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Fireworks  
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Canton residents heading to Livonia for the Spree fireworks display have a chance to avoid all that Spree traffic.

The Madonna University athletics program again hosts a family friendly site to view the Livonia Spree fireworks on Sunday night, June 24. Representatives from the athletic department will be taking donations for parking in a great place to view the fireworks that would allow viewers to avoid the traffic snarls caused by Spree.

"You can watch the fireworks from your own car and then be on the road home minutes after they are complete," Madonna Athletic Director Bryan Rizzo said.

Madonna is located at the corner of Levan and I-96. Public restrooms will be available.

## Biggest loser

NBC's popular reality series *The Biggest Loser* is launching a 13-city cross country search to find new contestants for the next edition of the hit show. Individuals who have at least 85 pounds to lose are encouraged to apply for the new season, which will air in January.

The closest casting call point is from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 30, at the Gardner-White Furniture Store, 45300 Hayes in Macomb.

Casting producers are looking for charismatic individuals who have the desire to change their lives forever and vie for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to lose weight and compete for a grand prize of \$250,000. Candidates must be at least 18 years of age and legal residents of the United States. For those who are unable to attend a casting call, information on how to apply to the show and submit a video is available on [www.thebiggestlosercasting.com](http://www.thebiggestlosercasting.com).

Canton eyes fireworks ban  
except on U.S. holidaysBy Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

Canton revelers empowered by a new state law to set off more powerful fireworks are likely to face a local ban except for three-day periods around national holidays when Michigan lawmakers blocked such restrictions.

Citing concerns about fires, injuries and neighborhood noise, the Canton Township Board of Trustees reached a consensus

Tuesday evening to prohibit the use of Roman candles, bottle rockets and other fireworks that shoot into the air.

"I just have these visions of badly burned people and badly damaged property," Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin said.

Though a formal vote to ban the more powerful fireworks is pending, the seven-member board reached its consensus Tuesday during a study session. Canton is expected to join

a growing number of Michigan communities adopting restrictions.

The Grand Rapids City Commission enacted a ban Tuesday, the same night Canton engaged in talks centered on new fireworks legislation. The latest developments come after state legislators and Gov. Rick Snyder eased restrictions — a move supporters say will usher in millions of dollars in new revenue from licensing fees and sales taxes as

retailers cash in on the changes. Canton Deputy Fire Chief Joshua Meier said Canton already had one injury that required hospital care since the fireworks-easing law became effective this year.

Moreover, Meier cited U.S. statistics from the National Fire Prevention Association indicating that fireworks caused 15,500 fires — some of them to homes

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Dymond Harding entertains on Friday evening.



Richard Constantino prepares the pasta for the spaghetti dinner, sponsored by Canton Firefighters, during last weekend's Canton Liberty Fest.

World record tops 'bigger  
than ever' Liberty FestBy Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

See more Liberty Fest photographs — A6

Canton's 21st Liberty Fest, crowned Saturday by fireworks erupting over Heritage Park, has been deemed a rousing success and broke the Guinness World Record for the largest gathering of people dressed as the Statue of Liberty.

Jon LaFever, Canton Leisure Services recreation coordinator, cited "record crowds" and a festival that was "bigger than ever" as he estimated the three-day turnout at nearly 50,000 people.

Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner

reported "no major incidents" as festival goers descended on Heritage Park for carnival rides, a rainbow of entertainers and myriad activities for all ages.

Jeanette Williams, recreation specialist, said more than 700 people dressed in Statue of Liberty costumes during a gathering that coincided with 5K, 10K and one-mile races. Counting people who didn't dress up, the races drew 1,200 runners and walkers.

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## 'Garden' party

Retirement lets 'Z' make new career move

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer

For the first time in about 20 years, anyone looking for Bill Zolkowski come September is going to have to look somewhere other than inside a school building.

Zolkowski closed out the educational part of his career this month, when the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park dismissed classes for the last time. Stu-

dents will return in September. Zolkowski won't.

"Change has been a pretty consistent element in my life," said Zolkowski, for the last three years the Park's first and only park principal. "I've moved from career to career in kind of a planned way. It started to feel like it was time."

Plucked out of the South Redford schools three years ago to become the

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Now-former Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Principal Bill Zolkowski (left), who retired when the 2011-12 school year ended last week, moves into the hospitality industry with longtime friend Mark Hodesh.

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# RETIREMENT

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first principal to head all three high schools at the Park, Zolkowski leaves three years later ready to take on another challenge.

## Garden party

He will open Bill's Beer Garden in downtown Ann Arbor, hopefully sometime next month. The idea came around when longtime friend Mark

Hodesh suggested it during a dinner meeting a few months ago. "He threw out the idea for a beer garden," Zolkowski said. "It'll be a seasonal thing, and we'll feature Michigan-crafted beers."

He leaves behind a park he and other administrators feel is more united, more organized and more cohesive than it was when he got there. Before Zolkowski's arrival, each building had its own principal, and its own sys-

tem. The knock on it was a lack of sameness, a lack of system.

After bringing in a former state board of education official to consult on possible leadership models, the district decided on the park principal system and hired Zolkowski to be the man.

Dr. Jeremy Hughes is the consultant the district hired to develop the model. He later became the district's superintendent.

"The intent of that job was to restore a sense of unity to the Park some felt had been lost," Hughes said. "Bill definitely did that. He re-energized the phrase, 'Three schools, one Park.'"

## One Park

Zolkowski agrees. He said in the last few years, the Park's leadership team has standardized the curriculum and class offerings, established the same expectations for students in all three buildings, and unified most of the systems to put everyone on the same page.

"You go to any office in any of the schools, and you get the same answers to the same questions," Zolkowski said. "It didn't used to be that way."

While he's proud of the things the team — and he's quick to point out it was a complete team effort — accomplished, there are things Zolkowski wishes he had gotten done. At the top of the list, he said, is a "fair, consistent, rational grading policy."

While there is "a long list" of policy considerations centered around grading, the one Zolkowski finds grating is the idea of "averaging." He said the idea of including early low scores in a student's final grade hurts the student.

"The football team can have a crummy practice



Bill Zolkowski, who was the first park principal when he arrived three years ago, is leaving his educational career behind and opening a beer garden in downtown Ann Arbor.



Bill Zolkowski and Mark Hodesh hope to have their beer garden open in downtown Ann Arbor next month.

on Tuesday and Wednesday, get a little better on Thursday then win on Friday and we don't put an asterisk on the win because of those early bad practices," Zolkowski said. "In the classroom, however, a student who starts slowly has all of those early low grades averaged into the final mark, dragging down the final grade. Averaging is just one of many topics that are worthy of inclusion when discussing a progressive grading policy."

"A B should be a B should be a B, no matter whose algebra class you have," he added. "That is not the case for any school that has not tackled the issue consciously and aggressively."

## Into the future

That'll be an issue facing the new leadership

team (the district is going back to individual school principals at the three high schools). Zolkowski's issue will be growing his beer garden in downtown Ann Arbor, which he hopes to open in July. He said he knows little about the hospitality industry, though in an earlier life he spent some time with a wholesale/retail operation, importing for a retail store.

Still, the prospect doesn't frighten him. "Downtown Ann Arbor is such an exciting place ... to see where it is now and to have a chance to get back is exciting," Zolkowski said. "I'm not scared about it at all. It's a good feeling to be going to something, rather than running away from something."

He said his wife, Susan Hawley, who owns the Michigan Language Cen-

ter in Ann Arbor and teaches English to speakers of other languages, is excited for him.

"She knows it was time for me to make a change," Zolkowski said, and then smiled. "Frankly, she was a little afraid I'd just hang out at home."

He's at least partly right about that. Hawley said she never figured her energetic husband was much of a threat to sit around and do nothing.

"He's at the point where he needs to be doing something different," Hawley said. "He's got a lot of energy, and he needs to be around people. I think the beer garden is perfect for him."

While Zolkowski is excited at the opportunity that lies ahead, he's also a bit misty about the career he's leaving behind. "Sure I'm a little sad, although the transition hasn't given me much time to really think about it," he said. "Since I made the decision, almost every day I think of something I'm going to miss. There's sadness, but no regrets, and a lot of pride about what we accomplished."

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# Police say driver, victim knew each other

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

A Wyandotte suspect and the woman he is accused of hitting with a van after he dragged her out of the vehicle in Canton knew each other, Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said.

"They were acquaintances," he said.

The defendant, 38-year-old Brian Nadeau, is facing a June 22 preliminary exam in 35th District Court to determine whether he should face trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.



Nadeau

He has been charged with two counts of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder.

During an arraignment by video last Thursday, Nadeau was ordered jailed with a

Nadeau could face penalties ranging up to 10 years in prison and a \$5,000 fine, if convicted of injuring the woman and her 4-year-old daughter.

\$100,000 cash or surety bond set by 35th District Judge James Plakas.

Another judge, Ronald Lowe, is expected to hear testimony when Nadeau appears for his preliminary exam, unless the defendant chooses to waive the proceedings.

In setting Nadeau's bond, Plakas also ordered that he be placed on a GPS tether if he is released from jail. Such a tether allows authorities to know if defendants disregard warnings to stay away from their alleged victims, 35th District Court

Administrator Debra Kubitskey said.

Canton police had received a call to the 5760 area of Belleville Road, south of Michigan Avenue, after a 29-year-old woman was pulled out of a van and assaulted in front of a business, Schreiner said.

The woman was able to get the 4-year-old girl from the van before Nadeau is accused of getting back into the vehicle, intentionally hitting the female and injuring her as he drove away.

The child sustained a head injury during the incident.

"None of the injuries appeared to be immediately life-threatening," Schreiner said.

Nadeau is accused of fleeing the scene. However, police said he was later arrested in Detroit by members of the Western Wayne Community Response Team, which spotted the suspect and the van.

The woman, who was taken to a hospital for treatment, was alert and able to tell officers what had happened.

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# People International concert to benefit Canton arts

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer

Amy Wood could have as many as 20 people camping out on the living room floor of her Canton home for a week in July, but she's not too concerned about it.

If it happens, it'll mean a successful annual conference for her chapter of People International, the non-profit group which promotes a lifestyle with a "strong moral base" for which she's the national coordinator.

People International (PII) rotates the location of its annual conference, and this year is Canton's turn.

PII strongly believes in what the group calls "Four Absolutes": Unselfishness, Honesty, concerned Love and Self-discipline. The group promotes the kind of lifestyle that incorporates all four ideals.

"For a lot of members, it has become a safe place," said Amy Wood, whose husband, Ken, is

## DETAILS

**What:** People International annual conference

**When:** July 7-14; final concert July 13

**Where:** St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon in Canton; final concert is at Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.

**How much:** Conference is \$275 (open to the public); tickets to the performance are \$15 for adults, \$12 for kids and seniors 60 and older.

**How to help:** Donations are welcome if you can't attend the conference or the performance.

**Contact:** Amy Wood, (734) 748-3828 or email amymilligan@comcast.net

also a member. "We don't care about background. We're accepting of everyone."

In addition to the metro Detroit group, PII has chapters in Richmond, Va., Allentown, Pa., and Kent, Ohio.



People International will perform at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill July 13 at the end of the group's week-long conference in Canton.

According to the Woods, PII was born out of the ashes of the "Sing Out" movement, which died out in the late 1990s.

Ken Wood, a Dearborn Heights native, was a member of the Sing Out Dearborn group from 1987-1990, and remembers it as a favorite time of his life.

Sing Out was the "cool" thing to do, with casts as big as 100 people for a program that eventually became a sort of "feeder" program for PII. Ken Wood said PII reminds him of his childhood time spent in Sing Out Dearborn. The conference transports the Dearborn

Heights native back in time.

"For me, it's like spending a week as a teenager again," said Wood, who pointed out three-fourths of his wedding party were people he met in PII. "I've made a lot of friends from PII."

Planning for the conference started around Thanksgiving, when the conference director and the performance director were chosen. The conference, being staged at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton, runs much like a retreat. Between rehearsals for the final performance, attendees take part in workshops,

team- and self-esteem-building exercises and other activities.

The end-of-conference performance will feature artists with varying degrees of experience, ranging from the professional (including a couple of opera singers) to the amateurs who've never set foot on a stage before.

The show is choreographed, though "we don't make the choreography too crazy," said Carol Milligan of St. Clair Shores, Amy Wood's mother and a member of PII.

Because people are taking time off from work and often can't afford hotel rooms for a week, Amy Wood said her living room often resembles a campground during the PII conference.

"It's not uncommon for me to have 20 people sleeping in my house," she said. "Some of them just don't have that much money."

While they're in town, PII members will sing the National Anthem at the

Detroit Tigers game July 8 at Comerica Park. It'll be their third time at bat for that.

"It's a rush to stand at home plate and sing," Milligan said. "It's so big and so vast, and there are so many people."

The Woods are hoping to generate some new members from the conference, which she encourages people from the community to attend. The group, she said, could use an infusion of youth.

"We need our group to grow," she said. "I'm the youngest in our group right now, and I'm 40. We need some youth to sustain ourselves."

Proceeds from the final performance will benefit the Canton Partnership for the Arts & Humanities.

"It's a very generous thing for them to do," said Jill Engel, the partnership's executive director. "I'm really looking forward to seeing their show."

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Canton Police say this heavily clothed woman who allegedly robbed the Credit Union Family Service Center in Canton is believed to remain at large.

## Police seek robbery suspect

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

A heavily clothed woman who allegedly robbed the Credit Union Family Service Center in Canton is believed to remain at large and is being sought by township authorities, Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said Monday.

Police have released a photo of the suspect, though Schreiner noted the woman was heavily clothed and apparently tried to conceal her identity by wearing a hat, a hoodie, sunglasses and gloves.

"She was very well-concealed," he said.

The incident happened just before 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 13, at the Credit Union Family Service Center, 5810 N. Sheldon. The woman didn't reveal a weapon.

"It was a woman, and

there was no weapon implied," Schreiner said. "She produced a note demanding money."

The suspect is believed to have been a young adult female, though witnesses couldn't provide much additional information because the woman wore so much clothing and accessories.

"We're still looking for tips," Schreiner said.

Anyone who has information is asked to call the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400.

Anonymous tips for a possible cash reward also may be made by calling Crime Stoppers of Michigan at (800) SPEAK-UP, going to [www.1800.speak-up.org](http://www.1800.speak-up.org) or texting CSM and the tip to 274637, or CRIMES.

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### Cell phone swiped

**1** A man who allegedly admitted he went to the Canton Crossings apartment complex to buy \$20 in marijuana told police he was robbed of his cell phone after two suspicious men approached him.

The incident occurred about 10:15 p.m. Sunday, a police report said.

The alleged victim initially told police he had gone to the Crossings, southeast of I-275 and Joy Road, to meet a friend when he was approached by two black males. He described one alleged suspect as 6 feet tall, thin with an athletic build wearing a black hoodie, dark shorts and white socks and shoes. He said the second man was 6 feet tall with a medium build and wearing a white T-shirt and black cargo pants.

He told police one of the suspects hit him on the left side of the face with a closed fist and knocked him to the ground. He said the suspect demanded money and his phone.

The police report said the alleged victim had a small pocket knife, which he said he used for work. The report indicated one arrest was made of the alleged assailant.

### Controlled substance

**2** A police officer in the CVS parking lot at Haggerty and Palmer began trailing a driver who allegedly failed to stop for a flashing red light. The driver was taken into custody for suspicion of driving while under the influence of a controlled substance.

### CRIME WATCH



The incident happened about 12:40 a.m. Friday. A police report indicated the white Chrysler 300 was stopped on Haggerty south of Singh Drive and that the driver had no picture identification or paperwork for the vehicle.

Police noticed a pair of brass knuckles in the center console area, and the driver allegedly told an officer he didn't know the weapon was illegal. A police report indicated he had slurred speech and failed sobriety tests, and he had Xanax he said was his girlfriend's. Police allegedly found other pills under the seat of the car — pills the driver said were for back pain.

Police got a search warrant and took the driver to Oakwood Canton for a blood test. The information was being forwarded to the detective bureau for follow-up.

### Coke possession

**3** Canton police arrested a man wanted on a warrant for cocaine possession during a traffic stop that occurred about 11:50 p.m. Monday at Michigan Avenue and Hannan, a police report said.

An officer stopped the driver of a 1997 Chevro-

let C1500 after doing a background check on the license plate while the truck was at the McDonald's at Michigan Avenue and Lotz Road.

The information revealed the owner was wanted by the Wayne County Sheriff's Office for the cocaine warrant, the police report said.

The suspect was taken into custody as local authorities made arrangements to turn him over to Wayne County officials.

### Liquor stolen

**4** A suspect was arrested amid allegations he stole 10 bottles of liquor from the Meijer store at Ford and Canton Center roads, a police report said.

Police received a call about the alleged theft about 2:45 a.m. June 13.

A police report said an employee had seen the suspect loading liquor into a backpack, leaving the store and driving off in a maroon car east on Ford.

