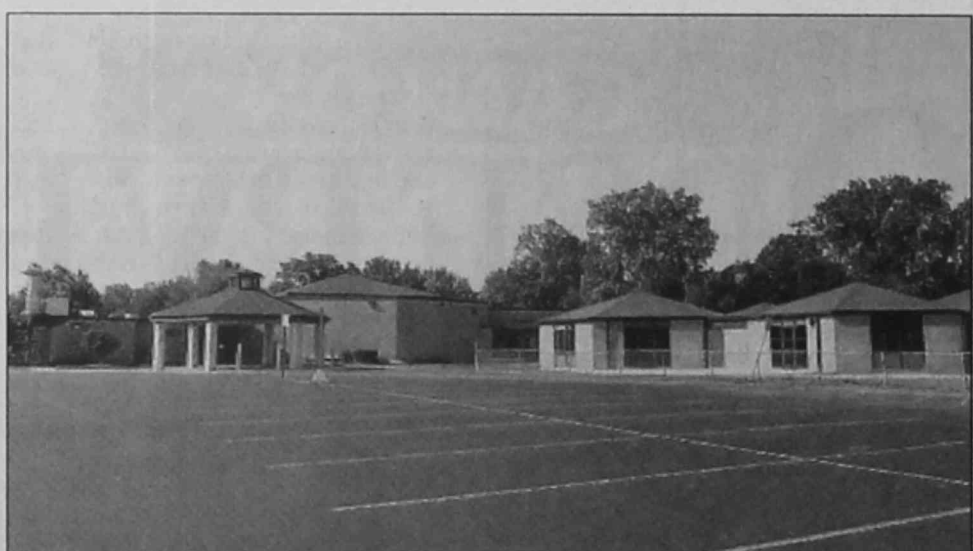
By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

A former Westland elementary school could reopen as a tuition-based private school following approval of its sale by the Wayne-Westland school board.

The board voted 5-1 with Trustee Andrea Clawson dissenting to accept an offer to purchase the former Kettering Elementary School by the Crescent Academy in Canton for \$1.5 million on a five-year land contract.

The school was one of six schools that were closed in June 2010 as part of reconfiguration and downsizing of the district's elementary program.

"I believe the sum is a very attractive offer," said Jim Larson-Shidler, deputy superintendent of administrative and busi-



Kettering Elementary School in Westland, closed by the Wayne-Westland Community Schools in 2010, is being sold to Crescent Academy of Canton for \$1.5 million.

ness services. "We're not getting the money up front, but we'll receive money over a five-year period with a balloon payment that will help us out."

This is the third and "final offer" the Canton academy has made for Kettering, located on Hubbard, south of Avondale and east of Venoy in Westland. It made cash offers of \$500,000 in May 2011 and \$800,000 in February before coming back with the \$1.5 million land contract.

The private, college preparatory Islamic school is making a \$25,000 earnest money deposit and a down

payment of \$500,000. It will make monthly payments of almost \$6,600 with a balloon payment of \$837,658 due at the end of the five years.

The offer is less than the asking price of \$1.9 million, but according to Larson-Shidler, the payments from the Crescent Academy coupled with a savings to the district of \$350,000 in building and maintenance over the five years put the return at just over \$2 million.

The district will need to finalize the language of the contract, however, the academy would be required to have an insurance policy with the district's name on it and maintain the building "to standard use."

The district would have the right to inspect it with 24 hours notice. Any changes would require the approval of the district and would need to be bonded, in case there was a default and the work was not completed, Larson-Shidler said.

Superintendent Greg Baracy assured the board that the academy is a primarily a cultural school.

"They're going to have a high school for their students, about 40 I believe," he said. "There is no data that it would draw students from the Wayne-Westland district and public school dollars don't follow students, if they go there."

"They seem to be pretty good neighbors, they're pretty much landlocked where they're at and they've been growing," he added.

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# 'One Act' festival seeking scripts from local writers

TLC Productions is accepting scripts for the 2013 Canton One Acts Festival, set to take place Jan. 18-20 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

Springs must be postmarked by Aug. 24.

Tim Chanko, Linda Pohl and Christopher Tremblay, all of Canton, said the festival will showcase great local talent.

"This festival brings new plays to the Canton community and Village Theater at Cherry Hill stage," they said in a statement. "As aspiring playwrights, we looked for other venues to submit our one-act musicals, but there weren't any nearby groups organizing any competitions or festivals.

"Since we have been afforded the opportunity

to present our new works at The Village Theater, we wanted to provide a process, venue and event to showcase other emerging playwrights of plays and musicals as well as to aspiring directors," they added.

TLC is looking for original plays in length from 15 minutes to 20 minutes. Multiple submissions from a playwright are welcomed; however, no children shows will be considered. For a list of complete guidelines and for information on the judging process go to [www.cantoneacts.com](http://www.cantoneacts.com).

The deadline for works is Aug. 24. In October, semifinals will be notified. Also in October, TLC will present dramatic readings of the semi-finalists' scripts. Selected shows for the

One-Acts Festival will be announced online at [www.cantoneacts.com](http://www.cantoneacts.com) by Oct. 31.

In November, there will be auditions for the selected plays. Playwrights can request to direct their own show if show is selected or TLC Productions will appoint a director. Preference will be given to aspiring directors.

TLC Productions will award first-, second- and third-place awards based on audience votes.

The One-Acts Festival is organized by TLC Productions, sponsored by the Partnership for the Arts and the Humanities, and offered in partnership with The Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

For more information, contact [tlcproductions@wowway.com](mailto:tlcproductions@wowway.com) or [cantoneacts.com](http://cantoneacts.com).



Organizers of the Canton One Acts Festival, which takes place at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in January, are looking for scripts.

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literature for the Aug. 7 primary, and he said he needs to round up numerous volunteers.

"To me, it's going to be an army of volunteers who are willing to sit at the kitchen table (with voters) and educate them on what to do when they get their absentee ballots or go to the polls," he said.

"This is an extremely rare event," Bennett said Monday. "I'm literally scrambling to find the volunteers. I'd say I need a minimum of 1,000. The absentee ballots go out in three weeks, so it's an extremely abbreviated campaign calling on people who have worked on my campaigns in the past and calling on leaders in all the (11th District) communities and asking for help."

**Back in**

Bennett was a state senator from 1995 to 2002. Prior to that, he served six years as Canton's full-time clerk and eight years as a part-time township board trustee.

Bennett was Republican gubernatorial nominee Dick Posthumus' running mate during Posthumus' unsuccessful bid for the state's top spot in 2002, and Bennett lost a bid for the Wayne County Com-

mission in 2006 to Democrat Kevin McNamara.

For the past decade, Bennett has worked in the private sector as the lead contract administrator for Wixom-based J&B Medical Supply, which has grown from eight employees to 200 as it services government entities, companies and families. He has managed contracts and essentially served as the ombudsman between the company and its customers, and he said the company has saved taxpayers nearly \$200 million through its services.

"I truly believe that's what the public is clamoring for, someone who is not a professional politician, but someone who knows how to meet a payroll," Bennett said.

Bennett decided on his write-in campaign before McCotter, R-Livonia, abandoned his. Bennett — and others — took a swipe at the incumbent.

"The people of the 11th District deserve more than just a representative who occasionally makes interesting speeches about conservative principles," he said. "A truly effective public servant must bring a competence to the job and a track record that demonstrates the ability to actually achieve the ideals he espouses."

Moreover, Bennett called it "astounding to

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me that an incumbent congressman cannot collect and turn in 1,000 valid signatures on a nominating petition."

**Varied career**

During his time in Lansing, Bennett said he chaired the Senate Natural Resources Committee and passed numerous pieces of legislation that promoted environmental cleanup in the private sector. He also chaired the K-12 Education Committee and served on the Appropriations Committee.

Bennett said he became involved in politics because former President Ronald Reagan "inspired a new generation to give of themselves to make their hometown better than they found it ..."

He said he worked alongside former Gov. John Engler and Posthumus to cut taxes and usher in charter schools. He also cited "real welfare reform" and needed changes to the tax structure.

McCotter, meanwhile, has pledged to work with the state in its criminal investigation into fraudulent nominating petitions.

Kerry Bentivolio, a retired teacher from Milford, is running as a Republican and will be on the ballot. Democrats Dr. Syed Taj of Canton and William Roberts of Redford Township will be

running and are also listed on the ballot.

Taj and Roberts, a Lyndon LaRouche candidate, have said they remain focused on their party's primary rather than problems that sabotaged McCotter.

Bentivolio said in a prepared statement that he was "blessed to have a great team of grassroots volunteers."

The 11th Congressional District includes Auburn Hills, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Canton Township, a portion of Clawson, Commerce Township, Farmington, Highland Township, the city of Lake Angelus, Livonia, Lyon Township, the village of Milford, Milford Township, Northville, Northville Township, Novi, Novi Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, a portion of Rochester Hills, South Lyon, Troy, Walled Lake, Waterford Township, a portion of West Bloomfield Township, White Lake Township, Wixom and the village of Wolverine Lake.

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# Festival carries entertaining slate

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

From rhythm and blues to classic rock to country to Bulgarian folk dance, Canton's 21st Liberty Fest is rolling out a wide array of entertainment for the community's three-day event June 14-16.

The festival also features a plethora of choices for carnival rides and as many as 85 vendors touting arts and crafts, local businesses, community groups and nonprofit organizations.

"The coolest part of the festival for our community is that every single service club is participating," Jon LaFever, Canton Leisure Services recreation coordinator, said. "The community involvement is really what has taken us to the next level this year."

This year's entertainment offers emerging recording artist Dymond Harding, a 15-year-old singer influenced by the likes of Janet Jackson, Selena and Mariah Carey. She performs at 6:30 p.m. Friday, June

15, on the Canton LIVE! stage.

On the same stage, the group Annabelle Road, blending country styles of Carrie Underwood, Johnny Cash and Lynyrd Skynyrd with an urban-Detroit sound, plays at 8 p.m. June 15.

Here's a snapshot of other entertainment, all free, for festival crowds that are expected to swell to 50,000 people over the three days:

- The annual International Festival happens 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 16, touting Canton's diversity with music and dance that crosses cultural and linguistic barriers from places such as China, India, Sri Lanka, Africa, Ireland, Italy, the Philippines, Spain, Mexico, Scotland, Tahiti, New Zealand, Bulgaria and the United States.

"Our International Festival is a great opportunity for audience members to experience music and dance from around the globe in one location," Canton Arts Coordinator Jennifer Tobin said. "The stage comes alive with colorful costuming, exotic instruments and stirring rhythms as these talented indi-



The annual fireworks display will once again cap the annual Canton Liberty Fest.

viduals perform in this open air venue and share their heritage with the crowd."

The International Festival's performances are expected to include, among other performers, the Verdi Opera Theater of Michigan, sitar player Rishabh Iyer, the O'Hare School of Irish Dance, Harmony Town Barber-shop Chorus, Hoaloa in Michigan, Bollywood and Indian folk dance, New Hope Church Youth Mime, Triple Threat Dance & Theatre Co., Praise Dancers and Steppers, Bulgarian folk dance, the Yangtze Melody Group from the Plymouth-Canton Chinese Learning Center, songs of Spain and skits by the Healthy Asian Americans Project.

The international set is sponsored by the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage.

- Fifty Amp Fuse, a Detroit band covering acts such as Queen, Led Zeppelin, Gloria Gaynor, Guns and Roses and Eminem, plays the LIVE! stage 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 14.
- Deep Fried Pickle Project,

described as a kid's honky-tonk and jug group featured on PBS and Bravo, rolls out its "magical musical gypsy medicine wagon-inspired experience" 5:30 p.m. Friday, June 15.

- Earth Angels, a nonprofit group of youngsters ages 8 to 18, brings its lip-syncing and choreographed dancing-to-olies show to the Heritage Park Amphitheater 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 15.

- Bill Will & the 360 Degrees Band plays its covers of songs by Michael Jackson, Santana, Black-Eyed Peas and Kings of Leon to the LIVE! stage 8 p.m. Saturday, June 16.

- Check out Shout!, a Beatles tribute band, 8 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at the amphitheater.

- Swing City Big Band performs 5:15-6 p.m. Friday, June 15, at the amphitheater.

For more information on Liberty Fest, look for an upcoming guide in the *Canton Observer* and visit [www.cantonlibertyfest.com](http://www.cantonlibertyfest.com).

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everything nailed down."

Now, organizers are hoping for favorable weather as throngs of families descend on picturesque Heritage Park 5-10 p.m. Thursday, June 14, 1-11 p.m. Friday, June 15, and 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, June 16.

Liberty Fest promises carnival rides, a Disney movie under the stars, the Beatles tribute band Shout!, food galore and an international stage celebrating everything from Bollywood dancing to songs of Spain.

"I think it truly is a great family event," Supervisor Phil LaJoy

said. "There's something for everybody of all ages to do. It's an opportunity for folks to enjoy themselves and meet other people in the community. I think it's one aspect of the quality of life in our community."

New this year, organizers are attempting to break a Guinness World Record for the largest assembly of runners wearing Statue of Liberty costumes. The crowd will gather at 9:40 a.m. June 16 just south of the Heritage Park clock tower.

"We're expecting 1,500 to 2,000 people," Jeanette Williams, recreation specialist, said. "We've just got to get the people to put on their costumes."

The event coincides

with an 8 a.m. 5K race, an 8:30 a.m. 10K run and a 9:45 a.m. one-mile "fun run" — all starting near the clock tower, looping through neighborhoods and the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail. Certain entry fees apply to help pay for recreation and trail improvements.

In another new venture, a dancing flash mob — a choreographed performance by a large group — is set to surprise festival goers with an attention-grabbing performance at an undisclosed time and location during the three-day event.

As usual, fireworks are set to erupt over Heritage Park at dusk June 16.

Here's a glimpse of some of the fun Liber-

ty Fest attendees can expect. More details also are featured in an upcoming festival guide in the *Canton Observer* and online at [www.cantonlibertyfest.com](http://www.cantonlibertyfest.com).

- America's Most Wanted Car Club, which has raised money to benefit local charities for over 20 years, will attend the festival June 16 to display classic cars from the 1920s through the 1970s. Proceeds from this year's event goes to Camp A.B.L.E., a summer camp for children with special needs, and the VFW Stand Down Project, which helps veterans in need. The club has its kickoff registration 5-8 p.m. June 15.
- Canton Firefighters

Local 2289 Charity Foundation sponsors its spaghetti dinner 5-9 p.m. June 15 to raise money for the family of the late firefighter Ryan Swick, who died in May from cancer.

- Canton Lions Club, which has given over \$200,000 to charity, sponsors its annual pancake breakfast 7-11 a.m. June 16 in the Heritage Park north pavilions.

- Kiwanis Club of Canton has its "Chicken and the (Fire) Works" dinners 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. June 16 — or until sold out. The club performs many community service projects in Canton and Plymouth to help children.

- Rotary Club of Canton, which supports char-

ities such as the Plymouth-Canton clothing bank for needy students, hosts an adult beverage tent during Liberty Fest near the Canton LIVE! Stage.

- On June 15-16, festival goers can enjoy a petting farm, camel rides, exotic animal exhibits and birds during the "Take a Walk on the Wild Side" exhibit.

- On June 15, Disney's *The Muppets* will be shown under the stars on the big screen in the park amphitheater.

- Celebrate another year of Zumba in Canton 7:30-9 p.m. June 14 with a special party at the amphitheater.

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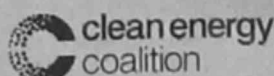
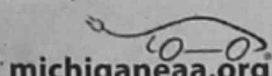
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## CRIME WATCH

### Meijer thief

**1** Canton police nabbed a 50-year-old Garden City man accused of stealing from the Canton Meijer store during an incident that happened about 4:45 p.m. Saturday, according to a police report.

Police received reports that a white male wearing a Detroit Tigers cap, a blue T-shirt and jeans had pushed a shopping cart of merchandise such as tools out of the store without paying. The man failed to stop for a loss prevention employee and got into what was described in a police report as a dark blue Ford Contour.

The man started to flee the scene but was stopped by police near the Meijer gas station.

All the merchandise was recovered, police said.

### Guitar gone

**2** A manager of the Guitar Center, on Ford Road east of Lotz, contacted police to report that a Paul Reed Smith Custom 24 electric guitar worth \$3,000 was missing from the store.

The manager reported the theft occurred sometime between 1:25 p.m. May 30 and 10:30 p.m. June 1. The employee said he noticed the guitar was missing when he did an inspection of items in the store.

The case was under investigation.

### Storage break-ins

**3** Several break-ins were reported in recent days at The Stor-Room, a storage business northwest of Michigan Avenue and Lotz Road.

A 44-year-old man contacted police after his storage unit was broken into sometime prior to Monday morning. He had been contacted by the management, who advised him that his unit was one



of several broken into.

The man told police he was missing items such as a carpet cleaner, a cigar box and a juicer.

Another man was told of a break-in of an enclosed trailer, though he didn't notice that anything had been taken.

A woman notified police of a break-in at another storage trailer. Items missing included guitar and music equipment. Another woman's storage trailer also had been broken into, but nothing appeared missing.

### Home invasion

**4** A woman told Canton police her residence in the 45200 block of

Rudgate, southeast of Palmer and Canton Center, was broken into between 4 p.m. Friday and late Sunday night.

The woman reported that some items taken during the break-in belonged to an acquaintance, though some of her belongings and her mother's also had been taken.

A police report said the stolen items included bottles of liquor, clock radios, television cables, a white gold cross necklace and paperwork that belonged to the woman's 72-year-old mother.

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

## 'SPICE'

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"This would be a frontal assault on K2, Bath Salts and those kinds of drugs," he said. "We want to get this going and get it going quickly."

Canton Township Attorney Kristin Kolb is drafting the emergency ordinance for board approval. It would become effective upon passage.

The move comes after Nemecek, Tiderington and Northville Township Public Safety Director John Werth this week issued a joint statement announcing their offices are notifying nearly 100 businesses in western Wayne County that they could face criminal or civil penalties if they sell the increasingly popular yet highly dangerous synthetic drugs.

Over the last several weeks, the Western Wayne Community Response Team sent undercover officers into more than 25 gas stations, stores and markets throughout the three townships to buy the drugs.

Three store clerks sold the substance, and officials said one store clerk produced a product from below the counter labeled "Space Cadet/Blueberry" and allegedly told an undercover officer, "one hit will really mess you up."

### Strength warning

Police officials didn't name the stores. Tiderington said police didn't want to advertise where the substances can be bought.

Officials had the substances tested by the Michigan State Police Crime Lab, which found

they didn't contain any controlled substances. Yet officials warn that K2, Spice and other so-called synthetic drugs can be 500 to 2,000 times stronger than the actual illicit substances they mimic.

Authorities have said synthetic marijuana allegedly has been used by defendants in cases such as the April 16 beating death of Farmington Hills resident Bob Cipriano — a case that led to first-degree felony murder and other charges against Cipriano's son, Tucker Cipriano, and co-defendant Mitchell Young. Two other family members were severely beaten.

This week's joint statement by Nemecek, Tiderington and Werth states that many businesses are exploiting loopholes in federal regulations and state laws to sell the substances — primarily to young people — even though they are harmful and dangerous.

Stores in Canton, Plymouth and Northville townships are being advised by letter to "immediately cease and desist possession, manufacture, distribution and sale of these compounds."

Police officials are asking for voluntary compliance until laws are on the books. The three townships conducted the investigation of stores with help from the Wayne County Sheriff's Office and the Michigan State Police.

Any citizens who see any of the products in stores are asked to contact their local law-enforcement agency.

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## Crash causes brief power outage

Power was restored Tuesday to a wide swath of Canton hours after thousands of residents and businesses were

affected when a tractor-trailer crashed into a utility pole near the intersection of Ford and Lilley roads, police said.

The outage also affected at least seven major traffic intersections in Canton, including Ford and Canton Center, Ford

and Sheldon, Ford and Lilley, Hanford and Sheldon, Hanford and Lilley, Joy and Sheldon, and Michigan Ave. at I-275.

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# Sunset Street families see baby boom

By Matt Jachman  
Observer Staff Writer

There's been a baby boom on Sunset Street in Plymouth.

Five babies — three boys and two girls — were born within a three-month period to families in the area of Sunset and Penniman. Four of the newborns are on the same block, and three were born during the same week in May. The other two were born in March.

"There was no power outage," quipped one of the moms, Jamison Rozzi, in her back yard on Tuesday. She and husband Scott welcomed Olive Ruth last month and also have an older daughter, Charlotte, 6, and a son, George, 4.

It was Rozzi who predicted last August that she and neighbors Katy Sikes and Gina Szymczak would have children in quick succession. The three were at Rozzi's house, and all knew each had been trying to conceive.

