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**Reading Fair**

Gallimore Elementary is celebrating literacy with their annual Reading Fair. All are invited to attend the student event from 1:30-3:30 p.m. on Friday, April 19. Students will display their creative boards that share their interpretation of a self-selected fiction or nonfiction book. The students hope to engage parents, friends, and community members visiting their displays to discuss the details of their projects.

**People's choice**

Canton Leisure Services has been nominated for the Michigan Fitness Association People's Choice Award, presented by the MFA and the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness. This award will honor a single finalist of the Governor's Fitness Awards for their accomplishments and dedication to the promotion of healthy lifestyles who receives the most votes online from the public. Residents can vote at [michiganfitness.org/gfa-peoples-choice-awards](http://michiganfitness.org/gfa-peoples-choice-awards). Voting is open until midnight Wednesday, April 24.

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**Canton cop faces gun charges**

By Darrell Clem  
 Staff Writer

Criminal charges alleging that a veteran Canton police lieutenant stole a department-owned rifle have spurred plans to review weapons procedures, authorities said Tuesday. "If need be, we will update and make changes to the policies," Canton Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler said. His remarks came after Lt. Jerry Hardesty, who rose through the ranks during his 24-year tenure, was arraigned Tuesday afternoon

on charges of larceny of a firearm, receiving and concealing stolen property and felony firearms. An internal investigation has begun, and Hardesty has been placed on administrative leave. "It's a sad day for us," Mutchler said, "but the process works, the system works, and we are accountable to the community and to ourselves." Hardesty was arraigned by 35th District Judge Michael Gerou, who set a \$5,000 personal bond and scheduled a May 24 preliminary examination to determine whether

Hardesty should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court. **Precision possibility** Hardesty could face penalties ranging up to 10 years in prison if he is convicted as charged. Hardesty, who has served on the police department's SWAT team, is accused of taking a rifle, Michigan State Police Lt. Mike Shaw said during a post-arraignment press conference at the Canton police station.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
 Longtime Canton Police Lt. Jerry Hardesty stands before Judge Michael Gerou. To Hardesty's right is defense attorney John Goldpaugh.



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Lightning Robotics 862 team members Ryan Lewis, Rebekka Neumann, Julian Gabriel and Charlie Fug design a climbing mechanism for a robot. The team heads to the state robotics competition at Eastern Michigan University this weekend.

**Engineering a win**

Robotics squad takes aim at state competition

By Brad Kadrich  
 Staff Writer

A year ago, Plymouth-Canton's Lighting Robotics 862 team finished just outside the top 20 at the state robotics competition, which left them just short of a trip to nationals in St. Louis. After winning 32 of 37 matches in winning district competitions at Kettering University and Grand Valley

State, and ranking sixth in the state in team points, Lightning team members believe they're poised to close that national gap and earn a trip to St. Louis. They'll take their shot this weekend at the state robotics competition at Eastern Michigan University. "I think we'll do really well," Jay Obsniuk, faculty advisor to Lightning Robotics, said of the team, which lost to the eventual state champion a

year ago. "We have a very consistent robot. Something usually goes wrong, and you have to react, but this team is good." It's certainly bigger, with 106 members. While that creates its own challenges, Obsniuk said it's also a benefit, because the team has more than two dozen seniors who've been through this before. "They know what they're

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**Michigan Avenue section gets makeover**

By Darrell Clem  
 Staff Writer

Canton officials have found a way to beautify a section of Michigan Avenue while fighting against pollution that could end up in the Rouge River. Using a portion of a \$30,000 grant, the Canton Township Board of Trustees agreed Tuesday to hire Wildtype Inc., to place native Michigan plants to spruce up the boulevard median from west of Haggerty Road to the Michigan Avenue/275 interchange. The grant comes from the Alliance of Rouge Communities, a voluntary public watershed entity that includes 35 municipal governments in Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw counties. Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said the project this spring will beautify a section of Michigan Avenue he called "a gateway to the community." Moreover, Faas said the landscape elements will help remove pollution from surface runoff water before it enters the Rouge River. He said the so-called "bioswale" project is believed to be the first of its kind in Wayne County. Township Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin welcomed the project,

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ANDY RUBENSTEIN  
 Deshon McClendon, who passed away Saturday at the age of 24, ran for over 200 yards in Canton's 2005 Division 1 playoff victory against Macomb Dakota.

**Friends, family mourn loss of football star**

By Ed Wright  
 Staff Writer

As Canton's football team warmed up prior to its 2005 Division 1 semifinal clash against Macomb Dakota, members of the Cougars' student section directed a series of ill-advised taunts toward Deshon McClendon, the Chiefs' 5-foot-7 two-way standout. "They were calling Deshon 'midget'—things that made

fun of his size," remembered Canton head coach Tim Baechler. "I don't think they knew who they were dealing with or how much they were firing him up. But I knew they were about to find out." With Canton trailing 14-0 early in the second quarter and facing a third-and-long near midfield, McClendon rammed through the Dakota defense like a bull in a china shop before scoring the touchdown

—his first of two long scoring runs that day—that sparked the Chiefs' 35-21 victory. "That run was Deshon through and through," Baechler said. "We didn't really block that well for him on that play, but he wasn't going to be denied. After he scored that touchdown, our entire team believed we could win that game."

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## McCLENDON

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The Chiefs' football family was stunned to learn this weekend that McClendon died unexpectedly Saturday morning at his mother's home in Westland.

He celebrated his 24th birthday on March 11. McClendon returned home from a workout Friday night and went to bed, complaining of a headache, according to close friend Jeff Phillips. McClendon's mother found him unresponsive in his bedroom Saturday morning.

Results of an autopsy were expected to be released sometime Monday.

An engaging personality away from the football field, McClendon was armed with a quick smile and fun-loving nature.

But once he stepped on the gridiron, he immediately switched into warrior mode.

"Deshon was one of the fiercest, most competitive players I've ever coached," said Baechler. "He always had a way of doing something — whether it was a punishing run or a big hit on defense — that made everyone around him believe in our team."

Phillips, who blocked for McClendon when the two were members of the Plymouth-Canton Steelers at Canton, was proud to call McClendon his best friend.

"Deshon was the nicest, most fun-loving person I knew," Phillips said. "He loved to play football and he loved to compete. Football was a big part of his life."

"When we were younger, we promised each other that we would be the best man in each other's wedding. I'm getting married in July and Deshon was going to be my best man. He promised me he'd be there, no matter what."

Following three incredibly successful seasons on the Chiefs' varsity squad, McClendon took his football talents to St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Ind., where he excelled for three seasons as a cornerback and outside linebacker.

"Deshon's very first game — as a true freshman — he earned the

GLIAC 'Player of the Week' award," recalled Phillips.

McClendon left St. Joseph's following his junior year and returned home to Canton, Phillips said he was taking classes on and off at Eastern Michigan University the past couple of years while pursuing a degree in the nursing field.

"Recently, he talked about joining the military," Phillips said. "He had gone through some tough times the past couple of years, but he was really turning his life around."

Like all of McClendon's former teammates and current friends, Brandon Fender is "shocked and numbed" by his longtime friend's tragic passing. "When you lose somebody like Deshon — somebody you hung out with just about every day since you were in third grade — it doesn't seem real," said Fender.

The last time Fender touched base with McClendon was on March 10, the day before McClendon's 24th birthday.

"We were talking on Facebook and when we were done, I told him I loved him like a brother and he said the same to me," Fender reflected. "I'm glad I got to tell him that before he died."

McClendon is survived by his mother, Jill McClendon, a sister, Jessie, and grandparents Wayne and Catherine Parent.

Visitation for McClendon will be held Thursday from 3-9 p.m. at Vermeulen Funeral Home, which is located at 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

A funeral service for McClendon will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, which is located at 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. McClendon will lie in state from 10 a.m. until the start of the funeral service.

Memorial contributions can be made to help defray the family's funeral expenses. Checks — made payable to Vermeulen Funeral Home — can be mailed to 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170.

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## ROBOTICS

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doing, and what we're capable of doing," he said.

### Experience matters

That experience has already paid off. Before the March 1-2 district at Kettering, the robot wasn't working well. In the hours just prior to the start of competition, they were able to fix it, and went 16-1-1 in match play at Kettering. They followed that with a 16-3 record at Grand Valley.

And it could have been scuttled had the kids not been able to fix the robot. The emphasis, at Plymouth-Canton, is on "the kids" fixing it. "We didn't have a working robot ... We put in a lot of hours that last week," Obsniuk said. "At a lot of schools, the mentors finish the robot, which is perfectly legal. We just won't do it. It's up to the kids."

So, while the size of the team was a benefit in that regard, it's also a challenge, because there's not always something for everyone to do.

A few years ago, the team was down to 45 kids, and some things they used to do — a website, a newsletter, etc. — fell to the side. With a huge team this year, some of those kinds of things have been rebooted.

"Keeping everyone on task is the challenge," said team president Sarah Leeson of Canton, an 18-year-old Salem High School senior. "Some of the things we let go are getting more attention."

### Short season

The team's build season started Jan. 5, after receiving the game parameters. Team members and mentors, including mentors from Bosch Corp., spent two months getting the robot ready for the first district less than two months later. By the time Kettering came along, the veteran team was ready. Second-year driver Jeff Hess (with second driver Andrew Harris) navigated the competition and has the team poised for a trip to nationals.

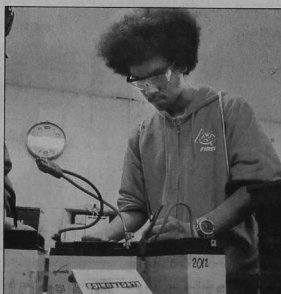
"We finally have the kids and the mentors trained in the way we want to do things," Obsniuk said. "We finally followed the plan. Instead of trying to do everything, we focused on what we were capable of doing."

With success comes growth, and that's what's



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Evan Munro, safety captain-electrical, Ryan Lewis, alternate driver and Mechanical subgroup leader, and Andrew Harris, driver and build supervisor, around the robot, which must remain sealed in the bag until competition.



Lutulu Mbiye tests the condition of the robot's battery packs and refits the battery terminals.

happening for Lightning Robotics 862. Leeson isn't even interested in engineering — she wants to go into communications — but those aspects of her participation are

helping her, nonetheless. "It gives you the whole engineering mind set. I wouldn't have gotten otherwise," said Leeson, in her fourth year on the team. "It gives me a whole different perspective."

For Harris, the second driver, the attraction was much more basic. After hearing friends talk about their participation, he decided to check it out. "I came to see what it was all about," said Harris, an 18-year-old Plymouth High School senior. "Great robots smashing into each other sounded like fun. You get to build 'em, and then you get to break 'em."

Obsniuk is confident his team can challenge for a trip to St. Louis.

"We've been very consistent this year," he said. "We didn't have that last year."

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## MICHIGAN

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saying Michigan Avenue "looks so bad," through much of Canton.

"I see this as at least a good start," she said. Canton and the Michigan Department of

Transportation have endorsed the plan, which Faas said also will reduce the amount MDOT pays the township for moving along the avenue.

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### BOWLING 4 AUTISM

Date/Time: Saturday, April 27, 12:30 P.M.

Location: Plaza Lanes, 42001 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth

Details: Chicks 4 Charity host a bowling benefit for autism, with Women's Life Society matching the \$500 raised. Proceeds will benefit Burger School for Students with Autism. The \$15 cost includes two games of bowling, shoes, pizza and pop. The event will feature a 50/50 drawing and raffle. Checks can be mailed to Chicks 4 Charity c/o Tammy Brown, 6040 Willow Creek Dr., Canton, MI 48187.