An alert police officer spotted the vehicle on Cherry Hill east of Sheldon and stopped it. Police not only nabbed the suspect accused of taking the stolen liquor, but a female in his car was taken into custody for an

outstanding warrant out of Inkster for a traffic offense.

The liquor was returned to Meijer.

### Retail fraud

**5** An employee of the Marshalls store on Ford Road east of Lilley notified police after noticing a female employee allegedly taking clothing into a fitting room and leaving with an item concealed in her pants, a police report said.

The suspect then went to a store counter, but only to cash her payroll check.

Police received the call about 3:10 p.m. Monday, prompting an investigation that led to the employee receiving a citation for embezzling over \$100 in merchandise.

The suspect allegedly admitted she had taken a pair of sunglasses, a hat and a T-shirt, the police report said. She told authorities she couldn't afford to actually buy the merchandise because she was in trouble with Eastern Michigan University police and owed court fees, the report said.

### Home invasion

**6** A Canton man returning to his mother's vacant home in the 8600 block of Holly, southeast of Joy and Haggerty, contacted police after he noticed the doors had been forced open, a police report said.

Police received the call about 6 p.m. Monday. However, it appeared no damage had been done to the house and nothing was missing, the report said.

The home has been up for sale.

### Failure to appear

**7** Canton police arrested a man around 11 p.m. Friday at Heritage Park, where Liberty Fest was happening. A police report indicated the man was wanted for an outstanding warrant out of Delta County for failing to appear in court for a third offense of operating a vehicle while impaired.

### Funny money

**8** Police went to Sam's Club on Ford Road east of Lotz after an employee noticed what appeared to be a counterfeit \$20 among a payment of \$7,500 in cash that a man had made last Thursday.

The employee indicated the store had never had a problem with the man and believes he may not have known the counterfeit bill was among the money.

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The City of Plymouth has scheduled and will be conducting the Accuracy Testing for the Optical Scan Voting Equipment, as well as the Hearing Impaired Equipment, for the Presidential Primary Election to be held on TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2012. The testing is scheduled for FRIDAY, JUNE 29, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

This is an open testing session and any interested person is encouraged to attend. Election Source will be conducting the testing to assure that the voting equipment has been programmed appropriately.

If there are any questions, please direct them to the City Clerk's office at 734-453-1234, ext. 234. The Plymouth Cultural Center is in compliance with the American Disabilities Act and is handicapped accessible.

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## LIBERTY

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Williams said the event far outpaced any other gathering for the most people dressed as a national monument.

"We're just finalizing everything with the Guinness Book of World Records," she said.

LaFever reported no serious glitches during Liberty Fest. Even the heat didn't seem to take too much of a toll on the festival crowds.

"We had two medical calls all weekend, despite the heat," LaFever said, citing one sprained ankle and one heat-related issue.

The Canton Firefighters Local 2289 Charity Foundation sold 891 spaghetti meals in less than three hours Friday evening, Fire Capt. Ron Battani said.

"We did good," he said, saying the event raised about \$7,000 and outpaced sales of recent years that had faced challenging weather.

Much of the money will go to the wife and two young children of the late Canton firefighter Ryan Swick, who in May lost his battle with cancer.



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Five-year-old Benjamin Pryor of Canton, and his mom Karen finish up the 5K run with smiles on their faces.

"The firemen here take a lot of care in what they do," Battani said.

In one of the more surprising moments of Liberty Fest, a large crowd of dancers suddenly broke into a choreographed routine to the song *Holding Out For A Hero* during a flash mob performance about 7:40 p.m. Saturday near the amphitheater.

"It was great, and everybody was really surprised," said Kaya Dobson, a Canton event coordinator and flash mob participant.

"It seemed like everybody really enjoyed it."

In a nod to Liberty Fest's theme of celebrating community heroes, some dancers donned costumes representing superheroes such as Batman and Spider-Man.

The political season made an appearance, too, as some candidates mingled among the crowds seeking votes for local races.

Overall, Liberty Fest was called upbeat by those

attending, though they had different reasons.

Some, like Canton resident Matthew Pucci, lauded "the family environment, the entertainment and all the activities," while his son, Matthew Pucci Jr., came to "talk to girls and ride rides."

Whatever the motivation, the festival seemed to please, LaFever said. "It was a very smooth year."

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## FIREWORKS

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and vehicles — in 2010. Those fires resulted in eight reported deaths, 60 injuries and \$36 million in property damage.

That same year, 8,600 people sought help in hospital emergency rooms for fireworks-related injuries.

Local officials say the move to restrict fireworks isn't intended as punitive. Rather, they called it a safety issue.

Township Attorney Kristin Kolb, who is fine-tuning a proposed ordinance, said Canton cannot ban the fireworks the day before, after or on national holidays, including New Year's Day; Martin Luther King Jr. Day; the third Monday in January; George Washington's birthday, observed the third Monday in February; Memorial Day; the Fourth of July; Labor Day; Columbus Day, the second Monday in October; Veterans Day, Nov. 11; Thanksgiving; and Christmas.

However, township officials have asked Kolb to research whether Canton could place time restric-

tions even on those holidays, such as potentially banning fireworks for a nine-hour period starting at 1 a.m. Local leaders asked Kolb to clarify whether noise and nuisance ordinances might allow the provisions.

In another development, the township board indicated it likely would allow the more powerful fireworks for events such as weddings and cultural celebrations, though such a move could potentially require users to get a permit and have the Canton Fire Department inspect proposed locations.

Kolb, meanwhile, offered a reminder of certain aspects of the new fireworks law. It's illegal to set off fireworks while consuming alcohol and consumers can only light fireworks on their own property or, with permission, someone else's property.

They cannot set off fireworks on public property.

Canton Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner has said anyone who suspects illegal fireworks activity should call Canton police at (734) 394-5423.

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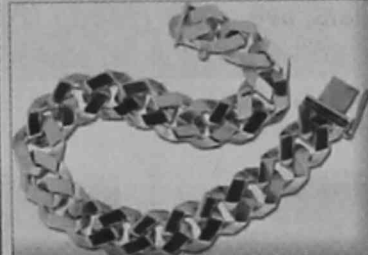
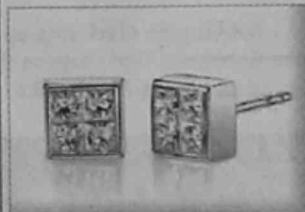
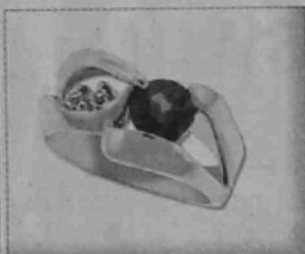
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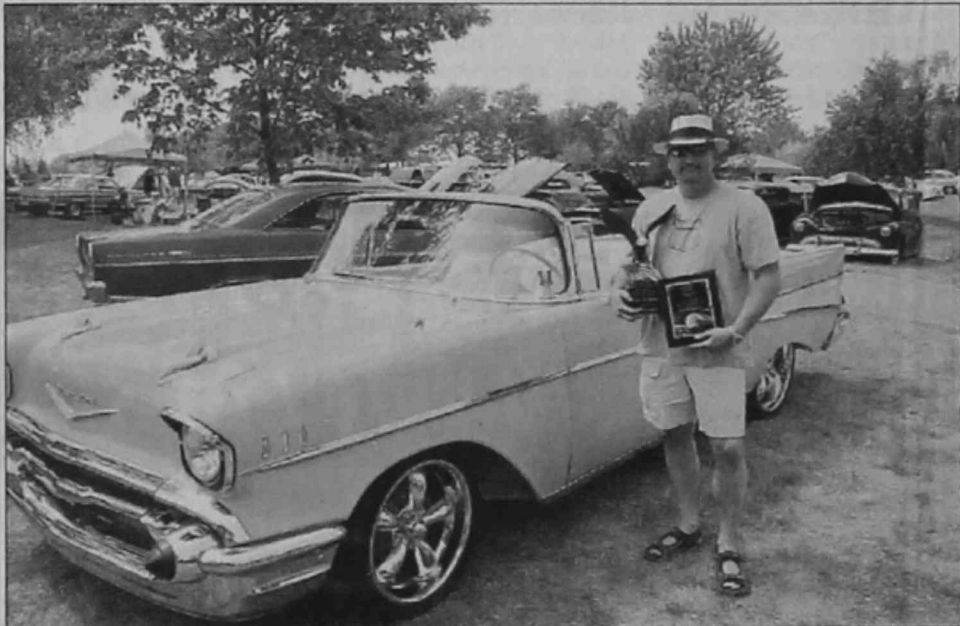
A 'flash mob' breaks out while the next band gets ready to go on stage.



Canton resident Bill Trank looks on the list of people who lost their lives on the 9/11 Memorial at the Canton Fire Station.



Liberty Fest draws a Friday night crowd.



Stan Cole of Plymouth wins among many awards, Best in Show for his mint 1957 Chevy Bel Air.



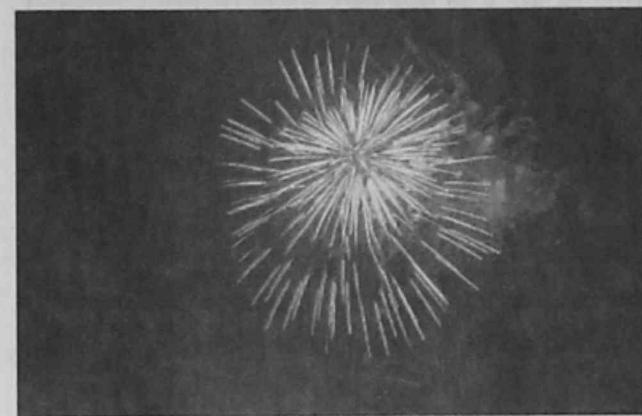
Magician Eugene Clark sets up the old "Where's The Magic Scarf?" trick with 11-year-old Silvia Gonzalez. Silvia was at the Liberty Fest with Mom, Silvia, Dad Ruben and brother Alejandro, who is 7 years old.



Elisa Quinn (with mom Saki) of Canton puts the finishing touches on her heart basket provided by Home Depot. They had nearly 400 kids build various wood projects on Saturday.



Chung Do Kwan Tae Kwon Do demonstrates on Friday evening.



As always, the fireworks were one of the highlights of the Liberty Fest.



Bethany Grysko, of D and M Art in Canton, demonstrates how Jackson Pollock might have painted if he had a squirt gun.



# Better Business Bureau warns against Canton business

Consumers from across the country have contacted the Better Business Bureau (BBB) Serving Detroit & Eastern Michigan alleging poor business practices against the Outdoor Fun Store including failure to ship products, shipping incorrect items, and failure to refund money for items not received. All complainants have indicated they made numerous

attempts in writing and by phone to contact the company but have not been successful in reaching company representatives. One complainant is The Osage Nation from Pawhuska, Okla., who ordered equipment from the Outdoor Fun Store to be used by a tribal family preservation unit that helps tribal families in crisis. The tribe contacted WDIV's

"Ruth to the Rescue" producers and the BBB for help.

"We made two payments totaling \$6,578.44, but have not received any of the playground equipment. We have made numerous calls and sent a demand letter which have all have gone unanswered. The money for the equipment was originally federal grant funds; therefore, the Osage Nation

had to reimburse the grant with its own funds. We are hoping that WDIV and the Better Business Bureau can help us recoup our money," said Clint Patterson, assistant attorney general, Osage Nation.

Another complainant also contacted WDIV's "Ruth to the Rescue" producers about her purchase of play-scape accessories that she never received despite

phone calls, e-mails and an in-person visit to the store. However, after this WDIV report, she was refunded her money, while other complaints have yet to be resolved.

Following the WDIV report, the BBB reopened all complaints and contacted the owner via certified mail. To date, the company has not responded to any complaints and currently

has an "F" rating on their BBB Business Review.

The BBB warns buyers to be wary of doing business with the Outdoor Fun Store until they have shown good faith in responding to and resolving all customer complaints. The business in question is based in Canton and operates at the following address: Outdoor Fun Store, 8551 Ronda Drive, Canton 48187.



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# Analyzing expenses is first step to budgeting

**By Rick Bloom**  
Guest Columnist

It's hard to believe that we're just about half-way done with 2012. Before you know it, we'll be talking about year-end tax planning. That being said, this is a great time of year to take a step back and review how you are doing and to see if any adjustments are needed.

One area that everyone needs to pay attention to is expenses. In most situations, there's not much that we can do when it comes to revenue. However, there are things to do when it comes to



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

keeping expenses under control. The first step to controlling expenses is to know what they are. I recommend that at least a few times a year, everyone itemize expenses so that they know exactly what they are. You can't make adjustments on the expense side unless you know what you are spending. Although it would be

nearly impossible to account to the penny, you should be able to itemize the great portion (95 percent) of your expenses. If you can't, you have a problem. Only after you itemize can you analyze the information to know what you can reduce.

In analyzing expenses, some things to consider include shopping around for homeowner's and automobile insurance. If you haven't done it in a while, it's time. We live in a competitive world. We might as well let competition work in our favor.

Another way to reduce expenses is to consider

refinancing your home. Interest rates are at a record low. If you have a 5- or 6-percent mortgage, you may be able to refinance and reduce your housing cost. Of course, if you are going to refinance, pay close attention to fees. Not all mortgage companies are the same when it comes to fees. Some companies have reasonable fees, while the only way you can describe other fee structures is excessive.

Successful businesses have one thing in common — they are always looking at ways to reduce costs. Individuals need to do the same.

Obviously, there are some costs that we cannot control. However, you'd be surprised how many costs you can do something about.

Determining what it costs to live for a month is one of the most important numbers to help plan your financial future. Knowing if you have enough money to retire is based upon this number. It's not a number that you calculate once. It's a number that you recalculate at least a couple of times a year.

If your expenses are going up and your revenue is not keeping pace, you could have a prob-

lem. You don't want to face the problem when you have no alternatives. You want to deal with the problem while you still have options. There's nothing worse than running into a financial problem and having no options. One way to prevent that is to always have a handle on your expenses. Good luck!

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

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## WSU hosts Saturday Tech Fair

The Wayne State University Moving-Media film celebration announces its third consecutive year in partnership with the Detroit-Windsor International Film Festival. The DWIFF is one of America's cutting edge film festivals and is dedicated to showcase the newest and most diverse voices of independent film.

The festival kicked off Wednesday with a reception in the Kresge Court at the Detroit Institute of

Arts, with keynote speakers including Sam Kadi, Elliot Wilhelm, Carrie Jones and Beauty Queen director Anna Fleury, who presented her new film.

The Tech-Fair takes place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 23, at State Hall on the campus of Wayne State University. It will feature film industry pros such as Daniel Philips, Wayne McLean, Jeff Jantz and producer Charles Cirgen-ski.

Gary Cendrowski will speak on "Live Streaming" and Raymond Rolak will address his recent film project along with the importance of wardrobe conservation. Cendrowski is a veteran post-production specialist in computer, audio and video special effects.

Rolak, who participated in and helped showcase "Get A Job" last year at the DWIFF, will present a follow up on the journeys of the award winning comedy.

Part of the mission of Wayne State's College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts is to carry on the tradition and leadership of great filmmaking practices.

"For the first time in Moving-Media history, we have decided to offer a high school category," said Kelly Gottesman, WSU Moving-Media's coordinator.

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## Firm's family fun kicks off summer

More than 1,200 Canton-area families kicked off summer by enjoying RepairClinic.com's free afternoon of fun at the company's Canton headquarters.

Attendees got their photograph taken with the No. 11 FedEx race car, toured Canton Township fire and rescue trucks and enjoyed free food, ice cream, a moonwalk, slide, obstacle course, face painting, balloon twisting and more. The company also held a drawing for Michigan International Speedway tickets as well as yard equipment.

Outdoor power equipment manufacturers Kawasaki and Pace also participated in the event with popular yard care



RepairClinic.com's family fun day included tours of Canton Township Fire Department facilities and equipment.

products on hand for demonstrations.

RepairClinic.com, based in Canton since its founding in 1999, threw the event as an expression of appreciation to community families for their longtime support of

the company. RepairClinic.com, the trusted online store with replacement parts for major household appliances and outdoor power equipment, sells nationally but also has a storefront at its Canton headquarters.

### CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Scholarship winner

Michael Robertson, a Home Health Aide at United Home Health Services, was recently awarded the 2012 Michigan Home Health Association/Kitch Drutchas Wagner Valitutti & Sherbrook Allied Health Scholarship Award. This award encourages students to pursue health care disciplines and helps ensure an adequate supply of health care professionals to meet the future needs of the industry.

After receiving his education degree from U of M-Dearborn, Robertson taught in an elementary school for three years but realized this was not what he was called to do. He became interested in rehabilitation and health care after he sustained a knee injury and had to go through a long and painful rehab process himself.