"She said, 'I think it's going to be one, two, three,'" said Szymczak. "I thought, 'Oh, it was just a joke.'"



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Standing, from left, Jamison Rozzi, holding Olive, Gina Szymczak, with Owen, Katy Sikes, and Amelia. Sitting, Inna Frazer, holding Boden, and Annie Gallant, with Jack.

But Sikes gave birth to Amelia Dawn on May 21, Rozzi had Olive Ruth on May 24 and Szymczak delivered Owen Felix the next day — with Rozzi in the next room at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

"Not only are we neighbors here, we were neighbors at the hospital," said Szymczak, who with husband Adam also has a son, Parker, 4. Amelia was the second child for Sikes

and husband Matt; they also have a boy, Maddox, 3.

Meanwhile, Inna Frazier, who lives on the same block, had had a boy, Owen Anthony, on March 8. She and husband Warner "Tony" Frazer also have a daughter, Addyson, 6, and Inna has an adult daughter who lives in Washington, D.C.

And Annie Gallant, who lives nearby, gave birth

to Jack Bradley on March 10. She and husband Brad also have two daughters, Kate, 3, and Sarah, 2.

"I live on the next block, so I didn't even know this was happening," Gallant said of the population explosion.

But Szymczak had noticed the "It's a Boy" sign on the Gallants' lawn.

"I remember being pregnant and driving down the street and say-



Mom Inna Frazier and Boden.

ing, 'Oh, another baby,'" she said.

The women agreed the second baby — or the third in three cases — is easier than the first.

"You know a little bit more what to expect," said Sikes.

The new arrivals have brought the families and their children closer on a street where, by the moms' count, there are 20 kids under the age of 12 on just one block. The children on the block spend a lot of time together — Maddox Sikes, Parker Szymczak and George Rozzi are good friends, and so are Addyson Frazier and Charlotte Rozzi — and the older ones walk to Bird Elementary together,

the moms said.

"I love being able to walk downtown and walk the kids to school," said Rozzi, who has moved four times in the last 10 years for her husband's career.

"This is probably the best move we've had yet," said Rozzi, who grew up in Indiana.

All five moms like their neighborhood and its proximity to downtown Plymouth, and said they are among the local moms who take their children — and strollers — downtown and to Kellogg Park.

"Downtown Plymouth is dogs and babies," said Szymczak.

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## W-W takes second look at board policy

By Sue Mason  
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The Wayne-Westland school board has postponed a decision to align its policy for the suspension and dismissal of the district's staff with state law.

The board voted 5-1, with Treasurer Shawna Walker dissenting and Trustee Frederick Weaver absent, to delay a vote on the proposed policy in hopes

of getting "a cleaner statement."

The new policy is required to bring the board's rules in compliance with recent changes in the Michigan Public Employment Relations Act and Michigan Teacher Tenure Act. The new legislation has revised the demotion and discharge standard under the Tenure Act from a just cause to an arbitrary or capricious standard

and revised PERA to prohibit bargaining of the procedures, adoption and implementation of a policy related to the discharge or disciplining of an employee.

"This is the result of some sweeping reforms that took place in July 2011," Deputy Superintendent Paul Salah said. "Many of the policies and expectations are things that must be done in regard to the

Tenure Act. Specific items have been made non-negotiable as far as collective bargaining and this is one of them.

"Board policy cannot be contrary to state law. Under PERA, you're required to have a policy that is compliant with the law," he said.

The new policy spells out that the board cannot adopt, implement or maintain a policy that is different than the standards

set forth in the Tenure Act. It also states that the superintendent or designee will ensure that decisions regarding discipline, demotion or dismissal regulated by the act are consistent with the policy.

In the end, the board rejected the proposed policy and agreed to bring it back at its next meeting later this month.

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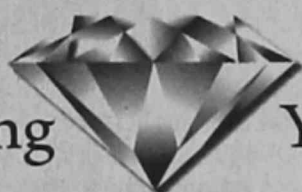
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# McCotter's exit stuns GOP supporters

By Ken Abramczyk  
Observer Staff Writer

Just under one year ago, Thaddeus McCotter ran for president, joining a field of candidates that included Mitt Romney, Rick Perry, Newt Gingrich, Ron Paul and Michelle Bachmann in seeking to win the Republican nomination.

When he ended that campaign in September, McCotter said he intended to run for another term as a congressman.

Now, it appears, McCotter's five consecutive terms as a Congressman are over.

McCotter is leaving politics, at least for now, with his decision Saturday to end his write-in candidacy for the seat he currently holds in the U.S. House of Representatives.

On May 29, McCotter announced he was going to run as a write-in after the Secretary of State's office notified him he lacked the minimum of 1,000 valid signatures to be placed on the ballot. Only 243 signatures out of 1,833 were found to be valid. The Secretary of State's office found that someone had duplicated and photocopied petitions of signatures.

Attorney General Bill Schuette's office is conducting an investigation into the signatures and petitions.

But McCotter changed his mind last week about the write-in campaign. McCotter issued a brief statement Saturday through Randall Thompson, his campaign spokesman.

"One can't clean up a mess multitasking," McCotter said. "Honoring my promise to the sovereign people of our community only allows me to finish the official duties of my present Congressional term; and aid



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Supporters called Thaddeus McCotter's decision to end his write-in campaign for his U.S. House seat "a blow" to the district.

the State Attorney General criminal investigation that I requested into identifying the person or persons who concocted the fraudulent petitions that have cost me so dearly. Honoring this promise does not allow me to continue a political write-in campaign. This decision is final, regardless of how swiftly the investigation is concluded."

"To those who are unhappy at this news, I'm sorry; to those happy at this news, you're welcome," McCotter said.

The Observer asked Thompson via email whether McCotter has any other immediate plans, but has not received a reply. A Detroit newspaper indicated that Thompson said McCotter was not granting any more interviews on the topic and that McCotter was done seeking elected office.

Some local Republicans were left scratching their heads at the events of the last two weeks and mulled over the loss of one of

their own to represent the district.

State Rep. John Walsh, R-Livonia, said the end of McCotter's term in Congress was a huge loss for the district.

"It was mind-boggling," Walsh said. "He is a good campaigner. He understand the rules. I just couldn't believe it."

"I applaud him for his decision not to run for the reasons that he has stated," Walsh added. "He is accepting full responsibility for what happened. He realized (the investigation) would be a big distraction if he were to run as a write-in candidate."

Tom Stroup, chair of the 11th District Republicans, said he has not spoken to McCotter recently. "There's no question that it's a big loss," Stroup said. "It's disturbing to me to hear what happened, that he doesn't even have a chance to be on the ballot because of a mistake or blatant fraud. I'm very disappointed."

Stroup awaits the investiga-

tion and a report from the attorney general's office. "We need to know what happened," Stroup said.

Stroup said he's always been a big fan of McCotter, and called him a brilliant individual. McCotter would meet with 20-30 Republican activists on occasion. "He would field questions from the party regulars and he would do it off the top of his head with no notes."

One former candidate, a Democrat, who ran against McCotter was surprised at what has transpired.

R. Karl Burnett, president of the Livonia Democratic Club and vice chair of the 11th District Democrats, ran against McCotter for Wayne County Commission and for U.S. Congress. Burnett called the turn of events an "abrupt and surprising" end of a career in Congress.

"His reaction to run was predictable," Burnett said. "A number of Republicans' reaction to it probably disappointed the Congressman. It's nearly an impossible task to run as a write-in."

McCotter's successful elections in races for two terms on the Wayne County Commission, one for state Senate and five for U.S. Congress "was a remarkable thing," Burnett said.

Former Attorney General Mike Cox said last week he believed that the signature fiasco showed that McCotter didn't want to serve in Congress anymore. Former state Sen. Loren Bennett of Canton declared his write-in candidacy on Friday before McCotter withdrew on Saturday, stating that the people of the 11th District "deserve more than just a representative who occasionally makes interesting speeches about conservative principles."



RYAN MILLER

Former Gallimore Elementary and West Middle School student Sandy Stenzel is among eight filmmakers chosen by Sprite to participate in a film competition spanning multiple colleges and universities across the United States.

## Former P-C student among film winners

Eight promising filmmakers — including former Plymouth and Canton resident Sandy Stenzel — have been chosen by Sprite, through its Sprite Films program, to make a name for themselves in the film industry with the unique opportunity to participate in a film competition spanning multiple colleges and universities across the United States.

Sprite is providing a nationwide platform to shine a light on the aspiring filmmakers, and is also introducing the filmmakers to seasoned actor Tyrese Gibson, who will provide guidance and insight to ignite the film students' creativity and overall experience throughout the filmmaking process.

"Sprite Films is offering talented film students a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to share on America's stage their perception of being true to yourself, which is this year's program theme," said Karen Oettl, Brand Manager at Sprite. "The six winning scripts showcase the innovative spirits and intensely creative skills that these filmmakers encompass, and fans across the nation will have the chance to watch first-hand and vote for their favorite come Aug. 1."


The eight selected filmmakers, including Stenzel, will attend the gathering of the motion picture theatre industry at CinemaCon, April 25-26, 2012 in Las Vegas with Gibson. They will attend workshops sponsored by Universal Pictures and will have one-on-one face time with Gibson to discuss their film projects and future plans in the film industry.

The filmmakers are a diverse group of students from colleges and universities across the United States, including Stenzel, who attends UCLA.

Stenzel is a former Gallimore Elementary and West Middle School student.

The filmmakers' winning scripts will be produced into individual short films that will compete against one another in a contest that will run Aug. 1-31 on Sprite.com. Consumers can view and vote for their favorite film every day during the voting phase, and will be entered with each vote into the Universal Sweepstakes for a chance to win a trip to Universal Orlando Resort for four people — with hotel, airfare and park tickets included.

"The opportunity to showcase creativity and build upon filmmaking skills is so important to up-and-coming filmmakers today, and that's why I support the Sprite Films program," Tyrese Gibson said. "Sprite Films is really giving these film students the chance to not only gain exposure on a national stage, but also to lend support as they work towards their dreams in the film industry."



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# Canton senior wins scholarship award

Steven Marion of Canton is the winner of a \$500 scholarship awarded by Parkside Credit Union as part of the *Observer & Eccentric* Newspapers 2012 Academic All-Star Program.

Marion was among 11 members of the All-Star Team who competed in the competition, sponsored by Parkside Credit Union.

The participating students were asked to write an essay of 800 words or less and discuss "What advice do you have for your generation when it comes to developing smart saving and spending habits? Is your generation financially savvy? Is it important to be financially responsible in college?"

Parkside Credit Union,

with its main office in Livonia and a branch office in Westland, has been a Michigan nonprofit organization since 1953. In addition to the Academic All-Star Scholarship, Parkside offers four other scholarships to students in an effort to promote and help finance higher education.

"This scholarship award, one of several offered by Parkside, is an important example of a local business serving local customers in a big way," said Susan Rosiek, *Observer & Eccentric* publisher, at the all-star awards ceremony late last month.

"Giving back to the community is very important to all of us at Parkside," said Heather Gatewood, marketing specialist. "We are proud to spon-

sor scholarships and programs that members of our community directly benefit from. We were particularly impressed with Steven's essay and know he will have no problem handling his finances through his time in college and beyond. We wish Steven all the best and congratulate him on his accomplishments."

Marion said he is honored by the scholarship and grateful to Parkside for its "commitment to higher education."

"It is through this support that I can afford to attend the University of Michigan," said Marion, who plans to study materials science and engineering at the U-M this fall.

Marion is the son of Michael and Diane Marion of Canton.



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Canton High School senior Steven Marion receives a scholarship check from Parkside Credit Union Marketing Specialist Heather Gatewood. Marion won the \$500 scholarship for his award-winning essay on how college students handle money.

## Parkside, All-Star contest-winning essay

By Steven Marion

2012 All-Star

My generation is like any other that's just starting to be independent, so most of us haven't yet learned to be financially savvy. It is essential to be financially responsible in college; otherwise we could be paying for mistakes far into the future, and in today's difficult economy, we need all the budgeting expertise we can develop. If we learn careful saving and spending habits now, we can enjoy the rewards both during college and beyond.

Unfortunately, college costs are spiraling out of control. So many of us had to make enrollment decisions based mostly on what we could afford, both now and when repaying college loans; we'll need to be financially astute more than ever

in order to repay these loans. In addition, there are other potential economic pitfalls for students, such as those associated with using a credit card for the first time. It's too easy to use plastic for that "important" purchase, especially if it "only" costs twenty dollars. The problem is that twenty dollar purchases can add up to hundreds of dollars in a month, thousands in a year. I think it makes sense to get a credit card only when there's enough income to repay the bills. As for learning good economic habits for this and other expenses, my generation is fortunate in that we have a lot of options.

My advice to my peers concerning these options is the same as it is for myself: pick the simplest and most efficient method possible – based on your own personalities

and preferences – of setting up a budget and then following it. First, add the cash coming in from your savings accounts, part-time jobs, and so on, then subtract necessary expenses such as books, clothing, laundry detergent, and similar supplies for a semester. Then divide the discretionary income that is left over to create a weekly budget from which to pull out your weekly spending limit, though you may prefer a monthly target. This would be an "allowance" for extras, such as ice cream with friends. Finally, try to save the rest, if any is left over. The amounts will vary from person to person, but try to pick a reasonable limit and leave something in savings for unexpected occasions. Your parents will be a good source of information about this; they have years of experience

and will have their own tips related to your specific economic conditions. For myself, I know that this probably will require a few adjustments after I've started school and have a better idea of the process.

The allowance limit should be flexible because someone might spend a little less one week and more the next, but it's a good idea to try to stay within it as much as possible. To help with this, students will want a system to keep track of expenditures. This is important in itself, because knowing how much they spend on extras is the first step toward successful budgeting. Those who love technology can easily find money trackers or smartphone apps online. I would test them out

ahead of time. The point of using such apps is to simplify the process, so everyone needs to pick what works most efficiently for him or her. For those who like to write lists, it's even easier to just buy a small notebook that can fit in a pocket or backpack. One also could try keeping a weekly or monthly running total on an envelope that holds receipts, something that would work later for credit card use. Others might want to use their college debit cards and only take out money if the available amount was above a specific level. My strategy is even simpler: once a week, I'll take out in cash what I think is reasonable for spending over that time period.

Of course, tracking systems alone won't help anyone stick to a bud-

get; this requires developing a financially responsible attitude. One must be continuously aware of the costs and benefits of all alternatives, which includes learning to wait for some things. This could be turned into a game: How far can I stretch \$10? Is spending \$6 on frozen yogurt today worth foregoing saving up for a hoodie with my college logo? Moreover, leisure doesn't have to be expensive, especially at colleges, since they offer hundreds of free events, and students from different backgrounds can meet and share ideas for fun.

If students learn to budget and keep track of expenses now, by the time they graduate they can live comfortably, hang out with friends, and maybe even have some left over for savings.

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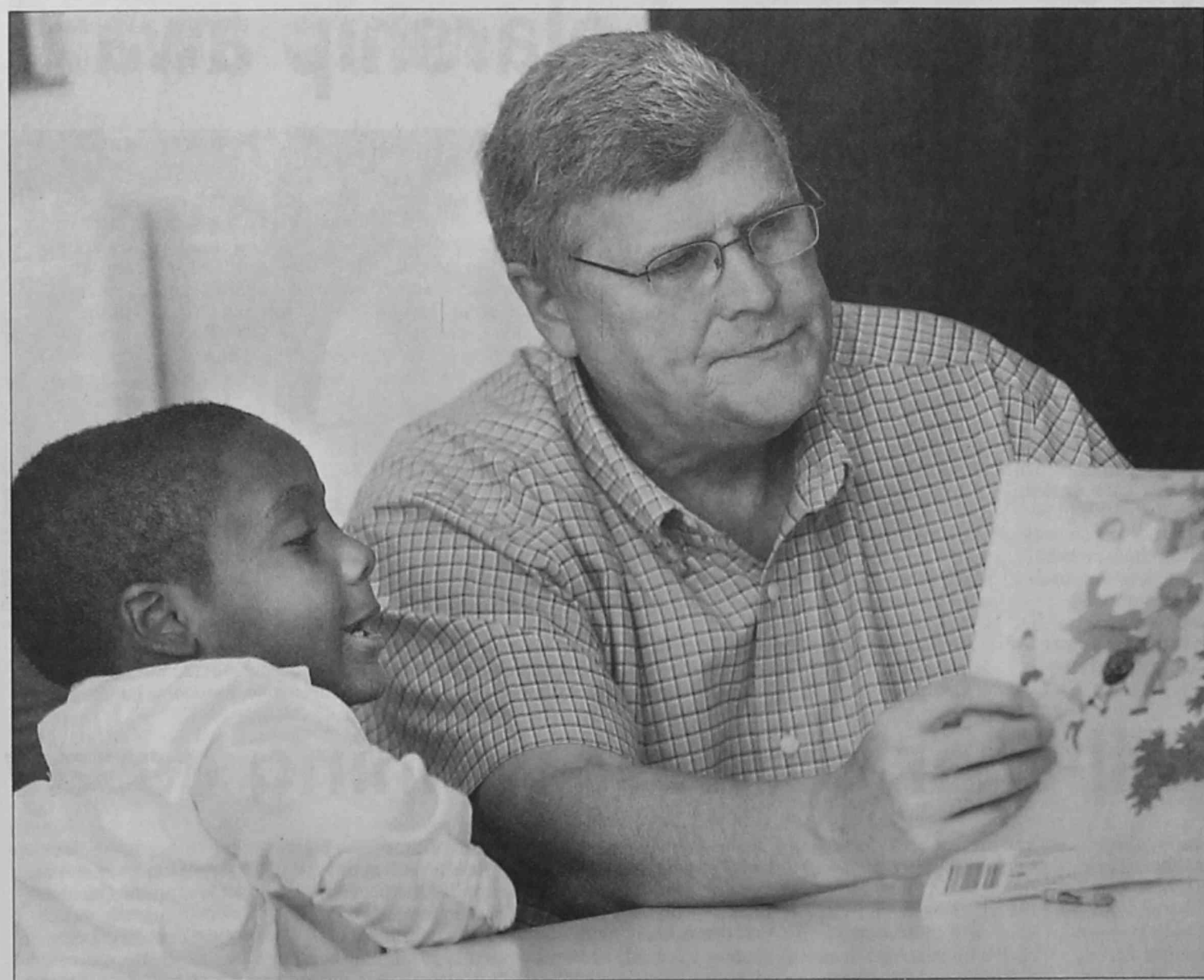


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Gary Hurst, who lives in the Plymouth-Canton school district, reading with Jamari Banks.

## READING

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This group of citizen volunteers from throughout the metropolitan Detroit area has a singular focus: helping students learn to read by spending time tutoring them.

O'Keefe said she first became aware the Detroit Reading Corps and the needs of students at Burns though her job with Office Depot.

"I call on the Detroit Public School System and so I am in the schools a lot. I'm aware of the need and also of the programs that DPS is trying to put together to help students be successful," O'Keefe said.

Traveling through the school system, she said she also noticed the disparity of educational experiences her own children had attending Plymouth Canton Schools.

**Saw the need**

"I have always been involved in my children's classrooms, and when I saw the need in Detroit, it really hit home," said O'Keefe, the mother of two boys: one attending West Middle School and the other, a graduate of Canton High School and recent graduate of the University of Michigan.

"I would like every child in Detroit to have the same experiences and opportunities that my own children had," she said, adding that "these children are wonderful and deserve the best we can give them academically and socially."