Contact: For more information call Kristina Wittner, (734) 787-9954.

### MILLER WOODS TOURS

Dates/Times: Sundays, April 14, 21 and 28, 2-4 p.m.

Location: Miller Woods (Powell Road,

## AROUND CANTON

east of Ridge between N. Territorial and Ann Arbor Road)

Details: Free, guided tours will occur in April to see the native spring wildflowers in Miller Woods. Tours depend on when the flowers are blooming, but are tentatively scheduled for Sunday, April 14, 21 and 28. Check the website at millerwoods.com for up-to-date tour dates. Tours start every half hour. Park on side of road. Sorry, no dogs allowed in the nature preserve.

### MOVIE NIGHT

Date/Time: Friday, April 12, 6:30 p.m.

Location: Canton Mosque, 40440 Palmer

Details: The Plymouth-Canton area Interfaith Group hosts a movie night featuring the film "Rudy," followed by discussion and conversation. The faith groups that participate in this volunteer service include Canton

Bagalogum, Geneva Presbyterian Church, Hindu Community of Canton, Muslim Community of Western Suburbs, Plymouth-Falls Gurdwara, Tabernacle of Prayer Lutheran Church.

Contact: To RSVP or for details, email plymouthcantonico@yahoo.com

### CALLING ALL CRAFTERS

Date/Time: Saturday, Oct. 19, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: West Middle School, Ann Arbor Trail and Sheldon, Plymouth Details: Crafters wanted for Delta Kappa Gamma's 29th Annual Craft Show. Proceeds from the show will be used to support college scholarships for local students focusing on careers in education.

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# Canton residents dodge water hike

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

As expected, Canton residents have dodged a water-sewer rate hike for a second year as township trustees formally agreed Tuesday to adopt the long-discussed proposal.

That means the average Canton household using 32,283 gallons of water every three months will continue to pay a quarterly bill of about \$343. That's based on a combined water-sewer rate of \$10.11 per 1,000 gallons.

Trustee Steven Sneideman, casting his first vote on water-sewer rates since he was elected, welcomed the flat rate

for a one-year period starting May 1. It follows a 2.3 percent decrease last year.

"I'm definitely glad we were able to keep water rates flat and have no increase for a second straight year," Sneideman said.

Municipal Services Director Tim Fass said the latest plan involves using \$2.1 million from the township's \$19.6 million water-sewer fund, leaving it well above the \$14 million mark financial experts have advised.

"With the numbers what they are," Sneideman said, "I'm comfortable that we're not overextending ourselves."

However, he and other local

officials have said they hope to continue working with the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department in hopes of long-term efforts to ease water rates. Sneideman said he believes officials such as Canton resident James Fausone, chair of a regional Board of Water Commissioners, are making strides against what has long been considered mismanagement of Detroit's vast system.

Trustee Pat Williams said he believes the board has made the right decision by keeping water rates flat and not socking residents with the 9-percent increase Detroit imposed on Canton this year.

"I believe it's a balanced approach, and it's protecting the residents from the 9-percent pass-through from Detroit this year," he said.

Williams said local officials will have to revisit the issue next year while still exploring a potential opportunity to ease water rate hikes by building a water-storage facility, though it could take a few years to have such a facility working. The plan would allow Canton to ease usage during peak hours.

"My biggest concern will be that we can at least recoup our money during the first five or six years (of using it)," Sneideman said.

Even with a flat rate for this year, he called water rates remain "ridiculously high." Detroit officials have long said they have to generate the income necessary to maintain an aging system.

Public Works Manager Bob Belair has said Canton sold more water to local consumers than had been anticipated last summer — a move that generated higher-than-expected revenues. That brought in more water-sewer revenues than expected, allowing Canton to roll that into this year's rate calculation.

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## CHARGES

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Shaw said the weapon has been recovered, though he declined to discuss details such as how long Hardesty is accused of having it. Shaw would only describe the weapon as a rifle.

Defense attorney John Goldpaugh, speaking outside the courtroom after the arraignment, said he wasn't sure how long Hardesty is accused of having the firearm.

"This was a department weapon he had in his custody legitimately, and now they are bringing charges against him," Goldpaugh said, describing Hardesty as "very distraught" over the charges.

"It appears they had to dig to find something to charge him with," Goldpaugh said.

Hardesty declined to comment.

Mutchler issued a prepared statement after the arraignment. "The Canton Police Department holds its employees accountable to the high professional standards set by the organization and remains committed to providing excellent law enforcement services to the community in which we serve," he said.



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After the arraignment, defense attorney John Goldpaugh speaks with client Jerry Hardesty.

### Credible complaint

Mutchler said his office in February was made aware of allegations of "a department employee possessing a firearm belonging to the Canton Police Department. Once the credibility of the complaint was verified, I contacted the Michigan State Police and, per department policy, requested them to conduct a criminal investigation."

Shaw said if Hardesty is convicted, he could face penalties

ranging up to 10 years in prison for receiving and concealing stolen property, five years for larceny of a firearm and a mandatory two-year term for felony firearm.

Reached in his office, township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said he is confident the proper procedures have been followed.

"Everything here is black and white. It's pretty straightforward," LaJoy said. "We have a very high standard and it's clear.

We have a process."

LaJoy said the process involves contacting Michigan State Police to investigate allegations of wrongdoing within the Canton Department.

"It's sad and unfortunate," LaJoy said of the latest developments, adding later, "We have procedures in place. I support my public safety director and the consistent approach the community has taken."

### Presumed innocent

LaJoy cautioned that Hardesty, like any defendant, is presumed innocent until proven guilty. Shaw echoed that during the press conference.

Hardesty was promoted from sergeant to lieutenant in November 2007. He was hired by the department in 1988 as an officer.

He earned his bachelor's degree in business administration and leadership from Concordia University in 2001. He earned his master's degree in organizational leadership and administration from Concordia in 2004.

Hardesty also has served as a team leader in Canton's community policing program.

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## Local GOP hosts school bond forum

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials will explain the details of their \$114.4 million bond proposal at a meeting with Plymouth Republicans.

The local Republicans will host the public forum 7 p.m. Monday, April 15, at Praise Baptist Church.

Plymouth-Canton Schools has called for a special school election on Tuesday, May 7. If approved, the bonds would finance technology improvements for classrooms, teachers, and students; replacement of school buses; a new middle school to replace Central Middle School; and maintenance and repair of school buildings. Dr. Jeremy Hughes, the district's superintendent, will make the pitch.

Praise Baptist Church is located at 45000 N. Territory in Plymouth. RSVP to PlymouthCantonRepublicans@gmail.com.

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# Hindu Temple hosts free health fair

**By Darrell Clem**  
Staff Writer

Striking back against rising health-care costs, the Hindu Temple of Canton welcomed nearly 300 people Sunday to the first of a two-phase, free community health fair.

"We were pleased with the turnout," health fair committee Chairman Jatin Desai said.

A large crowd of patients received free blood work and screenings for diabetes, cholesterol, prostate health, kidney function and numerous other health issues during the Hindu Temple's 11th annual fair.

"It was run very smoothly," Desai said. Moving quickly to help patients who had been fasting, health fair medical personnel had drawn blood from 185 people within the first 90 minutes of the event, which ran 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. inside the Hindu Temple of Canton, on Cherry Hill Road east of Canton Center.

Hundreds of people are expected to return 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, April 14, when they can obtain results of their



Hindu Temple of Canton officials are pleased with the turnout Sunday for the first of a two-phase health fair.

blood work and visit with a wide array of doctors in urology, podiatry, internal medicine, physical therapy, ophthalmology, cardiology, nutrition, surgery and ob-gyn, among other fields.

Some people who had signed up for last Sunday's health fair couldn't attend. Desai said those who missed it still are welcome to attend the next phase to speak with physicians or simply to

obtain information. Oakwood Healthcare, Inc., had issued a press release a few weeks ago to promote the event that draws a variety of physicians and specialists together in one place. It is sponsored by the Michigan Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (MAPI), the Hindu Temple of Canton and Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne.

The health fair is

intended to promote preventive health care. Rick Hillborn, Oakwood's chief operation officer of outpatient services, said the hospital for decades has adopted "a way of doing business that has been not to wait, but to touch the lives of the people we serve before illness, injury or bad information bring them into the hospital."

He, Desai and others say the goal of preventive



At the Hindu Temple of Canton health fair are, from left, Dr. Chandralekha Pujara, Michigan Association of Physicians of Indian Origin volunteer; Teresa Isen, Oakwood Annapolis Hospital volunteer; Jatin Desai, a Hindu Temple board member and health fair chair; and Dr. K.C. Joseph, MAPI president.

care can be accomplished by taking health fairs into the community in places such as the Hindu Temple of Canton — whether patients need blood pressure checks, hearing tests or blood screenings, all free of cost.

The health fair comes as many people avoid doctor visits due to spiraling health-care costs and other economic barriers to insurance coverage and health care.

Dr. Saraju Shah, an Oakwood physician with a practice on Hagerty near Ford Road, has been

involved in the health fair for years.

"The value to the community is immeasurable, especially in this economy," he said in a statement issued by Oakwood prior to the health fair. "The people who attend get good care."

Desai has called the health fair "an evolving community outreach effort" intended to help keep area residents healthier.

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## County Clerk, Circuit Court praised for e-file success

Both Wayne County Clerk Cathy M. Garrett and the Third Judicial Circuit Court have been granted a highly-revered order by the Michigan Supreme Court for delivering an innovative and effective e-filing system to Wayne County's legal community.

The order, issued in March, allows for all Civil Division cases (except for appeals and appeals) in Wayne County to be e-filed as of May 20, 2013. The Wayne County Clerk's Office led in efficiency and speed in obtaining the order, taking only 18 months for it to be granted by the Michigan Supreme Court.

"I continue to be wholly dedicated towards fully modernizing the largest court system in the State of Michigan," said Garrett. "Receiving this order from the Michigan Supreme Court was a huge win for my office, and we look forward to working with the District Court on vastly expediting the process litigants follow in filing appeals via our acclaimed e-filing system."

"Over 90 percent of all Civil Division cases will be e-filed come May 20th, and Wayne County currently leads in the number of judges that take part in the e-filing process," said Garrett.

As of now, 155,725 electronic filings have taken place in Wayne County, while 76 percent of all filings within the Third Judicial Circuit Court's Civil Division are done via e-file. Additionally, all Wayne County judges within the Civil Division are on board with the e-filing system.

In conjunction with the courts, the Wayne County Clerk's Office has set up numerous informational kiosks to better serve the public, as well as an automated help desk, which generates answers for both broad and specific inquiries regarding the e-filing system.

Positive feedback for Wayne County has been received from both the Michigan Bar Association and the Michigan Supreme Court regarding the system's efficiencies and capabilities.

# Book and Author luncheon to feature Michigan mystery writer

**By Julie Brown**  
Staff Writer

Michigan author D.E. Johnson, who has penned several books set in Detroit in the early 20th century, will be featured at the upcoming Book and Author Luncheon at Fox Hills Country Club.

The annual luncheon is hosted by the Friends of the Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Novi Libraries. It will be held 11:30 a.m. Thursday, May 9. Tickets are \$25 and the reservation form is on the Plymouth library's website, www.plymouthlibrary.org. Books should be made payable to the Friends of the Novi Public Library and mailed to the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth, MI 48170, attn.: Ellen Elliott.