He thus decided to become a physical therapy assistant. As a stepping stone to this goal, Robertson received his home health aide training from Washtenaw Community College and began his employment with United.

"As a home health aide I found my niche in the world," Robertson said. "I have a natural ability to anticipate my clients'/patients' needs. I have gained the reputation for being able to work with clients who have difficult behavior issues due to their dementia."

Robertson was presented with the \$2000 award at the annual Michigan Home Health Association Conference in Traverse City May 24.

#### Cancer fight

Now through July 1, Canton-area HomeGoods shoppers will have the opportunity to support cancer care and research while shopping at the off-price home fashions retailer. More than 200 HomeGoods stores nationwide will be participating in the 12th annual HomeGoods "Helps Families Fight Cancer" campaign benefiting the Jimmy Fund, which supports pediatric and adult cancer care and research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston, Mass.

HomeGoods customers can participate by making a \$1, \$5, or \$10 contribution at the register to "Help Families Fight Cancer" with 100 percent of the proceeds benefiting Dana-Farber. New to this year's program, customers also have the opportunity to purchase a reusable shopping bag featuring artwork by a Jimmy Fund Clinic pediatric patient for 99 cents. HomeGoods will contribute 50 cents for each bag purchased to the Jimmy Fund.

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Amy Gil, Finance/IT Coordinator, President Penny Rhein, scholarship winner Michael Robertson and director of social work and service coordinator Angie Muscat celebration Robertson's scholarship win.

ing this disease," said Suzanne Fountain, director of the Jimmy Fund.

#### Dental selection

The Delta Dental Foundation has recently elected its 2012 corporate members to serve a one-year term for the organization.

Canton endodontist Todd V. Ester was among the members chosen.

Corporate members are responsible for selecting the Foundation's board of trustees for the 2013 year.

The Delta Dental Foundation is a non-profit, charitable organization established in 1980, which serves as the philanthropic arm of Delta Dental of Michigan. The foundation's goals are to support education and research for the advancement of dental science, and to promote the oral health of the public through education and service activities, particularly for those with special needs. For more information, visit [www.deltadentalmi.com/ddf](http://www.deltadentalmi.com/ddf).

#### Barbeque bash

Tim & Sally's hosts Famous Tim's first Barbeque Bash 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, June 23 at Tim & Sally's Smokehouse & Grill, 4171 S. Canton Center in Canton.

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#### Warehouse space

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Christian E. Hill, Principal represented the purchaser in this transaction.

## Wireless Bluetooth: boombox reinvented

By Jon Gunnells  
Guest Columnist

Remember when portable music was carrying a boombox over your head at the beach? I don't (I'm not that old). More than two decades later, we finally have a better option for portable music than lugging a stereo full of D batteries.

Wireless Bluetooth speakers are a terrific way to take music wherever you go — without the need for cords, packs of batteries or even a wi-fi signal. With Bluetooth-capable speakers, music lovers can stream music from any device — a desktop computer, tablet or smartphone.

As you can imagine, the electronic stores and big box retailers are full of portable speakers, stereos, iPod docks and more. You can cut through all of the confusing choices by figuring out what functions you want in a stereo or portable speaker.

If you simply want to dock your smartphone or MP3 player in your home, a docking system or even a stereo system and an RCA cable might be for you. But if you're looking for music on the patio, or on the go with your tablet, your best bet may be to skip the plug and play speakers and go completely wireless.

Wireless units are available in all price ranges from about \$40 to \$60 for Logitech speakers up to \$399 for impressive Bose or Jambox devices.



Tech Savvy

Jon Gunnells

#### Best devices

It's no surprise that the best devices on the market are the most expensive. The

industry leader is the Jawbone Big Jambox device, which acts as a wireless speaker and speakerphone and can play for up to 15 hours of continuous music. The Jawbone Big Jambox also has a built-in lithium battery that can be recharged and played through a USB cable or wall outlet.

The 2.7-pound Big Jambox can connect via Bluetooth from devices up to 33 feet away. Jawbone also makes a smaller version that retails for \$199. It offers the same features and functionality, but with smaller speakers, less bass and lower top volumes.

For those who don't want to break the bank on one speaker, there are a variety of other options available. iSound offers a line of speakers called the Twist that has a similar 33-foot Bluetooth range, a lithium battery and speakerphone options. It retails for less than \$75. The one drawback of the Twist speaker is that it only plays for five hours, much less than the Jawbone Big Jambox. However, five-hour continuous play is standard within the industry.

Now that you know about a few speakers at a variety of price ranges, you must decide how you will play your music. You can always play songs directly from your mobile device hard drive. So if your iTunes catalog is loaded up on your phone or tablet or even in the cloud, you can listen to any of your music at anytime.

Whenever you have a wireless signal, you can even stream music through apps such as Pandora, Grooveshark and Spotify Premium.

Portable speakers are also compatible with more than just music. A powerful unit like a Bose speaker can be used as a makeshift soundbar to complement a TV — although at that price, you could just buy a soundbar that plugs in.

The speakers can also be used to add some more surround sound for streaming movies through Netflix, Amazon Prime, Hulu or just YouTube videos.

If you are interested in a portable speaker to replace your iPod dock or even 1980s stereo, you can visit ABC Warehouse, which offers a variety of speakers compatible with all of your electronic devices.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Yes on DIA tax

## Benefits to taxpayers, region worth the cost

Residents of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties will vote Aug. 7 on a proposed property tax to help fund the Detroit Institute of Arts.

The proposal — 0.2 mills for 10 years — would cost the owner of a \$150,000 home about \$15 annually over the next decade.

We recommend voters approve it because of the direct benefits to themselves and the Metro Detroit area.

While no one likes to pay more in property taxes, the amount is relatively small.

Residents in the counties that approve the tax would receive free general admission to the museum. Admission is \$24 for two adults and two children so the tax would be a savings for families that visit the DIA just once a year.

Plus, community outreach and programs for seniors would be expanded and field trips for schools would be free. Also, some money would be available to help schools pay for transportation to and from the museum.

Tri-county residents are being asked to approve the tax because they are the ones who use the museum the most. They make up the majority of ticket buyers, 38 percent in Wayne, 28 percent in Oakland and 12 percent in Macomb.

Without the tax, the DIA may be forced to close selected galleries on weekdays, and eliminate school tours and community outreach programs. The DIA receives no state, county or city funding. It has been relying on the private sector to make up the shortfall in its \$25 million operating budget, something it can't do long term. Raising admission prices won't help because admissions make up just 3 percent of the DIA's revenue. To raise prices high enough to cover the annual operating gap would make the cost to visit the museum prohibitive.

The DIA is one of the top six comprehensive fine arts museums in the United States, up there with The Metropolitan Museum in New York, the Chicago Institute of Fine Arts and the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. It attracts visitors and potential future residents from around the world.

According to ArtServe, a statewide nonprofit that advocates for the arts, for every \$1 that is invested in nonprofit arts and cultural groups, \$51 is pumped back into the Michigan economy.

The DIA employs 282 people who pay taxes and support local businesses. In 2011-12, the DIA spent \$7.1 million on vendor goods and services — \$4.3 million in Wayne County, \$2.3 million in Oakland and \$415,000 in Macomb.

Visitors spend money on local restaurants and shops.

The DIA has been fiscally responsible. It cut staffing by 20 percent in 2009, more than 60 full- and part-time positions, and reduced its operating budget by \$9 million. It currently has no debt.

Each county that approves the tax would have an authority to oversee how the money collected is spent — \$10 million in Oakland, \$8 million in Wayne and \$5 million in Macomb. The authority members would be appointed by the county commissioners and executives in each county, which would also have contracts with the DIA.

Voters in at least two of the three counties must approve the ballot proposal or the DIA will have to start severely cutting programs and services.

It would be a shame to let a jewel like the DIA slowly fade from existence, especially when the benefits to taxpayers and the metropolitan area far outweigh the cost.

Vote yes on the DIA ballot proposal Aug. 7.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### What is your favorite summertime activity?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"I go outdoor hiking."  
**Wayne Zechiel**  
Canton



"Swimming and biking."  
**Debby Leggieri**  
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"Reading outside."  
**Nancy Middlestead**  
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"I like the jazz concerts (along Ford Road)."  
**Joannette Belser**  
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## LETTERS

### Open swim

I read with interest Michael Henry's letter regarding people using the pool during open swim. He apparently had signed his child up for swim classes during this time and did not like the fact that other people were in the pool.

New parents seem to be obsessed with looking at every stranger as a threat to their children. First of all, over 99 percent of people are not a threat. They are also citizens that have every right to be in the pool during open swim. I agree that parents need to watch their children, but they should not be able to trample the rights of others using public facilities.

If parents are so paranoid, they need to rent a private pool where others are not allowed, hire both life and security guards, pat down all parents and children arriving for the class like at the airport, and have their class.

It is the parents' responsibility to supervise their children, not expect

the other 99 percent to get out of their way.

**Peg Robichaud**  
Canton

### Keep the secretaries

As a member of the community for over 30 years and a Plymouth-Canton Schools retired elementary secretary with nearly 28 years of service, I would like to address the issue of privatization of a school secretary.

I know full well the demands that are made of the secretary's position — building finances (petty cash, budgets), maintaining confidential student records (educational and medical), distribution of student medications, medical emergencies, principal's confidential correspondence, staff payroll, maintaining staff confidential records, staff and building purchase orders, (and my favorite) "holding down the fort" in the principal's absence, and countless other responsibilities.

And speaking of "holding down the fort" ... Would the district be absolved of any legal responsibilities

regarding any issues that arise due to a non-district employee's incompetence and/or error?

You only need to spend a day or two in a school office to witness the everyday events to understand the responsibilities a secretary faces each and every day that go well beyond the duties of a "clerical assistant."

Staff come and go, administrators sometimes come and go. The one stabilizing factor in a building is its secretary. A secretary knows what needs to be done, when it needs to be done and then gets it done.

You may ask yourself, "Why should she care, she's retired!" I care because I know how important a secretary is to her administrator, staff and the children and parents she services. It could very well be compared to removing fine oil from a smooth-running machine and replacing it with water and expecting the same result. It won't work. To outsource this position is to do an egregious disservice.

**Sonia S. Culver**  
Canton

## STAFF COLUMN

# Trail Friends help turn no-man's land into recreation space

**W**ater bottles and hamburger wrappers are tossed out the car window, the remains of exploded tires, propelled by the currents of 75 mph-plus traffic, make their way to the freeway embankment, and vines, weeds and long grass everywhere encroach on what should be a presentable public space.



**Matt Jachman**

Vast stretches of roadside no-man's land are one of the byproducts of urban sprawl, and caring for such acreage, never a priority, is at the bottom of the list when state and local governments are faced with dwindling resources, growing needs and persistent antitax sentiment.

Anyway, who cares? Hurrying from one destination to the next, focused on the traffic ahead and (sometimes) the latest high-tech gadgets, background becomes a blur and ugliness breeds indifference — and then more ugliness.

The Friends of the I-275 Metro Trail care.

The Friends is a nonprofit that maintains and advocates for the bicycling and pedestrian trail that roughly follows I-275 in Oakland and Wayne counties, including Plymouth and Canton townships, Livonia and Northville. Formed a few years back when a portion of the trail was widened and resurfaced by the Michigan Department of Transportation, the group includes cyclists and walkers who regularly use the trail, and is hitting its stride — pun intended — with new plans for twice-a-month volunteer trail-grooming events.

In addition to keeping a large public space clean, the group is promoting the recreational and social use of what would otherwise be a wasteland of overgrown buffer zones and unsightly freeway sound barriers. (I would question why runners, walkers and cyclists should be relegate-

## MORE CLEANING

The next Friends of the I-275 Metro Trail cleanup is 6:30 to 9 p.m. today, June 21, on the section just north of Eight Mile. Volunteers will meet on the trail or in the parking lot of the Meijer at Eight Mile and Haggerty. Bring clippers, pruners, loppers, scythes, rakes and brooms; work gloves, eye protection and appropriate clothing (poison ivy is a concern) are recommended. For more information, call Dave Duffield at (248) 994-3074 or visit the Friends of the I-275 Metro Trail on Facebook.

ed to the side of a noisy, soulless freeway, but maybe that's another column. And, anyway, the more scenic, and serene, Hines Park is not far off.)

I joined a dozen Friends on a recent evening as they trimmed grass and weeds, cut down vines and pruned low-hanging branches along the pathway between Ann Arbor Road and Ann Arbor Trail. There were founding Friends members as well as newcomers who had heard about the cleanup and wanted to do their part.

"It beats sitting home doing nothing," said Jan Bates of Westland, who was on the trail for the first time. "And it's better for you."

Things started slowly as the volunteers with loppers, rakes, power trimmers and other tools began their work near Ann Arbor Road. But workers soon found a rhythm, and before long, trimmers were moving steadily northward, leaving others in their wake sweating over rakes and brooms.

Later, filled yard-waste bags were carted and carried to each end of the trail segment for pickup by Plymouth Township crews; in about two hours, the distance to Ann Arbor Trail had nearly been covered. Cyclists, walk-



**Diane Bancroft** of Friends of the I-275 Metro Trail gives instructions to cleanup volunteers before they headed out to work on the segment of the trail north of Ann Arbor Road.

ers and runners passed every so often, and two or three offered thanks or encouragement.

"It's a lot of work to keep a trail nice," said Diane Bancroft, the Friends president, a Canton resident who is often on the trail with her bike or her dog, Jake.

The Friends' efforts to cut back vegetation on the trail had previously been limited to periodic MDOT-sponsored highway cleanup days. Shorter but more frequent efforts, Bancroft and the Friends hope, will make the overall task a little easier; earlier in the spring, the group held several litter pickup events, collecting, Bancroft said, 55 bags of trash accumulated during the winter.

The group is responsible for some 34 miles of trail, she said, and has a core of about two dozen active members, though turnout at a given event is usually considerably less. But organizers were pleased with the volunteer response on this particular evening, and the Friends seemed to be in a position to gain a few new, well, friends.

In an era of so many economic and social challenges, when governments are pinched and many taxpayers pinched even more, it's good to see groups like the Friends investing their labor for the public good.

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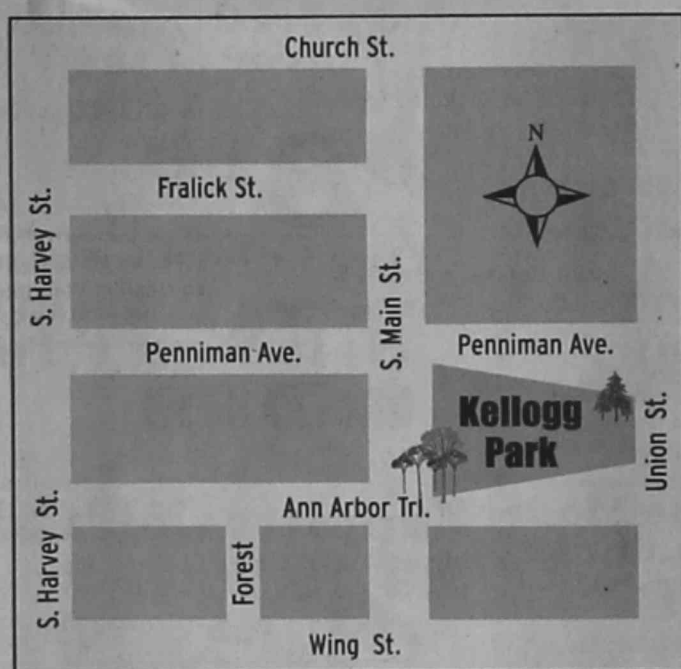
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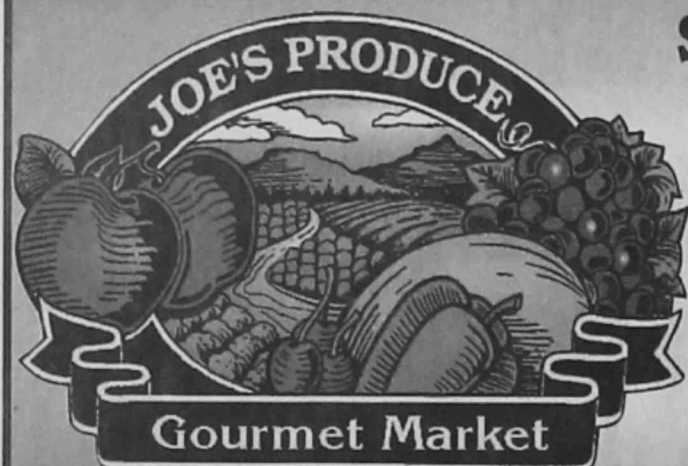
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## State-ing their case

## SHOWCASE PUCK PRIMER

**What:** High School Hockey Showcase at the third annual Meijer State Games of Michigan.

**Basics:** The showcase is Thursday through Sunday, at Griff's



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Ice House, Grand Rapids Edge and Patterson Ice Arena in the Grand Rapids area. Opening ceremonies will be Friday.