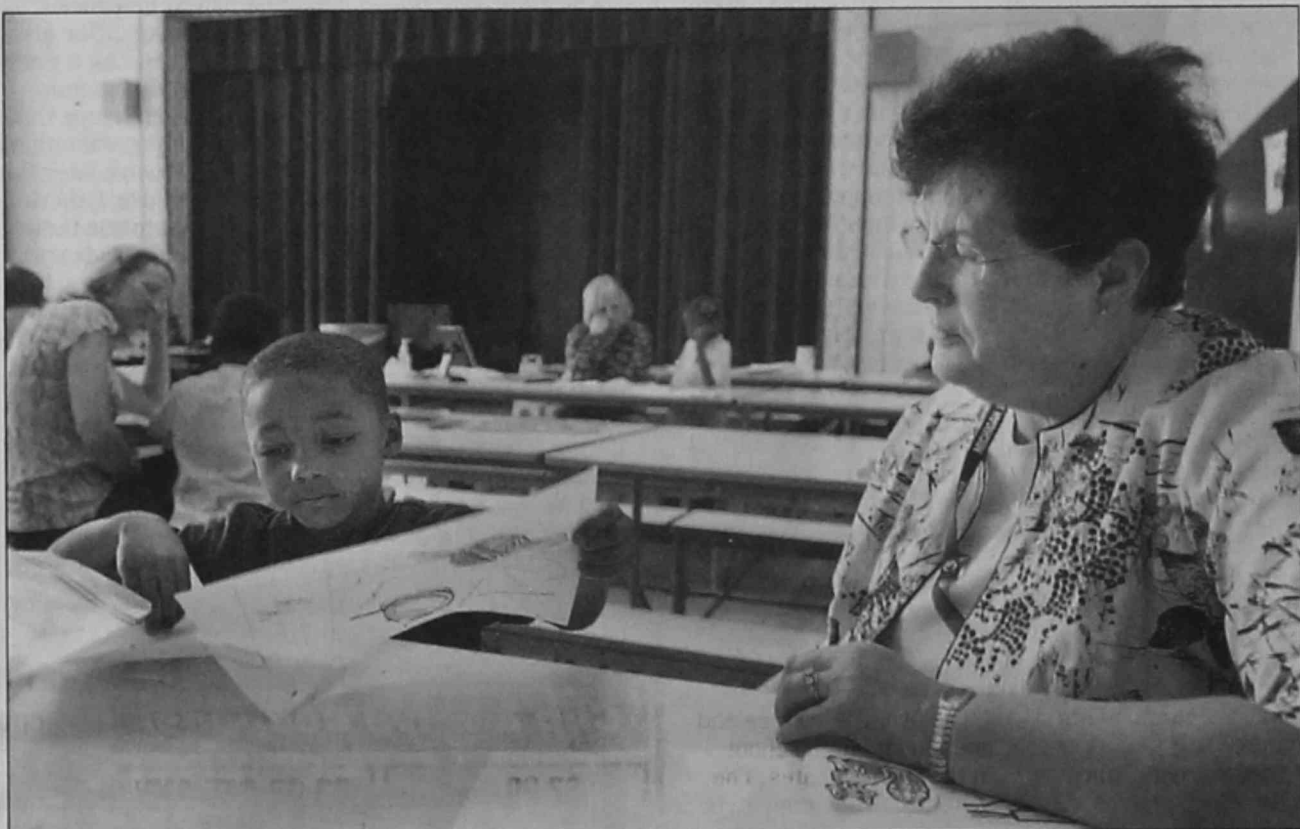
O'Keefe joined the Detroit Reading Corps in 2009, reading with children each week at the school helping them to build a strong foundation in reading and language.

She also found herself developing personal connections with students, encouraging them in other ways as well.

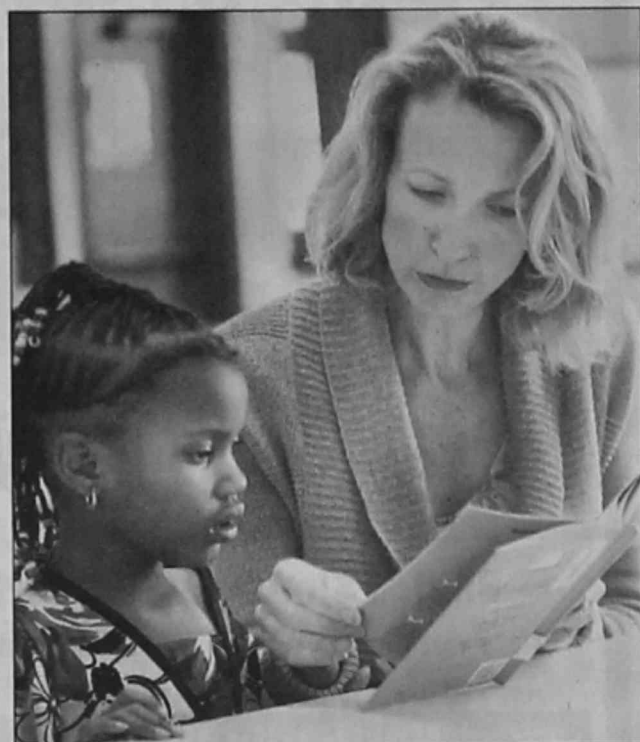
"I had one student who was missing school quite a bit, showing up late and it was affecting his performance in school. I was able to talk about how important it was for him to show up on time, how much I missed him when he was not there, just reinforcing the things he was hearing from his teacher. It helped resolve the situation," O'Keefe said.

Her initial experience was so positive, she added, that she started sharing it with others.

"I started talking about the kids and what a great experience it was to friends of mine and found myself 'recruiting' readers everywhere I went," she said.



Canton resident Jan McLeod works with Tyshon Heard.



Volunteer Krista Moraw and Laila Murphy, reading together.



K'Shawn Wells plays a word game with volunteer Rebecca Hurst. Plymouth resident Hurst and her husband, Gary Hurst, both volunteer.

Relying on personal connections and word-of-mouth, she was soon able to develop a group of 20 volunteers from the area that meet every Wednesday morning at Einstein Bagels on Sheldon Road in Plymouth Township. The volunteers carpool to the school as a unit and work with students in preschool to second grade.

Made of up volunteers from Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Novi, South Lyon, Detroit and Trenton, and from a variety of professions and backgrounds, the enthusiastic group has taken their volunteering to the next level, unofficially "adopting" the school as well, Becky Hurst said.

Not only do they read with the students, but



Kim Garland of Plymouth works with Neubian Clark, a student at Burns Elementary School in Detroit.

they also take part in other school activities such as chaperoning field trips to local museums and helping with classroom parties at Valentine's Day and much more.

"We try to help the classroom teachers out in any way we can so that the students can be successful," said Becky Hurst, who was a first-grade special education

teacher for 36 years in the Novi school district.

The group has had a largely positive impact at the school, said Darhonda Evans, academic engagement supervisor at Burns Elementary School.

"They have helped us make some great improvements," said Evans. "The students are eager to participate and that is the most important thing," she said.

"They really are helping us bridge the academic achievement gap." Both O'Keefe and Hurst agree that volunteering has been equally rewarding for the volunteers, noting that while many of them did not even know each other prior to this experience they have become good friends.

Riding to the school together each Wednesday gives volunteers a chance to talk about ideas for working with the children and to compare notes on different

# They make a difference

There are many people in the area lending their time and efforts to help young children learn to read. Becky Hurst of Plymouth said that volunteers within the local group working with students at Burns Elementary in Detroit come from a variety of backgrounds. Although there are some former teachers in the group, many are from different fields.

"We have stay-at-home moms, an attorney, a dental hygienist, a sales representative and more; they come from all walks of life," Hurst said, adding that not all of the volunteers are retired. "Many of these people are still currently employed. It only takes an hour or two to make a difference in the life of a child."

Local volunteers who care to make a difference in the lives of Detroit students include:

- Plymouth — Becky and Gary Hurst; Karen O'Keefe; Nancy Conzelman; Susan Wainwright; Kim Garland; Jackie Norris; and Michelle Dorigo.
- Canton — Jacquelyn Unis; Jan McLeod; Krista Moraw.
- Livonia — Deb Goin.
- Novi — Ellen Zatolokin; Robbi LeRoy; and Christine Gordon.
- South Lyon — Vida Chirgwin.
- Trenton — Susan Pengelly; and Mike Pengelly.
- Detroit — Sharon Neal.

— Jill Halpin, correspondent

approaches and encourage each other.

Becky Hurst said that in addition to meeting people within her own group, "It has been great to meet people from all around Detroit that want to help out, too, and make a difference."

O'Keefe said her focus is to grow the local group of volunteers to make sure that every child has someone willing to read with them, and she is looking for citizens interested in joining them, and "help make a difference in the life of a child."

**Volunteers needed**

There are 34 new preschoolers starting school in the fall, and that means new volunteers are essential.

The group is both easy-going and informal, with some volunteers acting as substitutes, filling in for those on vacation or unable to make it each week, she added. There is room for those wishing to make different levels of commitment as well.

"We can start a different day as well if we have the interest," if someone is interested in volunteering but unable to help on Wednesday, she said.

O'Keefe is so committed to the program that she also acts as a "liaison" of sorts with the school, helping interested volunteers with the necessary paperwork so that they can begin helping as soon as possible.

"This is an opportunity to help making reading fun for a child. It really is an awesome experience to see them smile and light up when we read with them. We would welcome anyone to come and observe. There is no experience necessary. Just decide to help a child."

The group meets at 8 a.m. and is usually home by 11:15 am, said Hurst. "It really is a short time commitment," she added.

Those interested in joining O'Keefe or those with questions regarding the program can e-mail Karen.O'Keefe@officedepot.com.

"The most important part of the partnership has been getting to know the kids and supporting their efforts in whatever way possible. From my experience, they are eager to learn and thankful for any attention they receive."

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During River Day in Flodin Park, volunteers helped plant 10 flats of native species around the ox-bow area, removed several cubic yards of trash from the riparian corridor, placed mulch around area trees and weeded out invasive species along the trail and pond area.

## Volunteers help make River Day a success

Canton Township officials were all about gratitude after some 200 volunteers showed up last weekend to participate in Canton's annual River Day.

During the event, which was held in Flodin Park, volunteers help plant 10 flats of native species around the ox-bow area, removed several cubic yards of trash from the riparian corridor, placed mulch around area trees and weeded out invasive species along the trail

and pond area.

Volunteers were also treated to a children's bird house building tent and a live "Birds of Prey" wildlife exhibit presented by Leslie Science Center.

River Day was hosted by Canton's Engineering Services and Public Works Divisions and sponsored by WTUA, ITC, Leslie Science Center, Absopure, Heavenly Hot Dogs, Friends of the Rouge, Friends of the I-275 Trail, and Great Lakes Rain Barrels.

Officials said River Day is "a great opportunity to help preserve the quality of Canton's creeks and streams which form the upstream portion of the Lower Rouge River Watershed." Each year Canton's River Day event has a different focus and objective based on the location and sponsor donations.

To find out more about this event, call Engineering Services at (734) 394-5150 or visit [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org).

## Free program helps students to develop leadership skills

Area high school students and teachers are invited to participate in a leadership program for the 2012-13 school year offered by USA TODAY Education called "Leadership Challenge."

The program was developed for the Lift a Life Foundation, the personal foundation of David Novak, current CEO of Louisville-based Yum! Brands, whose mission is to teach leadership skills to high school students, and the "Yum! Foundation," whose mission is to eliminate world hunger.

The program, a "leadership challenge to solve world hunger," is a service-learning-based initiative that seeks to accomplish both goals.

The "Leadership Chal-

lenge" was created by the Lift A Life Foundation and the USA TODAY Charitable Foundation to encourage students to hone leadership skills as they learn about and try to solve world hunger issues.

Program components include:

- In-classroom, standards-based curriculum on the topic of leadership will be provided to participating schools.

- Classroom and training activities will center on the challenge of "solving world hunger."

- Students work in teams to identify a hunger-related problem, develop a solution and execute their plan.

- Each participating teacher will receive "Taking People With You"

leadership book.

- \$500,000 will be awarded to winning teams to be applied to their choice of hunger projects.

- Teacher incentives included for those who participate.

The program is free and open to any high school in the United States. The program is designed to be implemented during the 2012-13 school year and participating classrooms will receive the electronic edition of USA TODAY to accompany the curriculum. The curriculum is easy to implement and requires minimal teacher preparation.

School principals and teachers can enroll or get more information at [www.leadershiphunger-challenge.com](http://www.leadershiphunger-challenge.com).

## Library summer reading offers fun for all ages

By Julie Brown  
Observer Staff Writer

The Plymouth District Library will be hopping Tuesday, June 26.

That's the day for the summer reading program kickoff, with family programs at 11 a.m., 2 and 7 p.m.

"This year, it's going to be Pippin Puppets doing 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' — sort of," said Carol Champagne, head of youth services. "It'll be very funny."

The library at 223 S. Main will again offer summer reading for preschoolers through adults. You'll need to sign up in advance, either at the library or, for the first time this year, online at [www.plymouthlibrary.org](http://www.plymouthlibrary.org).

Registration began June 1 and the official registration date is June 18, when school is out. The program continues through Aug. 11, Cham-

pagne said.

The children's theme is "Dream Big — Read," with an overall theme of "Night." Champagne's on the national committee to pick the theme.

"It gets pretty contentious on what the theme's going to be," she said with a smile.

"The idea is to keep kids reading over the summer."

"Especially for the early readers," she said. "Just 20 minutes a day is all it takes. We really want to reinforce the idea that reading can be fun. Anything they read counts."

Kids can read outside the library collection.

Last year, just over 1,600 kids from birth to age 12 participated, with a couple hundred more teens and couple hundred more adults. The "Read to Me" preschoolers are the youngest.

"They get to check in with us each week and show us what they've

read," Champagne said. Youngsters get stickers and small weekly prizes in the program, which overall is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

There's an Edge program for those between elementary age and teen, with all age levels having activities, "even the preschoolers." Edge kids will vie for a grand prize of admission for four to Cedar Point.

Teens also will have a prize drawing for the summer, with adult prizes as well.

Librarians emphasize that you shouldn't be intimidated by online signup starting.

"If they do need help, there's always somebody here who can help them," Champagne said, adding to call (734) 453-0750 and press 5. "We're kind of interested to see how that (online signup) goes."

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# Tracking down an elusive minnow

## College interns find endangered redbside dace in Rouge River watershed

By Kurt Kuban  
Staff Writer

Most college students spend their time researching a project surrounded by books in a library or in front of a computer screen — not waste deep in a river chasing fish. But that's where University of Michigan-Dearborn students Bob Muller and Kristina Blott found themselves last week, as they were doing a fish survey in Northville's Johnson Creek.

The students were surveying two sites on Thursday — in Fish Hatchery Park and a little downstream near Seven Mile and Hines Drive. The day was the culmination of eight separate days of doing fish surveys in the Rouge River watershed, as part of an internship the two are doing with Friends of the Rouge, an organization that promotes all aspects of the river. The main goal of their efforts has been to determine the status of fish populations in the Rouge watershed, and in particular to find the presence of a small minnow called the redbside dace, which has traditionally been found in Rouge tributaries but is now an endangered species in Michigan.

The project has been a huge success. With the help of other Friends of the Rouge volunteers, Muller and Blott found the colorful redbside dace at four different locations: in Minnow Pond Creek, Seeley Creek, and the Upper Branch of the Rouge — all in Farmington Hills — and in Johnson Creek near Five Mile and Ridge roads in Northville Township.

The presence of the fish, which hadn't been documented in the Rouge watershed since 2005, is something to cheer because the fish requires cold, clean water to survive and is a good indicator of good water quality — something not usually associated with the Rouge River.

"We've found them at quite a few sites, which is exciting because they haven't been found for several years," said Blott, a 26-year-old Northville resident, who hopes to become a fisheries biologist after graduating lat-



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Sally Petrella of Friends of the Rouge takes a look at one of the many crayfish the net-survey team found last week in Northville's Johnson Creek.



University of Michigan-Dearborn interns Kristina Blott of Northville (front in green waders) and Bob Muller of Royal Oak (far right) flank Sally Petrella of Friends of the Rouge, as they get ready to do a fish survey on Johnson Creek in Northville.

er this year. "They're not found in the nearby Clinton or Huron rivers. They're found specifically in the Rouge watershed. So we were quite thrilled to find them."

And the redbside dace isn't the only fish they've found. During their various survey locations, the team has found and documented nearly 20 different species of fish. In Fish Hatchery Park, alone, they found numerous species, including blacknose dace, white sucker, bluegill, green sunfish, creek chubb, sculpin (another very sensitive fish), and more than a dozen brown trout,



One of the colorful redbside dace the team was able to document. The rare fish grows up to about 4.7 inches long.

one of which that measured about 12 inches.

You might say it was a good day on the river, and the team was in a celebratory mood after collecting such a diversity of fish.

Jeff Braunscheidel, senior fisheries biologist for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, came out to Fish Hatchery Park to check on the team Thursday. He was also happy to see the presence of pollution-intolerant

species including the trout and sculpin, and he was thrilled to know the team had found the redbside dace at the other locations. He said the data the team is putting together is important because it helps the DNR know where threatened species are present, which impacts how the department grant permits to developers in surrounding areas.

"It ensures a higher level of protection," he said.



The fish survey team checks their net for a sample on Johnson Creek last week. From left are Nick Lavigne, Sally Petrella, Deborah Hochberg, Kristina Blott, and Philip Kukulski (at bottom).



Philip Kukulski, second from left, dashes back and forth in the water to chase fish into a net held by other volunteers during the May 31 net-survey of Johnson Creek, a Rouge River tributary in Northville.

At 64 years old, Muller, a Royal Oak resident, isn't your typical grad student. Yet, you would be hard-pressed to find anyone more passionate about fish, particularly the various minnow species found in Michigan. In fact, as happy as everyone else was about finding the trout at Fish Hatchery Park, Muller was a bit disappointed not finding any redbside dace at the location. He thinks there is simple reason — the trout, which are stocked by the DNR, eat smaller minnows.

Still, Muller labeled their project a success. "I've been incredibly pleased," he said. "I am astounded with the diversity we've found."

Now that the students are finished with their field work, Muller and Blott will add up all the data and put together a paper of their work, which will not only help them

graduate from college but also be used by Friends of the Rouge and the DNR. Muller said once he graduates, he may even try to do a more comprehensive fish study of the Rouge River, which hasn't been done since 1995.

"I would like to extend this to cover the entire Rouge watershed, so in 20 from now if the water quality improves we can say, 'Wow, look how far we've come.' Or, if things get worse, we can see exactly where," Muller said. "If you don't stick your head under the water, you just don't know what's down there."

The Rouge River covers 466 square miles in three counties and 42 communities in the metropolitan Detroit area. To learn more about the Friends of the Rouge, visit [www.therouge.org](http://www.therouge.org).

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## Sweet Bikes rides to new location

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Since September 2010, owner Seth Kleinglass has helped Canton customers find the right bike. Kleinglass has more than 20 years in the biking industry. He and his staff have travelled the world on bikes, bringing vast knowledge to their customers on the sport of biking.

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whether they enjoy leisurely cruising, need a child's bike, or are simply a cycling enthusiast.

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Not only are Kleinglass and his staff knowledgeable about selling bikes, they are expert mechanics. Sweet Bikes offers service on all makes and models of bikes. They service everything from flat repairs, to quick tune-ups, to a full overhaul of your cycle.

"Our new location will

offer the same great service and unique atmosphere, but with some room to breathe," Kleinglass said. "We are located right on the I-275 bike path and offer cold drinks and a complimentary air pressure check for anyone who rides in."

Sweet Bikes, now located at 39946 Ford Road, is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

For more information call Sweet Bikes at (248) 403.8049 or visit [www.sweetbikesonline.com](http://www.sweetbikesonline.com).

## CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

### RealBarBQ now open

Michigan-owned and operated RealBarBQ celebrated its grand opening recently at its newest location, 42452 Ford Road (at Lilley) in Canton.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce was on hand for the ribbon-cutting and breakfast was served to those in attendance, which included the Chamber of Commerce, local businesses members of the general public.

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

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

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

### Free family fun

RepairClinic.com hosts a free family fun and Community Day for all metro-Detroit families 2:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 14, at RepairClinic.com's building grounds (on Michigan Ave., a quarter-mile west of Beck) at 48600 Michigan



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The event is designed to give thanks to metro-Detroit families for their longtime support of RepairClinic.com. The event features the #11 FedEx race car, food, face painting, photo booth, moonwalk and lots more. There will be an obstacle course, food, beverages and ice cream, and appearances from local public safety officials and vehicles, along with radio personalities from W4 Country 102.9-FM.

### Premier advisers

Wells Fargo Advisors has designated Neil Weissman of Canton and Ronald Eppler of Plymouth both managing directors of Ann Arbor-based Weissman Eppler Showich Team, as members of the firm's Premier Advisors Program, a distinction that reflects Weissman and Eppler's achievement of professional success through a consistent commitment to client service.

"Neil and Ron are among a select group of professionals at Wells Fargo Advisors who have achieved the status of Premier Advisor by consistently demonstrating their willingness and capacity to understand their clients' life goals, as well as an ability to develop and execute plans designed to help achieve their aspirations," said Jim Hays, president of the Wells Fargo Advisors Private Client Group. "Neil and Ron's high level of commitment to their clients sets a standard and serves as an example for others. We are very proud to have Neil and Ron on our team."

Weissman has been a financial advisor with Wells Fargo Advisors for one year and has nine years of investment experience. Eppler lives in Plymouth, Mich. with his wife and their five children. He is a member of the board of directors for Cancer Support Community of Greater Ann Arbor.