Attendees will receive confirmation within a week. Johnson, a Central Michigan University graduate, lives near Kalamazoo and is married with three daughters. His debut novel



Johnson

in 2010 was *The Detroit Electric Scheme*, followed by sequel *Motor City Shake-down*. He also wrote *Detroit Breakdown*.

The *Detroit Electric Scheme* was described by *Library Journal* as "full of nonstop action, plot twists and turns and great insight into the early history of the U.S. car industry, this debut is part coming-of-age tale (about a young man, eaten by guilt and regrets, who leaves his alcoholic haze and shows what he is made of) and part historical mystery. Essential for historical fans."

Johnson's grandfather was vice president of Checker Motor and had worked there many years, helping author Johnson gain insight into automotive history.

Carla Barrett of Plymouth's Friends member where she served on this year's four-person author

selection committee, with one member from each community.

"We talk about different people we've read about," Barrett said. Detroit and Michigan themes have appealed over the years. "People thought that was a good first choice," she said.

The annual luncheons are popular, noted Susan Stoney of Plymouth, community relations specialist with the Plymouth library. Last year's featured Kevin Boyle, author of *Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights, and Murder in the Jazz Age*, and was a sellout. "He drew very well," Stoney said of Boyle.

*Arc of Justice* is a non-fiction book set in the 1920s about the high profile murder trials of black physician Dr. Ossian Sweet, whose family attempted to integrate a neighborhood, and co-defendants.

"It's really been all over the place," she said of authors over the years. Detroit journalist Tim Kiska was a hit in the past with his history of Detroit tele-

vision.

Attendees hear an interesting author each year. Barrett visits Nicola's, an independent bookstore in Ann Arbor, and hears authors speak there. The libraries often host author programs that are well-attended, Barrett said.

Tickets are going fast, Stoney said, and have an April 25 cutoff — but they could be gone earlier.

"When it's sold out, it's sold out," Stoney said.

Johnson is at work on another sequel to *The Detroit Electric Scheme*. The author's website is www.dejohnsonauthor.com.

Barrett hasn't read the Johnson mysteries yet. She finds people enjoy getting together for lunch as well.

"It was a fabulous event last year," she said. "I just hope it's a huge success."

The four libraries welcome new Friends members, Barrett added. "We're pretty lucky in our area people support libraries."

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## County Parks holds men's slow pitch tourney

It's time to play ball. Wayne County Parks is offering its first annual Spring Men's Slow Pitch Softball Tournament Saturday, May 4, at the Nankin Mills fields in Westland.

The United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) slow pitch softball rules will apply. Only Men's D or Recreational teams will be accepted. A


maximum of eight teams can enter the double-elimination tournament with no more than 20 men per roster.

The team entry fee is \$200 which includes a two-game guarantee, one umpire per game and softballs. The entry fee must be paid in full by the registration deadline, Friday, April 26. Waivers and team rosters are due

Wednesday, May 1.

The tournament championship team will receive a sponsor trophy and T-shirts. The runner-up will receive a sponsor trophy.

Nankin Mills is located at 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, MI 48185. For more information on the tournament, email parks@waynecountycity.com or call (734) 261-1990.



**CITY OF PLYMOUTH**

**NOTICE OF PETITIONS AVAILABLE FOR CITY COMMISSION POSITIONS TO BE VACATED IN NOVEMBER, 2013**

The City of Plymouth has petitions available in the City Clerk's office for vacated positions on the board in November, 2013. Potential Candidates must obtain 25 – no more than 50 legal registered voter signatures in order to appear on the ballot. Further information can be obtained in the City Charter on line, within the City Website. Candidate must be a registered voter, not in default to the City of Plymouth, and a City Resident. There will be four City Commission seats vacated in November, 2013.

The filing deadline for the August 6th Primary is Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at 4:00 pm in the City Clerk's office.

Any questions can be directed to the City Clerk's office at 734-453-1234, ext. 234. Office hours to obtain the blank petitions for circulation are Monday thru Friday, 8:00am – 4:30pm.

Linda Langnesser, CMC  
City Clerk



## CANTON CRIME WATCH

### Credit card fraud

On Monday, a Westland man told Canton Police his credit card had been fraudulently used at the KFC on Ford Road in Canton.

The transaction, for a total of \$27.55, was performed at the restaurant's drive-through window. The owner of the card had filed a report with Westland Police four days earlier that he'd lost the card. Unfortunately for the victim, the Canton KFC does not have surveillance equipment covering its drive-through lane.

### Business break-in

The business owner Michigan Ave. business in Canton reported to police that an employee arrived for work Monday morning to find an office window broken. The employee, however, did not find anything had been taken.

Inside the office, a Canton Police officer found a surveillance device, which the owner said was normally positioned on a nearby filing cabinet, laying on the floor. The recording CD from inside the device was also laying on the floor, broken into several pieces.

The officer discovered a footprint on the top of the recording device, indicating the burglar had tried smashing it with his foot. He also found a shovel sitting outside the window.

Unfortunately, the surveillance CD had been broken into several pieces, and could not be reviewed for possible suspects.

The business owner told police he'd had trouble with the new alarm system recently installed, and had told employees not to set the alarm for the office portion of the building. The alarm system had been set, he told police, in the building's shop area.

### Drug possession

A Canton Police officer stopped a red Dodge 4x4 at Michigan Ave. and Shelton Saturday when he noticed it had a defective muffler, and the traffic stop turned into a drug arrest.

According to the police report, the officer smelled "a strong odor of marijuana" when the driver opened his window. Upon questioning, the driver admitted to the officer that he had a medical marijuana card, and some marijuana in the glove compartment.

While questioning the driver, the officer noticed the female passenger moving her right arm, and believed she was trying to conceal something. When he asked her to step out of the vehicle, he discovered a clear bag that contained some sus-

pected marijuana and some pills.

He noticed a purse on the floor and, upon searching it, he discovered it belonged to the female passenger. The purse contained another bag with more Alprazolam pills inside it.

The passenger was arrested for possession of the pills and the marijuana.

### Vehicle theft

A Canton man told police his 2001 Monte Carlo had been stolen from the parking lot outside his residence on Honeycomb Saturday.

The man told police he'd arrived home around 2 a.m. Saturday from a night spent with friends. He said he parked his Monte Carlo in the parking lot in front of his residence. When he left his residence around 8 a.m., he told police, the car was missing.

The owner told police one he has access to the vehicle, and he knows of no one who could have stolen it.

Police searched the immediate area and the rest of the parking lot, but could not locate the vehicle. They have no suspects in the theft.

### Retail fraud

Police responded to the Canton Meijer Friday, where a woman reportedly had already left the building without paying for items.

The responding officer was told the woman had left in a blue Town and Country, headed east on Ford Road. The officer searched the area before reporting to the store, but was unable to locate the vehicle.

The Meijer loss prevention officer told the police officer the woman had been in the store awhile, before moving to the back of the store. She began to bag items in green Meijer bags. The woman was then observed placing towels over the items.

She tried to leave via the east doors, but a greeter stopped her and asked her for a receipt, so she went back into the store. She waited until the coast had cleared at the west doors, then left without paying for any of her items. Though she got away in her vehicle, the loss prevention officer was able to get a license plate number.

Police traced that license plate to a Fiat Rock woman and obtained the woman's photograph. However, the loss prevention officer could not identify the woman when presented with a photo lineup, according to the police report.

—By Darrell Clem

## Wayne man killed crossing while Michigan Avenue

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

Canton police have identified Michael Edward Johnson as the 41-year-old Wayne man who was killed Saturday night when he was struck by a vehicle while crossing Michigan Avenue on foot in Canton.

Johnson was walking home from a local bar when the accident happened about 11:15 a.m. on westbound Michigan Avenue west of Hannan Road, police said.

"We believe the pedestrian was drinking," police Lt. Pat Sullivan said in

response to questions.

Johnson was struck by a 1998 Jeep Cherokee driven by a 28-year-old Westland woman who was taken to St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia as a precaution, police said.

"The driver had not been drinking," Sullivan said. "The driver was transported to the hospital because she was understandably upset. She was treated and released a short time later."

Johnson died despite efforts to resuscitate him with CPR by police officers and a registered nurse who had stopped

to assist.

An investigation is being conducted by the Canton Police Department's Accident Investigation Team.

"The crash is still under investigation," Sullivan said. "We won't be closing it until we receive autopsy results on the pedestrian, which will probably be six to eight weeks."

Although the incident remains under investigation, the driver had not been charged as of early Wednesday.

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## PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

### Grocery theft

An 82-year-old Northville man was ticketed for shoplifting April 3 after he admitted taking about \$30 worth of groceries — almonds, spinach and packaged salmon — from the Busch's Fresh Food Market in Plymouth Township.

A manager at the store told police the suspect had no explanation for the theft, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report.

Police were called to Busch's, on Shelton Road near Five Mile, shortly after 1 p.m. April 3 after an employee told the manager she had seen a man in the store conceal two packages of fish in his jacket, the police report said.

The responding officer issued a ticket for third-degree retail fraud and released the suspect.

### Stolen car recovered

Police recovered a car that had been reported stolen in Detroit after an April 4 traffic stop in the area of Joy Road and General Drive.

A police report said a patrolling officer spotted the westbound 2000 Pontiac Grand Am, without a license plate,

around 11 a.m. at Joy and Hagerty and stopped it near General Drive.

The driver, a 22-year-old Canton Township man, said he had purchased the car the day before and was on his way to a Secretary of State office to register it.

He showed the officer a title to the car. But a computer check of the car showed it had been stolen, and police in Detroit confirmed that a theft report had been filed for both the car and the title, police said.

The driver said he had seen the car advertised on a website and bought it for cash in Livonia from a man who said he was selling it for his uncle. Police gave him a ride home and advised him to file a police report in Livonia.

### Eat and run

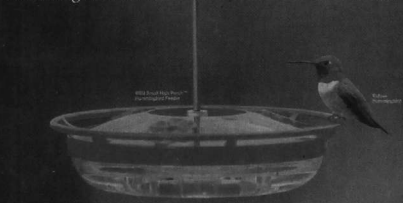
Two men and a woman fled from Zack's, a 24-hour restaurant at Main Street and Ann Arbor Road, after running up a nearly \$37 food bill there early Sunday.

The incident occurred about 5:30 a.m. Sunday, a police report said. The diners were reportedly in their 20s, and a Zack's employee said they'd been there before and she would recognize them if they returned.

—By Matt Jachman

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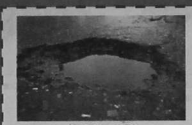
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# Trench warfare

## Rescue team hones emergency response skills

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

As a local fire chief himself, Shadd Whitehead knows there are things local departments are really good at, and other things they're not really equipped to handle.

While local firefighters are great at the daily duties they face, most departments, Whitehead knows, aren't equipped to handle some missions.

That's why the Western Wayne Urban Search and Rescue team was formed. The team, comprised of firefighters from departments all around the county, responds to disasters such as tornadoes, explosions and trench collapses.

"Local fire departments are good at the day-to-day fire operations, but they aren't prepared to handle those kinds of things," said Whitehead, the team's special operations chief who also serves as the chief of the Livonia Fire Department. "Our job is to support local fire departments and provide that expertise."

That's why the team, a multi-disciplined squad specializing in rescue operations, was in Canton Tuesday, practicing its trench collapse strategies in the Canton Township DPW yard. A couple of dozen firefighters, along with several DPW employees, took part in the search-and-rescue exercise designed to hone the team's rescue skills.