**Overview:** The Metro West squad,

comprised of players from area high school teams, will play at least four games in the round-robin, Olympic-style format beginning Thursday. Medal games will be played on Sunday. There are eight regional teams in the tourney.

**Metro West:** Players from 11 area high school teams (who have not yet graduated) were selected following April tryouts.

On the roster are the following, listed by school: Plymouth - Mitch Claggett, forward; Kyle Bauer, defense; Salem - Kyle Downey, forward; Evan Patton, defense; Jake Sealy, forward; Livonia Churchill - Drew Puishes, defense; Matt Sinclair, forward; Livonia Stevenson - Dominic Lutz, forward; North Farmington - Reece Burnett, defense; Steven Coulter, defense; TJ Zak, forward; Novi - Patrick Carney, goalie; Milford - Kyle Hamilton, forward; Lakeland - Trevor Kalinowski, goalie; Orchard Lake St. Mary's - Sean Harrington, forward; Cooper Marody, forward; Chris Mayer, forward; Michael Muller, forward; Waterford Kettering - Jayson Magnan, defense; Waterford Mott - Austin Sere, forward.

**Coaches:** The head coach is Salem's Ryan Ossenmacher, assisted by Ken Anderson and Dan Whitener.

**Web site:** Go to [www.statgamesofmichigan.com](http://www.statgamesofmichigan.com) for more information.



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Metro West hockey players listen as head coach Ryan Ossenmacher (foreground, left) discusses upcoming drills during last Thursday's practice at Arctic Pond Arena in Plymouth. Players from 11 high school programs comprise the tournament team.

## Hockey players ready to hit road for Olympic-style tournament

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

When the Metro West team convened last Thursday for its first full-scale practice, players from 11 high schools stepped onto the ice at Arctic Pond in Plymouth.

Watching them spin around the boards seemed like peering into a swiftly revolving clothes dryer featuring swirls of red, blue, green and white.

They wore a mish-mash of different-colored clothing and equipment from their local teams. They came with unique points of view on how to play the game — also courtesy of their individual high school hockey resumes.

But as they left for the locker room following two hours of drills and chalk talks, they were united as a single 20-player group — amped up to compete this week at the third



Going full-tilt during Metro West practice drills are (from left) Salem's Jake Sealy and Orchard Lake St. Mary's Michael Muller. In the background is Novi goalie Patrick Carney.

annual Meijer State Games of Michigan's High School Hockey Showcase.

According to Plymouth defenseman Kyle Bauer, who teamed up much of the workout with Salem's Evan Patton, the quality of the practice bodes well for Metro West's chances at Olympic-style tournament in Grand Rapids. Games begin today.

"It's a lot better" than expected, Bauer said. "It's real tough, real high-paced."

As Livonia Churchill defenseman Drew Puishes left the

rink, he nodded his approval about the way the team meshed.

"We looked good for the first time all together, not bad," Puishes said. "It's going to be fun, I can't wait."

North Farmington players — encouraged by their coach to sign up — also are geared up for a new experience.

"It's a different style of play than what I usually play," said defenseman Reece Burnett. "It's more of a contain-the-

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DIVISION 1  
BOYS GOLF

## 'Cats finish 10th at finals

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Although not exactly what Plymouth head boys golf coach Chris Moore and his team expected, the Wildcats did manage to sneak into the top 10 at the Division 1 finals.

A six-stroke improvement Saturday (310) lifted Plymouth from 12th place (where the team stood after the first day) to 10th, with a two-day total of 626 at the Meadows in Grand Rapids.

Canton placed 14th out of 15 teams, with a tally of 325-331-656. Finishing first with a second-day surge of 298 was Birmingham Brother Rice, totalling 602 to edge out Battle Creek Lakeview's 603.

"That's three straight years in the top 10 in the state," Plymouth head coach Chris Moore said. "I think we can be very proud of that. We had higher expectations, but it is what it is."

Moore said the Wildcats also are the first team from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park to string together three consecutive finishes in the top 10.

Leading the Wildcats, who won the D1 regionals at Grosse Ile to advance to the finals (Canton finished third at those regionals), was junior Kyle Rodes with a 78-76-154 tally.

Also cracking 160 were senior captain Josh Heinze (78-80-158) and sophomore Chris Kozler (77-81-158), followed by junior Ryan Rieckhoff (83-77-160).

*"That's three straight years in the top 10... I think we can be very proud of that."*

CHRIS MOORE  
PLYMOUTH COACH

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## DIVISION 2 SOFTBALL FINALS

## Blazers nab first championship

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

This one didn't come out of left field, it came out of right field instead.

Summoned to make only her second start of the season when ace Briana Combs injured her knee in Friday's semifinal, sophomore left-hander Lauren Hayes pitched the game of her life delivering Livonia Ladywood its first-ever state title with a 4-0 victory Saturday over Saginaw Swan Valley in the Division 2 championship game at Battle Creek's Bailey Park.

Ladywood, 39-3 overall, becomes the first softball team from Livonia to win a state crown since 1986 when Franklin beat Waterford Kettering, 1-0, in Class A.

Hayes was informed only five minutes before game time that she'd be standing in for Combs, the Michigan Gatorade Player of the Year with 142 career wins. In Friday's 4-2 win over Wayland Union, Hayes got the save by getting a



Ladywood sophomore pitcher Lauren Hayes turned in her finest hour when she threw a three-hit shutout in the Division 2 state final against Saginaw Swan Valley Saturday in Battle Creek.

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pair of strikeouts after Combs had to exit prematurely with a painful left knee.

## No time to fret

And Hayes came through in the clutch allowing just three hits and a pair of walks while striking out two in a

complete-game outing.

"The good thing was that she didn't know she was pitching until five minutes before game time," Ladywood coach Scott Combs said. "When we were taking infield she ran out to right field.

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Justin Thompson, a recent Plymouth High School graduate, will pitch next season at Concordia University.

## Cards come calling for JT

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Now that Justin Thompson's high school baseball career at Plymouth is over, he is confident Phase 2 of his career will mirror Phase 1.

Phase 2 for the 18-year-old Thompson is Concordia University, a NAIA college he recently signed to pitch for.

The first phase, obviously, was with the Wildcats. Thompson and other teammates advanced in unison from junior varsity to varsity a couple years ago, and the squad went on to post a school-record 27-7 record this spring.

The right-handed starting pitcher had a lot to do with that success, going

## GOOD STUFF

**Who:** Justin Thompson, 18, pitcher who just graduated from Plymouth High School.

**Next pitch:** Thompson signed to play baseball at Concordia University, where he will also pursue a business degree.

**Family:** He lives in Canton with parents Joel and Diane Thompson. Joel coaches the Michigan Blue Jays travel team, which Justin plays for during the summer.

**Helping a friend:** During his junior year, Justin was

instrumental in organizing benefit events during 2011 for friend Jesse "Super Jess" Lindlbauer, who suffered a brain abscess in December 2010.

"I played baseball with Jesse, so I felt like we were pretty close," Justin said. "I felt like it was a good thing to go out there and help raise money for the family. He's doing a lot better. He's playing in the (Plymouth) Miracle League now, so I'm going to go out there and watch him and see how he does."

5-3 on the mound with a 2.55 earned run average his senior season. He also won the Wildcats' Pitcher of the Year

Award. "Our JV year, that was the first year we were

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# All-Observer boys get it done in track & field

**FIRST TEAM INDIVIDUAL EVENTS**  
**Devin Ryles, Thurston (shot put):** A three-year varsity letter winner, Ryles was a two-time state qualifier his final two seasons at Thurston. He excelled in both the shot put and the discus, posting personal-best distances of 51 feet, 4 inches in the shot and 113-8 in the discus. He is a two-time Western Wayne Athletic Conference champion in the discus and a reigning Division 2 regional titleist. An all-area quarterback, Ryles is set to play collegiate football beginning in the fall.

**Justin Shelton, N. Farmington (discus):** Shelton threw the discus an area-best 150 feet, 11 inches to set a personal record and finish fifth in the Oakland County meet. He was throwing in the high 120s last year and got steadily better in his junior year. Shelton won OAA White Division and Division 1 regional championships with throws of 137-3 and 143-0, respectively. His best effort ranks second among North Farmington throwers in the last 18 years.

"Justin made great improvement from where he started last year," coach Todd Schultz said. "He just worked hard. Coach (Chris) Gadjev worked with him, improving his technique. Justin took the ball and ran with it and got better. "The nice thing is he's a junior. He's eager to work on it and keep improving to be a top thrower next year. He already asked for a discus to work with in the summer. He likes to push himself; he just thrives on getting better, and his confidence builds once he has some success."

**Tre' Goynes, Redford Union (high jump):** Goynes set the bar high goals-wise for his senior and he clear it by a mile, winning the Division 1 high-jump title with an effort of 6 feet, 6 inches. A three-year letter winner at RU, Goynes won a regional high-jump title and a Western Wayne Athletic Conference Red Division championship when he cleared a personal-best height of 6-9. Goynes is headed to Indiana Tech to compete in track and field.

"Tre' did everything we asked him to do this year — and more," said coach Tom Kessel. "He set a goal at the beginning of the season then he followed through and achieved his goal. He worked very hard at this."

**Eric Wilson, Thurston (long jump):** Wilson graduated earlier this month as one of the Eagles' all-time most-accomplished athletes — both in football and track and field. Headed to Northwestern University with a football scholarship, Wilson capped an outstanding prep track career by winning the Division 2 long jump championship with a lead of 22 feet, 7.5 inches. He was also a state qualifier in the 200-meter dash with a personal-best clocking of 22.51 seconds. His top 100 time was 11.01. Wilson qualified for the state meet in the long jump as a sophomore and was a regional champion in the event last spring.

**Alex Ryktarsyk, Churchill (pole vault):** The four-year varsity letter winner was a state qualifier in Division 1 after winning the Canton regional (12-10).

The Evans Scholar recipient, headed to the University of Michigan in the fall, also captured the Kensington Conference and Livonia City meet titles.

"Alex was clutch for us in big meets this season," coach Rick Austin said. "He especially stepped up to help his pole vault team win the Observerland and Raider relays titles."

"He has a number of interests outside of our sport, which challenged his level of commitment making his performances that much more memorable this season. It seems like Alex has been in our program forever and I will miss him greatly."

**Joe Amado, Salem (110 hurdles):** A senior and four-time letter winner for the Rocks, Amado's stellar prep career culminated with his all-state performance in the 110 hurdles, finishing sixth with a time of 15.07. He also was all-state in the 300 hurdles with an eighth-place time of 39.96.

A five-time state qualifier during his career, Amado set school and district records in the 300 hurdles (38.75) while earning a personal best time of 14.86 in the 110 hurdles.

Along the way this season were championships in both

**2012 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS TRACK TEAMS**

**Shot put:** 1. Devin Ryles, sr., Redford Thurston; 2. Adell Cothron, sr., Thurston; 3. Dawson Davenport, sr. Lutheran High Westland.

**Discus:** 1. Justin Shelton, jr., North Farmington; 2. Shawn Cummings, sr. Livonia Clarenceville; 3. Bryan Bartig, sr., Livonia Churchill.

**High jump:** 1. Tre Goynes, sr., Redford Union; 2. Matt Schacht, sr., Canton; 3. Jamal Dixon, soph., Canton; and Chris Dierker, jr., Salem.

**Long jump:** 1. Eric Wilson, sr., Thurston; 2. Nick Podulka, sr., Livonia Stevenson; 3. Caleb Kempf, sr., Lutheran High.

**Pole vault:** 1. Alex Ryktarsyk, sr., Churchill; 2. Jacob Hage, soph., Churchill; 3. Jimmy Bagazinski, sr., Livonia Franklin.

**110-meter hurdles:** 1. Joe Amado, sr., Salem; 2. Tom Brokaw, sr., Franklin; 3. Josh Craven, soph., Farmington.

**300 hurdles:** 1. Jake Fairbairn, sr., Lutheran High; 2. Andrew Crechiolo, sr., Franklin; 3. Terrell Gray, sr., Thurston.

**100 dash:** 1. Ryan Jones, sr., Canton; 2. Alex Perelli, soph., Franklin; 3. Steven Homrich, soph., Salem.

**200 dash:** 1. Kassius Kelly, sr., Clarenceville; 2. Thomas Crawford, sr., Salem; 3. Chris Massey, sr., Farmington Harrison.

**400 dash:** 1. Jason Ervin, sr., North Farmington; and Lucas Bunting, jr., Plymouth; 2. Zaid Shareef, jr., Stevenson; 3. Ken Russ, sr., Harrison; and Colin McCormack, soph., Salem.

**800 run:** 1. Max Rogowski, soph., Plymouth; 2. Ryan Wise, sr., Churchill; 3. Jeremy Griffin-Jackson, sr., Thurston.

**1,600 run:** 1. Miles Felton, sr., Canton; 2. Ruben Maya, sr., Westland John Glenn; 3. Drew Lindman, jr., Farmington.

**3,200 run:** 1. Derek Gielarowski, sr., Plymouth; 2. Stephen Fenech, soph., Stevenson; 3. Steven McEvilly, jr., Salem.

**400 relay:** 1. Clarenceville (sr. Sam Brown, soph. Jalen Bryant, sr. Mike Demmons, sr. Kassius Kelly), 2. Canton (jr. Colby Morris, sr. Zach Smilo, sr. Demetre Lopez, sr. Ryan Jones), 3. Franklin (jr. Joe McRobb, soph. Alex Perelli, sr. Andrew McGaughey, sr. Andrew Crechiolo).

**800 relay:** 1. Harrison (sr. Ken Russ, sr. Chris Massey, jr. Dorian Fields, sr. Trae Parker), 2. Franklin (sr. Andrew McGaughey, jr. Brett Gutkowski, soph. Alex Perelli, sr. Andrew Crechiolo), 3. Salem (soph. Drake Jordan, jr. Ivan Rhodes, sr. Thomas Crawford, jr. Chris Dierker).

**1,600 relay:** 1. Salem (soph. Colin McCormack, sr. Joe Amado, sr. Chase Minshew, sr. Thomas Crawford), 2. Franklin (sr. Andrew Crechiolo, sr. Andrew McGaughey, jr. Jordan Bickham, jr. Brett Gutkowski), 3. Stevenson (sr. Tony Wilson, sr. Craig Wilkinson, jr. Adam Wheeler, jr. Zaid Shareef).

**3,200 relay:** 1. Plymouth (sr. Derek Gielarowski, fr. Jonny Dalton, sr. Evan Johnson, soph. Max Rogowski), 2. Stevenson (jr. Jacob Colley, sr. Ben Lambert, jr. Mike Sopko, sr. Matt Garon), 3. Farmington (jr. Paolo Guarano, sr. Nimantha Herath, jr. Drew Lindman, sr. Shawn-Michael Fields).

**COACH OF THE YEAR**  
Kyle Meteyer, Salem

hurdles at the KLAA meet and D1 regionals as well as an Observerland championship in the 110s.

"He's the smoothest hurdler I've seen in high school this year," coach Kyle Meteyer said. "Other guys might have a little more foot speed, a little more explosiveness. Joe's the smoothest one over the hurdles."

Among colleges being considered by Amado are Eastern Michigan and Central Michigan. Meteyer said Amado's talent, work ethic and coachability bode well for his college career.

**Jake Fairbairn, Luth. Westland (300 hurdles):** The senior was the Division 4 state runner-up in the 300 hurdles (40.46) after capturing the regional at Lutheran Westland (40.41).

Fairbairn also took home a regional title in the 110 hurdles and was Michigan Independent Conference champ in both hurdles events. He also captured the MITCA Division 4 meet and took home titles at the Monroe Jefferson and Dearborn Heights Crestwood invitational.

"Jake had never run hurdles previous to high school, but as a freshman, we could see the talent he possessed as an intermediate hurdler," coach Mike Unger said. "When we told him about it, he took to the event and worked very hard at developing that talent. Every year his hurdling skills improved and his times dropped becoming the hurdler he is now. Having lost two all-state high hurdlers to graduation last year, Jake was asked to run the event this year, something he had never done before. Being the team-oriented person that he is, he agreed and became proficient at that event. He also high jumped and anchored our 1,600 relay (50.6 split)."

**Ryan Jones, Canton (100 dash):** A stellar career with the Chiefs wrapped up with Jones' second all-state performance in the past two years.

He took seventh place in the 100 dash with a time of 16.27 seconds and also ran on the state qualifying 400-meter relay his junior and senior years.

Other successes his senior year included winning the D1 regional (11.31) and KLAA meet (11.14) while posting a personal best of 10.8 during the season.

"Ryan was one of the finest sprinters in the history of Canton High School," coach Bob Richardson said. "He was one of the team captains this season, (and) Ryan placed in the state finals for the past two years."

Jones, who also starred with Canton's football team as a running back and defensive back, is looking to attend Eastern Illinois University.