## CANTON CHAMBER CHAT

### Grub Crawl

The Canton Chamber of Commerce, Charter Township of Canton and the Downtown Development Authority will be co-hosting Canton's 11th Annual Grub Crawl Tuesday, July 17, from 6-10 p.m. This event is open to the public and participants must be 21 years of age or older.

The Grub Crawl is an opportunity for area restaurants to showcase their cuisine as well as promote Canton's diversity while having fun. In past years sponsors have had participation from about 14 restaurants in the community.

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

According to Paden, last year almost 500 people attended this event. Tickets (T-shirt) are \$35 each and include transportation to and from participating restaurants. T-shirts are on sale now and can be purchased at the Chamber office. T-shirt sizes are on a first come first serve basis so reserve yours early.

Sponsorships are also available and going fast! If you are interested in participating in the Grub Crawl, go to our website at [www.cantonchamber.com](http://www.cantonchamber.com) click on forms/flyers to print a ticket order form and drop it by the Chamber office at 45525 Hanford Road. You can also call the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

Major sponsors for this event are Atchinson Ford Sales, Inc., Central City Dance, Conrad Insurance Agency, Jack Demmer Ford, Inc., Jade Child Development Center, Sunrise Family Dental Care, Republic Services, Schoolcraft College and TDS Metrocom.

### Shred day

Community Financial Credit Union sponsors a community shred day 2-4:30 p.m. Saturday, June 9, at 6355 N. Canton Center in Canton.

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### NASCAR show car

Heidi Kussurelis Insurance Agency hosts a NASCAR show car 1-7 p.m. Wednesday, June 13, at its location at 41980 Ford Road (the lot next to Buffalo Wild Wings).

Guests will have the opportunity to see a real NASCAR stock car First-hand. Guests can take a spin around the track in the Nationwide racing simulator and spin the prize wheel for a chance to win great NASCAR prizes.

As part of it's sponsorship of the NASCAR Nationwide Series, Nationwide Insurance is bringing the high-speed action to their local agents. Area Nationwide Insurance agent, Heidi Kussurelis will host the NASCAR Nationwide Series show car in Canton, providing customers and race fans the opportunity to see the excitement of NASCAR first hand.

### Connection group

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

## Resale store hits 'gold' standard

Once Upon A Child of Canton, a local gently used reseller of children's items, located at 44540 Ford Road, was recognized for achieving a "Gold Standard" measurement.

The Gold Standard is reached when a store achieves a set of standards set forth by the franchisor during the evaluation process. The Canton store achieved the customer experience, store operations and consistent brand identity to earn Gold Standard recognition for the fourth consecutive year.

"Being recognized as a Gold Standard store is a

very significant accomplishment, but even more, it means we're succeeding in providing our customers the best shopping experience possible," said Todd Valmassei, owner of Once Upon A Child of Canton. "Portraying a standardized look and maintaining a high level of experience for my customers helps ensure a consistent brand appearance, which in turn contributes to a more positive shopping experience. By reaching the Gold Standard, we're helping create an identity that customers recognize and value."

To identify a Once Upon A Child Gold Standard

store, look for the Gold Standard seal at the store or visit [www.onceuponachild.com](http://www.onceuponachild.com) where Gold Standard stores are recognized on the store locator page.

"Once Upon A Child provides a place for parents to buy and sell their quality, gently-used kids stuff for their ever-growing children - saving them time and money," Valmassei said. The Canton location sells a wide selection of new and used kids stuff, such as apparel, furniture, equipment and toys.

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## OUR VIEWS

# McCotter's mess-up

## Congressman's signature snafu a disappointment for Republicans

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter has let his longtime supporters and other Republicans down.

We don't know yet what the State Attorney General and Secretary of State will find in their investigation of the duplicate signatures found on nominating petitions and photocopies turned in by McCotter's campaign volunteers.

But the five-term Congressman from Livonia was ultimately responsible for submitting enough valid signatures in time for the deadline to get his name on the primary ballot. He shouldn't blame his staff. (One staff member approached an Observer employee for her signature outside the Livonia Civic Center Library the day before the petitions were due.)

We weren't surprised when McCotter decided over the weekend not to run as a write-in for the 11th District. He appears to have lost support from his own party. Former State Attorney General Mike Cox, who once assisted McCotter by going door-to-door in McCotter's campaign for state Senate, said in an interview last week that McCotter didn't care about Congress anymore.

McCotter filed to run for Congress again after a failed bid for the Republican nomination for the U.S. presidency.

We suspected McCotter didn't care about Congress anymore when we heard constituents complain about McCotter not showing up at events in his district, including candidate forums, and not holding town hall meetings.

It's too bad this is the way McCotter's time in Congress will end, barring a run as an independent candidate. It's sad because he's typically been good to the auto industry and has represented his fiscally conservative constituents well.

McCotter often spoke of his desire to curb spending on a gradual level on Social Security and Medicare programs. He wasn't the Republican that some Tea Partiers would want, and many Dems despised him for his anti-Obama positions on everything from health care to the economy. Instead, he crossed the aisle when he felt it was necessary, most notably on the auto bailout with nearly the entire Congressional delegation from Michigan.

As the incumbent, McCotter would have been the front runner in the race and well-positioned to take the win in November. In fact, he was considered virtually a shoo-in for the new 11th House District, which runs through solid Republican territory across western Wayne County and into Oakland County. No doubt, some prominent Republican candidates backed off the race when McCotter decided to seek reelection.

Now the only Republican on the primary ballot is Kerry Bentivolio, a little known 60-year-old teacher from Milford.

Any Republican who runs as a write-in candidate will face an uphill battle. Write-in candidates, even those with solid name recognition, rarely get elected. Voters respond to the names on the ballot, and it takes a massive effort to get voters to resonate with a name they have to write in themselves.

Of course, it's possible that Democrats William Roberts or Syed Taj could win in November.

But whoever ends up winning will need to be a fast learner. Washington D.C., with all its big money, lobbyists and politics, can be daunting to a newcomer. And love or hate McCotter, his experience will be missed in Washington, but it also leaves a window of opportunity for a newcomer to make his or her mark on the 11th District.

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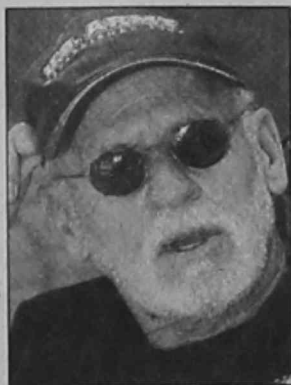
# Have you seen any good movies lately that you can recommend?

We asked this question at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.



"We watched 'Monkeyball' with my son and I thought that was outstanding."

**John Porter**  
Plymouth



"The movie that I saw was that Army picture. ... 'Word of Honor.' I was really impressed with it."

**Pete Rakowski**  
Plymouth Township



"Last one I saw was 'The Five-Year Engagement.' It was filmed in Ann Arbor. ... It was funny. It's just a little cute movie."

**Alfred Lim**  
Canton Township



"I can recommend the old movies. 'The Third Man.' (I liked) the music and the angles it was shot in."

**Benjamin Collins**  
Canton Township

## LETTERS

### Cut spending, jobs

A recent employment report for May has prompted predictable reactions from Republicans and Gov. Romney, who called the report "devastating." First off, the legitimacy of any "shock and dismay" expressed must be questioned in light of the fact that, according to Republican Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell and many other prominent Republicans, making Obama a one-term president has been their primary objective, not improving the economy or creating jobs.

The fact the employment picture seems to be trending downward is highly predictable. With any momentum from the Stimulus Bill all but gone, Republican obstruction preventing passage of Obama's American Jobs Act last year (two million jobs and 2 percent in GDP), House Republican intransigence preventing passage of a meaningful Transportation Bill (two million jobs) coupled with continued Republican-imposed state and local austerity idling over 600,000 teachers, cops, firefighters and municipal workers, why would there be any meaningful increase in employment numbers?

Speaker Boehner stated Friday these numbers are obviously the result of "failed policies." What policies Mr. Boehner? The ones that you

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haven't passed? Republican refusal to agree to spend on stimulative programs while promoting savage social spending cuts and the maintenance of huge tax cuts for the wealthy are indicative of what looms under Republican governance with Romney as president, specifically no job growth or worse yet losses.

Unwittingly, Republicans are proving the case against an austerity that they have already surreptitiously imposed on the federal level through obstruction and hostage taking and overtly on the state level by laying off large numbers of public employees.

Although weakening the economy

may help to make the case to oust Obama, shamefully it has done nothing to grow jobs and has revealed the consequences of even a weak dose of failed policy themes like shredding the social safety net, increasing tax cuts and reducing the government workforce, themes that will undoubtedly be ramped up with a Republican victory accelerating even greater job loss.

Romney's plan for job creation: Huge tax cuts, especially for the wealthy that have proven over the last 10 years to have little if any impact on job creation, repeal of regulations, a "red herring" and largely a wash since although regs can cut jobs, reg compliance is itself an industry that very often creates jobs and of course, more drastic cuts in the number of government employees, inferring somehow that eliminating the demand for goods and services that workers with these jobs exert would somehow cause private sector jobs to bloom.

Which one if any of these ideas serves to increase stunted consumer demand, the largest contributor to joblessness today according to most economists? None! And this guy claims to know how the economy works?

**Mitch Smith**  
Canton

## STAFF COLUMN

# A century of life is cause for wonder

"Awesome" is one of the most overused words around, but sometimes it is the right word, and this is one of those times: 100-year-olds are awesome.

In 27 years of newspaper work, I've been fortunate enough to interview eight different centenarians, and I'm glad to report that stories on 100-year-olds never get old. Local government, school board news, elections, crime and high school sports may be staples of community news, but a century of life — that is a human interest feature that's hard to top.

I approach interviews with 100-year-olds with a certain reverence and — OK, I already used a form of the word — awe. The dramatic sweep of events seen and lived in such a life is not easy to convey, or for a stranger to understand, during a casual conversation of an hour or two.

My thoughts are prompted by my interview last week with Katherine Thompson, who will turn 100 on Sunday. Born at her parents' house in Detroit, Mrs. Thompson was a banker's executive secretary during the Great Depression, and later a home-

maker and mother.

Probably no major city in the country has undergone the kind of boom-and-bust cycle that Detroit has in the last century, and the many of the details of Mrs. Thompson's life, from immigrant parents who made new lives in the city to a childhood home that's no longer on the map, seems tied to that story, even though she and her son, George, have lived in Plymouth Township for 35 years.

I'm still smiling at the answer Mrs. Thompson gave to one of those requisite questions for centenarians, something along the lines of "What do you make of your long life?" or "To what do you attribute your longevity?"

Her answer was fresh and succinct, with no pronouncements about the right diet, avoiding alcohol (or indulging moderately in a favorite drink, take your pick) or adhering to this or that belief system.

"I don't know what keeps you going," she said. "There's got to be something — I have no clue."

Mrs. Thompson was the third centenarian I've met already this year, and, in fact, seven of my eight interviews with 100-year-olds (or 100-plus; one woman was 102) have taken place within the past three years.



**BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

**Katherine Thompson reflects on her life at her home in Plymouth Township.**

I did my first story on a 100-year-old in 1986. The woman was from Farmington, Ill., and I felt a kinship with her, as my father's mother (who made it to age 94 and would be turning 110 this year) lived in nearby Peoria, and I grew up vacationing there in the hot central Illinois summers.

I have to fast-forward nearly 25 years before I did another centenarian story, but they've been coming in regularly since then. While this probably says something about how my beat and the type of assignments I get have changed, certainly increasing life expectancy has something to do with it: The number of centenarians in the country, estimated at more than 70,000 in 2010, about

doubled since 1990.

Another notable, but probably not surprising, fact is that all eight of the centenarians I've written about have been women. Guys, though, can take heart in the story my colleague, photographer Bill Bresler, likes to tell of the 107-year-old man he photographed who was holding his walker over his head as he danced at his birthday party.

No discussion of local centenarians would be complete without a mention of Margaret Dunning, the Plymouth businesswoman, philanthropist and car collector whose century mark was the occasion of a big public celebration two years ago. Born on a farm in Redford Township, where she is said to have met Henry Ford, and from where she traveled with her father to deliver fresh milk to Detroit dairies, she is coming up on her 102nd birthday later this month, still exhibiting her antique Packard.

Happy birthday, Katherine, Margaret, and thanks to you and all the other centenarians whose stories, and examples, have added much to our lives.

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## GIRLS SOCCER DISTRICT FINAL

# Chiefs burst Northville's bubble

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

With pinpoint precision a towering 35-yard free kick by Canton's Gabby Epelman traveled over a wall of players into the top left corner of Northville's goal Saturday afternoon.

And with it, Epelman and her teammates stuck a pin in the top-ranked Mustangs' hopes of having a long, successful postseason — defeating Northville 3-2 in a Division 1 girls soccer district final.

Northville players built an early 2-0 lead, but could not protect it and dropped to their home turf in agony after losing their only game of the season (finishing 17-1-4).

Meanwhile, the triumphant Chiefs mobbed each other almost in disbelief.

"I can't believe we just won," said Canton senior defender Robyn Mack, who tied the game 2-2 on a penalty kick late in the first half. "We were definitely the underdogs coming in, everyone knew it. 'We had nothing to lose. They didn't expect us to win but we came out and won.'"

Also in the middle of the mob scene was Epelman, whose free kick



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Canton sophomore Gabby Epelman (center) is mobbed by teammates after scoring what turned out to be the winning goal of Saturday's Division 1 district girls soccer final. At left is Northville's Sam Jarrett (No. 9).

man, whose free kick from the right side of the field sailed over the outstretched fingertips of Northville senior goalkeeper Kiki Hilmer with just 8:05 left for the tiebreaker.

It was virtually identical to her free kick tak-

en about five minutes earlier. That time, Hilmer jumped up to stop the first shot and dove to block a rebound scoring bid.

Epelman said that's what she tries to do, even in practice. If her deep shot is stopped, there's

the chance teammates at least will get a chance to score.

"I try to play it back post to my forwards and midfielders," said Epelman, adding that she "felt on top of the world" when

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## CANTON BLANKS DEARBORN

In a non-conference girls soccer contest to open the regular season in late March, Canton and Saline hooked up to play a 1-1 tie.

Those teams will renew acquaintances 7 p.m. Friday when they meet for the Division 1 regional final at Saline High School.

Both teams were victorious in Tuesday's regional openers to advance. Balanced scoring helped the Chiefs (16-2-3) defeat Dearborn 4-0 in Tuesday's first regional semifinal, with the Hornets (15-5-3) following up with a 5-0 victory over Livonia Franklin.

Senior Megan Trapp started the scoring for Canton, converting sophomore Rachel Winters' corner kick. Canton went up 2-0 when senior Alex Bryden placed an 18-yard shot into the Dearborn goal and senior Ally Krause finished up her own rebound to make it 3-0. Closing out the scoring was sophomore Taylor Dalian.

## Dutch Lions stop Bucks

Joel DeLass scored on a penalty kick in the 97th minute as the USL Pro League Dayton (Ohio) Dutch Lions ousted the Michigan Bucks, 2-1, in the fourth round of the 99th Lamar Hunt Open Cup in a match played Tuesday at Oakland University.

Eli Garner opened the scoring for the Dutch Lions in the 12th minute off an assist from Gibson Bardsley, but Anthony Grant countered for the Bucks on an unassisted goal in the 55th minute.

The Bucks were the only Premier Development League team remaining among the final 16, which included eight Major League Soccer teams.

Last Friday, Grant scored twice, including the go-ahead goal in the 61st minute as the Bucks improved to 3-0 in the Great Lakes Division of the PDL's Central Conference with a 4-2 win over the host Cincinnati Kings in a match played at Northern Kentucky University.

Stefan St. Louis and Steven Miller also tallied goals for the Bucks, now 6-1 overall.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Earlier this season, Canton sophomore Kendyl Richter (No. 4) makes a nice flip to a teammate to force out Northville's Nicolette Thibodeau (No. 14). But on Saturday, the Mustangs got the best of things in a Division 1 district final.

## Canton's 'mo' fizzles

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Catherine Porter hit homers to bookend the day for Canton's softball team at Saturday's Division 1 softball districts.

Porter's first fence-clearing blast of the day jump-started the Chiefs to an 8-4 nine-inning victory over Livonia Churchill in a district semifinal. Finishing it off with a three-run homer in the ninth was sophomore Kaitlyn Keys.

But all Porter's second homer did was keep the Chiefs from being shut out by Northville senior pitcher Laura Pond in the final — an 8-1 victory for the Mustangs.

"The kids played hard the first game," Canton head

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coach Jim Arnold said. "In the second game we hit the ball again, but it wasn't with the authority that we did the first game. ... We just could not carry it over."

Preceding Keys' clutch homer in the winning rally against Churchill was an RBI single by Megan Grant. A two-run double in the seventh by senior outfielder Jesse Lerner sent the game into extra innings.

Those kinds of hits weren't plentiful against Pond, however, as the Mustangs (20-4) won their first district title since 2009. This marked their first year as part of the district

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## Kids' fishing

The Metro West Steelheaders of Livonia will host a Kids' Fishing Outing beginning at 9 a.m. with check-in and registration Saturday, June 9, at the Kensington Metropark Shore Fishing Area. Take I-96 to the Kent Lake Road exit and turn east to enter the park.

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There will also be a free wildlife safari critter show at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at noon.

For more information, call Jim Robertson at (734) 420-0582 or email Jimerpi04@comcast.net.

# This Eagle has landed

PCA's Zandee signs to play NAIA tennis at Taylor U

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

It literally will be many happy returns for tennis-loving Rachel Zandee.

The 17-year-old Plymouth Christian Academy senior recently signed to play the sport at Taylor University of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

"I'm very excited to go to Taylor University, it means a lot to be on the tennis team," Zandee said following a recent signing ceremony at PCA. "The girls have already accepted me. I've been to a few team dinners. They've welcomed me and I know it's going to be a fun season."

The Canton resident opted for a tennis scholarship with the Indiana-based college even though other varsity sports on her resume include soccer, volleyball and basketball.

## Her favorite

Why tennis over the three other sports she plays?

"I love all aspects of ten-



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Plymouth Christian Academy senior Rachel Zandee (front row, center) recently signed to play tennis at Taylor University. Seated at left is Joyce Zandee (Rachel's mom) while PCA tennis coach Mike Kwang is seated at right. Standing are (from left) Jim Zandee (Rachel's dad) and PCA athletic director Rick Swilley.

nis in that you can really challenge yourself to your fullest potential," Zandee said. "I've always loved tennis."

Zandee added that the sport has always been at the top of her list of faves, even though she really enjoys and is very good at her other varsity sports.

"I probably started (playing tennis) when I was 5, just messing around with my parents," she said. "And I focused in on it when I was a freshman and PCA got a team."

That year, it was Zandee's dad (Jim Zandee) and Mike Kwang who took charge of the fledgling co-

ed program as co-coaches. They continue to help the squad, which plays during the fall season with Kwang in the top role.

"Rachel has always been an outstanding athlete, very naturally gifted," Kwang said. "And on top

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# Mustangs pound Churchill in final

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Churchill encountered a runaway freight train in Saturday's Division 1

District 32 championship baseball final at Salem.

The Chargers, coming off a 5-3 semifinal victory earlier in the day against Canton, got slammed by Northville, the state's No. 2-ranked team in four innings, 23-6.

The Mustangs, who improved to 31-4 overall, led 5-2 after two innings before breaking it wide open by sending 18 batters to the plate with a 13-run, 10-hit inning in the third.

"You never expect any district game like that," said Northville coach John Kostrzewa, whose team advanced to the final with a tougher-than-expected 9-7 semifinal win over the host Rocks. "Usually any time you get to the state tournament, no matter who

you're playing or what your record has been, we've learned in the past it doesn't matter. It's the team that executes when it comes right down to it. And for us, we hadn't been swinging the bats real well for three solid games in a row going back to the Brighton loss in the (KLAA) Association game."

With a stiff west wind blowing towards the outfield, any type of ball that got into the breeze was a threat to go out of the park.

The Mustangs jumped on Churchill starter Tyler Keeter for five runs in the first on an RBI infield single by Jeff Gertley and 2-run singles each by Branton Patrone and Trevor Maresh.

Keeter, who got the save against Canton, was lifted after one-third of an inning in favor of reliever Alex Tsakos, who fared no better allowing eight runs on seven hits.

Northville went score-

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## Hawks prevail at PCA district

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Westland Huron Valley Lutheran owns 2012 bragging rights when it comes to girls softball on Cowan Road.

The Hawks rallied from a 2-0 deficit with a run in the sixth and two more in the bottom of the seventh Saturday to beat next-door neighbor Lutheran High Westland, 3-2, in the Division 4 district final at Plymouth Christian Academy.