Departments represented included Northville Township, Garden City, Taylor, Van Buren, Plymouth, Livonia, Canton and Farmington Hills.

### Affect the rescue

Whitehead said trench collapse rescue are "a big percentage" of the events to which they respond. The team focused on its ability to stabilize a trench and "affect the rescue." The steps are necessary, Whitehead pointed out, because a variety of factors, including weather conditions, rain, soil conditions, the size of the trench and the length of time it's been exposed to the elements, affect how firefighters approach a rescue scenario.

"There are a lot of trench collapses due to those conditions," Whitehead said. "We end up in scenarios where workers in the trench aren't using appropriate protection. Those are situations we're trained to handle."

The team was formed in 2005, modeled on the Western Wayne Hazardous Materials team formed eight years earlier for the same reason — to respond to large emergency situations — that smaller communities aren't equipped to handle for reasons including money and manpower.

Based on population, each of the 21 communities represented on the team dedicates members — there are 46 total — to the team.

"It was recognized we had a shortcoming in the sense of urban search and rescue," Farmington Hills Fire Chief Corey Bartsch said. "It took about a year to train everybody. It was a way of being able to share our resources, share the costs and provide a very good asset to the 21 communities involved."



Stabilizing the trench walls and building the tower that supports the Vector hose.



Livonia Fire Chief Shadd Whitehead explains the procedures for the search-and-rescue operation.

ton Hills Fire Chief Corey Bartsch said. "It took about a year to train everybody. It was a way of being able to share our resources, share the costs and provide a very good asset to the 21 communities involved."

The team trains monthly, including four times on trench-style rescues. Firefighters find the training essential — "It's critical... If you don't have this training, you can't do the job," Plymouth Community Fire



First on the agenda: Dividing the manpower into teams and settling on roles.



Canton DPW staffers Curt Foster and Dave Arnold clamp the hose on the Vector truck.

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Unloading materials and equipment for Urban Search and Rescue.

incorporated a new element — local Department of Public Works staffers. DPW workers from Livonia, Canton and Farmington Hills were on hand to operate Vector trucks — large vacuum equipment generally used to drain water.

But team members thought the Vectors could come in handy removing soil from the site of trench collapses, rather than having firefighters having to remove it by hand. Whitehead said team officials met with DPW leadership and pitched the idea of partnering in emergency response.

"The DPWs bought into the idea," Whitehead said. "They see the value of responding to help us in these situations."

Farmington Hills DPW staffer Bob Saksewski said the idea of joining in the rescue effort seems like a no-brainer.

"In the past, (firefighters) were hand-digging all that dirt," Saksewski said. "We have all the equipment, so if we can use it we should... Anything we can do to help."

Firefighters agreed the DPW staffers added insight to the training. Bartsch said that,



Livonia's John Orzech talks to the group about the plans for the training. In background, Canton Township's Curt Foster.

while police and firefighters are generally far more recognized as first responders, the people — and equipment — in DPW departments can be just as big an asset.

"The DPW guys offered some insight to us, some tips on how to do things better," Bartsch said. "We're really happy they came on board to help make us a better team."

Bartsch and Whitehead agree an operation of this magnitude could never be handled by any individual department today, particularly from smaller communities represented by the team.

It couldn't be done now... Maybe in a huge city, like Detroit-size or bigger, but they've got the same kind of economic limitations we have, too," Bartsch said. "We have more than \$2 million worth of equipment, and 46 individuals on the team who train regularly. There's no way, in my department, we'd be able to do something like that. While we have a lot of different equipment, we rely on a lot of different partners to provide assistance to us."

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**Added element**  
Tuesday's training

# Unemployment figures provide incomplete picture

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist

If you just looked at the headlines last week, it seemed as if there was good news since the unemployment rate declined in March. I have said many times, America works better when America is working. Therefore, it should be good news when the unemployment rate falls. However, you just can't look at unemployment, you have to look deeper. One item to consider in looking at the unemployment rate is the participation rate.

The participation rate is the percentage of working-age people who are either currently employed or unemployed, but looking for a job. Typically, a working-age person is defined as an individual between the ages of 16 and 64. Individuals who are in that age group but who are not counted as participating in the job market are typically people under 64 who are retired, students and homemakers.

## Participation rate

Historically, the labor participation rate in the U.S. is 67-68 percent. The recent drop of unemployment in the country was not because more people were working, but because the number of Americans who stopped looking for work hit a 30-year high.

The labor participation rate in March dropped to 63 percent, which means about 300,000 fewer Americans were counted as unemployed last month, not because they got jobs but because they stopped actively looking for work.



Money Matters  
Rick Bloom

gave up.

There are a lot of theories as to why the participation rate has continued to decline. In the last four years, the participation rate is down more than 2 percent. When you consider that the U.S. population is north of 300 million, a 2-percent drop is significant.

## Why does it matter?

Normally during a recovery, a growing economy motivates people to get back into the labor market. Unfortunately, during this recovery that hasn't happened. There are many theories as to why, including the thought that many Americans lack the necessary skills to fill the jobs created in this new economy and that many baby boomers have given up looking for work and have decided to retire.

The bottom line is that the labor participation rate continues to decline, which is not the way to bring down the unemployment rate.

It seems on a daily basis new economic numbers are released that show the state of the economy. Unfortunately, in this partisan world, everyone has their own spin on these numbers. It is important to look at these economic numbers and take a deeper look. It is only then one

gets a better understanding of what is happening. This doesn't just apply to the unemployment numbers, but all the numbers that are released on the economy. Of course, not all numbers released are as important as the unemployment numbers, however, they all have to be put into perspective.

The question many ask is why the unemployment numbers are so important. After all, if you were retired and not looking for a job, you may question why does it matter. My response is that it does matter and it directly affects everyone.

## Interest rates

One of the reasons why interest rates are so low is that the Federal Reserve is keeping them low in order to help stimulate the economy. The Federal Reserve has said that interest rates will not begin to rise until unemployment is reduced significantly. Therefore, if you are retired, the only way you are going to get higher returns on your CDs and your U.S. treasuries is if interest rates rise. That won't happen until the unemployment numbers improve.

I wish I had better news on the employment front. As investors and as Americans, we are entitled to a complete picture. The participation rate is a key part of the complete picture.

Good luck!

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# W-W programs focus on anti-bullying, families

A nationally recognized motivational speaker who spoke to more than 8,000 students in the Wayne-Westland's upper elementary, middle and high schools and with teachers and the community last May is coming back for a Community Night next week.

Reggie Dabbs will present his anti-bullying message, wrapped in stories, humor, and music, at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 16, in the Wayne Memorial High School Alumni Arena.

Dabbs knows how to connect with students and share his message. He knows that students need healthy learning environments in their schools, and he knows that the community has a role to play in fighting bullying behavior.

In his 2012 presentations, the nationally recognized motivational speaker sent students off with a message that they can never change their past but they can change their future by the choices they make.

At the time, he compared life to a roller coaster, telling students that "some days you're at the top of the hill and everything's great, and some days you're going downhill so fast, but you don't want to get off. You want to stay on because it'll get fixed. You never give up."

His visit was almost two years in the making and happened as the result of a recommendation by the Wayne-Westland Ministerial Association, according to Aaron Baughman, executive director of curriculum development for the district. According to Baughman, Dabbs' message of hope was inspirational and "resonated



STEPHEN GANTRELL/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Reggie Dabbs uses facial expressions to help get his message across to students during a presentation last May at Stevenson Middle School in Westland.

with the students."

Dabbs will share his knowledge of bullying and how to combat it at the community presentation which is open to the public. Guests are invited to visit information booths that will be open for browsing.

Wayne Memorial High School is at Fourth Street and Glenwood, east of Wayne Road in Wayne. For more information, call the district's Instruction Department at (734) 419-2083.

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools also is sponsoring the Franklin Covey presentation of *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families* and *The Leader in Me* Monday, April 29, at Franklin Middle School in Wayne.

The program will be presented by Jonathan Catherman and feature Steven R. Covey's a practical and philosophical guide to solving problems, large and small, mundane and extraordinary, that confront all families and strong communities.

By offering revealing anecdotes about ordinary

people as well as helpful suggestions about changing everyday behavior, *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families* shows how and why to have family meetings, the importance of keeping promises, how to balance individual and family needs, and how to move from dependence to interdependence.

The free program will include dinner prepared by Chef Tony Paquette of the William D. Ford Career Technical Center and door prizes. Dinner will be served from 5:30-6:20 p.m., the presentation will be 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Every family will receive a copy of *7 Habits of Highly Effective Families*.

Families can reserve a seat for the program by calling (734) 419-2708. Free child care will be provided. Youngsters must be potty trained. When reserving a spot, parents should indicate they need child care and the ages of the children.

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## T-Mobile shakes up cell phone industry

By Jon Gunnells  
Guest Columnist

After announcing it is cutting cell phone plan costs, removing two-year contracts and other consumer-friendly benefits, T-Mobile may be poised to become the nation's favorite wireless provider.

Recently, the wireless giant that nearly merged with AT&T announced sweeping changes that will distance it from Verizon, Sprint and AT&T. The biggest such change is the removal of two-year agreements. From this point forward, T-Mobile CEO John Legere says there will be no more "BS in wireless pricing."

With T-Mobile, a wireless subscriber can receive unlimited minutes, text messages and data (Internet usage) for \$80, plus taxes and regulatory fees. For comparison, this tech guy pays \$2 more per month and doesn't even get unlimited data. Moreover, that more-expensive plan keeps me locked in for two years.

Pricing discounts remain for additional lines. A second line on any account is \$30 and third lines qualify subscribers for a \$10 add-on for every third line and beyond. So if you have two lines, with unlimited everything, you would pay \$120 per month plus fees — we know that's less than many peo-



Tech Savvy  
Jon Gunnells

ple pay for one phone. Three lines of unlimited talk, text and data, would be \$150, while four would cost a family \$180 plus fees.

What begins as a great deal for individuals has become an even more exceptional deal for families.

The lower plan costs also reduce regulatory fees, as those required fees are based on the cost of a phone bill.

### What about your phone?

Unless you are already with T-Mobile, Straight Talk or Metro PCS, chances are your new phone purchase cost about \$200 (up front) and locked you into a two-year agreement. With the new T-Mobile setup, your new phone won't lock you into anything.

Subscribers won't even have to pay for their phones up front because T-Mobile is offering 0-percent financing for multiple top-end smartphones like the Samsung Galaxy II and Nokia Lumia. It will offer the iPhone as of mid-April.

A Samsung Galaxy, for example, will cost owners about \$16 per month, added on to a bill, for 24 months. That works

out to about \$300 to \$400 for the cost of the phone

— which is more than you may pay now, but significantly less than the \$550 or \$600 price tag if you don't have a contract. When you have paid off your phone, it is yours and you can take it where you choose. If you want to leave T-Mobile before paying off your phone, you can. There are no penalties because you don't have a contract, but you still need to pay off the balance of your phone.

T-Mobile will also allow you to bring your own phone or tablet and receive its service with no two-year agreement or contract.

For those who are fed up with extreme cell phone bills, illogical pricing tiers and phone costs, T-Mobile's plan is a welcome change. It will be interesting to see if it steals enough market share to force the true wireless giants, Verizon and AT&T, to make their own changes. As it is now, some of those providers don't even offer unlimited data plans.

The addition of the iPhone to T-Mobile's product mix makes it an even more dangerous contender in this wireless race.

Jon Gunnells is a freelance writer and social media planner. Comments or suggestions for future columns? Email jonathan.gunnells@gmail.com or follow him on Twitter at @GunnShow.

## IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



The I Am Detroit line of Brandon Yopp and Bryan Young can be found at Comerica Park, Meijer, and all Aco Hardware Stores.

## Local clothing line touts Detroit teams

**Observer:** Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature?

**I Am Detroit:** The I Am Detroit line can be found at Comerica Park, Meijer, and all Aco Hardware Stores. All of our shirts are made to support the city along with the Tigers, Red Wings, Lions, and Pistons.

**Observer:** How did you first decide to open your business?

**I Am Detroit:** We wanted to where Tee's with the Detroit skyline in all the local sports teams colors.

**Observer:** Why did you choose the Plymouth-Canton area?

**I Am Detroit:** It's where we grew up.

**Observer:** What makes your business unique?

**I Am Detroit:** We've been able to get into over 60 local stores and Comerica park with out the help of a celebrity. Which tell us

### I AM DETROIT

**Business name:** I Am Detroit

**Your names:** Bryan Young and Brandon Yopp

**Your hometown:** Canton

**Business opened:** October 2011

**Number of employees:** 6

**Your business specialty:** We make Detroit-themed T-shirts in all the local sport team colors. We have been able to produce a T-shirt that should retail for \$25 for only \$10.

**Business website:** IAMDetroitClothing.com

that we are clothing line of the people of Detroit.

**Observer:** How has it changed since you opened?

**I Am Detroit:** In the last two months we have been contacted by MLB licensing to license our designs through them and sell in every stadium in Major League Baseball.

**Observer:** How has the recent economy affected your business?

**I Am Detroit:** It hasn't. **Observer:** Do you have a funny tidbit to share with

other business owner?

**I Am Detroit:** Taking an order from Meijer for 5,000 tee's and then realizing we only had 36 hours to fulfill the order. But we got it done, and keep getting it done.

**Observer:** Any advice for other business owners?

**I Am Detroit:** Don't let anybody tell you you can't do something.

**Observer:** What's in store in the future for your business?

**I Am Detroit:** Hopefully, every major city in the U.S.

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### Showcase Plymouth

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is accepting registrations for exhibit space at the annual Showcase and Taste of Plymouth, set for Monday, May 6, from 5-7:30 p.m., at the Inn at St. John's.

Exhibit space prices are \$110 or \$135 (premium) and includes a 6-foot by 3-foot skirted table.

Showcase and Taste of Plymouth attracts 650-750 attendees from the community and member businesses, 95 total exhibitors including 20 restaurants, Community Service Awards presented to 20 honorees and each exhibitor can bring three people.

The Inn at St. John's is located at 44045 Five Mile in Plymouth. Anyone interested in exhibiting can contact the chamber at (734) 453-1540 or email [ter@plymouthmich.org](mailto:ter@plymouthmich.org) by April 26.

### Ladies Night

Clearly You Professional Skin Care Center in Canton hosts a "Ladies Night Out" 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 17.

The evening will feature unique products and services to sample, including JP Creative Arts Photo Booth, Michigan Elite Conditioning for Athletes offering a free Klat Test, samples from Dream Dinner of Livonia, Sarah Blaine for Willow House Jewelry, Himm Healing Hands chair massage, Chakras and Aura Photography Analysis, glomInerals makeup application with Kara, Botox, Juvederm and Latisse information, lash tinting and express facial waxing and facials.

There is no charge for admission, but a nominal charge for services. Proceeds from the evening will benefit the Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary.

Clearly You is located at 44633 Joy, just west of Sheldon. Call Clearly You at 734-453-7475 to RSVP or for more information.

### Canton dinner auction

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual dinner auction Saturday, April 20, from 6:30 p.m. to mid-

### BUSINESS BRIEFS



Showcase Plymouth is expected to again draw hundreds to the Inn at St. John's May 6 from 5-7:30 p.m.

night, at Burton Manor in Livonia. This year's theme is "The Great Divide: U-M vs. MSU." The event features more than 200 raffish, trips to Cabo San Lucas and Boyne Mountain, airline tickets, jewelry and more. Two winners will go home with \$1,000 in cash. The night also includes a strolling dinner and open bar.

Cost is \$75 per person. The event is sponsored by Jack Demmer Automotive Group and MSA Delivery Service.

Contact the chamber office, (734) 453-4040, for additional information regarding donations, sponsorships or attending.

### AD luncheon

Athletic directors for the University of Michigan (David Brandon) and Michigan State University (Mark Hollis) headline a joint meeting of the Plymouth Community, Livonia, Northville and Westland chambers of commerce Friday, April 26, at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

While they lead programs that are heated rivals, both men work to support the Big Ten Conference and NCAA. Both leaders will share comments about their current projects, challenges and answer questions.

The cost to attend this event is \$30 for members or \$40 for non-members. Doors open at 11:30 a.m., the program starts at noon.

Reservations are required, with payment, by April 22. To reserve, email [ter@plymouthmich.org](mailto:ter@plymouthmich.org) or call (734) 453-1540.

# Area firm assists with ex-Wings' recovery

By Ken Abramczyk  
Staff Writer

Every hockey fan in Detroit remembers the euphoria that engulfed the Motor City when the Detroit Red Wings won the Stanley Cup in 1997, the team's first in 42 years.

After ending such a long championship drought, hundreds of fans celebrated at a parade celebrating the victory.

Days later, that euphoria sank and turned to despair and prayers after hockey fans learned that Vladimir Konstantinov, Sergei Mnatyskanov and Slava Fetisov suffered injuries in an accident on June 13 when the driver of a rented limousine drove onto a median of Woodward Avenue and struck a tree.

Konstantinov and Mnatyskanov suffered serious injuries. Konstantinov was in a coma and suffered brain injuries. Mnatyskanov was paralyzed from the waist down.

Konstantinov eventually began therapy with Polly Swingle, who was employed at the time at



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Vladimir Konstantinov (center) with athletic trainer Matt Drake and Recovery Project CEO Polly Swingle.

Detroit Medical Center. Konstantinov's recovery was slow.

His efforts to recover inspired his teammates in their pursuit of a second consecutive Stanley Cup in 1998. Detroit hockey fans remember that emotional moment seeing Steve Yzerman handing Konstantinov the Stanley Cup, and Konstantinov carrying it while in a wheelchair as his teammates pushed him around

the ice. Swingle remembers that, and while she isn't directly working with Konstantinov right now, she owns and runs a facility where Konstantinov still works on his recovery.

## Konstantinov can walk on his own

Today Konstantinov exercises at least three days and sometimes five days a week at The Recovery Project in Livonia. He walks with a walker, but also can walk on his own.

Konstantinov works closely with trainer Matt Drake at the Recovery Project and private nurse Pam Demanuel. Swingle is president and CEO of The Recovery Project.

"He at first stayed in his wheelchair, and had difficulty standing and walking," Swingle said. "Now he has a walker. Using the walker, he is able to stand by himself." Konstantinov can perform "activities of daily living," namely brushing his teeth, among other things.

For an hour, he exercises to improve his endurance

and follows with therapy. "Probably within the last two years, Matt has got him to walk more without his walker, and he has learned to go up and down the stairs safely," Swingle said. "Matt has him do more sports-related exercising, like standing on uneven surfaces, and working from a kneeling position and doing core exercises."

"He's reconditioning muscle to maintain and improve flexibility and work his cardiovascular system, and also retraining his brain with these movements."

Swingle said Drake will challenge Konstantinov with harder exercises. "Vladdie has been exercising and training since he was 10 years old," Swingle said. "We had to develop an exercise program for the kind of athlete he was used to being."

Konstantinov has developed a level of acceptance for what has happened, Swingle said. "He enjoys watching hockey," Swingle said. He attends occasional games and visits with players. He enjoys going to restaurants with family and

friends. "He knows what is going on," Swingle said. "He definitely keeps up." "The quality of his life has tremendously improved. He can walk by himself."

## Recovery Project result of a vision

Swingle founded the Recovery Project with Charlie Parkhill in 2003. Parkhill had suffered a spinal cord injury that left him motionless from the neck down. Swingle worked to assist Parkhill.

They had a vision to provide more therapy to patients through The Recovery Project. Every patient has at least 60 minutes of one-on-one with a therapist and works out with state-of-the-art equipment.

"Charlie designed it with the open windows, to brighten the individual experiences here," Swingle said. It allowed patients to see the outside world and not be enclosed in a room, Swingle said. Family members also are involved in the recovery and sit nearby during the exercises, Swingle said.

Konstantinov has com-

pleted his exercises that day and Drake is massaging him when Swingle, a reporter and photographer walk up to him. Swingle asked him how he is doing. "Good," said Konstantinov.

He said he is doing much better as he continues therapy throughout the years. He smiles and jokes with Swingle that he wants to play Uno. "I'm doing good," he said. She asked him whose fault it is if the Wings lose, Konstantinov, a defenseman, jokes that it's the forwards who are to blame, then he smiles again at his joke.

His mood is pleasant. It's been a difficult road, Swingle said, but Konstantinov still works on staying in shape and recovering to the best of his ability.

He shakes the visitors' hands as he gets up to leave. "Where are you guys going?" Swingle asked. "Lunch," Konstantinov said, as he and his caretaker walk out of the building.

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# Arbor Hospice joins in celebrating volunteers

In honor of National Volunteer Month, Arbor Hospice officials are saluting more than 300 volunteers who donated 19,911 hours and traveled thousands of miles this past year to bring comfort and care to its patients and their families. The annual April observance not only provides an opportunity for organizations to thank their Good Samaritans, but for people to consider how they can give their time and talents to create a better community,

officials said. Arbor Hospice attracts a wide range of volunteers, many of whom offer their special skills and talents to bring comfort and companionship to hospice patients and their families.

One of Arbor Hospice's younger volunteers, Susan Doong, is an 11th-grade student at Northville High School who uses her talents as a pianist to bring cheer to Arbor Hospice patients residing in nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

"Many of the residents tap their feet with the tunes," Susan said. "It's nice to see them engaged in the music and excited when they hear something familiar."

Diane Imreedy has been volunteering with Arbor Hospice since 1990. For the first 15 years, she spent most of her time offering relief for caregivers and companionship to patients, including helping one patient complete a personal bucket list.

"I'll never forget how excited she would get when I would call her and tell her that I was coming over," Imreedy said. "She really wanted to get through her list, and I was so glad that I could be her companion and help her do that."

In the past seven years, Imreedy has worked on the administrative side of Arbor Hospice, helping in the office and acting as a volunteer coordinator.

Another volunteer, Dennis

Sparks, uses his talent as a videographer to provide gifts for the families of Arbor Hospice patients. He creates videos of special moments and messages from patients to give their families a permanent reminder of those special memories.

Those interested exploring rewarding volunteer opportunities with Arbor Hospice can contact [volunteers@arborhospice.org](mailto:volunteers@arborhospice.org) or call (734) 656-0031 for opportunities in Wayne County.

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## OUR VIEWS

# School bond deserves 'yes' vote

There's a lot at stake when voters go to the polls May 7 to decide the \$114.4-million bond proposal for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

A yes vote can provide equity in education for all middle students in the district, help move the district closer to the leading edge of technology usage, make necessary repairs to district facilities and help replace an aging vehicle fleet.

If approved, the bond will keep the district's debt levy tax rate at 4.1 mills and preclude a drop to 3.66 that will come July 1 if the bond doesn't pass. That means, according to officials, that while taxes won't go up for voters, a "yes" vote will mean the loss of some \$35 in savings a homeowner with a \$100,000 taxable value would have seen this year. The tax rate will fluctuate over the life of the bond, but is expected to average some 1.2 mills.