**Kassius Kelly, Clarenceville (200):** The senior, headed to

Alabama A&M, capped off a stellar career by setting the Division 2 state record in the 200 (21.36) en route to a first-place finish.

Kelly also took third in the 100 at the state finals (10.79). He also broke a 26-year-old record in the 100 at the Observerland Relays (10.52).

Kelly came away with two state championships during his career, including the 2010 Division 3 crown as a member of the 800 relay.

He racked up a total of eight regional, six Livonia City Meet and three Observerland first-place finishes overall.

"Kassius was a great competitor, athlete and teammate," coach Brady Gustafson said. "Kassius is one of the finest athletes I have coached and even a better kid."

**Jason Ervin, N. Farmington (400):** Ervin won the 100, 400 and 200 in numerous dual meets this year; he also anchored the 1,600 relay. He qualified for state in the 400 and 200, finishing third in the Farmington regional but beating the AQ time. At the Division 1 state meet, he was sixth in the 200 (22.45). Ervin ran his best 400 time (49.68) at the Oakland County meet and was fourth. He will compete for Eastern Michigan next year.

"He played baseball as a freshman and 'was a great baseball stealer, but track was his forte,'" coach Todd Schultz said. "We were able to talk Jason into running the 400. That was a distance event in his mind. I think our athletes felt, when he was in the race, he was going to win, and Jason had that in his head, too."

"(As the anchorman in the 1,600 relay), we call it 'hawking them,' running guys down from behind. He loves that; he loves being in that situation. We had some great 4x4 races, and it was fun, knowing you have an anchor who can perform and run kids down."

**Lucas Bunting, Plymouth (400):** The junior is hitting his stride, setting a new Plymouth record in the 400 (49.7) and qualifying for the D1 state meet. At the regional, he finished first with a mark of 50:03.

At the KLAA meet, Bunting finished second with a 51.31, trailing Livonia Stevenson's Zaid Shareef who set a new meet record with a 50.52.

"Lucas is a great athlete that is just now realizing his potential," coach Jon Mikosz said. "He stepped it up big time this year and took his running to the next level. He ran with a lot of heart this year and it paid off."

"If he can keep up this level next season, he should have the chance to place at the state meet."

**Max Rogowski, Plymouth (800):** Only a sophomore,

Rogowski is running like a seasoned veteran for the Wildcats. This year, he qualified for the D1 state meet thanks to a second-place time of 2:00.51 at regionals and also made the cut with the 3,200-meter relay (victorious with a time of 8:04.65).

At the KLAA meet, he ran the 800 in 1:59.77 (second place). His personal best was the fastest among Observerland runners (1:58.76).

"Max has accomplished a lot and is only a sophomore," Mikosz said. "He is a dominant runner that tries hard every day and shows that hard work pays off."

"He is already a three-time state qualifier (once as a freshman). I am looking forward to the next two seasons when he starts to compete at the next level."

**Miles Felton, Canton (1,600):** The senior posted the second-best time in the mile run among Observerland runners (4:29.7), and finished third at the D1 regional in the event with a 4:29.81 mark.

Felton qualified for the state meet in the 800 run, winning the regional with a time of 2:00.09.

And at the KLAA meet, he posted a time of 4:30.09, good for second.

"Miles was a great tactician on the track, displaying a keen understanding and comprehension of his fitness level and the demands of each race situation," coach Bob Richardson said.

Felton's success in college is predicted by Richardson. "Miles is an articulate and intelligent young man with the personal capacity to achieve new heights of academic and athletic success at the collegiate level."

Felton also was a varsity letter winner with the boys cross country and basketball teams.

**Derek Gielarowski, Plymouth (3,200):** Whatever Gielarowski was asked to deliver throughout his four years on the Plymouth varsity track and field team, he came through with flying colors.

His senior season was no exception, qualifying for the D1 state meet in the 3,200 run and two-mile relay while finishing first in both events at the regional and conference meets.

At the KLAA meet, his time of 9:47.23 was his personal best.

"Derek is the type of runner who can do everything from the 400 to the 3,200 at a highly competitive level," Mikosz said. "He is the type of guy who never hesitates; if you ask him to run something, he just jumps on the track and gets it done."

"He is one of the best distance runners in school history, and he is going to be hard to replace next season."

Gielarowski, also an all-stater in cross country, was named Plymouth Track Athlete of the Year.

**FIRST-TEAM RELAYS**  
**400, Clarenceville (Sam Brown, Jalen Bryant, Mike Demmons, Kassius Kelly):** This quartet set a school record by winning the Oakland County meet (electronically timed 43.79).

They were also Livonia City and Observerland champions, along with a fourth-place finish at the regional and state qualifiers (44.1).

"This relay was a great team to coach and ran its fastest times in the biggest meets," Gustafson said.

**800, Harrison (Ken Russ, Chris Massey, Dorian Fields, Trae Parker):** The Hawks ran consistently good times and won the OAA White Division championship at 1:30.4. They were third in their regional (1:30.44) and qualified for the Division 1 state meet in which they were 11th in the prelims (1:30.13). Harrison also was fourth in Oakland County with a time of 1:30.57.

**1,600, Salem (Colin McCormack, Joe Amado, Chase Minshew, Thomas Crawford):** This quartet captured the regional with a season-best time of 3:28.47, enabling the Rocks to end its 1,600-meter relay team to the Division 1 state meet a fourth consecutive year.

They also were victorious at the Observerland Relays, with sophomore speedster McCormack leading off the relay followed by experienced seniors in Amado, Minshew and Crawford.

"Having a solid squad of 400 runners is essential to a successful track team," Meteyer said. "They can usually run sprints or distance events, making your team

 Devin Ryles Thurston	 Justin Shelton N. Farmington	 Tre' Goynes Redford Union
 Eric Wilson Thurston	 Alex Ryktarsyk Churchill	 Joe Amado Salem
 Jake Fairbairn Lutheran Westland	 Ryan Jones Canton	 Kassius Kelly Clarenceville
 Jason Ervin N. Farmington	 Lucas Bunting Plymouth	 Max Rogowski Plymouth
 Miles Felton Canton	 Derek Gielarowski Plymouth	 Sam Brown Clarenceville
 Jalen Bryant Clarenceville	 Mike Demmons Clarenceville	 Ken Russ Harrison
 Colin McCormack Salem	 Chase Minshew Salem	 Thomas Crawford Salem
 Jonny Dalton Plymouth	 Evan Johnson Plymouth	 Kyle Meteyer Salem coach

more flexible and versatile."

Not surprisingly, Crawford — dubbed by Meteyer the "fastest 400 sophomore around" — also qualified for state in the 800 relay and 200 dash while Amado earned all-state honors in both hurdles.

**3,200, Plymouth (Derek Gielarowski, Jonny Dalton, Evan Johnson, Max Rogowski):** The Plymouth tradition of sending the 3,200-meter relay team to the D1 state meet continued for the sixth straight year.

Sparked by a freshman, sophomore and two seniors, the quartet posted big-time successes including winning regionals with a time of 8:04.65. They set a KLAA conference meet record with a first-place time of 8:11.61.

"Evan finished a great running career at Plymouth by helping the relay team make it to the state finals," Mikosz said. "Jonny had an impressive freshman season and was a big part of the relay team's success."

The relay went undefeated in dual meets along with the conference and regional titles.

**COACH OF THE YEAR**  
**Kyle Meteyer, Salem:** A very successful season for the Rocks turned out to be Meteyer's swan song with the team as he announced he was stepping down after seven seasons at the helm.

But what a year it was as Salem won the Division 1 regional championship for the second time in the past three seasons.

The Rocks also boasted a number of top-caliber athletes who qualified for the D1 state meet. Of those, senior Joe Amado earned all-state honors in both hurdles events.

"This year, I was happy to win the regional again, which was a nice goodbye present from the kids," said Meteyer, himself an accomplished prep hurdler at North Farmington.

Meteyer also cited "watching our kids shatter some school records, watching kids qualify for states after working hard all season and hearing from student-athletes who have graduated, whether they continued their track careers or not."

And six of the school's 17 records (and five Plymouth-Canton Educational Park) were set during his Salem coaching career.

One key reason Meteyer felt comfortable stepping down was the quality of his assistant coaches. Those include Steve Aspinall, Kurt Britnell, Geoff Baker, Brad Waidmann and Jim Crabill.

"There is not yet a new head coach, although my fantastic group of assistant coaches have expressed that they'll stay," Meteyer added. He will be attending Eastern Michigan University's Ed.D program with the hope of some day being an athletic director or building administrator.



## OBSERVERLAND BOYS TRACK &amp; FIELD BESTS

BEST OBSERVERLAND  
BOYS TIMES  
SHOT PUT

Devin Ryles (Thurston) 51-1  
Connor Ferguson (Farmington) 50-7  
Adell Cothron (Thurston) 49-11  
Bryan Bartig (Churchill) 49-9  
Dawson Davenport (Luth. W'sld) 48-8.5  
Adam Clay (Franklin) 48-3.75  
Itoh Buley (N. Farmington) 46-10.25  
Shawn Cummings (Cville) 46-10  
DeJuan Pope (N. Farmington) 46-7  
Shedrick Glass-Shepherd (GC) 45-10

## DISCUS

Justin Shelton (N. Farm.) 150-11  
Shawn Cummings (Cville) 149-7.5  
Bryan Bartig (Churchill) 146-11  
Connor Ferguson (Farmington) 141-7  
Danny Pocalujka (Stevenson) 137-4  
Brandon Ogden (John Glenn) 137-0  
Shedrick Glass-Shepherd (GC) 135-5  
Dawson Davenport (Luth. W'sld) 135-1  
Eric Jipping (Ply. Christian) 132-0  
Vonn Pallett (Farmington) 131-10

## HIGH JUMP

Tre Goynes (Redford Union) 6-6  
Jamal Dixon (Canton) 6-4  
Chris Dierker (Salem) 6-4  
Quinn Culbertson (Harrison) 6-3.25  
Matthew Schacht (Canton) 6-3  
Kevin Brown-Bayko (GC) 5-11.09  
Akil Wade (Canton) 5-11  
Nathan Harris (Plymouth) 5-10  
Chad Evans (Churchill) 5-10  
Terrell Gray (Thurston) 5-10

## LONG JUMP

Eric Wilson (Thurston) 22-7.5  
Nick Podulka (Stevenson) 21-6  
Caleb Kempf (Luth. W'sld) 21-3.5  
Tony Wilson (Stevenson) 21-0.25  
Thomas Crawford (Salem) 21-0  
Mike Demmons (Cville) 20-11  
Brett Gutkowski (Franklin) 20-7  
Tre Goynes (Redford Union) 20-6  
Jamal Dixon (Canton) 20-3  
Jordan Degreffe (Farm.) 20-2.5

## POLE VAULT

Alex Ryktarsyk (Churchill) 12-11  
Jacob Hage (Churchill) 12-10  
Jimmy Bagazinski (Franklin) 12-8  
Erich Hinkle (GC) 12-6  
Brandon Stanhope (Canton) 12-6  
David Mittelbrun (N. Farm.) 12-6  
Mitch Nickert (Canton) 12-3  
Mike Farmer (Stevenson) 12-0  
Joshua Meseroll (Churchill) 12-0  
Alex Teasdale (Ply.) 11-11  
Stephen Fedak (Churchill) 11-11

## 110-METER HURDLES

Joe Amado (Salem) 14.5  
Tom Brokaw (Franklin) 14.8  
Josh Craven (Farmington) 15.1  
Denzel Owens (Harrison) 15.2  
Kenzel Jefferson (Churchill) 15.2  
Zach Zoltowski (Churchill) 15.3  
Jake Fairbairn (Luth. W'sld) 15.6  
Sam Brown (Cville) 15.7  
Ma Sambou Jatta (Cville) 15.82  
Darrien Lankford (GC) 15.83

## 300 HURDLES

Joe Amado (Salem) 38.4  
Jake Fairbairn (Luth. W'sld) 39.78  
Andrew Crechiolo (Franklin) 40.6  
Terrell Gray (Thurston) 40.9  
Ma Sambou Jatta (Cville) 41.3  
Tom Brokaw (Franklin) 41.3  
Denzel Owens (Harrison) 41.4  
Josh Craven (Farmington) 41.5  
Sam Brown (Cville) 41.7  
Joe Mims (Stevenson) 42.0

## 100 DASH

Kassius Kelly (Cville) 10.5  
Jason Ervin (N. Farmington) 10.7  
Alex Perelli (Franklin) 10.8  
Ryan Jones (Canton) 10.8  
Thomas Crawford (Salem) 11.0  
Steven Homrich (Salem) 11.0  
Jaron Flournoy (Glenn) 11.1  
Vaughn Frederick (GC) 11.1  
Alexander Rogers (Ply.) 11.14  
Darrien Lankford (GC) 11.2  
Hunter Rimatzki (Churchill) 11.2  
Dan Duncan (Franklin) 11.2  
Willard Harris (Wayne) 11.2  
Trae Parker (Harrison) 11.2  
Drake Jordan (Salem) 11.2

## 200

Kassius Kelly (Cville) 21.36  
Jason Ervin (N. Farm.) 21.9  
Eric Wilson (Thurston) 22.27  
Thomas Crawford (Salem) 22.5  
Chris Massey (Harrison) 22.75  
Steven Homrich (Salem) 22.8  
William Askew (Plymouth) 22.84  
Alex Perelli (Franklin) 22.9

Colby Morris (Canton) 23.0  
Andrew McGaughey (Franklin) 23.1

## 400

Lucas Bunting (Plymouth) 49.7  
Jason Ervin (N. Farmington) 49.7  
Zaid Shareef (Stevenson) 50.25  
Ken Russ (Harrison) 50.8  
Colin McCormack (Salem) 50.9  
Matt Schacht (Canton) 51.1  
Jimmy Parks (Ply. Christian) 51.8  
Caleb Kempf (Luth. W'sld) 52.0  
Louis Jaquet (N. Farmington) 52.0  
Brett Gutowski (Franklin) 52.4

## 800

Max Rogowski (Plymouth) 1:58.4  
Miles Felton (Canton) 1:58.9  
Ryan Wise (Churchill) 1:59.2  
Jeremy Griffin-Jackson (RT) 2:00.1  
Shawn-Michael Fields (Farm.) 2:01.4  
Jacob Colley (Stevenson) 2:01.5  
Jewell Jones (Glenn) 2:02.36  
Nimantha Herath (Farmington) 2:02.9  
Jonny Dalton (Plymouth) 2:03.31  
Jhaira Johnson (Garden City) 2:03.5

## 1,600

Derek Gielarowski (Plymouth) 4:25.2  
Miles Felton (Canton) 4:29.7  
Max Rogowski (Plymouth) 4:33.4  
Ruben Maya (Glenn) 4:33.8  
Drew Lindman (Farmington) 4:34.0  
Keenan Jones (Franklin) 4:34.3  
Shawn-Michael Fields (Farm.) 4:35.9  
Jhaira Johnson (Garden City) 4:36.11  
Max Bradley (N. Farmington) 4:38.0  
Steven McEvilly (Salem) 4:38.6

## 3,200

Derek Gielarowski (Plymouth) 9:47.23  
Stephen Fenech (Stevenson) 9:51.7  
Steven McEvilly (Salem) 9:52.3  
Drew Lindman (Farmington) 9:57.6  
Zane Berlanga (Plymouth) 10:08.43  
Ben Yates (Churchill) 10:10.5  
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## BLAZERS

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She did not know she was pitching. And so that was probably good. She had no time to think about it or squeeze the ball. She just went out there and threw strikes, so that was great."

Hayes, who threw just 74 pitches, including 44 for strikes, got flawless support from her infield and outfielders. Twelve of her 24 outs were either pop-outs or fly outs.

"I had no idea I was going to pitch this final game," Hayes said. "I thought Briana was going to start. When I saw she was hurt and my coach said, 'You're going to pitch this game,' I was focused and determined to take it home for my team."

"I had no doubt in my mind, no doubt at all. My mental focus was there today. I was nervous this game, but just the way I was focused gave me the confidence."

And Hayes' teammates gave her plenty of cushion offensively with a nine-hit attack.

Swan Valley pitcher Mackenzie Buehler, who struck out 15 in Friday's 2-1 semifinal victory over Coloma, held Ladywood to one hit over the first three innings.

But the Blazers scored their first run in the top of the fourth inning on a double by Hayes and a



double by Celeste Fidge (scoring courtesy runner Kristen Eisterhold).

In the top of the fifth, Ladywood made it 2-0 when Briana Combs drew a one-out walk, followed by a sacrifice bunt by Nicole Payne and an RBI single by Haley Lawrence (scoring courtesy runner Victoria Williams).

And in the seventh, Ladywood tacked on two more runs when Payne led off with a bunt single and scored all the way from first when Hayes' single to right eluded Swan Valley's Madison Malott, and went all the way to the fence. Hayes, who took third on the play, then came home on Celeste Fidge's RBI ground out to second.