The victory puts the Hawks, now 20-5 overall into a regional semifinal matchup with Royal Oak Shrine beginning at noon Saturday at Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett.

The Warriors jumped out to a 2-0 lead with a pair of runs in the

top of the fourth on an unusual sequence of events.

Hannah Conley singled, stole second and came all the way home when the throw from the catcher sailed over the center fielder's head. The same exact scenario repeated itself when Emily Hahn singled, stole second and raced home on another overthrow.

Huron Valley, however, pulled within a run in the sixth when Jessie Strauch tripled and scored on Anne St. John's sacrifice fly.

And down to their last out in the bottom of the seventh, Brooke Kuehn drew a walk and Strauch doubled her in to tie the game at 2-2.

Anne St. John then ripped a shot over the head of the Warriors' center fielder for a

walk-off single and the victory.

"It was stressful, but our bats finally came alive early in the fifth inning," Huron Valley coach Eric Ruth said. "They hung in there and did not give up."

Winning pitcher Julie St. John limited the Warriors to two hits. The freshman struck out 10 and did not allow a walk.

Lutheran Westland starter Emily Hahn also went all seven innings, allowing seven hits. The freshman struck out six and walked two.

The Warriors advanced to the district championship game with a 15-0 semifinal victory over host PCA.

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## Chiefs power way to district semi win

By Brad Emons  
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If chicks dig the long ball, then Saturday's Division 1-District 32 girls softball semifinal at Salem between Canton and Livonia Churchill was the place to be.

Three different players cleared the fence as Canton ended the Chargers' 10-game winning streak with a come-from-behind 8-4 victory in nine innings.

Canton's Catherine Porter led off the game with a solo shot in the top of the first off Churchill starter Missy Sidor.

Catcher Casey Bias, who knocked in three of Churchill's four runs, then connected on a 2-run blast in the bottom of the fifth to give the Chargers a 4-1 cushion.

Canton, however, rallied with three runs in the bottom of the seventh to send the game into extra innings. The Chiefs drew a lead-off walk and took advantage of a Churchill error as Hannah Warren delivered an RBI double followed by Jesse Lerner's clutch 2-run double to knot the count at 4-4.

In the ninth, Megan Grant's single scored courtesy runner Nicole Clark with the go-ahead run and Kaitlyn Keys crushed a 3-run homer to put Canton ahead for keeps, 8-4.

"We changed the batting order a little bit this game," Canton coach Jim Arnold said. "We put Kaitlyn Keys at the number two position ... the first couple of times it didn't work out, but when the time was right, she got a hold of one. That was awesome. That helped us out a lot. It put us up some runs and put the pressure on the other team."

Things certainly looked bleak for the Chiefs going into the seventh.

"We had to wake them up a little bit that one inning and finally they caught fire," said Arnold, whose team out-hit the Chargers, 13-7. "We can play. If we hit the ball we're O.K., but if we're not, they get down. They can't do that. They've just got to keep chipping away at them."

Warren and Jessica Webster each collected three hits for the Chiefs, while Grant added two.

Sidor also had an RBI single for the Chargers.

"We had them on the ropes, they had the eighth, ninth and lead-off hitters coming up," Churchill coach Steve Gentilia said of the seventh inning collapse. "We walked the lead-off batter that seventh inning, and we told the girls, 'We've got to get that first out.' Plus, she was a pinch hitter. You walk that one and that puts on

a base runner, you make an error, and that's the nature of the game.

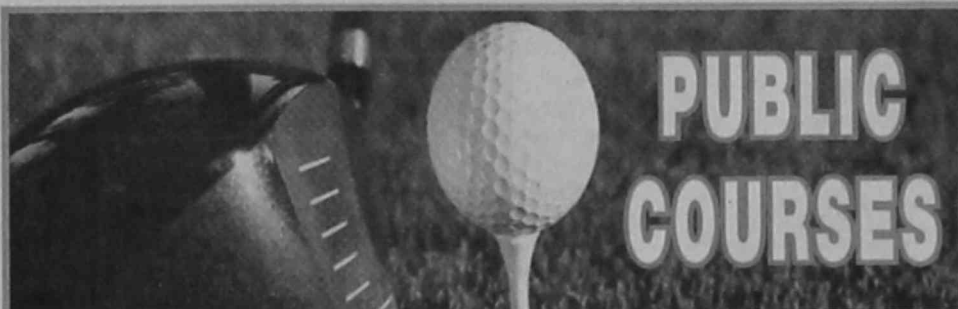
"It's a tough loss. It's hard to see the seniors go out on a loss like that. We've been firing on all cylinders and we played well today. But sometimes breaks don't happen. We finished 22-9 and it's still a good year. You look at this district - I think 118 wins total between all five teams. So any team in this district has got a chance to go make a run and do something. It's dependent on the breaks you get and the breaks you make."

Arnold, meanwhile, shuffled his two pitchers with Alyssa Boucher, the senior starter, going 6.1 innings. Warren also pitched 2.2 innings in relief.

"One's a little faster than the other," Arnold said. "The other has more movement and throw a little more junk. You try and keep them off balance and it seemed to work out pretty well."

Canton, however, couldn't sustain its momentum falling to Northville in the championship final, 8-1. Porter did hit another homer, but that was pretty much all the Chiefs (19-11) could muster against Northville pitcher Laura Pond.

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that includes the three Plymouth-Canton Educational Park teams.

"This is not an easy district at all," Northville head coach Kary Couchman said. "Laura threw fantastic and I knew she had the ability to do that. She came out game after game and did it."

A homer by sophomore catcher Allie Chapekis and contributions from seniors such as Meredith Williams (triple, great diving catch) and speed demon Jennifer Buckingham helped spark the Mustangs.

Couchman said she urged her team to come out strong to perhaps catch the Chiefs in a bit of a letdown after the emotional victory over Churchill.

"They just got done playing a really tough game in extra innings with Churchill," Couchman said. "So when we came out in the first inning aggressive, I think that really helped us."

Taking the loss for Can-

ton (19-11) was senior pitcher Alyssa Boucher, who gave up the first four runs before being relieved by sophomore Hanna Warren.

### Looking forward

Co-captains Boucher and Lerner played their final game for the Chiefs, following excellent careers.

But now, Arnold and his returning players (such as Porter) will look forward to 2013.

"Hopefully they learn from this lesson," Arnold said. "Our goal is always to have single-digit losses."

"There are a lot of teams that would like to be 19-11, but it's not what we're used to. We want to be better."

With Porter among returnees, Arnold already is confident the Chiefs will boast a potent offense next spring.

"Porter's done real well for us over the year," the veteran coach said. "She hit one earlier in the first game, the leadoff batter. And she saved the goose egg this time, she got one over the fence."

"So she had two home

runs in district play and she's batting over .400."

### Salem blanked

In the district opener Saturday, the Mustangs rolled to an 8-0 victory over the host Rocks — who, like Canton, could not get to Pond.

Only a bunt single by senior Bri Berberet kept the Rocks (21-14) from being no-hit by the Northville senior lefty.

"It was a tough draw," Salem head coach Bonnie Southerland said. "We knew we were going to have a tough game. We had been at Northville earlier in the year and had a couple close games, but their pitcher was right on today and my girls had a tough time hitting."

"But all in all we had a great season and I'm really proud of them. We got 21 wins this year and we never thought we'd even get close to that."

Salem will lose only four players from the squad, including Berberet, catcher Alexis Powell, Jenny First and Alyssa Meagher.

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## Blazers win another D2 district title

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Andria Gietl's big day at the plate highlighted Livonia Ladywood's fourth straight Division 2 girls softball district tourney conquest Saturday at home.

The senior first baseman collected a total of six hits as the second-ranked Blazers improved to 36-3 overall by defeating Dearborn Divine Child for the championship, 4-0, after dispatching Livonia Clarenceville, 17-0, in the opening round.

The win moves the Blazers into a regional semifinal matchup

beginning at noon Saturday at Dearborn Edsel Ford where they'll face the Detroit Crockett.

Gietl collected three hits against the Falcons, who finished 12-8 in the Catholic League. Her 2-run double in the fifth inning gave the Blazers a four-run cushion and some breathing room.

The Blazers tallied their other two runs in the second with pair of successful suicide squeeze bunts executed by Nicole Payne and Michelle Nelson.

Winning pitcher Briana Combs allowed just two hits and two walks while striking out 13 for the Blazers.

Sabrina Coleman took the loss for Divine Child, which advanced to the final with a 6-3 victory over South Lyon East.

In the other semifinal, Gietl tripled twice and singled, while Celeste Fidge and Allyssa Kashat contributed two hits apiece in a three-inning mercy rule victory over Clarenceville (14-15).

Combs, the senior right-hander headed to Cleveland State, was perfect striking out eight of the nine batters she faced.

Angela McAlpine (9-7) took the loss for the Trojans.

Ladywood, meanwhile, prepped for the district tourney by going 3-0 in the West Branch Invitational (May 26) beating No. 6-ranked Midland Bullock Creek (1-0), Tawas City (10-0) and Ogema Heights (15-0).



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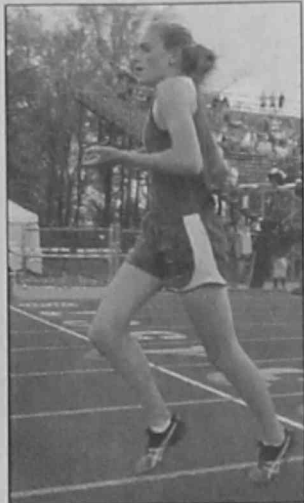
# Kavulich, Amado, Jones earn all-state honors



Salem's Joe Amado, shown competing at the recent Observerland Relays at Livonia Churchill, earned all-state honors in both hurdles events Saturday.



With his seventh-place finish in the 100-yard dash at Saturday's Division 1 state meet, Canton senior Ryan Jones earned all-state honors.



BILL BRESLER  
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Shown running in the 2011 regionals, Salem's Kayla Kavulich finished seventh in the mile run at Saturday's Division 1 state meet to earn all-state honors.

The long road back for Salem's Kayla Kavulich had a satisfying end Saturday, as the sophomore earned all-state honors at the MHSAA Lower Peninsula Division 1 Girls Track and Field Finals at East Kentwood.

Kavulich — who returned this spring after recovering from knee surgery — finished seventh in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 5:04.41. That was Kavulich's personal best as well as records for Salem and Plymouth-Canton Educational Park (for girls mile run).

She wasn't the only all-stater from PCEP. Salem senior hurdler Joe Amado finished sixth in the 110 hurdles and eighth in the 300 hurdles with times of 15.07 and 39.96, respectively.

And Canton senior sprinter Ryan Jones came in seventh in the 100 dash with a mark of 16.27.

## Division 4 boys

In Saturday's Division 4 boys state finals held at Jenison, Lutheran High Westland earned a top-ten finish with 19 points led by Jake Fairbairn, who was runner-up in the 300 intermediate hurdles (40.46).

Reading's Josh Jenkins took the title in 40.16.

The Warriors' Caleb Kempf placed third in the long jump (21-3.5), while Dawson Davenport added a fourth in the shot put (48.8.5).

ly sat on our pitches and had good swings on them. To come out and swing the bats like that was very gratifying after we had struggled a little bit."

Churchill, meanwhile, ends its season at 21-10 overall.

"What I told the kids after you can't look at that last game and sum up the season," Targosz said. "We had our banquet Thursday night and I told them, 'We did some very good things.' You just can look at that one game as the season. That's what I told the team, especially the seniors who are not coming back. We had a pretty darn good season and beat some pretty good teams. We're a pretty good team, we just had a bad game."

**CHURCHILL 5, CANTON 3:** Dan Cameron's 2-run single in the fifth inning proved to be the difference Saturday as Livonia Churchill (21-9) ousted the Chiefs (20-13) in the district semifinal at Salem.

The Chargers took a 1-0 lead in the second inning when Jake Otto scored on a Canton infield error.

Brent Ochodnicki then contributed an RBI double in the bottom of the third to make it 2-0 before Canton's Nick Tata answered with a solo homer in the top of the fifth.

Churchill, however, scored three runs in the fifth as Alex Tsakos got things going with a single and later scored on another Canton error.

The Chiefs got a run back in the sixth when Weston Price scored on a fielders choice and tallied another in the seventh on JV call-up Nick Schnur's solo homer.

Ochodnicki, the Chargers starter, went five innings to pick up the victory. He allowed two runs on four hits, five walks and four hit batters. Tyler Keeter came on to earn the save.

Canton starter Ryan Bazner, who took the loss, allowed three earned runs on six hits. He walked two and struck out two. Reliever Mike Stafford struck out the side in the sixth.

**NORTHVILLE 9, SALEM 7:** The visiting Mustangs got off to a quick 5-0 lead courtesy of Salem's four errors in the third and went on to this district semifinal victory Saturday morning.

Host Salem (16-18) did make things interesting, however. In the third, the Rocks scored three runs with Kyle Penn (2-for-4) driving in two of them with a single.

After Northville tacked on three runs in the fifth for an 8-4 edge, the Rocks cut the lead to 8-7 in the bottom half of the frame on a three-run homer by Aaron Moore.

Scoring two runs for Salem was Demetrius Dunlap, both times after drawing walks. Other Salem hits were delivered by Alex Starr, Austin Siletti, Justin Sydowski and Zak Widlak.

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less in the top of the second and Churchill countered with a double from Connor Dwyer and a 2-run homer by Mike Rybinski to cut the lead to 5-2.

But that couldn't stop the bleeding as Northville took advantage of a pair of Charger errors to start the third and 16 batters later, the Mustangs had batted around twice highlighted by Matt Stojkov's 3-run homer and Billy Mitchell's 2-run triple to make it 18-2.

"I talked to Danny (Cameron), our catcher, and we were hitting some spots," Churchill coach Ron Targosz said. "He said that some of those pitches were balls and they were still spanking it. Give them a lot of credit. I don't think we played as well as we could obviously."

"We helped them out. The inning they scored the 13 runs — first two batters were errors — error by the first baseman and then an overthrow at first. They bunt the guy over and we get the out ... who knows what happens? They may get one or two runs. We talked all year about not giving good teams extra outs. And they're an exceptional team, and even with some very good teams you can get away with it and get out of the inning. You give them an extra out ... they made us pay."

Churchill tallied four runs off Northville reliever Bobby Sable in the third thanks to a bases loaded walk to Rybinski, an RBI single by Brent Ochodnicki and a 2-run single by Cameron to make it 18-6.

But the Mustangs were far from through as Matt Satterfield delivered a 2-run double and Brett MacDonald greeted Churchill reliever James Targus' first pitch for a 3-run bomb over the left field fence.

All told, the Mustangs collected 18 hits.

"Everybody contributed on the offensive end," said Kostrzewa, whose team advances to the Novi regional. "We had great some at-bats, put a lot of balls in play and put pressure on them. We real-

## MU golfer is All-Academic

Madonna University junior golfer Michelle Hall (Flushing) has been named to the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Capital One Academic All-America At-Large team along with

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being name to the group's College Division Academic All-America Second Team. Hall, a business administration major, led MU to its second Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference championship in the last three seasons while capturing individual medalist honors for the second year in a row.

To be eligible for the Capital One Academic All-America Team, a student-athlete must be nominated by their school's sports information director as well as be a starter of key reserve, a sophomore academically and athletically as well as possess a 3.3 GPA or higher.

## ZANDEE

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of that, I've really enjoyed her attitude.

"She gets into the sport and really helps out with the team, she shows great leadership. I look forward to her future in college."

With the Eagles, Zandee has moved up the totem pole from No. 3 singles to No. 2 singles, where she was slotted her junior and senior seasons.

## On the map

No matter where she is placed in the Taylor lineup, the exemplary student-athlete (4.0 grade-point average, National Honor Society) is eager to start her collegiate career. "I'll always remember

this day, I'm excited," she said, smiling. "Hopefully, it will be a really good four years at Taylor tennis."

PCA Athletic Director Rick Swilley said he will also remember that day, because Zandee's signing helps show other athletes at the small school what they can aspire to achieve.

"I think what it does is sets a standard for other athletes to shoot for," Swilley said. "You have a young lady who participated on the boys tennis team who is going to get a scholarship to attend college and to play in college."

"And that's a great thing, that just helps your program, it lets them know their efforts are going to be rewarded if they play well, and someone will see them and find

them even at our school."

At Taylor, Zandee will study biology and pre-med courses, with hopes of continuing toward a career as a physician's assistant.

"I think it's a great choice. My son (Matt) also is there, they emphasize the Christian world view and we're glad to have her there," said Joyce Zandee, Rachel's mom. "We think she's going to grow and thrive there."

And it's not that far of a drive (under four hours) to go watch her compete, Jim Zandee said.

"We've been down there a few times," he said. "We'll be down there more now that we'll go watch her matches."

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Canton's varsity girls soccer team celebrates after winning the Division 1 district championship with a 3-2 victory over No. 1-ranked Northville.

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## SOCCER

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she saw the ball hit the mesh inside the goal post.

### Practice pays off

Also happy was Canton head coach Jeannine Reddy, whose team won its second straight district title.

"She's great with those 30-40 yards on the outside free kicks, she always hits the back post anyway," Reddy noted. "At practice she sometimes hits those into the net, too.

"That's where we tell her to put it so whether either Robyn or Megan (Trapp) gets on it and it goes in I don't care."

Northville head coach Eric Brucker tipped his cap to Epelman on the free kick.

"She shot it upper 90 from 35 yards out," Brucker said. "As much as I'd love to say it was somebody's fault the girl put a perfect placement in."

Brucker, who said his talented team led by eight seniors was "absolutely crushed" by the loss, added that poor play against "dead balls" directly led to the defeat.

"We talked about the

fact we can't allow corners," Brucker emphasized. "Their first two goals one was straight off a corner and one was a penalty kick. The game-winning goal, a 35-yard-out dead ball. We talked about it, we worked on it. It bit us. That's what happens."

The Mustangs opened the match with confidence, beating Canton to 50/50 balls and putting pressure on Chiefs senior goalkeeper Danielle Schendel.

It only took 6:33 for Northville to get on the board. A 40-yard rocket by junior Gabbie Guibord beat Schendel inside the right post.

About eight minutes later, Schendel's day came to a sudden close. Northville senior Mallory Weber made a slippery move through defenders around the top of the box, cutting in from the right side and blasting a low shot.

Schendel aggressively slid out to block it, but she inadvertently was kicked in the back of the neck on the play.

She was forced to leave the game, with junior Kaitlyn Jatczak taking over.

After Mack was called for knocking down a Northville player in the

box, the Mustangs cashed in on a penalty kick with 15:35 left. Senior Sasha Gardner took one step and booted the ball past Jatczak into the left side of the goal.

### Chiefs rally

That sequence seemed to fire the Chiefs up and they scored with 12:43 remaining in the half.

Sophomore Rachel Winters lifted a corner kick that senior Trapp — stationed near the left post — headed past Hilmer.

Then in the final four minutes, a brilliant block in front of the Canton goal by Winters kept the Chiefs down one goal.

Epelman also played a role in the equalizer. Her direct kick into the Northville box led to a penalty kick as Trapp was tripped up trying to field it.

Mack took the ensuing PK. The initial try was stopped, but the ball caromed right back to Mack, who chipped a low shot inside the right post.

"I didn't think that foul back there (against her) was a penalty kick, so I definitely had to get some redemption," Mack noted. "I'm glad I got the goal for the team, because we needed it and it shifted the momentum toward us."

After the game, Mack chuckled because she didn't know if second shots on penalty kicks were permitted.

"I didn't know if I could play it," she continued. "I just kicked it in case the play did count. I just kicked it, hopefully it didn't go over (wide) and luckily it did go in the net. So I was happy."

In the second half, the Chiefs came out with more bounce and played defense in waves to stymie the Mustangs.

"We just basically told them to play more composed, talk to each other and step to the ball," Reddy said. "And they did all those things."

Jatczak came up big when she had to and just about everybody came back to clear the ball out of trouble. Standouts included Mack, Trapp, Winters and senior Ally Krause.

Of course, the Epelman goal topped it all off.

"To get out of this district was the biggest test, I think," Reddy said. "I'm not going to say it's going to be easy (at regionals), but with four state-ranked teams in one district I give (the Chiefs) a lot of credit for getting out."

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## GIRLS SOCCER REGIONALS

# Hornets sting Pats in regionals

By Brad Emons  
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The euphoria of winning their first-ever girls district soccer title in school history quickly wore off for Livonia Franklin in Tuesday's Division 1 regional semifinal against host Saline.

It was back to reality as the Hornets got a goal just 44 seconds into the match from Abbey Sovitch and went on to post a 5-0 victory over the underdog Patriots.