The bond proposal deserves the "yes" vote district officials are seeking. It will, most importantly, allow the district to address equity in education issues for middle schools students.

Finally, the district is trying to do something about Central Middle School. It's true some "old-timers" and purists think Central is still a viable educational facility, but that opinion begs the question: When's the last time any of those folks have been in the building in the dead of winter or the heat of summer?



Plymouth-Canton officials will close venerable Central Middle School if the \$114-million bond proposal passes May 7.

Every educational expert in the district is clamoring for a better learning environment for those students, and the only way it's going to happen is through this bond.

And sure, naysayers will complain about spending millions on technology that will be obsolete in a few years, but in this warp-speed "iLearning" environment,

when technology is really irrelevant almost as soon as it's rolled out, what's the alternative?

The bond proposal is drawing significant support. The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce announced its support last week. This week, state Rep. Kurt Heise, (R-Plymouth Township), added his endorsement. District officials presented

its case to the Canton Township Board of Trustees meeting two weeks ago and, while the board as a whole doesn't get into political endorsements, most members have endorsed it as individual residents.

Plymouth Township board members have been more hesitant to say much about it. Their public objections are the tax savings it will cost residents and a question about the need for building a new middle school when enrollment is declining.

Despite the fact nearly 80 percent of the district's middle school students live in Canton, it would be interesting to see how the Plymouth Township board would vote if the district planned to build the new middle school north of Joy Road.

Voters who are undecided can learn more at one of two community forums. Both are scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, April 25. One is at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, in Plymouth; the other is in the DuBois Little Theater at Canton High School, 8415 Canton Center in Canton. If you can't make one of those, check with your homeowners' association; chances are district officials will be talking to them, too.

This ballot proposal is an important issue that will affect everyone in the school district. The Observer believes it merits support and encourages voters to make an informed decision on May 7.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### Have you decided whether you will support or oppose the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools bond proposal May 7?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"I support it. You've got to keep your infrastructure up. Plymouth-Canton has good schools, and I'd like to see it stay that way."

John DeCosta  
Canton



"The bond is for the schools; I'd support it. Bonds are an investment I think people would be interested in having. The long-term issue is, people are concerned about debt."

Steve Vollmer  
Canton



"I'd support it. It's reasonable."

Dennis Budziszewski  
Canton



"Anything that supports education should be a priority. I would support it."

Jessica Stanich  
Canton

## Franklin's vision our center of lifelong learning

The credit for having public libraries must be given to Benjamin Franklin. Books were rare and expensive in the colonies and few people had access to them. Franklin had a passion for reading and in 1731 convinced the members of his study group to pool their resources to buy books.

A group of 50 subscribers committed to investing 40 shillings each and created the Library Company of Philadelphia, our country's first lending library and our oldest cultural institution. Within a decade, several other cities also began forming their own libraries. Franklin saw these new libraries as having "improved the general conversation of Americans, made the common tradesmen and farmers as intelligent as most gentlemen from other countries and perhaps contributed in some degree to the stand so generally made throughout the

colonies in defence of their privileges."

Franklin's vision provided the building blocks for today's library system. However, he could not have foreseen a library that provides all manner of information in print, on CD, DVD and online. According to the 2012 State of American Libraries report, "Americans are becoming ever more keenly aware that libraries are prime sources for free access to books, magazines, ebooks, DVDs, the Internet and professional assistance ... And public libraries are also serving as a lifeline for people trying to adapt to challenging economic circumstances, providing technology training and online resources for employment, access to government resources, continuing education, retooling for new careers, and starting a small business."

Next week, April 14-20, the nation will observe National

Library Week. The American Library Association has been sponsoring the weeklong event since 1958 as a way of recognizing the contributions of libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support. This year's theme is "Communities matter @ your library" and rightly so. Libraries are an important part of a community.

Today's library is a center of lifelong learning. It also is a community gathering place where people go for recreation and leisure activities. Pick a local library and you'll find something to do from preschool story times and reading groups to crafts and a game of chess.

For residents who haven't been to the library lately, next week is an excellent time to stop by. Blow the dust off that library card and check out a book, CD, DVD or e-book. And while there, offer a thank you to the library staff for the services they provide.

## LETTERS

### Great library

Thanks for the great article about our community library ("Library cards inaugural award," Canton Observer, March 31).

The Canton library is one of the true treasures this community has to offer, as is proven by the large and diverse clientele it serves every day. Hopefully the economy will pick up and allow the library to regain some of the badly needed funding it lost over the past few years.

For it to continue to provide the exemplary services it does with its tribute to the library staff and its commitment to going above and beyond in everything they do.

Cornelis vanSpronsen  
Canton

### Bond concerns

Taxpayers in the PCCS district should consider the May 7 bond request with a serious degree of skepticism.

The PCCS board has not shown competence in managing the district's current assets and therefore it should be questioned whether or not they are capable of managing revenues from this bond.

The issues are two fold: 1) Why

is the 40-acre property known as Miller Woods (Powell and Ridge roads) still in the district's inventory? The State Of Michigan ruled over 10 years ago that a school on this property would not be approved. However, instead of selling this property, the PCCS board then placed a value-damaging deed restriction on the property.

Certainly this property provides a very nice property value enhancing green belt to a few dozen adjacent homeowners, but it does nothing for the students in the PCCS district. This property was purchased without a restricted deed and must be sold without a value damaging deed restriction. Remove the deed restriction and sell Miller Woods. (Note: "nature walks" are available at Maybury State Park with access and parking for all.

2) Central Middle School, a dilapidated, unfit, money pit excuse for an educational facility, should be closed and the property sold before more of the property is "donated" by the PCCS board. These "donations" for the Plymouth Veterans Memorial Park and for a

special needs park only damage the value of this property. While these "donations" may be considered worthwhile by some and of course the park behind the school provides a very well-equipped and low-cost park and recreational facility for the City of Plymouth, the educational needs of the students in the PCCS District must come first.

Close Central Middle School and sell the property. The PCCS board must be focused on the financial needs of our students, not on maintaining greenbelts, parks and recreational facilities beyond that required by the school facility, and certainly not giving away taxpayers assets.

Past bond requests have not been supported. Should there be support for this one? While there is no question that the education and educational facilities of the PCCS must be maintained at the highest level possible, the board needs to demonstrate to the taxpayers of the district they are capable of managing current assets before asking for more money.

Thomas P. Gamache  
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# Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights



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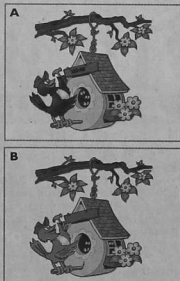
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## Spring is finally here... so that means summer is just around the corner

Earth Day is April 22nd. In recognition of Earth Day here are a few fun facts.

### What's the Difference?

There are four things different between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?



Answers: 1. Welcome sign 2. missing gophers 3. gophers in side window 4. bird in different color

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### Earth Day Word Find

Just in time for Earth Month and Earth Day, find the hidden words in the puzzle.

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ANSWER: SHADE

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### March Science Contest Winners!

## WOW!

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Maggie Bean Farmington Hills

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## BASEBALL PREVIEW - PT. 3

## 'Cats still have plenty of fight

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Despite losing a trio of standouts to graduation, Plymouth's varsity baseball team figures to be in the KLAAS South Division mix again in 2013.

Last year's team won the first division title in school history, going 27-9 overall. Gone from that squad are ace pitcher Justin Thompson and .400 hitters Rich Guglielmi and Tyler Goble.

But don't expect head coach Bryan Boyd and his current team to settle for any competitive fall-out. Not with eight players back who haven't forgotten the taste of success — led by captain Brian Schmid, who went 5-0 with a 1.84 ERA and hit .342 in 2012.

"Brian is no doubt our leader," Boyd said. "No one in our program has come further in the past four years than him. He is the embodiment of what hard work can do for a player."

Schmid will supplant Thompson as Plymouth's ace starter. He also will bat cleanup and play third

base when not on the mound.

The challenge for Boyd is what to do with the pitching rotation and bullpen beyond Schmid, the only returnee who notched a victory last year.

"Pitching is our question mark," Boyd said. "Twenty-two of our 27 wins graduated."

That said, he sees potential, plenty of "guys who can step up for us" to fill the void.

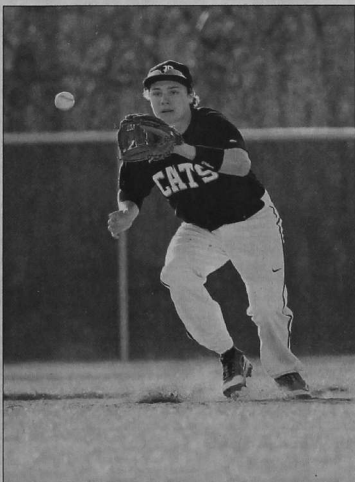
Senior Nate Percy could be at the top of the list. Boyd has Percy penciled in as the No. 2 starter.

"Nate is another guy who has really worked this off-season to put himself in the position he is in," Boyd said. "He throws in the low to mid-80s and is going to be a guy we depend on heavily."

Boyd also knows that senior Brandon Waack — who "can play any position on the field" — will close ball games.

As for the bottom of the rotation and middle relief, candidates include juniors Conner Stella and

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Plymouth's Brendan Swanson records an out at first base during last week's Ohio trip.

## MU's Shepler golf medalist

It was a good week-end for Jordan Shepler and the Madonna University women's golf team.

The freshman from Livonia Churchill High shot a career-best round with a 1-over par 74 in Friday's opening round and closed on Saturday with an 80 as the Crusaders captured the team title in the University of St. Francis (Ind.) Cougar Invitational at Brookwood Golf Club in Fort Wayne.

MU posted a two-day total of 324-332-656, five strokes better than runner-up Aquinas to lead the nine-school field.

Shepler led the Crusaders to the team title at the St. Francis Cougar Spring Invite as MU won by five shots over WHAC rival Aquinas.

Other MU scorers included Michelle Hall, fourth, 80-82-162; Chelsea Collura, tied for sixth, 86-78-164; Kaitlyn Brasher, 18th, 84-94-178; and Holly Laginess, tied for 19th, 87-92-179.

## PCA to bank on power bats, arms

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Plymouth Christian Academy's baseball team has a new head coach, as Kurt Johnston takes over from Joe Bottorff — who is sticking around as an assistant.

Johnston will soon find out what Bottorff already knows, that one of the best power hitters in the Michigan Independent Athletics Conference wears PCA purple.

That would be Junior Daniel Jipping, who launched eight homers and batted .600 in 2012, good for all-conference and all-district honors.

"Daniel has been getting many kudos for his hitting at the various showcases he has attended," Bottorff said. "He already has one Division I



Plymouth Christian Academy junior catcher Daniel Jipping, shown in this photo, is pretty comfortable at, behind or sliding into home plate. He hammered eight homers and batted .600 in 2012.

scholarship offer has several other schools looking at him."

Jipping also will be PCA's starting catcher, backed up by senior Matt

Read (who also is the starting third baseman).

"Matt has improved each year on the team and last year was something of a breakout year

for him," Bottorff said. "Matt will do anything to get on base as he led the team in HBP (hit-by-pitch)."

Junior Johnny Lauch

and promising freshman Nick Andres will play shortstop and second base, respectively. Lauch likely will be the lead-off hitter, and is a speedy baserunner.