## In the zone

Hayes, seeing the finish line, sealed the deal

when she retired the Vikings (37-4) in order in the bottom of the seventh capped by a pop out to short.

"I was more focused this game than any other game I've played in my life," said Hayes, who had pitched less than 10 innings all season. "I didn't have any idea Briana would play this game. She was very hurt. When she got in the game (as a pinch hitter twice), of course, I got a little emotional because she wanted to play this game. She did not want to sit. ... We were all there for her, and for her to get in the game I felt good for her."

Combs, who has been troubled by the left knee for almost a month, didn't get very far in her pre-game practice session.

"I threw one pitch and

I fell to the ground," said the Ladywood senior ace, who has signed with Cleveland State. "It was pretty bad. I thought I might be able to do it. If I could have I would have, but I just couldn't. I haven't hit in awhile and I thought I would try and swing. It felt O.K. and he

(Scott Combs) wanted to get me into the game."

Ironically, Hayes' first start in an early season tournament game didn't go well.

"I'm happy because we've been talking about being a pitching staff," Scott Combs said. "But I know 40-something out

Livonia Ladywood players proudly display their MHSAA Division 2 state championship trophy following Saturday's 4-0 victory over Saginaw Swan Valley in the finals at Bailey Park in Battle Creek.

of 40 games our number one throws, but we bust them with bullpens every single day.

"I'm going to tell her over there — two months ago she pitched in South Lyon (and) she was ready to quit pitching. She threw that bad and she knows it, but I said, 'You've got to get back on the horse and you've got to keep going.'"

Hayes rewarded the coach for that advice, not allowing any Swan Valley runners past second base.

Swan Valley's best threat came in the sixth when Mary Berden left off with a single and Buehler walked with two outs, but Lawrence gobbled up a hot shot to short and threw to first baseman Andria Gietl for the putout to end the inning.

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## Whalers sign young goalies

Plymouth Whalers general manager and head coach Mike Vellucci last week announced the signing of two 16-year-old goaltenders.

The Whalers signed Alex Nedeljkovic, Plymouth's selection in the sixth round (120th overall) of the 2012 Ontario Hockey League Priority Selection and Riley Corbin, who was acquired from the Sudbury Wolves in a trade earlier this month.

Both will be attending high school at Plymouth-Canton Education Park in the fall.

"We think Nedeljkovic and Corbin have a chance to be a big part of our success," said Plymouth assistant general manager Brian Sommerville. "We like Riley's athleticism and Alex's technical skill. We hope to help both young men take their careers to the next level."

Nedeljkovic — from Parma, Ohio — played last season the for Belle Tire U-16's, where he recorded a 1.88 goals against average, .903 save percentage, three shutouts and a 12-1-4-3 won-loss record. He is a student of the Bandits Goaltending School, which is run the Plymouth goaltending coach

## OHL HOCKEY

Stan Matwijiw.

The young goalie also attended the Whalers Rookie Orientation in May and played well.

"It's exciting to be drafted by the Plymouth Whalers," Nedeljkovic said. "It looks like we'll be a young team this year with a lot of skill."

"Stan (Matwijiw) really helped me last year with the way I approach the game, mentally — both in practice and in games. I can't wait to get started."

## Track record

Originally selected by the Wolves in the fifth round (102nd overall) of the 2011 OHL Priority Selection, Corbin played for the Thunder Bay Kings midgets last season, where he posted a 1.72 goals against average, three shutouts and an 8-3-2 won-loss record.

"I love the fact that Plymouth is an organization that has made the playoffs 21 straight years," Corbin said. "The goalie coach (Matwijiw) has done a good job developing goaltenders. I'm not big or tall (5-feet-11, 170 pounds), so I have to make the most of my talent. I'm sure Stan will help me."

Nedeljkovic and Corbin are expected to report to the Whalers training camp in late August.

## Peters inks pact

Vellucci previously announced the signing 15-year-old defenseman Alex Peters, who was taken by the Whalers in the second round (31st overall) of the 2012 Ontario Hockey League Priority Selection.

Peters (who turns 16-years-old in July) also will go to PCEP in the fall. "I'm overwhelmed," Peters said. "It a great privilege to be part of the Plymouth Whalers organization. It's a happy day. I can't wait to get started."

Peters (6-foot-4, 188 pounds) scored 11 goals with seven assists for 18 points and 20 PIM's in 45 games for the Huron Perth Lakers midgets last season.

• Earlier this spring, the Whalers signed 17-year-old center Ryan Hartman, who was selected by Plymouth in the fifth round (95th overall) of the 2010 OHL Priority Selection.

Plymouth also signed left wing Zach Bratina, who was taken in the first round (19th overall) in the 2012 OHL Priority Selection.

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## THOMPSON

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a solid team," Thompson said. "After that we knew we were going to have a solid varsity team, because we were all returning. ... Being on a record-breaking team is pretty special."

At Concordia, Thompson is looking forward to growing as a player under the watch of second-year head coach Kyle Rayl and his pitching coach, Tim Shafto.

"They're a young team and they're looking for pitchers," noted Thompson, nicknamed JT. "This year they had a better season, they won 15 more games than the (previous) year."

"They're like Plymouth was, they started off a little rough ... and now they're on the rise."

### Friendly advice

Attention paid over the past year or so by Rayl and Shafto gave Thompson another reason to commit to Concordia — which is only a 25-minute drive from his Canton home.

"Both of the coaches were friendly, they'd call and check up to see how I was doing during the season," Thompson said. "The pitching coach, Tim Shafto, he'd come out to the games and talk to me after."

"He would just tell me I was hitting my spots good, I was keeping the ball low and keeping them off balance. That's

basically what they wanted."

His high school coach, Bryan Boyd, is optimistic that Thompson's pitching abilities and nose-to-the-grindstone mind-set will yield success at the collegiate level.

"Justin has worked very hard to put himself in this position," Boyd said. "He has known for a long time that he wanted to pitch in college and was willing to do whatever it takes to get himself to that elite level."

"He will be a great addition to their staff."

### Fine tuning

Thompson also credited personal instructor Geoff Zahn, a former major league pitcher, for helping him get to where he is today.

At Zahn's Saline-based Michigan Sports Academy, Thompson honed pitching mechanics. Those included slowing down the windup, finding the right arm slot and having a purpose with every pitch.

As a result, he is more consistent with his repertoire of fastball, curve, changeup and cutter.

"It is a slider that comes in as fast as a fastball and drops a little bit, it has a fastball spin," Thompson explained. "It's a good deceptive pitch, I try to throw it low and away on a righty and it drops out."

Learning new pitches is part of the fun of the position.

"It's fun just to see what they do, if you can get outs with them," he

said. "That helped me a lot this year."

Another plus at Plymouth was his battery mate, catcher Rich Guglielmi (who will play at Saginaw Valley State University).

"He would call a great game, I never had to shake him off once with pitches," Thompson continued. "He knew what to call for me in what situations."

He expects his coaches at Concordia to do all that beginning next season.

### Getting ready

But over the next several months, Thompson will play again for the Michigan Blue Jays travel team (coached by his dad, Joel Thompson) and go to work on getting even stronger before beginning his college career.

In the fall, he will compete in an informal league with the Cardinals.

Thompson is looking forward to the challenge.

"I'm excited to see what college brings," he said. "To see how the talent level is different and learning a lot of new stuff."

Another plus is playing in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, the same circuit Madonna University plays in.

"It's going to be fun having a bunch of people come out and support me," Thompson added, "and playing against people I played with in high school and travel."

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Stick handling during a drill last week is Metro West forward Mitch Claggett (No. 15), who attends Plymouth High School.

## ICERS

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puck style, we're used to dump and chase kind of play. It's going to be a good time."

His North teammate, forward TJ Zak, said the opening practice was good on several levels.

"It's just getting your legs back under you today, trying to buy into one system," Zak emphasized. "It was pretty quick tempo, a lot of talented players from a bunch of different schools."

"The chemistry will get there with practices this week and I'm looking forward to the upcoming tournament will be playing in. It looks to be promising."

### Game plan

One player who already knows what to expect at the showcase is Salem forward Kyle Downey, part of the 2011 Metro West team that won the gold medal.

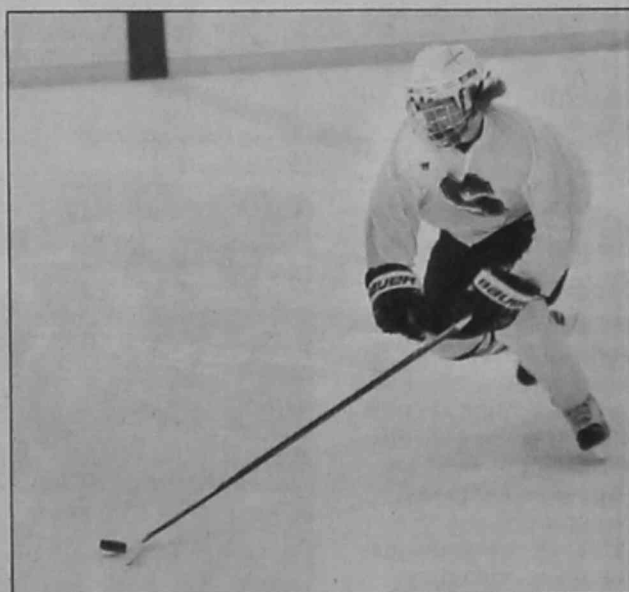
"It was a great time up there," Downey said. "It's just fun, a round-robin, very competitive, Olympic set-up over there. "It's just hockey, fun just to play. Whether it's drop-in or a tournament, anything in the off-season is just fun to do."

But they aren't boarding a team bus this morning and traveling 150 miles just for enjoyment's sake.

Head coach Ryan Ossenmacher (also Downey's Salem coach) expects Metro West to make another strong run this time around.

"I think we got some talented players," Ossenmacher said. "We're going to try to play a puck-possession style of game, which is what we did last year."

"The guys we selected



Salem's Kyle Downey lugs the puck up ice during Metro West's first full-scale practice at Arctic Pond in Plymouth. Downey is one of five Park players headed up to Grand Rapids for the Meijer State Games tournament.

are guys we all feel can handle the puck and be patient with the puck."

Metro West's roster also includes players from Livonia Stevenson, Novi, Milford, Walled Lake Northern, Orchard Lake St. Mary's, Waterford Kettering and Waterford Mott.

Some 65 players from 20 regional teams skated during April tryouts.

"So we were looking to complete a team," Ossenmacher said. "We had a philosophy in mind of what we wanted to do when we go there so we were looking for players that would fit that bill."

Because players must be returning to their high school teams for 2012-13, some teams with a lot of top players recently graduating (such as Canton) did not garner a roster spot.

One Canton underclassman, goaltender Robbie Beydoun "had a pretty good shot, he was one of our finalists for one of the goalie positions."

In net will be Novi's Patrick Carney and Lake-land's Trevor Kalinowski.

"Both goalies are phe-

nomenal goalies. they'll both play," Ossenmacher said.

But the June excursion isn't just about hockey.

### Big picture

Ossenmacher said going to the Meijer State Games also will be a good way for kids to bond and share a unique experience, regardless of how the team fares.

"It's something that involves more than just hockey," Ossenmacher noted. "There's a whole bunch of sports that are involved. It's kind of like a mini-Olympic event. They have an opening ceremony, the players get to see other events."

"So it's kind of a smaller part of a bigger picture. It's kind of a neat event, it's not just a hockey tournament."

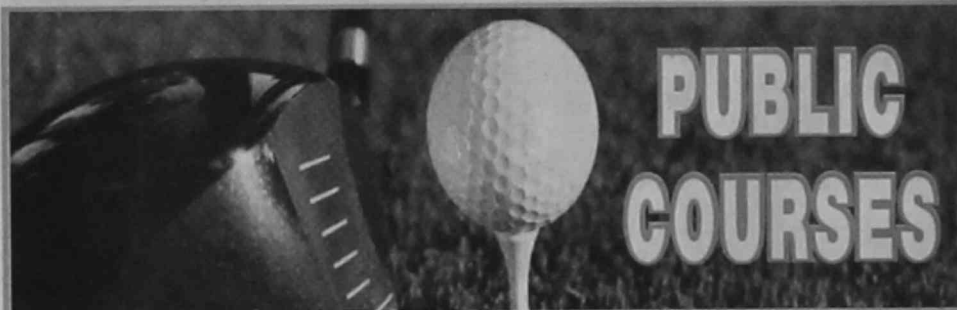
Friendships will be made, sights will be seen and — hopefully — medals will be won.

"That'd be cool," said Bauer, about winning gold, silver or bronze.

Let the games begin.

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Plymouth's Justin Thompson (seated right) is all smiles after signing his national letter of intent to pitch at Concordia University. Also at the ceremony are Concordia head coach Kyle Rayl (standing, left) and Justin's parents, Joel and Diane Thompson.



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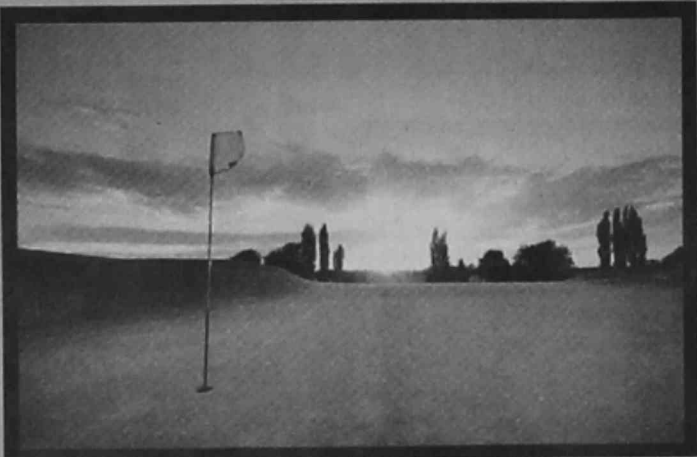
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## GOLF

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Splitting duties in the team's fifth spot were sophomores John Tatti and Evan Chipman, combining to shoot 84-77-161.

"My sophomores played awesome," Moore said. "Chris Kozler both days played well, Evan Chipman came in and played well."

"It was a really good experience for them as they move on, and of course what we call the Big Three — Josh Heinze, Kyle Rodes and Rieckhoff — they are just very solid golfers."

### Tricky course

For the Chiefs, at the team finals for the first time since 2002, solid performances were turned in by freshman Donnie Trospen (79-76-155) and junior Tyler McMahan (76-82-158).

Other Canton golfers included Alex Champagne

(83-84-167), Brent Perry (88-89-177) and Josh Maxam (87-93-180).

Regardless of the final scores, both Moore and Alles said it would be good to take those with a grain of salt due to the difficulty and unfamiliarity of the course at Grand Valley State University.

They said pins were in tough positions, sometimes at the front of greens or even slightly elevated, which Moore said made it "difficult getting their approach shots close for birdie attempts."

"It (the course) was very difficult, they only had one practice round that they were entitled to," Alles said. "And I think that's a course that really benefits a player whose played it more than once. It's pretty tricky."

According to Moore, the finals put an exclamation point on a season to remember.

"Overall, this season was a big success for the Wildcats, with team records and individu-

al records being broken," Moore said.

### Ace for Heinze

Another highlight of the trip to The Meadows was the first hole-in-one of Heinze's career, during Thursday's practice round.

Heinze sank a tee shot on the 175-yard No. 7 hole, using a 6 iron for the feat.

"His leadership and his talent will surely be missed by our team," Moore said.

Meanwhile, Alles said having the chance to participate should pay dividends for those who will return in 2013.

"I think it will be a very, very important experience for them to play at that level with the best teams in the state," Alles noted. "They got a taste of what it's like. And despite the fact that they didn't play all that well it was a good learning experience."

Among individual qualifiers, North Farmington's Austin Alexander finished 10th with a two-day score of 161. Placing 14th was Livonia Stevenson's Dante Cicchelli (83-86-169).

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## CLOTHING BANK

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, June 23

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

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## COURAGEOUS LIFE SERIES

**Time/Date:** June 24

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

**Details:** The church wraps up its series with a screening of the film, "Courageous," at 6 p.m., June 24. Series topic for the day is "Team Players Versus Lone Rangers"

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

## GRIEF SUPPORT

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m., Thursday, June 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](http://www.goodmourningministry.net) or call the parish office.