After a sterling Cinderella tournament run, Franklin finishes with a 6-12-4 overall record. Meanwhile, Saline advances to Friday's regional championship matchup at home against Canton with a 15-5-3. (Canton advanced with a 4-0 win over Dearborn.)

"You could just feel it, it was a punch in the gut," Franklin coach Dean Kowalski said of the quick-strike Hornets. "Heads went down and you knew it was going to be a tough one. We got down in the district play-offs in both games and were able to battle back, but today clearly wasn't our day, and Saline was ready and took care of business."

In the 12th minute of the match, Franklin senior goalkeeper Lexi Smith stopped two point-blank shots and got a save on another ball by her defender, but Saline's Kristina Veal knocked home the fourth attempt on rebound to make it 2-0.

The Hornets then took advantage of a corner kick to score again before the half on the first of two Madison Phillips' two goals to make it 3-0.

"Initially we wanted to start off conservatively," Kowalski said. "We saw (Ann Arbor) Huron play Saline and we thought they were a little too defensive. And Saline got too comfortable offensively. We wanted to have the threat of our speed up top. We just couldn't get them the ball and we got behind early, and the

game plan went out the window pretty fast."

Saline added two more goals during the second half to salt away the victory with one coming from Phillips and the other by Becky Sulkowski.

But it was the goal by Sovitch in the opening minute which catapulted the Hornets to victory and the regional final.

"That is huge, we have been scoring late in a lot of games," Saline coach Dana Restrck said. "So just scoring that early — just take a breath and relax and get settled into the game — was huge. After that I don't think we looked back and we got a lot of players some minutes and were able to rest some people. It was good."

While Saline keeper Hayley Reynolds was rarely tested by the Patriots' offense, Smith was under constant pressure on the other end and finished with 11 saves.

"She kept them in it," Restrck said of the Franklin senior standout. "She certainly made a lot of stops that other goalies wouldn't. She was good."

Kowalski hopes this is only the start of more trips to the regionals following upset wins last week in the district favorites Garden City and host Woodhaven.

"What I told the team is that we don't play a team like Saline if we don't win the district," Kowalski said. "We came a long way. We were able to send the seniors out with a district championship, which was awesome, specifically Lexi (Smith) and Emily McCullen. We're going to miss her (Smith) for sure and for sure our captain Emily McCullen, our right back. You don't replace players like that. But, they left a note on Franklin. When they come back here they know they were the ones that started championships for the soccer program."

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# Bucks still perfect at Canton Cup



The Michigan Bucks made their fifth consecutive appearance at the Canton Cup Memorial Day soccer tournament on May 26 and upped their tournament appearance record to 5-0 as they dominated the Hamilton FC Rage in a 6-2 victory in front of more than 1,300 fans and participants attending one of the country's largest youth soccer tournaments.

The Bucks left their weather perfect indoor stadium at Ultimate Soccer Arenas for this special event at Independence Park and for the second consecutive year had to battle Mother Nature and the elements much sooner than their opponent. Just six minutes into the match, lightning delayed the festive event for nearly 90 minutes after the crowd was greeted with a special Memorial Day World War II fly over, color guards and dual national anthems.

The break seemed to help the Bucks, who started only five of the eleven players that upset the Pittsburgh Riverhounds in the second round of the US Open Cup on Tuesday. With several new faces in the lineup, the team came out flat and looked a bit unorganized from the opening whistle.

"As much as you hate to start a game and stop so quickly, it actually worked to our advantage," said Bucks head coach Gary



DAVE MCCAULEY

Spectators at Independence Park enjoy Michigan Bucks soccer action at the recent Canton Cup. The Bucks defeated Hamilton, 6-2.

Parsons. "It gave us time to see how we lined up, how they were going to play us and we made the adjustments with our new personnel to go back and out restart the game as if we were starting fresh. The tactical changes worked, and the team responded with much more intensity on both sides of the ball."

In the 29th minute, Bucks leading scorer Tom Catalano lined up a free kick from just outside the box. Catalano put the ball on the ground underneath a leaping Bucks player positioned in the wall and slotted it perfectly in the lower corner for a 1-0 lead.

The goal was Catalano's third of the season and second from free kicks. Five minutes later Anthony Grant would play a perfect ball through to Zach Steinberger and he would notch his first goal of the season to make it 2-0 for

the home team.

### Highlight-reel worthy

Three minutes later, Nermin Crnkic would ignite the crowd with the goal of the game.

Tuesday night's hero Stew Givens launched a long throw across the penalty area where two players attempted to head the ball. When the ball would elude both players, the opportunistic Crnkic was already in mid-air where he met the throw with a perfect side volley from eight yards out, making the score 3-0.

Just before halftime, co-captain Simon Omekanda spotted Grant on a dead run through the middle of the park and put him in alone on Rage keeper Conor Hurley, who had no chance as the locals went into the halftime break up 4-0. In the 55th minute,

Grant would record his second goal of the game, and the season, when he headed home a beautiful cross from Sebby Harris for a 5-0 lead. The team was caught napping in the next minute when Hamilton would convert a turnover into a counter-attack that would result in a goal by Stephen Powell. The Rage goal would ruin the shutout in the first appearance by keeper Sean Teepen.

The teams closed out the scoring by trading goals ten minutes apart. PDL all-time leading scorer Keny Uzoigwe would continue his Canton Cup streak of scoring when he blasted a close-range shot in the near post top corner to make it 6-1 Bucks. Hamilton would finish the game's scoring when Mark Reilly would beat Teepen after the Bucks defense was caught flat on an offside trap.

## Blazers toppled by Dexter

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Dexter played the role of spoiler Tuesday night as the Dreadnaughts knocked off No. 2-ranked Livonia Ladywood, 1-0, in the Division 2 regional girls soccer semifinal at Trenton.

Ladywood, the Catholic League champion, ends its season at 21-3-2 overall, while sixth-ranked Dexter, 19-2-2, advances to Thursday's regional final at Trenton.

Nicole Lucas scored what proved to be the game-winner in the 30th minute off a pinpoint through ball from Olivia Vollmers.

The Blazers outshot Dexter 13-5, but couldn't not get a ball past Dreadnaughts goalkeeper Sarah Silvasi, who made seven saves.

Ladywood outshot the Dreadnaughts 11-2 during the second half, but couldn't get on the board.

"We came out flat the first half," Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker said. "We only had two shots on goal. The second half we played with a sense of urgency and dominated the game, but their keeper made two or three good saves and we couldn't get the equalizer."

Ladywood goalkeeper Sara Even had to make only two saves in a rematch of last year's regional final which Ladywood won, 2-0.

"We knew they (Dexter) would be good," Shingledecker said. "They're very good in the back and they have a great goalkeeper. We knew it would be tough to score and they played a solid first half. I just wish we had played with that sense of urgency like we did in the second half."

### District champs

The Blazers encountered an all too familiar foe in winning its third straight Division 2 district title with a 2-0 triumph Saturday at home over Dearborn Divine Child, a fellow member of the Catholic League.

"This is the third year in a row we have played Divine Child in the district final and they always seem to give us a good game, and this year was no different," said Shingledecker, whose team outshot Divine Child 18-2.

Senior Kelly Capoccia notched her 24th goal of the season when she finished a breakaway on a through ball by Dominique Sarnecky in the 37th minute to make it 1-0 at halftime.

DeYana Walker added an insurance goal when she finished a rebound off a shot by Capoccia that hit the crossbar in the 58th minute.

Even made two saves to post the shutout for the Blazers (21-2-2), while Sam Cimino had for stops for the Falcons (6-13-2).



## RELIGION CALENDAR

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. Photos must be in jpg format, attached to the email.

## June

## BIKE DAY

**Time/Date:** 11-11:30 a.m. registration, 1 p.m. Redford Township Unicycle Club performance, June 9

**Location:** First United Methodist Church of Garden City, 6443 Merriman, Garden City

**Details:** Safe cycling tips, repair/maintenance information and handouts, contests and hot dogs. No admission charge

**Contact:** Sue at sweber2@mrr.com or Lucia at (734) 425-5863

## CLOTHING BANK

**Time/Date:** 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 13 and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, June 23

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

**Details:** Free clothing to anyone in need

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



Hear patriotic music and show tunes, along with a tribute to veterans at the "O, America," concert June 10 at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Northville.

## CONCERT

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Sunday, June 10

**Location:** Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville

**Details:** "O, America" patriotic concert features a variety of patriotic music, show tunes, and a stirring tribute to honor veterans who have served in all branches of the military. No ticket is needed and childcare is available through four years of age. O, America will be Carole Halme kangas' last concert as director of music for the church. She steps down as director after 45 years of music ministry.

**Contact:** (248) 374-4740

## COURAGEOUS LIFE SERIES

**Time/Date:** June 10, 17 and 24

**Location:** Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia

**Details:** A screening of the movie, "Courageous" kicked off the series on June 3. It also will be shown at 6 p.m. on June 10 and 24. Series topics are "Courageous Versus Complacent," June 3; "Warriors Versus Wimps," June 10; "Fighters Versus Flyers," June 17 and "Team Players Versus Lone Rangers," June 24

**Contact:** (248) 476-8222

## GARAGE SALE

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

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

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

**Contact:** (734) 404-2480; www.cantonicf.org

## GRIEF SUPPORT

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m., Thursday, June 7, 14, 21 and 28

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

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

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

## RUMMAGE SALE

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 29-30

**Location:** In the thrift store at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

**Details:** All items, except those marked firm, priced over \$1 are 50 percent off the price marked; bake sale

**Contact:** (313) 534-7730

## WIDOWED FRIENDS

**Time/Date:** 5 p.m. social hour, 6 p.m. dinner, Wednesday, June 13

**Location:** Corsi's Italian Restaurant, 27910 W. Seven

Mile, three blocks west of Inkster Road, in Livonia

**Details:** Cost is \$14 and includes dinner, beverage, dessert, tax and tip. Pay exact amount at the door. Cash bar available. After dinner enjoy cards, games, and conversation until 9:30 p.m. No walk-ins. RSVP by June 6

**Contact:** Carol at (248) 946-0300 or Pat at (248) 545-8348 or Cookie at (248) 357-2183

## ONGOING

## CLASSES/STUDY

## Emmanuel Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month

**Location:** 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia

**Details:** Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun.

**Contact:** Pastor Scott Sessler at (734) 673-2485 or e-mail to pastorscott@emmanuel-livonia.org

## Men's Bible study

**Time/Date:** Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.

**Location:** Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township

**Contact:** John Shulenberger at (734) 464-9491

## New Life Community Church

**Time/Date:** Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m. Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m. Sundays.

**Location:** 42200 Tyler, Belleville

**Contact:** (734) 846-4615

## Nicole's Revival

**Time/Date:** 10:30 a.m., Monday-Friday

**Location:** YWCA Northwest Branch, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech Daly, Redford Township

**Details:** KJV Scripture Reading, Communion and Prayer

**Contact:** (313) 531-1234

## Our Lady of Loretto

**Time/Date:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

**Location:** Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford

**Details:** Scripture study

**Contact:** (313) 534-9000

## St. Michael the Archangel

**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesday.

**Location:** School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

**Details:** Catholic author and bible scholar, Gary Michuta, leads a study of Letter to the Hebrews. The sessions are open to all, regardless of their faith or parish affiliation

**Contact:** (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200, or www.livoniastmichael.org

## Ward Presbyterian

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Mondays

**Location:** Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville

**Details:** Learner's Bible study is held

**Contact:** (248) 374-5920

## CLOTHING BANK

## Canton Christian Fellowship

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m. second Wednesday

**Location:** 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty

**Details:** Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need

**Contact:** (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantonicf.org

## FOOD BANK

## New Hope Church

**Time/Date:** 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only

**Location:** 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton

**Contact:** Call Pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528.

## MOMS

## Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, MOPS;

7-8:30 p.m. first and third Thursday, MOPSnext. Both programs run September-May

**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** Mothers of Preschoolers is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners; MOPSnext supports mothers of school-aged children. Contact: Rebekah Creeden at (734) 522-6830 for MOPS and Susan Magner at (248) 478-3643 for MOPSnext details.

## Dunning Park Bible Chapel

**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays

**Location:** 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford

**Details:** MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.

**Contact:** Amy at (313) 937-3084 or Kristen at (734) 542-0767

## Peace pole on display at Farmington Hills church

The Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington Hills recently rededicated its "peace pole" after completing handicap accessibility renovations to the church.

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It was originally dedicated in 1996 in memory of Sunday school teacher Heather Hicks, who was involved in a fatal automobile accident.

More than 200,000 peace poles have been dedicated around the world since the peace pole project began in Japan in 1955. The nonprofit World Peace Prayer Society's mission is to unite people across the world through the universal saying: "May peace prevail on earth."

For more about the Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington Hills, visit www.uuFarmington.org or call the church office at (248) 478-7272.

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## Music's in the air

Michigan Philharmonic performs outdoors in Plymouth, Milford this month

By Sharon Dargay  
O&E Staff Writer

It was a cold and windy day last June when the Michigan Philharmonic performed its first concert at Kensington Metropark in Milford.

A week later, an impending thunderstorm forced the symphony to cancel its debut summer holiday concert in Plymouth's Kellogg Park after just four songs.

But the two outdoor programs, along with first-time appearances at Canton's Liberty Fest and the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores, drew enough listeners — even in dicey weather — to prompt another try at summer programming this year. The symphony will return at 8 p.m. Friday, June 22 to Kensington and at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 30 to Kellogg Park to perform its "An American Salute" concert. Last year's Kensington Metropark concert also led to a new venue — Lake St. Clair Metropark in Harrison Township —



The Michigan Philharmonic plays at Kensington Metropark last year. They'll return to the park June 22.

where the symphony and the U.S. Navy band will perform a military tribute concert in conjunction with a War of 1812 bicentennial commemoration, Friday, Sept. 7.

"We're hoping for good weather this year. If it's a nice day people like to come early and take advantage of all the cool stuff at the park," said Beth Stewart, symphony executive director, referring to the Kensington concert. "If the weather is good, you can get 10,000 at a concert there. We think it's worth it."

Stewart said the symphony is working with Scott Lorenz, hot air balloon pilot, to fly over the park during the concert, which will be heralded by a trumpeter.

"There's a whole group of canoers and kayakers who paddle to the symphony. They have a whole group that comes across

the lake to hear the concert. There will be a number of sailboats on the water to listen to the symphony," Stewart added.

Tall ships will be on display and available for tours when the Michigan Philharmonic plays its War of 1812 concert in September. A naval commander heard the symphony at Kensington last year and booked the group for the celebration at Lake St. Clair.

"He contacted the (Huron-Clinton) Metroparks and they were delighted to work with him. It was funny because right away he said 'I was at a concert with the Michigan Philharmonic and I want to use them.'"

"We'll take the core of the American Salute concert and change it up. We're adding some things, Anchors Aweigh and more medleys with

the naval band."

Big plans

Playing a large outdoor venue like a Metropark can be challenging. Every musician is miked and the organization supplies its own sound system. But Stewart hopes the concerts, which can attract thousands of listeners, help to grow audience beyond its Plymouth-Canton roots. She envisions the symphony touring the state within a few years and says the organization will reach out to underserved areas in the downriver communities.

The 2012-13 line-up includes a series of concerts at the Seligman Center for Performing Arts in Beverly Hills, along with a variety of venues in the Plymouth area.

"The new thing in classical music circles is that people want to hear classical music in unusual places," Stewart noted.

The Italian American Club in Livonia, Penn Theatre in Plymouth, the Carr Cultural Arts Center

### OUTDOOR CONCERTS

The summer music season is underway. Here's a sampling of local outdoor concerts:

• **Concerts in the Park:** 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 26 through July, in Handy Park, located on Capitol between Inkster Road and Beech Daly, north of Plymouth Road, in Redford, features the Redford Symphony Orchestra and other performers. [www.redfordtwp.com](http://www.redfordtwp.com)

• **Music from the Heart:** 7 p.m. Thursday, July 12-Aug. 30, at Larry J. Nehasil Park, located at Five Mile and Farmington Road, in Livonia: Sinjon Smith, July 12; TJ Thomas and Kentucky Strait, July 19; Blue Lakes International Exchange, July 26. Visit [www.ci.livonia.mi.us](http://www.ci.livonia.mi.us) for a complete list.

• **Music in the Air:** 7 p.m. Friday, through Aug. 31, at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth: Motor City Soul, June 8; The BluesCasters, June 15; The Shawn Riley Band, June 22; Al Jaquez and Friends, June 29. For July and August performers, visit [www.downtownplymouth.org](http://www.downtownplymouth.org)

• **Music in the Park:** Noon, Wednesday, June 20-Aug. 22, at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth: Guy Louis, Chautauqua Express, June 20; Tom Seley & the Troublemakers, June 27; Noah Reimer, July 11; Beverly Meyer, The Music Lady, July 18; Gemini, July 25. For a complete list visit [www.plymoutharts.com](http://www.plymoutharts.com)

• **Rhythmic in Riley Park:** 7 p.m. Friday, through Aug. 24 in Riley Park, 33113 Grand River Ave., Farmington, located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, in Farmington Hills: The Luddites, June 8; The Backbeats, June 15; Union Avenue Band, June 22; The Paisley Fogg, June 29. For more bands visit [downtownfarmingtontown.org](http://downtownfarmingtontown.org).

• **Stars in the Park:** 7 p.m. Thursday, June 21-Aug. 23, in Heritage Park, located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills: FBC Concert Band, June 21; Lookin' Back, June 28; Shout, July 12; FCB Big Band, July 26; Visit [www.ci.farmington-hills.mi.us](http://www.ci.farmington-hills.mi.us) for more performers.

• **Summer Jazz Concerts:** 7 p.m. Friday, along Ford Road in Canton: Penny Wells, July 6; Nate Harasim, July 13; Alexander Zonjic, July 20; Demetrius "Krayon" Nabors, July 27. See [leisure.canton-mi.org](http://leisure.canton-mi.org) for more.

• **Thursday Night Concerts:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 14-Aug. 2 in Heritage Park: Fifty Amp Fuse, June 14; Saline Fiddlers, June 21; Metro Jazz Voices, June 28, Air Margaritaville, July 5. Visit [leisure.canton-mi.org](http://leisure.canton-mi.org) for a complete list.

in Detroit, and Inn at St. John Chapel in Plymouth are among its concert venues next season.

The symphony will repeat its Friday night Seligman Center performances on Saturday night at the Village Theater in Canton.

"The ideas was that we could repeat a concert for a fraction of the cost it takes to do it the first time ... we could expand geographically in areas

thought beneficial to us and far enough away from our home market so we wouldn't siphon off audience, but build new audience," Stewart said.

"We've got big plans here. We have the program and the drive to back it up and make it happen."

For more about the Michigan Philharmonic's summer concerts and its 2012-13 season visit [michiganphil.org](http://michiganphil.org).

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**Location:** Downtown Northville

**Details:** Outdoor art festival with works by more than 85 artists from across the country. The event includes a children's art area, miniature art hunt in downtown businesses and musical entertainment.

**Contact:** www.northvillearts.org or (248) 344-0497

### CITY GALLERY

**Time/Date:** Through June 29; gallery hours are 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday

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

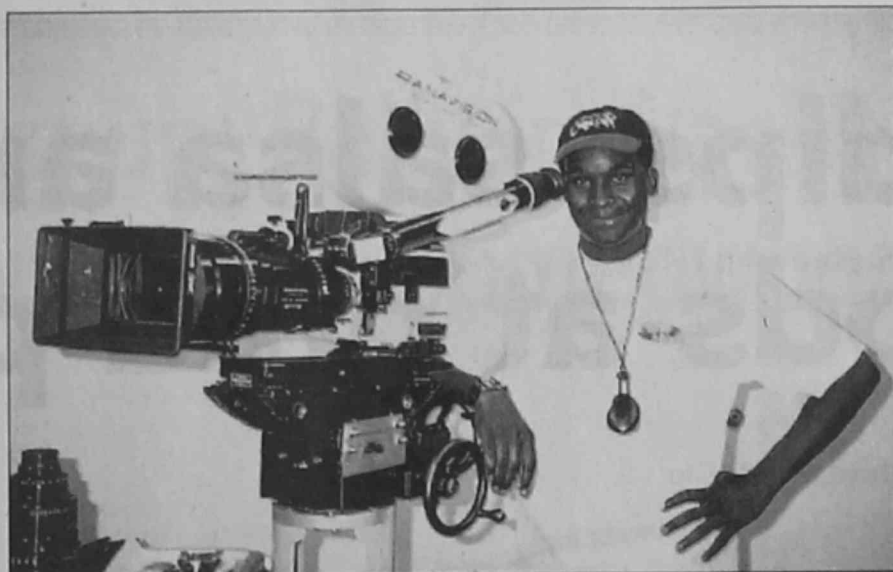
**Details:** The Colored Pencil Society of America presents works by members of its Detroit chapter

**Contact:** (248) 473-1856

### GALLERY@VT

**Time/Date:** Through May; gallery hours are 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during public performances at the theater

**Location:** 50400 Cherry Hills Road, Canton



## Hollywood in Michigan

Filmmaker Tim Greene will talk about what it takes to "break into entertainment" after the screening of three film shorts, 3-4 p.m. Saturday, June 9, at In the Truth Book Store, at Northland Mall, located north of Eight Mile, west of Greenfield in Southfield. Detroit actress Aliyah Royale and singer Beth Griffith will join Greene at the workshop. The film shorts, "The Re-programmers," "Supa Kidz" and "73-year-old Rappin Granny," were shot in Detroit and Southfield with local actors and crew. More than 50 prizes will be given away during the free event.