"Nick has a lot of travel (baseball) experience and has a nice swing," Bottorff said. "He is a smart base runner and has good speed. We think he fits in a number of places in the batting order, so we are going to try different things with him during the non-conference schedule."

Another freshman who will see plenty of playing time is first baseman Josh Slater, described as an "all-around good player with a strong arm (who) hits with good power."

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## Atienza an All-American

Livonia Franklin High junior Jordan Atienza secured eighth-place out of 90 entrants to earn All-American status at FLO National Wrestling Tournament held last weekend at Indiana University (Pa.).

Atienza, the MHSAA runner-up last month at 152 pounds in the Division 1 state individual finals, started the FLO tourney with a 3-0 record on the first day before losing his first 158-pound match on Saturday to the three-time Nebraska state high school champion.

Atienza, however, rebounded with an overtime win the following day to place in the top eight.

## SOFTBALL PREVIEW - PT. 1

## Salem boasts plenty of talent

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

It might take a while for the Salem Rocks to start their KLAAS softball season thanks to this week's rainy forecast.

But whenever it does start, 29th-year coach Bonnie Southerland is enthusiastic about what Salem could be — even without star catcher Alex Powell, who graduated and signed to play at Davenport University.

"We just want to get out on our field and play," Southerland said. "Last year was a fluke as far as the weather. This year... looks like this entire week could be a wash-

out."

That would wipe out Wednesday's scheduled game against Plymouth.

"I have to say our division (KLAAS South) is very competitive, but I think the girls are ready to make a run," Southerland said. "It's certainly on their minds."

"They have the talent, the knowledge. It's about finishing the season strong. If they stay focused until the end, which means until that last pitch is thrown, I think we will be the team to beat."

## Nucleus returns

The Rocks (21-14 in 2012) do have some key players

back, including senior tri-captains Lexi Epley (outfield, all-region, all-conference), Elliott Mitchem (third base) and Katy Meade (outfield).

"They know what to do and how to do it," Southerland said. "Epley, Mitchem, Meade will have a young team to mold and the coaching staff has no doubt they will lead the team in the way they carry themselves on and off the field."

Junior returnees include Madi Koval (first base), Emily Marcero (pitcher, second base), Katie Zink (pitcher, outfield), Sam Weiser (outfield) and Gabri Zott (outfield, first base).

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Salem pitcher Marissa Hunley, shown from a game last season, will again log plenty of innings for the Rocks.

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## GIRLS TRACK &amp; FIELD RESULTS

## DUAL MEET RESULTS

## LYNVONA FRANKLIN '13

## April 9 at Franklin

Shot put: 1. Warren (C), 35 feet, 3.25 inches; 2. Meier (C), 21-0.5; 3. Jamie Mondella (L), 28-5.5.

Discus: 1. Meier (C), 81-8; 2. Rankin (C), 80.5.

High jump: 1. Madison Osborn (L), 43.2; 2. Emily Lang (C), 43.3; 3. Andrea Wickens (L), 43.

Long jump: 1. Natalie Modes (L), 16-2.2; 2. Brianna Gutowski (L), 14-4.25; 3. Maddie Albers (C), 14-3.25.

Pole vault: 1. Bridget Alanika (C), 8-0; 2. Emily Lang (C), 8-3; 3. Tasha McKinley (L), 7-6.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Kelly O'Brien (L), 16.7; 2. Williams (C), 18.6; 3. Osborn (L), 18.8.

300 hurdles: 1. O'Brien (L), 53.4; 2. Williams (C), 53.7; 3. Osborn (L), 54.6.

100 dash: 1. Madison Agnew (L), 13.0; 2. Bryah White (L), 13.4; 3. Julie Wrench (L), 13.9.

200: 1. Wrench (L), 28.5; 2. White (L), 29.3; 3. Alanika (C), 29.5.

400: 1. Wrench (L), 1:03.0; 2. Alanika (C), 1:04.7; 3. Roberts (C), 1:05.8.

800: 1. Natalie Douglas (L), 2:40.3; 2. Bradley (C), 2:47.8; 3. Katelyn Kovach (L), 2:48.6.

1,600: 1. Douglas (L), 5:40.8; 2. Mack (C), 5:55.3; 3. Jessica Siegler (C), 6:11.5.

3,200: 1. Ellyar Marano (L), 13:17.9; 2. Anna Snider (L), 13:31.3; 3. Ellen Grimes (C), 14:31.3.

400: 1. Frankie (Agnew, Michelle Wilson, Modes, White), 1:54.1; 2. Canton, 1:56.8.

1:55.6; 1,600 relay: 1. Canton, 4:32.7; 2. Franklin, 4:36.5; 3. 200 relay: 1. Franklin (Kovach, Snider, Marano, Douglas), 10:54.2; 2. Canton, 11:10.9.

Dual meet records: Franklin, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLASA South Division; Canton, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLASA South.

## PLYMOUTH '14

## April 9 at Plymouth

Shot put: 1. Johnson (P), 31 feet, 7 inches; 2. Bickers (P), 29-7; 3. Welsch (P), 27-10.

Discus: 1. Johnson (P), 96-7; 2. Bihm (P), 87-3; 3. Bickers (P), 76-10.

High jump: 1. Harris (P), 4-9; 2. Rickhoff (P), 4-7.3; 3. Taelor Phillips (W), 4-7.

Long jump: 1. Kayla Jones (W), 16-3; 2. Rickhoff (P), 14-11; 3. Banks (P), 13-10.

Pole vault: 1. McCurry (P), 10-6; 2. Uhlan (P), 10-0; 3. Rickhoff (P), 10-0.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Kirsten Smith (W), 15.78; 2. Stark (P), 16.56; 3. Puckett (P), 16.93.

300 hurdles: 1. Smith (W), 48.38; 2. Stark (P), 50.94; 3. Puckett (P), 51.7.

100 dash: 1. Jones (W), 12.89; 2. Rheana Allen (W), 13.01; 3. Salanga (P), 13.62.

200: 1. Jones (W), 27.62; 2. Lukers (P), 27.7; 3. Allen (W), 28.26.

400: 1. Davis (P), 1:05.14; 2. Asia Gardner (W), 1:05.15; 3. Alfara (P), 1:07.61.

800: 1. Stephan (P), 2:48.09; 2. Barnek (P), 2:50.25; 3. Maunman (P), 2:53.86.

1,600: 1. Clark (P), 6:05.0; 2. Deflasi (P), 6:10.3; 3. Deslino (P), 6:15.0.

3,200: 1. Lux (P), 12:41.19; 2. Cichon (P), 13:41.56; 3. Porcari (P), 14:00.1.

## KLAASAD

April 9 at Plymouth

Shot put: 1. Johnson (P), 31 feet, 7 inches; 2. Bickers (P), 29-7; 3. Welsch (P), 27-10.

Discus: 1. Johnson (P), 96-7; 2. Bihm (P), 87-3; 3. Bickers (P), 76-10.

High jump: 1. Harris (P), 4-9; 2. Rickhoff (P), 4-7.3; 3. Taelor Phillips (W), 4-7.

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## Numbers adding up for Eagles

## TRACK PREVIEW

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Growing both in numbers and stature is Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity track and field team.

Seventh-year head coach Jennifer Lemieux — who started the program in 2007 with two girls and five boys on the co-ed squad — is enthusiastic about what the 32-member 2013 team can accomplish.

"It is very exciting and I am looking forward to a terrific year," said Lemieux, who lost only three seniors from the 2012 team.

On the boys side, all-state high jumper Mike Noel returns for that event as well as the 110-meter high hurdles, the latter of which he holds the PCA school record.

Another record holder and state qualifier back for 2013 is Jimmy Parks. He is the PCA record holder in the 200- and 400-meter dashes.

Also returning are the accomplished 3,200-meter relay team of Trevor Baloga, Ethan Levack, Parks and Jacob Bailey. They qualified for the



Windle and Crown both hold school records for individual events and as part of last year's 3,200 relay (also including Smith).

"Our distance squad is very strong as they are all members of the cross country team, which won back-to-back regional titles (2011-12)," Lemieux said.

"We have a very talented group of freshmen and sophomores that are returning and also new to the team."

New to the coaching staff is assistant Josh Middleton, who also is a boys soccer coach at Plymouth Christian.

## Girls eye encore

Although the numbers are smaller on the girls side of the ledger, four returnees are looking to repeat last season's success.

State qualifiers Megan Lemieux (discus), Karen Windle (800 run), Terra Crown (1,600 run) and Rachel Smith (400 dash) are all back.

"We have stiff competition in our region with Lutheran Westland and Loyola for the boys and Lutheran Westland for the girls," Lemieux said.

"But the athletes are each striving to quality for states as a team."

"If this occurs it would be the first time for each of these teams (boys, girls) in PCA history. Going together would be such a blessing."

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

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Friday, April 12

Grand Blanc at Salem, 6 p.m.

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Saturday, April 13

Plymouth at St. Mary's, 1 p.m.

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GIRLS LACROSSE

Saturday, April 13

DCD at Ladywood, 2:30 p.m.

Holt at Canton, 3 p.m.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

(all double-headers)

Friday, April 12

Cornerstone at MU, 1 p.m.

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COLLEGE SOFTBALL

(all double-headers)

Friday, April 12

MU at Grace (Ind.), 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 13

MU at Huntington (Ind.), 1 p.m.

Sunday, April 14

Loures (Ohio) at MU, 1 p.m.

TBA — time to be announced.

GIRLS TENNIS

Thursday, April 11

Salem at Novi, 4 p.m.

Canton at Plymouth, 4 p.m.

Ladywood at N.D. Prep, 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 13

G.P.S. Invitational, 8:30 a.m.

Salem Quad, 8:30 a.m.

Chesa Union Invitational, TBA.

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## BOYS TRACK &amp; FIELD RESULTS

## LYNVONA FRANKLIN '13

## Canton 66

## April 9 at Franklin

Shot put: 1. Olanlyi Ovagbemire (C), 43 feet, 4 inches; 2. Asa Hattar (L), 41-0; 3. Juan Gamboa (L), 40-8.

Discus: 1. Tony Vella (L), 110-3; 2. Gamboa (L), 100-6; 3. (tie) Hattar (L) and Mike Chanayem (L), 99-2 each.

High jump: 1. Jamal Dixon (C), 6-4; 2. Aki Wade (C), 5-6; 3. (tie) Josh Richards (C) and Brett Lee (C), no marks.

Long jump: 1. Brett Gutowski (L), 19-4.25; 2. Jordan Bickham (L), 19-0.75; 3. Dixon (C), 18-1.75.

Pole vault: 1. Kyle Zander (C), 10-6; 2. Ryan Jimenez (C), 10-6; 3. Damon Currier (L), 10-0.

110-meter hurdles: 1. Gutowski (L), 19-4.25; 2. Bryan Eatten (C), 18-8; 3. Richie Wiecekore (L), 19-5.

300 hurdles: 1. Andrew Stephens (C), 43-9; 2. Hildreth (C), 44-6; 3. Wiecekore (L), 45-2.

100 dash: 1. Alex Perelli (L), 11-4; 2. Dan Duncan (L), 11-5; 3. Colby Morris (C), 11-8.

200: 1. Duncan (L), 24:1.2; 2. Chalid (C), 24-5; 3. Alan Jones (C), 24-7.

400: 1. Gutowski (L), 54-0; 2. Charles Steslick (C), 54-8; 3. Bickham (L), 55-5.

800: 1. Danny Koppen (L), 2:10-1; 2. Bryant Chen (C), 2:11-3; 3. Josh Joy (C), 2:17-0.