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

## GUEST SPEAKER

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. June 26

**Location:** St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

**Details:** Robert J. Muise, an attorney, director of the American Freedom Law Center and an expert on constitutional law, is the featured speaker at a discussion about religious freedom and a controversial federal mandate requiring all health insurance plans to offer coverage for contraceptives at no cost. Other speakers will include the Rev. Williams H. Tindall, along with Sharon Williams, pastoral associate

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## RUMMAGE SALE

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, June 28-30

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

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## SUMMER RETREAT

**Time/Date:** 8:30-11 a.m.

June 27, July 11 and Aug. 1

**Location:** St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, in Livonia

**Details:** The retreat is

aimed at moms and will begin with Mass at each session, followed by a continental breakfast and a program. The theme for the series this year is "Whole and Holy: The total Catholic Woman." Participants may sign up for 1, 2 or all 3 classes to fit busy schedules. A children's ministry is available at \$2 per child per meeting. The first session will highlight the mind and will use the teachings of Pope John Paul II to illustrate the connection between faith and reason. The second session will focus on body and will include a spa morning. The last session will discuss spirit, looking to St. Teresa of Avila and St. Francis de Sales for ways to integrate women's daily lives with a heart for holiness. The series is open to all and registration is required

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## WIDOWED FRIENDS

**Time/Date:** 2:30 p.m. Sunday, June 24

**Location:** St. Columban Church, 1775 Melton, north of 14 Mile between Woodward and Coolidge in Birmingham

**Details:** The peer group celebrates its 10th anniversary. Includes Mass, refreshments and fellowship. Enter from the rear of the building before 2:30 p.m.

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## July

## MOVIE NIGHT

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 18

**Location:** Bixman Hall at the church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** "The Way" will be screen. A brief discussion will follow the film. Admission is free and refreshments will be served

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## Vacation Bible School

**Time/Date:** 6-8 p.m., Monday-Friday, July 9-13

**Location:** Christ the King Lutheran Church, 9300 Farmington Road, between W. Chicago Road and Joy, in Livonia

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## 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.

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## Men's Bible study

**Time/Date:** Breakfast at 7

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**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

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## Nicole's Revival

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

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

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## Our Lady of Loretto

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

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

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## 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

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Age 65, passed away May 21, 2012 at his home in Northville, MI. He maintained his private practice of clinical psychology for 31 years in Canton, MI. Dr. Anthony is survived by his wife of 43 years Marilee, by three children and their spouses, Jason (Teresa) Anthony, Jessica (Ryan) Tye, Aimee (Lucas) Simpson and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his daughter Leah. A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, June 30th at 11:00am with visitation to follow, at Concordia University Chapel of the Holy Trinity, 4090 Geddes Road in Ann Arbor. Memorials may be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church of Trenton, MI or the National Leiomyosarcoma Foundation.

CORWIN,  
WILLARD MILO  
"BILL"

Age 76 of Coldwater MI died Friday June 15, 2012 in Coldwater. Bill was born August 20, 1935 in Plymouth MI to Lester and Mary (Mauck) Corwin. A Memorial service will be held 1:00 p.m. Wed. June 21 2012 at the Gillespie Funeral Home, Coldwater, MI. Memorials may be made to the Humane Society of Branch Co. MI Visit [www.gillespiefh.com](http://www.gillespiefh.com) to leave a message or condolences to the family.

DREWS,  
THOMAS M.

June 16, 2012, Age 66 of Plymouth. Beloved son of the late George and Georgia Drews. Dear brother of Gerald (Phillis), Dennis (Patricia), Steven (Carrie) Drews and the late Gloria (Terry) Johnson. At Mr. Drew's request, cremation has taken place and there will be no visitation or services. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. To share a memory, please visit [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com)

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## Pray before you play at Livonia festival

By Sharon Dargay  
O&E Staff Writer

Livonia Spree will continue a longtime tradition of offering Catholic and Protestant worship services Sunday, June 24, the final day of the community festival.

Rev. Jim Terhune, senior pastor of Faith Bible Church will conduct the Protestant services at 11 a.m. and the Rev. Pastori Mafkin, associate in residence at St. Aidan's Catholic Church, will officiate at Catholic services at 8:30 a.m. Both are held in the Labatts Blue Tent on the festival grounds at Henry Ford Field, located at Lyndon and Farmington Road, south of Five Mile in Livonia.

"We've probably had 125-150 for the Protestant service and between 250-300 on the Catholic side. It's an outdoor event as opposed to being in a church. A lot of people know of the Mass and they like the idea of having an outdoor Mass," said Paul Mallie, a Spree board member who organizes the service.

Services were moved out of the sun and into a tent three years ago after being held at an outdoor stage for several years. Mallie said Livonia Spree began offering onsite worship services many years ago primarily for workers and volunteers. Services are open to the public.

"We found that a lot of the carnival workers as well as volunteers were unable to get to Sunday services. With respect to carnival workers, they didn't know where the churches were."

He said St. Aidan parish began offering a Mass on the grounds between its morning services. A Protestant service was added a few years later.

Mallie pointed out that Catholics can enjoy breakfast after their service — and Protestants can dine before church — at the Ed McNamara Pancake Breakfast held inside the Eddie Edgar Arena. Cost is \$4 per person.

"They also have a car show that runs simultaneously," he added.

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## Youth theater offers camp show, musical

By Sharon Dargay  
O&E Staff Writer

Students in Broadway Bound, the musical theater camp housed at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia, will take the stage Friday, June 22 to belt out favorite tunes from *Grease*, *Chicago*, *Newsies* and *Follies*.

Camp founder Pat Hutchison stresses the performance isn't just a recital for parents, but a public show.

"We put it on our website and advertise it around the church. It's called Star Dreams. We have a program and everything," she said.

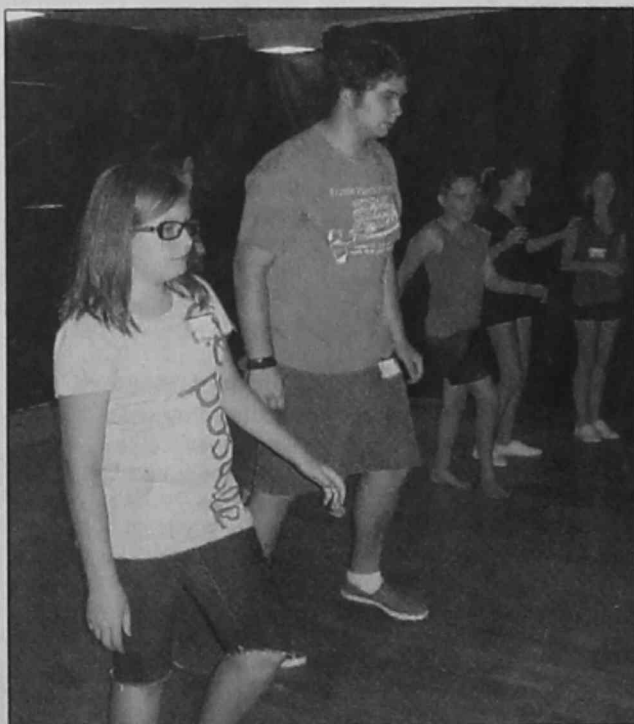
The show, which wraps up the one-week musical theater camp, will start at 7 p.m. at the church, located at 27475 Five Mile. Admission is \$3.

Hutchison, a former teacher in Livonia schools and music director at the church, runs the camp as a program of Paul's Players, the adult community theater troupe that she founded last year.

The camp has grown since last June.

"I didn't have any boys last year. This year we have three boys and 26 girls. But they are all interested in music, so there is no change there."

Sixth through ninth graders work from 9



Katie Bernwanger of Redford learns steps with learning steps with program intern Joe Debbs, a recent graduate of Livonia Franklin High School.

a.m.-5 p.m. each day of camp on dance and singing skills. Amanda Koba, an instructor at Plymouth East Middle School, teaches vocal music, Karen Barsy, a dance teacher and music therapist, choreographs the routines and Pam Gunderson is camp manager.

"We're using seven group numbers in the show. At the end of (Monday) we had already worked on six," Hutchison noted.

Students who want even more stage time had the opportunity this week to audition for Paul's Players' newest program, a full-scale summer musical production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. The show will run July 26-28 at the church.

Although the first round of auditions is over, Hutchison said she hasn't completed casting. Performers, ages 8-21, who

are interested in the show may call her at (248) 347-4134 or e-mail paulsplayers@gmail.com.

"This is a short musical and it's very fun. It's all music and there is no (dialogue) script."

Hutchison has staged *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* three other times. The last was in 1997 with her vocal music classes at Churchill High School in Livonia. One of her students, Brian Haverkate, who played Joseph in the production, directs vocal music at Clarkston High School and will direct the cast of this new show.

She said the Andrew Lloyd Webber-Tim Rice musical appeals to all ages and features a wide variety of musical styles — from cowboy tunes to Elvis-style rock.

"Having one of my former students directing the music is just icing on the cake."

## Plymouth artists compete for prize at Detroit festival

By Sharon Dargay  
O&E Staff Writer

If you plan to visit the Detroit River Days festival this weekend in downtown Detroit, be sure to include a stop at Jennifer and Joe Rutherford's carousel along the RiverWalk.

You can't ride the fused-glass horses, rooster, lion and deer set inside the 9-foot-tall metal structure, but you can vote for the piece.

The Rutherfords of Plymouth are among the 10 finalists in the festival's inaugural Detroit River ArtScape competition for their 3-D fine art work, "Once Upon a Carousel."

"It was created for ArtPrize in 2010," said Jennifer Rutherford, referring to the annual Grand Rapids event. "We won first prize at the Delphi Art Glass Festival in 2011 in Lansing. Hopefully we'll win here, too."

Jurors will award the first place winner \$2,500 and give \$1,000 to the next in line. Visitors can vote for their favorite piece in the People's Choice category. When the festival closes on Sunday, June 24, the artist with the most votes will receive the award and \$2,500.

Rutherford figures she and her husband worked on the carousel for 730 hours in their studio. That doesn't include design time.

"That was our job for three months," she said.

### Murals, fairs

The couple sells their work at art fairs, including the Ann Arbor Art Fair, Art & Apples in Rochester, Funky Fernside Art Fair and the Wyandotte Art Fair. She works with glass and he creates in metal. Together, they also paint wall murals.

"We do glass flowers, fish and turtles, a lot of garden art," Rutherford said. "We've been doing our work for 13 years together. We do some commission pieces, too."

They're currently working on a piece for a Department of Natural Resources conference center in Houghton. They also are creating created a bigger, eight-animal carousel for ArtPrize 2012, a 19-day event that begins Sept. 19 in Grand Rapids. Their piece incorporates clay and mosaics in addition to metal and glass and will be stationed outside the



The armored horse is one of four glass animals that are part of "Once Upon a Carousel," artwork that will be on display at River Days in downtown Detroit.



Jennifer and Joe Rutherford's carousel will be on exhibit this weekend at the River Days festival along the riverwalk in downtown Detroit. The piece includes metal work by Joe, fused glass by Jennifer and mural paintings by both artists. The couple lives in Plymouth.

entrance to the Courtyard Marriott.

"It's going to have a lot of different elements to it. It's all done by my husband and me."

### Passion for glass

Rutherford studied dance at the University of Michigan and her husband went to a graphic arts school in Canada. He took metal classes locally and studied welding at Schoolcraft College.

"Both of my parents were artists. My dad was more a fine artist and my mom did more crafts. He taught me my mural technique. When it came to glass, that's always been a passion," Rutherford noted. "I took every course

imaginable. When I took glass fusing, it clicked."

The Rutherfords will be on hand at Detroit River ArtScape all three days of the Detroit River Days festival, which runs 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 22-23 and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday, June 24, along the RiverWalk. Admission is \$3 before 5 p.m., \$5 after 5 p.m. and free before 5 p.m. on Friday. In addition to the art exhibit, the festival features live music on two stages, rides, games, a Taste of Detroit food court, tours of a tall ship and U.S. Coast Guard cutter, children's activities and more. Visit [www.DetroitRiverDays.com](http://www.DetroitRiverDays.com).

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## Fiery winner

The Visual Art Association of Livonia continues its spring exhibit, Artistic Expressions through June 28 at the Civic Center Library, 33000 Civic Center Drive, east of Farmington Road, in Livonia. "A Controlled Burn," by Northville artist, Martha Barnes, took first place in the exhibit. Barnes photographed a blazing structure — set on fire to train firefighters in Oregon — and then decided to paint the scene in acrylic. For more information, call (734) 838-1204.

## Auditions set for 'The Biggest Loser'

If you need to lose at least 85 pounds, here's your chance to win a spot on NBC's hit weight-loss television show, *The Biggest Loser*.

Auditions for season 14 will be held 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, June 30, at Gardner-White Furniture, 45300 Hayes, Macomb, as a part of a 13-city cross-country search for new contestants. The new season will air January 2013.

Casting producers are looking for charismatic individuals who have the desire to change their lives forever and vie for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to lose weight and compete for a grand prize of \$250,000. Candidates must be at least 18 years of age and legal residents of the United States. Participants will not be allowed to line up prior to three hours before the start of the open call. Candidates should bring a non-returnable photo of them-

selves. The casting team will strive to make sure that everyone arriving before the end of the open call will be seen.

Alison Sweeney is the host of the show that challenges overweight contestants to shed pounds in a safe and recommended manner through comprehensive diet and exercise as they compete for the grand prize. The series provides the contestants with challenges, temptations, weigh-ins and eliminations until the final contestant remains to claim the title of "the biggest loser." Contestants work out under the supervision of professional trainers Bob Harper and Dolvett Quince.

For those who are unable to attend a casting call, information on how to apply to the show and submit a video is available on [www.thebiggestlosercasting.com](http://www.thebiggestlosercasting.com).

## Festival seeks original plays

TLC Productions is accepting scripts for the 2013 Canton One Acts Festival, postmarked no later than Aug. 24. The Festival will take place Jan. 18-20, 2013 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

TLC, which consists of Canton residents Tim Chanko, Linda Pohl and Christopher Tremblay, seeks original plays in length from 15-20 minutes. Multiple submissions from a playwright are accepted, but no children shows will be con-

sidered. For a list of complete guidelines and for information on the judging process go to [cantononeacts.com](http://cantononeacts.com).

Semi-finalists will be notified. In October and TLC will present dramatic readings of their scripts. Selected shows for the One-Acts Festival will be announced online at [cantononeacts.com](http://cantononeacts.com) by Oct. 31. Auditions for the selected plays will be held in November. Finalists may request to direct their own show 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 e-mail to [tlcproductions@wowway.com](mailto:tlcproductions@wowway.com) or visit [cantononeacts.com](http://cantononeacts.com).

## Art

### ART IN THE SUN

**Time/Date:** 3-9 p.m. Friday, June 22, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday, June 23; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 24

**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.

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### CITY GALLERY

**Time/Date:** Through June 29; gallery hours are 8:30 a.m. to 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

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**Time/Date:** 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through June 24

**Location:** 215 W. Cady, Northville

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**Time/Date:** Exhibit runs through July

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### VISUAL ARTS ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA

**Time/Date:** Through June 28

**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.

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## 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 political satirists,

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John DeMerrell, (left) who plays Greg, is wary of the advice he gets from Joshua Brown, who plays Tom, in *Two Muses Theatre's* production of "Sylvia." The comedy continues through July 1 in the theater at Barnes & Noble, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, at Maple, in West Bloomfield.

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**Details:** Davin Rosenblatt, through June 23

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

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### ANN ARBOR SUMMER FESTIVAL

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Thursday, July 5

**Location:** Michigan Theater, located on E. Liberty, just west of S. State, in downtown Ann Arbor

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# THERE SHE GROWS



Kristin Reese

Carrie Divine

## Women farmers share family recipes and what it's like growing America's food

When you try to picture what a farmer looks like, you probably don't picture a woman. But women operate more than 30 percent of the more than 3 million farms in America — making them a large part of raising your food.

Kristin Reese and Carrie Divine are two women whose farming roots run deep. Reese grew up on a farm in Ohio and now has a farm of her own with her husband and kids. Divine is an eighth-generation farmer on her family's land in Kentucky. Both women say the hardest part of being a farmer is not the hard work, it's that today's farming is often misunderstood. Some consumers often think their food comes from large, impersonal corporations. The fact is, 98 percent of farms and ranches in the United States are family owned and operated. That's why Reese and Divine joined CommonGround, a movement that fosters conversations among farm women and women in cities and suburbs around the country who want to know more about their food.

Through local events and the website [www.FindOurCommonGround.com](http://www.FindOurCommonGround.com), women farmers share facts about today's agriculture and dispel misconceptions about modern farming.

"I can empathize with mothers who might be confused about making healthy food choices amid all of the information surrounding their food," said Divine. In her role with CommonGround, she talks with people who may have never been on a farm about the truth of where their food comes from and how it is raised.

"If most consumers had a better understanding of the people who grow their food and raise the animals and the practices used, they would feel more comfortable with their food choices," Reese says.

Here, Divine shares a family favorite for the grill — The Stenger Family Not-Secret Pork Mignon. She uses freshly ground pork and a tangy barbecue sauce for a fresh take on a basic burger.

Reese says that her American Lamb Arugula Salad with Blackberry Vinaigrette is simple, but has big flavor. "I enjoy making this because we raise blackberries, lamb and arugula, so all the ingredients are at my fingertips. If you don't have that luxury, the ingredients are easy to find at the local grocery store."