**Details:** Art of Peggy Kerwan

**Contact:** (734) 394-5300; visit cantonvillagetheater.org.

### NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

**Time/Date:** 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through June 24; Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

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

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

### PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

**Time/Date:** Reception and awards 6-8 p.m. Saturday, June 9; exhibit runs through July

**Location:** 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

**Details:** "Behind the Lens 6" includes more than 100 photos taken by Pioneer Middle School 8th graders during a trip to New York City

**Contact:** (734) 416-4267

### VISUAL ARTS ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA

**Time/Date:** Through June



"Paws for a Rest" by Angela Helt is among the colored pencil works on display through June 29 at City Gallery, in the Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, in Farmington Hills.

28; reception runs 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 7

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

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

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

## Comedy

### ANN ARBOR SUMMER FESTIVAL

**Time/Date:** 5 p.m. and 8 p.m., Wednesday, July 4

**Location:** The Power Center, E. Huron at Fletcher in downtown Ann Arbor

**Details:** Song parodies and sketches by politi-

cal satirists, The Capitol Steps. Tickets are \$30-\$50  
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**Location:** 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

**Details:** Steve Lott, through June 8; Mark Poolos, June 13-16; Davin Rosenblatt, June 20-23

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

## Dance

### ANN ARBOR SUMMER FESTIVAL

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Sunday, June 24

**Location:** Power Center, E. Huron at Fletcher in downtown Ann Arbor

**Details:** Pilobolus performs styles ranging from playful to intense to gravity-defying. Tickets \$30-\$50; kids, \$10

**Coming up:** Circa performs a fusion of acrobatics, aerial stunts, tumbling and contemporary dance, 8 p.m. July 6-7 at the Power Center; tickets \$25-\$45 for adults, \$10 for children

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# Serve dips, salsa and finger foods at grad party

Graduation season is here and it's time to celebrate. Create a memorable party for the grad in your life with crowd-pleasing, tasty appetizers. Include a salsa bar and corn chips for dipping. For more recipes visit [www.spiceislands.com](http://www.spiceislands.com)

## Sun Dried Tomato Deviled Eggs



## Sun Dried Tomato Deviled Eggs

- 10 large eggs, hard boiled, peeled
- ½ cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons heavy cream
- 2 teaspoons white wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- ½ cup finely minced sun-dried tomatoes, oil packed
- ¼ teaspoon basil, sweet
- ¼ teaspoon paprika
- ¼ teaspoon salt

Halve the eggs lengthwise. Remove yolks and place in a large bowl; mash with a fork. Add mayonnaise, heavy cream, white wine vinegar, sugar, basil, paprika and salt; stir until smooth. Reserve 2 teaspoons chopped tomatoes. Stir in remaining tomatoes into egg yolk mixture. Spoon filling (using 2 spoons) into the egg white halves. Garnish each with reserved chopped tomatoes. Cover; chill 1 hour.

## Beau Monde Dip

- ¾ cup mayonnaise
- ¾ cup sour cream
- 1 tablespoon chopped green onion
- 1 tablespoon parsley
- ½ teaspoon Spice Islands Beau Monde Seasoning
- ½ teaspoon dill weed

Mix mayonnaise, sour cream, green onion, parsley, Beau Monde Seasoning, and dill weed in a small bowl. Cover and chill a minimum of 30 minutes to blend flavors.

## Beau Monde Dip



## Garden Salsa



## Garden Salsa

- 10 cups fresh tomatoes, skinned and chopped
- ¼ cup corn starch
- 2 cups chopped onions
- 1-½ cups chopped green bell pepper
- ¾ cup chopped banana or Anaheim peppers
- ¾ cup chopped jalapeno peppers
- 1 ¼ cups white vinegar
- ½ cup sugar
- 2 ½ tablespoons onion salt
- 2 tablespoons chili powder
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 2 teaspoons cayenne pepper
- 1 teaspoon celery seed

Place 1 cup of tomatoes in a medium bowl with cornstarch; blend with wire whip. Set aside.

Combine remaining tomatoes, onions, pep-

pers, vinegar, sugar, onion salt, chili powder, garlic powder, cayenne pepper and celery seed in a large stock pot or Dutch oven. Simmer on medium low heat 20 minutes. Add corn starch/tomato mixture, stirring constantly to avoid lumps. Continue simmering an additional 10 minutes or until salsa reaches desired constancy.

To can: Fill clean pint jars with hot salsa, leaving ½-inch headspace. Wipe rims clean if necessary. Place lids on top, then firmly screw on bands. Process in boiling water canner for 20 minutes.

To freeze: Ladle hot salsa into pint freezer containers, leaving ½-inch headspace. Place lids on containers. Refrigerate up to 3 weeks or freeze up to 6 months.

Recipe Note: To easily skin tomatoes, place whole tomato in boiling water for 15 to 30 seconds. Remove with slotted spoon. Skin will easily peel off!

## Chipotle Roasted Salsa

- 4 large Roma tomatoes, halved and seeded
- 3 poblano or Anaheim peppers, quartered and seeded
- 1 red onion, quartered
- 4 tomatillos, halved
- 4 to 5 garlic cloves
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- Spice Islands Chipotle Chile Adjustable Grinder
- 1 lime
- ¼ cup chopped fresh cilantro

Preheat grill to high heat.

Toss tomatoes, peppers, onion, tomatillos and garlic with olive oil in a large bowl. Generously grind chipotle chile seasoning over vegetables. Place vegetables on grill pan. Grill on high heat, turning once, for 15 minutes until vegetables are tender and blackened. Remove from grill and cool 5 minutes.

Process vegetables in food processor until coarsely chopped. Add fresh squeezed lime juice and cilantro. Grind additional chipotle chile seasoning to taste. Chill for at least an hour.

## Fruit Salsa with Cinnamon Chips



## Sweet Fruit Salsa with Cinnamon Chips

- Sweet Fruit Salsa:
- 2 tart green apples
- 1 kiwi fruit
- ½ cup red seedless grapes
- 1 cup fresh strawberries
- 1 small orange
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon Spice Islands Cinnamon, Ground Saigon
- ¼ teaspoon nutmeg, ground
- 2 tablespoons apple jelly
- Cinnamon Chips:
- ¼ cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons Spice Islands Cinnamon, Ground Saigon
- 10 (8-inch) flour tortillas
- 1 tablespoon melted butter or margarine

To prepare salsa:

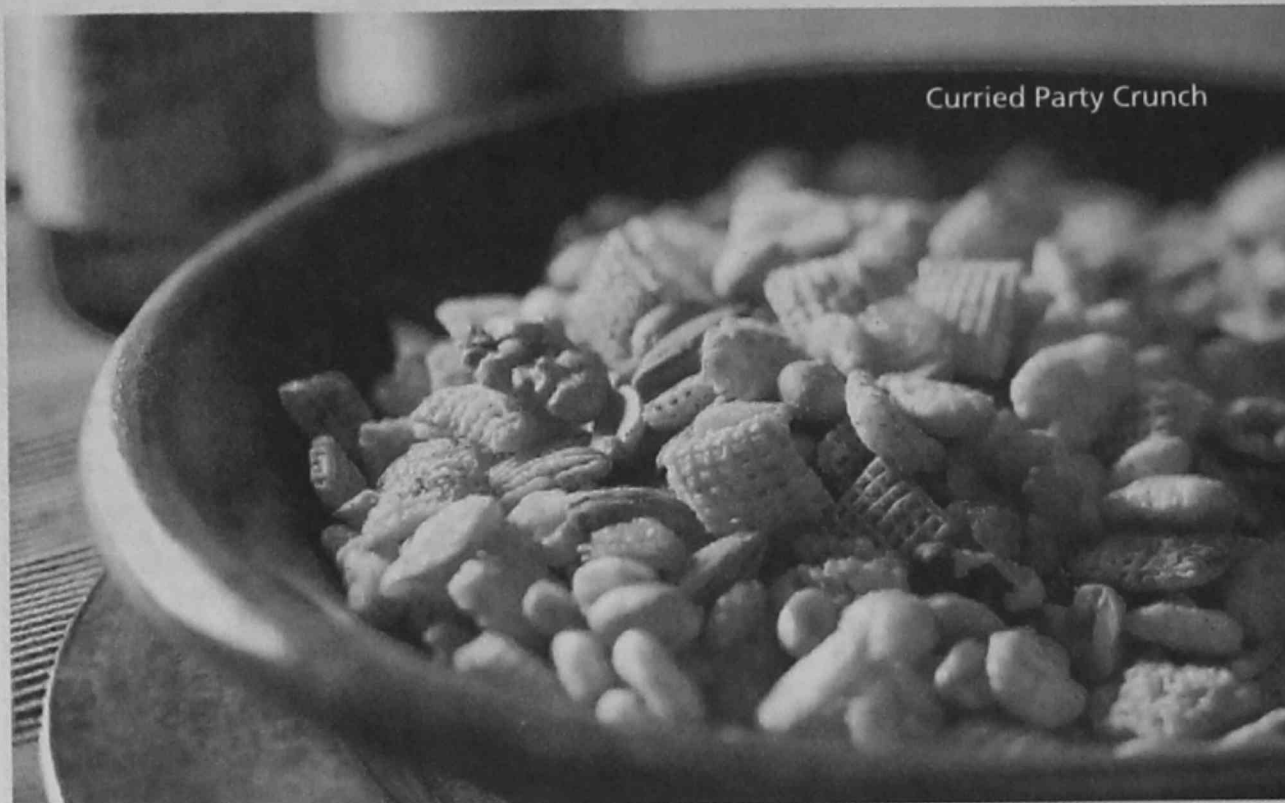
Finely chop apples, kiwi, grapes and strawberries and place in medium bowl. Grate orange peel to measure 1 teaspoon. Squeeze juice from orange. Add juice and grated peel to chopped fruit. Stir together brown sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg and apple jelly in small bowl. Add to fruit; toss gently to mix. Refrigerate 1 hour to mix flavors.

To make cinnamon chips:

Preheat oven to 400°F. Mix sugar and cinnamon in small bowl. Brush one side of tortillas with melted butter. Sprinkle cinnamon sugar mixture on tortillas. Cut each tortilla into 8 wedges (as you would a pie) and place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake for 5 minutes, or until golden. Cool.

Recipe Tip: Substitute 1 ¼ teaspoons Jamaican jerk seasoning for cinnamon and nutmeg in the salsa.

## Curried Party Crunch



## Curried Party Crunch

- ½ cup golden raisins
- 1 ½ cups sweet crunch corn cereal
- 1 ½ cups corn and rice cereal squares
- ½ cup peanuts
- ¼ cup whole almonds
- ¼ cup walnut halves
- 2 tablespoons Mazola Vegetable Plus! Oil
- ¼ teaspoon curry powder
- ¼ teaspoon chili powder
- ¼ tablespoons turmeric
- ¼ teaspoon coriander, ground

- ¼ teaspoon ginger, ground
- ¼ teaspoon cloves, ground
- 1 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 250°F.

Mix together raisins, cereals and nuts in a large bowl. Drizzle oil over all, and stir to coat. Mix spices and salt together in a separate bowl; sprinkle evenly over cereal mixture and stir gently. Transfer mixture to a 15- by 10-inch pan. Bake for 20 minutes, stirring once halfway through baking time. Cool. Store in an airtight container.



## Speaking up: Rally in Washington, D.C., promotes homeownership

Local Realtors participated in a rally recently in Washington, D.C., to make their voices heard on behalf of homeowners, real estate investors and those who aspire to homeownership.

At the Rally To Protect the American Dream, Realtors from every state in the country — including many from Michigan — joined invited members of Congress to demonstrate their commitment to preserving access to homeownership and robust real estate investment. The rally was put together by the National Association of Realtors.

"Michigan Realtors turned out in force in Washington, D.C., to send a message to our elected officials," said Tony Schippa, president of the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors and a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Preferred in Plymouth. "The message was that protecting homeowners' and prospective homeowners' real estate rights is not only vital to Michigan's economic recovery, but to the nation's recovery, as well."

Schippa was part of a Michigan-based contingent that included dozens of Realtor representatives from the Plymouth and Novi areas as well as Bloomfield and Birmingham; in all, nearly 100 GMAR members were there. Also in attendance were representatives from the area's three local Women's Council of Realtors chapters.

"This local Realtor turnout is especially important because there are still homeowners in our communities who own property throughout the state," Schippa said. "Plymouth Realtors are equally beholden to property owners in Cadillac or Grayling. We speak with a loud



Real estate pros gathered for a rally recently in Washington, D.C., with southeast Michigan well represented. The rally was organized to boost homeownership.

voice because we have to."

Working toward home affordability takes a multi-step approach for area Realtors. Toward that end, Realtors are advocating better access to affordable financing, reform of the secondary mortgage market, improved liquidity in residential and commercial lending, and preservation of the tax benefits associated with homeownership.

The rally was part of NAR's weeklong Midyear Legislative Meetings, during which Realtors and guests meet with members of Congress, federal regulators and industry experts

to address pressing real estate issues and public policies in support of private property rights, homeownership and housing issues.

"It went great. It was awesome," Schippa said after the May 17 rally, with over 13,000 agents attending.

"It was just an awesome event."

He said the industry pros gathered in front of the Washington Monument. They were there in part for the press and public. "It will really come down to what the long term will be," Schippa said of long-term impact on the hous-

ing market.

"The enthusiasm from the agents was just overwhelming." People attending wore mostly blue T-shirts, with other color shirts for NAR staff and those on political action committee.

"You start looking when you buy a home how much goes back to the community," Buying a home creates jobs, Schippa said, ranging from furniture stores to gardeners and contractors.

The website for the GMAR is [www.GMARonline.com](http://www.GMARonline.com).

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

## Skate ban: Heed lawyer's advice

By Robert Meisner  
Guest Columnist

Q: Our association is thinking about banning skateboarding in the common areas. Do you think that poses a problem?

A: It may pose a problem in that HUD may take the position that since there is no safety-related justification for the regulation (assuming that is the case), such a regulation would be familial discrimination and would subject the individual directors to liability as well as the association. In any event, I would be very cautious about imposing such a ban without getting a legal opinion from your association attorney and, perhaps, talking to your liability carrier.

Q: What is your experience in dealing with short sales as a vehicle to avoid foreclosure?

A: I could write



Robert Meisner

several pages of a response to that, but to suffice it to say that short sales, under certain

circumstances, may be a good way out for the home seller. In any event, you should use a real estate agent or firm that specializes in short sales and an attorney who can advise you as to the programs and different policies regarding short sales being offered by the financial institution that holds your mortgage or others. The attorney may also be able to advise you as to the ramifications of failing to make mortgage payments and buying a second home before the short sale of the first home has been approved. There are also federal incentives available for some owners and banks for selling a home at a loss rather than allowing it to move into foreclosure. Information is available at [homeaffordable.gov](http://homeaffordable.gov) where you can click on "explorer programs" tab. Short sales may also be beneficial to the lender to ensure the safety of its security and to expedite the process of recouping its losses.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition, available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping/handling. He also wrote *Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium*, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping/handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit [bmeisner@meisner-law.com](http://bmeisner@meisner-law.com).

This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Feb. 27 to March 2, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

#### CANTON

50321 Black Horse Ln	\$325,000
1866 Century Ct	\$145,000
45765 Drexel Rd	\$178,000
46489 Killarney Cir	\$150,000
264 N Village Way	\$85,000
43300 Oakbrook Ct	\$191,000
1997 Pearce Ct	\$62,000
820 Pheasant Woods Dr	\$253,000
329 S Village Way	\$85,000
596 Sorel Dr	\$200,000
4134 Strathmore Ln	\$105,000
1221 W Crystal Cir	\$166,000
48102 W Oxford Ln	\$40,000

#### GARDEN CITY

31560 Bridge St	\$60,000
28840 Hennepin St	\$151,000
28428 Leona St	\$80,000

#### LIVONIA

15076 Arcola St	\$79,000
29817 Barkley St	\$97,000
28618 Bayberry Park Dr	\$121,000
8900 Danzig St	\$128,000
17568 Deering St	\$63,000
18339 Floral St	\$75,000
15921 Foch St	\$86,000
30553 Grandon St	\$128,000
31307 Kendall St	\$118,000
19851 Louise St	\$55,000
10001 Marie St	\$133,000
29410 Oakview St	\$120,000
31660 Pembroke St	\$90,000
17462 Rexwood St	\$148,000
31616 Saint Martins St	\$122,000

#### NORTHVILLE

19634 Aqueduct Ct	\$85,000
22697 Cyprus Dr	\$50,000

52386 Ferndale Dr	\$50,000
48696 Freestone Dr	\$110,000
48738 Freestone Dr	\$110,000
48808 Freestone Dr	\$110,000
519 Horton St	\$329,000
15629 Johnson Creek Dr	\$130,000
15653 Johnson Creek Dr	\$125,000
15677 Johnson Creek Dr	\$126,000
15701 Johnson Creek Dr	\$125,000
15725 Johnson Creek Dr	\$135,000
15749 Johnson Creek Dr	\$129,000
15786 Johnson Creek Dr	\$135,000
50652 Livingston Dr	\$343,000
19800 Marilyn St	\$165,000
40540 N Northville Trl	\$385,000
48852 Rainbow Ln N	\$294,000
48876 Rainbow Ln N	\$323,000
18161 Shoreline Ct	\$515,000
44669 Spring Hill Rd	\$455,000
16924 Warwick Ct	\$370,000
16966 White Haven Dr	\$235,000

#### PLYMOUTH

800 Arthur St	\$85,000
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12217 Deer Creek Run	\$435,000
39564 E Ann Arbor Trl	\$100,000
41261 E Ann Arbor Trl	\$100,000
50403 Fellows Hill Dr	\$525,000
9169 Hackberry Ave	\$162,000
50626 W Fellows Creek Ct	\$540,000
50903 Weston Dr	\$365,000
1411 Woodland Pl	\$330,000

#### REDFORD

9343 Columbia	\$70,000
19433 Glenmore	\$23,000
14195 Mason Dr	\$139,000
14252 Mason Dr	\$148,000
14323 San Jose	\$18,000

#### WESTLAND

35790 Castlewood Ct	\$52,000
7414 Manor Cir	\$28,000
35044 Markey St	\$12,000
2440 S Brandon St	\$52,000
765 S Hawthorne St	\$66,000
1855 S Parent St	\$48,000
35436 Schley St	\$45,000
1536 Woodbourne St	\$20,000

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

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

#### BEVERLY HILLS

125 Charrington Ct	\$225,000
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#### BIRMINGHAM

514 Chesterfield Ave	\$358,000
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820 Pleasant St	\$1,760,000
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#### BLOOMFIELD HILLS

699 E Fox Hills Dr	\$19,000
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1791 Huntingwood Ln	\$73,000
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#### BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

219 Barrington Rd	\$150,000
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5607 Westwood Ct	\$160,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
3137 Greenlawn Ave	\$60,000
4221 Lake Pointe Ln	\$243,000
FARMINGTON	
23233 Farmington Rd	\$108,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
29490 Ashford Pkwy	\$168,000
30719 Country Ridge Cir	\$298,000
29125 Glencastle Dr	\$45,000
29924 Highmeadow Rd	\$160,000
29184 Leesburg Ct	\$187,000
32260 Tall Timber Dr	\$188,000
35258 White Pine Trl	\$140,000
37762 Windwood Dr	\$235,000
29796 Woodbrook St	\$122,000

#### FRANKLIN

30150 Cheviot Hills Dr	\$345,000
26030 Romany Way	\$727,000

Lathrup Village	
18859 San Quentin Dr	\$130,000
MILFORD	
54300 Belcrest Dr	\$183,000
510 Bellevue	\$104,000
1539 Morgan Ln	\$40,000
1571 Morgan Ln	\$50,000
1737 Morgan Ln	\$45,000
699 Telya Rdg	\$180,000
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40611 Lenox Park Dr	\$240,000
23710 Meadowbrook Rd	\$113,000
27850 Middleton Dr	\$157,000
25228 Sutton Ct	\$50,000
23496 Winthrop Ct	\$198,000
SOUTH LYON	
25536 Coach Ln	\$40,000
26085 Cornell Dr	\$50,000
57710 Deere Ct	\$259,000

26464 Mallard Ct	\$60,000
204 Maplewood Ct	\$47,000
61190 Saddlecreek Dr	\$297,000
26355 Shumans Way	\$223,000
26431 Shumans Way	\$50,000
257 University Ave	\$55,000
446 Whipple St	\$13,000

#### SOUTHFIELD

29327 E Chanticleer Dr	\$80,000
21727 Hidden Rivers Dr N	\$25,000
29790 Red Leaf Dr	\$50,000
25322 Saint James	\$72,000
18406 Westhampton Ave	\$30,000
18437 Westland Ave	\$41,000

#### WHITE LAKE

204 Decca Dr	\$46,000
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### REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

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#### Seminar on Tuesdays

A free Reverse Mortgage Seminar is 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road, Livonia. No obligation. Learn about reverse mortgages. RSVP with Larry Brady at (800) 260-5484, Ext. 33.