To learn more about family farming, get food facts, find more recipes, or pose your own question to a farmer, visit [www.FindOurCommonGround.com](http://www.FindOurCommonGround.com).

### American Lamb Arugula Salad with Blackberry Vinaigrette

By Kristin Reese  
Makes 4 servings

1 to 2 pounds sliced roasted lamb leg  
2 bunches of arugula, washed and dried  
10 ounces soft, mild goat cheese  
Blackberries  
½ cup toasted pecans  
Salt and pepper to taste  
Blackberry Vinaigrette:  
2 tablespoons Dijon mustard  
¼ cup blackberry preserves  
½ cup olive oil  
2 tablespoons fresh herbs, such as basil and thyme

\*Salt and pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 450°F. Place lamb leg into a roasting pan and roast uncovered for 20 minutes, or until a crust forms that will seal in the juices. Lower heat to 300°F. Finish cooking (bone-in roast requires additional 20 minutes per pound; boneless roast requires additional 25 minutes per pound). Internal temperature should reach 130° to 135°F for a medium rare roast. Remove from oven and let rest for 20 minutes before carving. Carve against the grain about ½ inch thick per slice. Whisk all Blackberry Vinaigrette ingredients in a bowl. Arrange arugula in mounds on 4 plates with equal parts goat cheese in center of each mound. Arrange lamb slices around goat cheese and drizzle with vinaigrette. Garnish with blackberries and toasted pecans.

Serve with crusty French bread and a crisp Sauvignon Blanc.



American Lamb Arugula Salad with Blackberry Vinaigrette

### Stenger Family Not-Secret Pork Mignon

By Carrie Divine  
Makes 8 servings

2 ½ pounds lean ground pork (I usually ask the local grocery store meat department to double-grind a pork loin or trimmed Boston butt for me.)

¼ teaspoon black pepper  
¼ teaspoon sugar  
¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper  
2 teaspoons salt  
8 bacon slices  
For sauce:  
1 cup BBQ sauce (hickory smoke flavor)  
1 tablespoon lemon juice  
2 tablespoons brown sugar  
1 tablespoon steak sauce  
2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce  
¼ teaspoon season salt

Mix the spices with pork. Don't think of doing this with a spoon — get your hands in there. Form into patties 1 inch thick. Wrap bacon slices around outside and secure with toothpicks. Place bacon-wrapped patties on grill over a slow fire. Begin basting immediately with sauce mixture. Turn patties over every 10 minutes and repeat basting. If sauce begins to brown too quickly, place patties on aluminum foil. Cook over slow fire 30 to 40 minutes until done.

### Stuffed Jalapeño Peppers

By Linda Schwartz  
Makes 10 servings

33 large jalapeño peppers  
1 pound spicy sausage  
1 bunch green onions  
1 8-ounce package cream cheese, softened  
1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar or Worcestershire sauce  
¼ to ½ teaspoon garlic powder  
1 pound thin-sliced bacon

Prepare jalapeños by cutting off tops and removing seeds and membrane from insides using an apple corer. Be careful not to poke holes in sides of peppers. Drain on paper towels. Wearing gloves is recommended for this spicy project. Brown the sausage in sauce pan. Chop onions fine in a food processor. Add browned sausage and process until meat is finely chopped. Add cream cheese, balsamic vinegar and garlic powder. Process until combined. Stuff peppers with sausage mixture using a jerky shooter, pastry bag or small spoon. Cover top of pepper with one-half slice of bacon, using a toothpick to secure. Place in jalapeño pepper cooker or custard cups, making sure peppers remain upright. Bake in a 350°F oven for 1 to 1 ½ hours. The longer they bake, the milder they are.

Courtesy of Family Features



Stuffed Jalapeño Peppers



Stenger Family Not-Secret Pork Mignon



# Millennial generation key to housing market's future

The next two decades in housing markets depends largely on the "Echo Boomers." That's according to panelists at the "Shifting Demographics and Housing Choice: A Whole New World?" session May 18 during the Realtors 2012 Midyear Legislative Meetings & Trade Expo in Washington, D.C.

There are approximately 62 million echo boomers in the U.S. Also called "millennials," echo boomers are currently ages 17-31. According to the 2011 National Association of Realtors Profile of Home Buyers and Sellers, younger homebuyers — those ages 18-34 — represent 31 percent of all recent home purchases.

"We know that although many young people may be delaying home purchases in today's economic climate, most of them still aspire to homeownership," said NAR President Moe Veissi, broker-owner of Veissi & Associates Inc., in Miami. "Realtors are committed to ensuring that the dream of homeownership can become a reality for generations of Americans to come."

During the session, economists from NAR, the University of Washington, and Florida State University presented various research and data that illustrate the future of homeownership from a generational standpoint.

"Demography is destiny," said NAR Chief Economist Lawrence Yun. "In that vein, demographics can provide very useful insights into the future of housing and homeownership, and the results of these reports indicate that certain generational shifts will have a significant impact on the real estate industry over the next two decades."

NAR Economist Selma Hepp identified several key demographic trends on both ends of the housing age spectrum. The demand for affordable, accessible housing will increase as the 65-and-over population grows; at the same time, as seniors leave their homes and move into assisted living and other arrangements, they will add



to the current supply of housing. Because of their sheer size, however, echo boomers will significantly impact the next two decades in housing.

"Echo boomers represent a long-term opportunity for a housing market recovery, but they are struggling in the current economic crisis," said Hepp. "Consequently, demand for rental housing is likely to climb in the near term."

As a group, the echo boomers are more racially and ethnically diverse than their baby boomer parents. While 65 percent of baby boomers are Caucasian, only 55 percent of echo boomers are Caucasian. Echo boomers are also more likely to be college-educated than previous generations, and are remaining single longer.

Glenn E. Crenlin from the

Runstad Center for Real Estate Studies at the University of Washington shared his insights into recent declines in homeownership and whether those declines indicate possible generational trends.

"It is worrying that the homeownership rate for those under 35 has fallen more sharply than the rate for older Americans," said Crenlin. "But I think we need to examine homeownership rates by generation in a more balanced way. Although the Millennial generation does not own homes at the same percentages of those in other generations, many of them are still in the early stages of household formation — in fact, some of them are still in high school."

Crenlin presented data from the American Commu-

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nity Survey that shows a significant increase in homeownership among millennials when compared to baby boomers at the same age. While 900,000 households in the millennial generation own their own home, only 500,000 baby boomer households owned their own homes at the same point in their lives.

"Given these data, what we're looking at in terms of the

millennial generation is likely only a delay in homeownership of three to five years, not a long-term trend away from homeownership itself," said Crenlin.

The National Association of Realtors is America's largest trade association, representing one million members involved in all aspects of the residential and commercial real estate industries.

## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 12-16, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

**CANTON**  
45439 Augusta Dr \$318,000  
6801 Devonshire Dr \$177,000  
951 Foothill Rd \$151,000  
4757 Grove Ct \$64,000  
47963 Jake Ln \$325,000  
857 Mystic Ct \$239,000  
41332 Northwind Dr \$45,000

48271 Nottingham Ln \$145,000  
2022 Otter Pond Ln \$117,000  
2030 Pinecroft Dr \$85,000  
6186 Raintree Dr \$163,000  
47449 Raminder Ct \$230,000  
1754 Tremont Rd \$273,000  
1318 Whittier Dr \$115,000  
**GARDEN CITY**  
31720 Maplewood St \$74,000  
29614 Rosslyn Ave \$60,000  
**LIVONIA**  
36838 Clarita St \$199,000  
17230 Deering St \$80,000  
14879 Fairfield St \$140,000  
15505 Green Lane Ave \$65,000  
33157 Grennada St \$158,000

14238 Knolson St \$79,000  
34975 Norfolk St \$370,000  
18933 Shadyside St \$95,000  
14286 Sunset St \$170,000  
29824 Trancrest St \$125,000  
**NORTHVILLE**  
16435 Cypress Ct \$365,000  
44243 Cypress Point Dr \$50,000  
16900 Lairdhaven Dr \$335,000  
49839 Parkside Dr \$365,000  
49633 S Glacier \$323,000  
39639 Springwater Dr \$115,000  
18870 Valencia St \$1400,000  
16722 White Haven Dr \$220,000  
**PLYMOUTH**  
550 Ann St \$350,000

382 Auburn St \$139,000  
11169 Chestnut Dr \$158,000  
50430 Elmwood Ct \$308,000  
15135 Inbrook Dr \$199,000  
11656 N Haggerty Rd \$9,000  
440 N Harvey St \$375,000  
42512 Parkhurst Rd \$98,000  
47212 Stonecrest Dr \$167,000  
**REDFORD**  
14106 Arnold \$75,000  
20515 Dalby \$18,000  
26501 Glendale \$75,000  
26760 Joy Rd \$13,000  
15372 Lons \$11,000  
9195 Sioux \$51,000  
**WESTLAND**

37460 Barkridge Cir \$58,000  
7400 Central St \$14,000  
7966 Hugh St \$56,000  
32049 Mackenzie Dr \$82,000  
34267 Marquette St \$85,000  
1192 Michael Dr \$95,000  
2254 N Hix Rd \$21,000  
6163 Oak Pointe St \$89,000  
38339 Oakwest Dr \$155,000  
38211 S Jean Ct \$50,000  
34622 School St \$40,000  
36705 Spanish Oak Dr \$119,000

## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Feb. 27 to March 2, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

**BEVERLY HILLS**  
21690 Meadow Ln \$225,000  
**BINGHAM FARMS**  
24030 Bingham Pointe Dr \$198,000  
**BIRMINGHAM**

985 Emmons Ave \$144,000  
1765 Yosemite Blvd \$460,000  
**BLOOMFIELD HILLS**  
4759 Burnley Dr \$180,000  
563 Fox Hills Dr N \$53,000  
421 Fox Hills Dr S # 4 \$45,000  
1741 Huntingwood Ln # D \$76,000  
**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP**  
1521 Bataan Dr \$190,000  
487 Hupp Cross Rd \$650,000  
2295 Lancaster Rd \$140,000  
1837 Squirrel Valley Dr \$225,000  
**COMMERCE TOWNSHIP**  
6163 Birchcrest Ln \$406,000

175 Liza Ln \$243,000  
**FARMINGTON**  
22483 Hawthorne St \$69,000  
33221 Oakland Ave \$175,000  
22705 Power Rd \$92,000  
**FARMINGTON HILLS**  
22208 Averhill St \$40,000  
33623 Edmonton St \$122,000  
30151 Kingsway Dr \$185,000  
33615 Kirby St \$110,000  
29115 Lake Park Dr \$170,000  
24466 Penrose Dr \$177,000  
28420 W Eight Mile Rd Unit B1 \$25,000

**MILFORD**  
853 Bishop St \$80,000  
270 Cumberland Trl \$284,000  
2010 E Commerce St \$175,000  
1159 Pleasure St \$80,000  
**NOVI**  
43100 12 Oaks Crescent Dr \$125,000  
45192 Bartlett Dr \$84,000  
44020 Durson St \$110,000  
22480 Haverdale St \$329,000  
24210 Kings Pointe \$108,000  
40617 Lenox Park Dr \$261,000  
26258 Mandalay Cir \$125,000  
45275 Sedra Ct \$70,000

**SOUTH LYON**  
53708 Edgewood Dr \$25,000  
53833 Edgewood Dr \$25,000  
20988 Oak Tree Dr \$25,000  
52896 Willowbrook Dr \$50,000  
**SOUTHFIELD**  
22903 N Bellwood Dr \$75,000  
25425 Saint James \$74,000  
5000 Town Ctr \$18,000  
**WHITE LAKE**  
10974 Hillway St \$173,000  
1994 Kingston St \$116,000  
9496 Leona St \$92,000  
8954 Satellite Dr \$100,000

## REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

### Real Estate Career Seminar

Learn about the \$50,000 income guarantee Thursday, June 21, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Keller Williams Realty, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth. For more information, contact Mike Workman at (734) 459-4700 or mworkman@kw.com.

### Seminar on Tuesdays

A free Reverse Mortgage Seminar is 6:30 p.m. every Tues-

day at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road, Livonia. No obligation.

Learn about reverse mortgages. RSVP with Larry Brady at (800) 260-5484, Ext. 33.

### Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association 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.

### Free Foreclosure Tours

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@add-edvaluerealty.com or visit Free-ForeclosureTour.com.

### On Facebook

RE/MAX has launched a new Facebook page for customers and the public to get direct answers for their real estate questions from RE/MAX experts. The new site is a chance for the public to ASKREMAX and get clear, expert answers in real time. Visit [www.facebook.com/ASKREMAX](http://www.facebook.com/ASKREMAX).

### Finance Seminar

Learn how to finance your

purchase and rehab projects in and around Detroit. Hear from an expert in the lending business, Trent Dalrymple, who has more than 25 years of experience. Real estate and investment professionals are welcome. Seating is limited so call (248) 547-3006, or sign up at [www.metro-mi.com](http://www.metro-mi.com). These free one-hour seminars will be 6-7 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of the month at Metro Mortgage Investments, 26711 Woodward Ave., Suite 301, Huntington Woods.



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# Thursday

## PUZZLE CORNER

### CROSSWORD PUZZLER

## ACROSS

- 1 T'ai — ch'uan  
4 Lucy Lawless role  
8 Axe handle  
12 Support  
13 Greedy  
14 Linchpin locale  
15 Mao — -tung  
16 Of the sky  
18 Thickset  
20 Three tsps.  
21 Watch pocket  
24 Status —  
24 Cogito — sum  
27 Perfume label word  
29 Dry, in combos  
33 Estuary  
34 Lingerie buy  
35 Just barely win  
36 Diamond stats  
38 Gives the go-ahead  
39 Mukluk  
40 ChapStick target  
42 Make tracks  
44 Roof runoff

- 46 Small and shiny  
50 Storage bins  
54 — Speed-wagon  
55 Relative position  
56 Irish Rose's guy  
57 Caribou kin  
58 Playing card  
59 Eclipse causer  
60 Malt beverage

## DOWN

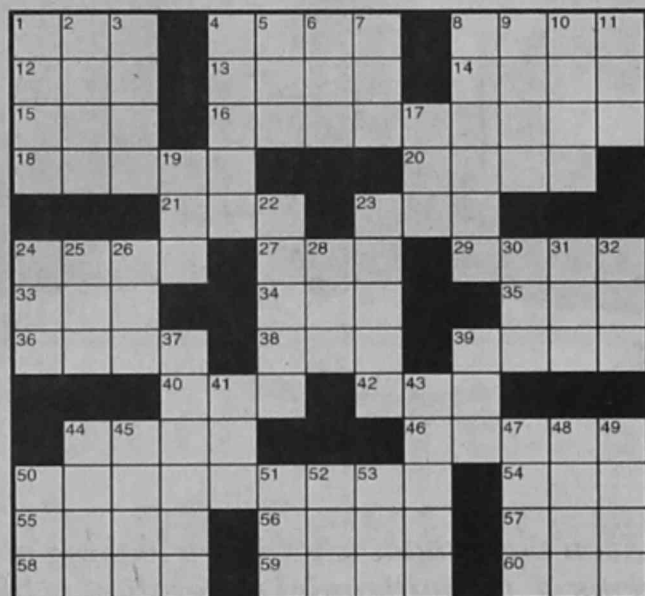
- 1 Ailurophobe's fear  
2 High school subj.  
3 Prefix for logical  
4 Hobby knife (hyph.)  
5 Festive night  
6 Zilch  
7 Juice-based drink  
8 Round container  
9 Poles' connector

## Answer to Previous Puzzle



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- 10 Tizzy  
11 Util. bill  
17 Good name for a cook?  
19 Pilot's sighting  
22 Jazz genre  
23 Squelch  
24 Foul up  
25 Corduroy ridge  
26 Moo goo — pan  
28 Indiana Jones quest  
30 U2 producer  
31 Sugarloaf locale  
32 — out (withdraw)  
37 Clinging  
39 Social insect  
41 Business mag  
43 Norwegian dramatist  
44 Thunder  
45 "Rule Britannia" composer  
47 Length times width  
48 Vale  
49 Coupler  
50 PC monitor, once  
51 Rear-end  
52 Nigerian tribe  
53 Profile



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Level: Beginner

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U I E L R E M E F R O E I V G  
E S C N U Y E S E B I R G H Z  
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P N U J I L A U F N C C D O V  
G B N C G O E C C O I Y O O X  
V E U M A O N Q O T F D B K T  
A D V E N T U R E V N S A S A  
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Z Z M H I S T O R Y N Z V Z R  
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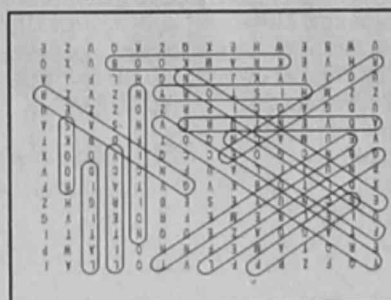
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