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The Real Estate Investors Asso-

ciation of Wayne will have an open forum. Participants will discuss what they have learned. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate. Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership.

Any questions or concerns, call Wayne Koehler, (313) 277-4168.

#### Oakland Investors

Buying Real Estate at Sheriff's Sale featuring Oakland County Sheriff representative and Trott & Trott Foreclosure Attorneys, sponsored by Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland on Thursday, June 14, 5:30-9:30 p.m. at Club

Venetian, John R just north of 12 Mile, Madison Heights. Seminar free to members; \$20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747-6742 ([www.REIAofOakland.com](http://www.REIAofOakland.com)).

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Free Foreclosure Tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96. E-mail [Georgia@addedvaluerealty.com](mailto:Georgia@addedvaluerealty.com) or visit [FreeForeclosureTour.com](http://FreeForeclosureTour.com).

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# Thursday PUZZLE CORNER

## CROSSWORD PUZZLER

## ACROSS

- 1 Ill temper  
4 Summer getaway, perhaps  
8 Motel vacancy  
12 Coral formation  
13 Range in Asia  
14 A Great Lake  
15 Full of striking incidents  
17 ISS people  
18 Four-door model  
19 Classified  
21 Kilmer of films  
23 Airport closer  
24 Agrees to  
28 Vacation spot  
32 Frost victim  
33 River tamer  
35 Mother rabbit  
36 — Downs (racetrack)  
39 Cruise ship fare  
42 Links org.  
44 Scribble down  
45 Dante locale  
49 Pilot's aid

## DOWN

- 53 Futile  
54 Not simultaneously (hyph.)  
56 Colleen's home  
57 Potentially disastrous  
58 KGB counterpart  
59 Slide downhill  
60 "L'—, c'est moi"  
61 Dutch airline  
1 Applies frosting  
2 Go wild about  
3 Got a load of  
4 Mid-afternoon refresher  
5 Politico London  
6 Claw badly  
7 Dish with saffron  
8 Back out  
9 Kind of surgeon  
10 River to the Seine  
11 Honey wine  
16 Cathedral part

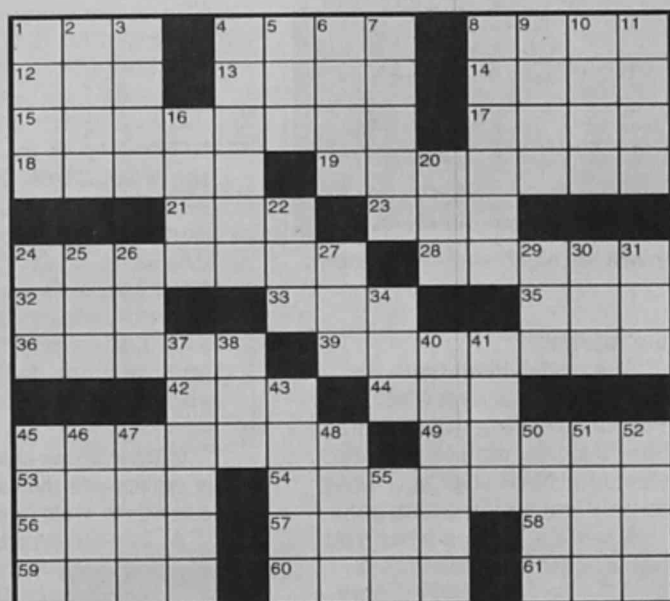
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FURRY URE URL  
RIGID AUTUMNS  
ODE ELICIT  
MESS ENE TOAD  
EDIT MERCI  
ENTERS BARRED  
COOKS PACE  
OMNI EON DADS  
NAPLES LEA  
MONGREL EMBER  
ALI FEE LAURA  
PEP SSN LIME

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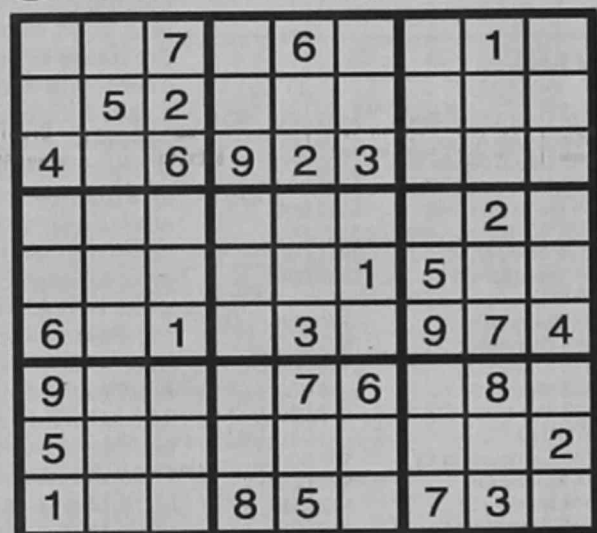
- 20 Fishing float  
22 Soho co.  
24 Homer Simpson's dad  
25 Tea holder

- 26 Investment options  
27 Weaken gradually  
29 Oklahoma town  
30 Small worker in a big organization  
31 Laugh syllable  
34 Mil. rank  
37 Raised the lid  
38 Boss, briefly  
40 Frozen dessert  
41 Remain in one place  
43 Battery terminal  
45 Noted lithographer  
46 Do perfectly  
47 Kind of drill  
48 Don't count —!  
50 Wharf  
51 Indigo shrub  
52 Paper quantity  
55 Geologic time period



Want more puzzles?  
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## SUDOKU



Level: Beginner

## Here's How It Works:

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

## Fun By The Numbers

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## Word Search — Oral Care

T N D O E H Y G I E N E S T A  
W L E R N D D M V A E C S P S  
N D N T L A I H R X G I O G E  
T K T H X L S R A M T D L E X  
G D A O K Y I M O N J K F B Q  
N O L D B N I R E U H T U O M  
Q U E O C N I D D D L X R A Y  
R R K N A U H T K A R F T D G  
T I S T N E M U R T S N I F N  
V R I I W Y C O D O Q P D K I  
K O T S C A L K N P U L D D H  
N H A T V T Q Y S B W S E J S  
E R M I M A S B E Y D I A T U  
Y K T K V G B A R Z O R M R R  
H Y E F U B U V X D O P M F B

Brushing  
Cavity  
Dental

Dentist  
Drill  
Examination

Floss  
Fluoride  
Hygiene

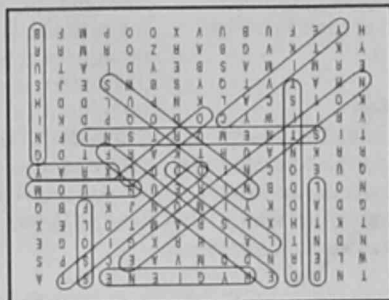
Instruments  
Mouth  
Nitrous

Oral  
Orthodontist  
Xray

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## Auction Sales

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## Rummage Sale/ Flea Market

**BETHLEH COMMUNITY CHURCH:**  
8980 Middlebelt, June 7-9, 9-5pm. Choir robes, church pews, furniture, clothes and lots of other stuff.

**CHURCH RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE**  
June 7, 8, 9, 9-3pm.  
Lighthouse Worship Center,  
19827 Middlebelt Rd., Livonia

## Estate Sales

**Another Bernard Davis Estate Sales 313-837-1993**  
Moving Inventory Jo's Art Gallery, 19376 Livonia, Detroit 48221, June 7-9, 8:45am-4pm and 10th 12pm-5pm. For more info go to [estatesales.net](http://estatesales.net) SEE YOU THERE!!!

**ANOTHER ESTATE SALE BY ENCORE**  
Fri-Sat, June 8-9, 10-4pm.  
30261 Buckingham, Livonia, 2 bks W of Middlebelt, 1 bks N of I-96. Furniture and lots of household, bsmt and garden items.  
Our #s at 9:30am Fri.

**Large Estate Sale - Northville**  
Thurs, Fri & Sat 9am-4pm. 44855 Thornapple Lane, Btwn 6 Mile & 7 Mile, off Sheldon.  
Antiques & more!

**Livonia ESTATE SALE & HANCY**  
Fri-Sun., 10-4pm.  
16609 Marsha  
Newburg & 6 Mile, enter at Mallory Dr. Off 6 Mile, enter at Laurel Park S  
Contents of Home:  
Furniture, Waterford crystal, Bronze art, expensive clothing (size 4-6), Coach purses, new shoes (size 5-7), basement loaded. Too much to list check Craigslist for photos!

**LIVONIA ESTATE SALE:**  
18775 Canterbury, Furniture, dinnerware, collectibles, dolls & teacups. June 8-10, 9-5pm.

**MILFORD:** 6/14-6/17, 9-6pm.  
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**REDFORD: ESTATE SALE**  
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## Garage/Moving Sales

**BIRMINGHAM MOVING SALE!**  
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June 6, 7, 8, 9am-5pm.

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## Lost - Pets

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# GARAGE SALES

## Garage/Moving Sales

**BIRMINGHAM:** Moving Sale! 2 families! Furniture, collectibles and household items. Thurs-Sat, June 7-9, 9-5pm. 1220 South Bates Street.

**BLOOMFIELD HILLS:** Treasure Sale! 2 sales at the Bowers School Farm, 1223 Square Lk. Rd. Sat. 9-3:30pm. Antiques, collectibles, furniture, jewelry, plant sale. Benefits Barton Farm House & School Farm.

**CANTON ANNUAL SUB SALE**  
The Ravines Subdivision S. of Joy, W. of Beck. Thurs-Sat, June 7th-9th, 10am-4pm. Something for everyone! Furniture, household items, remote control boats, & fishing supplies.

**CANTON CHERRY HILL VILLAGE ANNUAL SUB WIDE GARAGE SALE** - 25+ Homes Participating! Don't miss this! Location: South of Cherry Hill and Denton Rds in Canton. When: June 8-10, hours: 8 am-5pm. Maps available on site!

**CANTON MOVING SALE:**  
Thurs-Sat, 6/7-6/9, 9-4p. 45426 Augusta Dr. W/Canton Ctr. S/Cherry Hill. Misc. items, clothes, etc.

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

**CANTON VISTAS OF CENTRAL PARK**  
S. of Cherry Hill, W. of Beck. Subwide Sale. June 7, 8 & 9, 9-4pm. Furniture, household, clothing, misc.

**CANTON: Forest Brook Sub Sale**  
June 7, 8 & 9, 9am-5pm. Corner of Sheldon & Palmer.

**CANTON: 43041 Ryegate.**  
Children's books, toys, household items, dance costumes, misc. Thurs. & Fri. 9-4. Sat. 9-1.

**COMMERCE TWP.** Household/Estate Sale. Fri. June 8, 9-4. 3852-3838 Cheryl Dr. Tools, country, collectibles, infant & toys, clothes, yard & much more. W. of Benstein, N. of Bass Lake, E. of Sleeth.

**FARMINGTON HILLS** June 7-9, 9am-5pm. 22161 Colgate, 3 blocks W of Middlebelt, between 9 Mile and Grand River. Cleaning closets and cupboards of 30 years accumulation. Antiques and collectibles, furniture and so much more! 248-320-8774

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**FARMINGTON HILLS:** Multi family! Tons of stuff! Sat. & Sun. June 9th & 10th, 9-5pm. 22127 West Brandon, 9 Mile & Middlebelt.

**Farmington Hills- Woodbine**  
Sub-wide sale! 10 Mile Middlebelt. June 7-9th, 9-5pm. Lots of homes participating! Bdrm furn, tools & tons more!

**FARMINGTON:** Chatham Hills Sub Wide Sale. Thurs-Sat, June 7-9, 9am-5pm. S. of Grand River btwn. Drake & Halstead.

**GARDEN CITY:** 28912 Cambridge - Sofa, chairs, tables, twin sleeper sofa, office suite, misc. items. Thurs-Sat, June 7-9, 8am-5pm. 734-427-1905

**GARDEN CITY:** Moving out of state. Furniture, vintage stove, pressure washer, nice clothing, linens, decor, dishes, etc. 6/7-6/9, 10-4pm. 6542 Sunset St. btwn Middlebelt & Merriman, N. of Ford.

**GARDEN CITY:** Thurs-Sat, 9-5. Coke, M&M's, scrapbook case, clothes, housewares, books, ceiling fan, TVs, Longaberger 28469 Donnelly St. S. of Ford, W. of Harrison.

## Garage/Moving Sales

**LIVONIA - 7 Mile & Merriman.** Hidden Pines Annual Garage Sale. Something for everyone! June 8-10th, 9am-5pm.

**LIVONIA - DEER CREEK ANNUAL SUB SALE!**  
Fri-Sat, June 8-9, 9-4pm. Numerous homes open Thurs., June 7. Rain or Shine. 1/2 mi. W. of Farmington Rd., S. of 8 Mile, or N. of 7 Mi., W. of Gill.

**LIVONIA - SMB Estates Sub-Wide:** 22+ Homes. Off Yale, 1 mile W of Farmington, btwn 5 Mile & Schoolcraft. Thurs-Sat, June 7, 8, 9, 9-4pm.

**LIVONIA ANNUAL SUB SALE! BROOKWOOD ESTATES**  
ALMOST 100 HOMES 6 Mile & Merriman Sat-Sun, June 9-10th. Some sales start Friday Concessions

**LIVONIA BIG, QUALITY!**  
18643 Comstock - 6/7-6/9, 9-4pm. Gardening, Electronics, Kitchen, Camping, Furniture, Ladders, Books, Games, much more! S. of 7, E. of Newburgh.

**LIVONIA BROOKSIDE COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE - SAT-URDAY, JUNE 9, 9am-3pm**  
Farmington Rd., between 7/8 Mile. Small kitchen appliances, 80 gauge trains/accessories, bathroom cabinets, counter tops, sinks/faucets, lighting fixtures, washer/dryer, marble tables, furniture, baby clothing/toys, golf clubs/tools, household items, etc.

**LIVONIA**  
Garage Sale - Wide variety, many like new! Furniture, decor, tools, clothes, toys, electronics and more! June 7-9th, Thurs & Fri., 9am-4pm & Sat., 9am-1pm. 19200 Gary Lane, N. of 7 Mile.

**LIVONIA GARAGE SALE:**  
On Crown St., off Joy Rd btwn Wayne & Newburgh. June 7-9.

**LIVONIA HUGO Garage Sale** - June 7-9, 9am-5pm. 34544 Navin, between 7 & 8 Mile, W. of Gill. Antiques.

**LIVONIA**  
HUGE SUB SALE 40+ Homes - June 7/8/9 (Thurs-Fri-Sat) S. of Plymouth btwn Wayne & Levan. Furniture, Appliances, Tools, Antiques, Bikes, Lawnmowers, Golf Clubs, Longaberger, Party-Items, Drums, Jewelry & So Much More! The Best Sub Sale in Livonia!

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**LIVONIA- Multi-family sale!**  
Kid's bikes, riding toys, & car bed; exc. cond. Lots of other misc. 6/8 9-5pm, & 6/9 9-4pm. 11767 Rosellinda Dr. off Plymouth

**LIVONIA:** 36344 Fairway Dr. Golf Ridge Sub. 8 Mile & Newburgh. Thurs-Sat., 9am-4pm. 30 years! Furniture, household & auto parts.

**LIVONIA:** Collector, baseball cards, comic books, antiques, furniture, tons of jewelry, crystals, tools, Thurs-Sun. 9178 Pere, btwn Joy/Ann Arbor Rd

**NEW HUDSON:** Workshop of tools, all kinds, power wood-worker tools, yard tools, furniture & household goods. June 8 & 9th, 10-6pm. 30261 Grace-Rae, W. of Milford Rd off Pontiac Trl

**NORTHVILLE:** Huge Garage Sale! 9563 Currie Rd. All proceeds to Homeward Bound Pet Rescue League. Thurs-Sat, June 7-9, 9-5pm.

**NORTHVILLE TWP. GIGANTIC**  
Sub-Wide Garage Sale! Woodland South Condos, SW corner of Sheldon & 6 Mile. June 7, 8 & 9, 9-4pm.

**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.

**NORTHVILLE:** Garage Sale. Sat., June 9, 9am-3pm. 869 Pond Island Ct. Pheasant Hills Sub. N. of 8, E. of Beck. Sports equip, dishes, clothes, books.

**NORTHVILLE:** Huge Barn & Lawn Sale. Antiques, Collectibles & Flea Market Goods. Children's activities & Fairie Days Projects. Sat. June 9, 10-6. Sun. 6/10, 11-5. 48120 Eight Mile 248-349-0117

**NOVI - SUB SALE**  
Brianwood Village 10 Mile & Beck Rd. June 7, 8 & 9 9AM - 4PM

**NOVI GREENWOOD OAKS SUB GARAGE SALE** - W. of Beck, N. of 10 Mile. Thurs-Sat., June 7, 8, 9. Starting at 9am each day!

**NOVI:** June 9th, 9am-4pm ONLY! Over 20 Houses - Lochmoor Village/Abbey Hills, 11 Mile, E. of Beck. All baby/kids items & much more!

**NOVI Subdivision Garage Sale**  
June 7-10. Knightsbridge Gate Sub, off of Napier, between Grand River and 10 Mile.

**NOVI - Addington Park Sub**  
Sale, July 7-9, Thurs-Sat, 8-5pm. S. of 10 Mile, W. of Taft.

**NOVI:** Huge Garage Sale. 25511 Abbey Dr. S. of 11 Mile, E. of Beck. June 7-9, 9-3pm. Lots of house & kitchenware, framed pictures, decorative items, linens & DVD players.

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17701 Denby, btwn 6 & 7 Mile, E. of Inkster. Thurs-Sun. June 7th-June 11th, 9am-5pm. Lots of good stuff!

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Subdivision Garage Sale Thurs-Sat, June 7-9, 9-5pm. Orchard Edge Estates. Silver Lake & Pontiac Trail.

**WESTLAND DEERHURST CONDO ASSOC. SALE.**  
Central City Pkwy. Btwn Ford & Warren. Fri. June 8, Sat. June 9, 9-4pm.

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**WESTLAND MOVING SALE!!**  
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**WESTLAND- Community Sale**  
Abbey's of Westland Condos. S. of Ford Rd on Carlson Rd. 6/7-6/9, 9-4pm. Household, furniture, tools, misc & more!

**WESTLAND- Huge 5 family**  
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**WESTLAND-BIG SALE!** June 7-8, 9am-4pm. Furniture, house and baby items. 2128 N. Marie, W. of Newburgh, S. of Ford Rd. overpass.

**WESTLAND:** 36135 Traditions Dr., S. of Carlson, E. of Marquette. 6/7-6/9, 9-4pm. Longaberger, Hallmark, plus sized clothing & misc.

**WESTLAND: BROOKFIELD VILLAGE ASSOC. SUB SALE**  
June 7-8th, 9am-4pm. Located on Cherry Hill & John Hix Rd.

**WESTLAND:** Fri-Sun, 10-5pm. 35750 Glen St., off Wayne Rd. btwn Cherry Hill & Palmer. Lg size ladies clothing, toys, household goods, Texaco & Hess collectibles & TV animals.

**WESTLAND: Huge Barn Sale!**  
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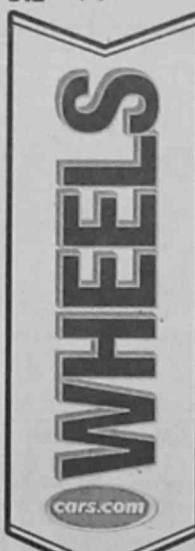
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