1,600: 1. Keenan Jones (L), 5:00-2; 2. Tom Walkinshaw (C), 5:02-6; 3. Christi (C), 5:08-0.

3,200: 1. Evan Dunklee (C), 10:18-7; 2. Jones (L), 10:53-0; 3. Billy Toth (C), 11:15-8.

400 relay: 1. Franklin (Duncan, Perelli, Spencer Opie, Bickham), 45-1; 2. Canton, 47-2; 3. 800 relay: 1. Franklin (Duncan, Gutowski, Opie, Perelli), 1:34-2; 2. Canton, 1:35-9; 3. 1,600 relay: 1. Canton, 3:53-9; 2. Franklin, 4:15-1; 3. 3,200 relay: 1. Franklin (Tony Floyd, Canton, Mike Elrod, Jones), 8:54-0; 2. Canton, 8:56-5.

Dual meet records: Franklin, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLASA South Division; Canton, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLASA South.



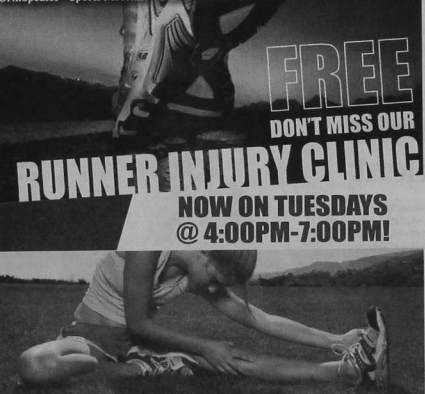
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Launching a shot put during Tuesday's meet is Canton's Austin Lynn.

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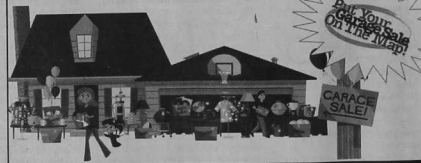
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Sliding into home plate during one of Plymouth's games in Ohio last week is senior Casey Sudz.

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Derek Ebeling, sophomore Kevin Anthony and freshman Cameron Stella.

The pitchers will throw to senior catcher Casey Sudz, who is dusting off the shin pads that Guglielmi left behind.

Backing up Sudz will be Waack and sophomore Cameron Anness.

**Up the middle**  
Boyd will bank on returning senior all-district and all-KLAA performers Matt Janke and Brendan Swanson as his keystone combination. In reserve will be Stella and sophomore Andrew Hejka.

At first base will be sophomore Seth Hubbard (backed up by Anness), senior Jamari Eiland is slotted for center field, flanked by Waack and Conner Stella in left and right, respectively.

"Conner was our leading hitter on the junior varsity team last year and could have played varsity if we had needed him," Boyd said.

Also on hand to help out in the outfield will be senior Shawn Sudz, junior Nick Foster and freshman Cameron Stella.

The Wildcats should hit the ball as well as any other team in the South Division. Janke and Waack will be the table setters for No. 3 hitter Casey Sudz, followed by Schmidt in the fourth spot and Eiland at No. 5.

Plymouth's Brandon Waack (No. 12) slides safely into home plate during last year's district against Northville. Waack is a sparkplug and one of the Wildcats' key returnees.

"Casey had 10 hits on his four-day trip to Ohio last week," Boyd said. "He has really taken over as a catalyst for our offense."

The Wildcats finished 2-2 on that trip to Saint Xavier, Ross, Glen Este and Wyoming with a scheduled doubleheader Wednesday at Saline (weather permitting).

Plymouth gets going in KLAA play 4 p.m. Monday at Northville.

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## Rocks make noise in Ohio

Salem stopped off to play Bishop Fenwick in Middletown, Ohio, on Saturday on the way back from the team's trip to Clearwater, Fla.

The Rocks (2-0) were rude guests, pounding out 29 hits while winning 13-4 and 11-2 over the host squad.

Salem set the tone right away. The first three batters of the opening contest (Jack Driscoll, Kyle Penn and Demetrius Dunlap) each doubled as the Rocks took a quick 4-0 lead.

Driscoll and Dunlap each finished the game with three hits, while Justin Sydowski also registered three safeties.

Earning the win on the mound was starting pitcher Nick March, with Josh Penn and closer Jeremy St. Laurent finishing up.

In the nightcap, Salem repeated the winning formula with a four-run first.

Penn, Dunlap and Josh Penn each tallied three hits while Dunlap smacked a two-run home run and drove in three runs.

Sophomore Tyler Brooks started the game

and gave up just one hit while picking up the win. He was followed on the mound by Colin Pietron and St. Laurent.

Salem enjoyed some strong hitting throughout the lineup, all day long. Dunlap went 6-for-10 with three doubles and a homer and Kyle Penn went 5-for-10 with a double, triple and scored seven runs.

Meanwhile, Brandon Gillen, Derrick Vergolini, Brooks, Colin Savage and Pietron each collected their first varsity hit during the twinnish.

**CANTON 10-13, DEXTER 4-6:** In a non-conference baseball doubleheader at Dexter, the Chiefs improved to 4-0 with this impressive sweep.

In the opener, Brent Mattson pitched five innings, allowing one earned run and striking out nine for the victory.

He was helped at the plate by Jake Boucher (two hits), Nick Romanowski (2-for-2, RBI) and Jake Raymo (triple, two runs).

A 12-run second inning in the second game sparked the Chiefs to the victory.

Tommy Farrelly tallied two hits and knocked in three runs for Canton. Earning the win in relief was Raymo.

**LUTH. WESTLAND 15, MACOMB 8:** Nick Andrezewski went 2-for-3 with a homer and three RBI Tuesday

to lead Lutheran High Westland (1-0, 1-0) to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division win over Warren Macomb Christian (0-2, 0-1).

Mark Mike also went 3-for-3 with three RBI and a pair of stolen bases.

Nick Flanery and Kevin Brewer each knocked in two runs as the Warriors broke it open with nine runs in the third.

Winning pitcher Jordan Williams allowed just one hit and a walk while fanning seven in the three-inning mercy.

"It was great to be able to get out and play a game after all the crazy weather we have had," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "We had three sophomores and two freshmen start, including our starting pitcher, so it was good for them to get game action."

"Our veteran players, Andrzejewski, Flanery and Mike provided the offensive spark those young guys need to see. We have a long way to go, but today was a good start."

**HVL 4, ROEPER 0:** Junior Ryan Schaffer pitched a one-hitter Tuesday as Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (1-0, 1-0) downed host Birmingham Reoper in a MAC Red Division encounter.

Schaffer, who worked the first five innings, struck out seven and walked three, while losing pitcher Jake Flynn struck out 11 and walked five during his five-inning stint.

Adam Hodgson was HVL's top hitter going 2-for-3 with a walk and RBI.

expected to have increased playing time are Reuben Galang, Josh Fitzpatrick, Jordan Talbot and Tanner Hay.

Newcomers are Aaron Wolak, Will Creclius, Stephen Lowisz, Kenny Conley, AJ Grueber, Jacob Shook and Sam Jose.

"Everyone on the team is looking very good in practice and there will be opportunities for all of them to play if they continue to work hard," Bottorff said.

After a pair of non-conference matchups this week, the Eagles get going in MIAC play April 16 against Calvary Christian.

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# Crusaders' White natches 500th victory

By Brad Emmons  
Observer Staff Writer

Madonna University men's softball coach Al White notched his 500th career victory over the weekend as the Crusaders won all four games on their Indiana road trip to improve to 21-12 overall.

On Sunday, MU overcame deficits in both games to sweep University of St. Francis, 8-6 and 8-3, in Fort Wayne.

Freshman second baseman Emma Cook went 3-for-4, including her season-high of the second to go along with two RBI in the opener.

Kristen Drabek also added two hits and RBI, while Kasey Trieweller and Arielle Cox each contributed two RBI. Trieweller also hit her first homer as the Crusaders scored five times in the second inning after trailing 3-1.

Winning pitcher Bree Crampton (10-7) went all three innings scattering six earned runs on 13 hits and two walks. She struck out 10.

Taylor Sherritt and

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Alyssa Kumpfmiller each collected three hits for St. Francis, while starter Amy Morrison (3-6).

In the second game, MU trailed 3-2 after three innings before rallying for five in the top of the fourth to complete the sweep.

Cox, Cook, Karleigh Creighton (North Farmington) and Trieweller each collected two hits, while Katie Fenech and Erin Mayes each added two RBI.

Rever Jackie Belfuss (4-2) suffered the loss for St. Francis, which slipped to 9-12.

On Saturday, MU improved to 5-1 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference with 9-0 (six innings) and 4-3 at Indiana Tech.

Crampton threw a three-hit shutout, while walking three and fanning five. Amber Rafko went 3-for-4 with two RBI, while Caitlyn Keuveelaar and Drabek each knocked in two runs.

Sam Berrios (3-8) took

the loss for the Warriors.

In the nightcap, Carlee Meek (6-1) went six strong innings allowing three runs, but only one earned on five hits. Crampton came on to get the final two outs to record the save.

The Crusaders scored twice in the top of the seventh to break a 2-2 tie.

Cook, Keuveelaar, Drabek and Rafko each had an RBI.

Jenevrie Rivas, who went all seven innings for Indiana Tech (7-17, 0-2) took the loss.

White, the dean of WHAC coaches has posted a 500-260-4 record in 14-plus seasons.

His 500 career wins are the most in conference history while he has been named the WHAC's Coach of the Year four times. White has guided the Crusaders to five WHAC regular season titles and six WHAC tournament crowns, along with three NAIA National Championship appearances.

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## Crusader hurlers clip Indiana Tech

By Brad Emmons  
Observer Staff Writer

Madonna University's two starting pitchers proved they could go the distance Friday — and then some — as the host Crusaders swept a double-header from Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference leader Indiana Tech with back-to-back 2-1 victories at Litch Barrack.

Matthew Cook, a 6-foot-3 senior right-hander from Dresden, Ontario, threw 143 pitches in the nine-inning opener, scattering 11 hits and two walks while striking out six to improve his record to 3-1.

Catcher Donny Holland, who went 3-for-4, singled home Steve Pelletier (Farmington Harrison) the game-winning run in the bottom of the eighth inning.

Brad Lineberry (Plymouth) and Victor Baron each contributed two hits, while Justin Cook had the other RBI after Lineberry doubled and advanced to third on a wild pitch in the fifth inning for MU.

Indiana Tech reliever Curtis Wise (1-1) took the loss after starter Josh Miller went the first seven innings allowing one run on seven hits and four walks.

Eric Wald went 3-for-4 with an RBI in the setback for the Warriors.

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all and 3-0 in the WHAC. MU got a run in the third inning when Victor Barron singled home Shane Dokey.

The Crusaders' Donny Holland drove home pinch runner Mike Tibbitts with the game-winning run on a sacrifice fly in the bottom of the sixth after Ryan Lech walked and John Lauro singled.

Dokey, Lineberry and Lauro each collected two hits in the victory.

The Warriors (19-9, 3-0) got an RBI from Dunningham.

Losing pitcher Daniel Jubek (5-2) allowed seven hits and walked three over six innings. He struck out five.

The Crusaders were scheduled to complete the four-game weekend set with Indiana Tech in a Saturday double-header at Litch Barrack.

## SALEM

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"Marcelo and Zink shared duties last year on Salem's mound and will again share this year," Southerland said. "The rest of the time when they are not on the mound, Zink will be in the outfield and Marcello at second."

"They both handled the positions very well and have even improved this year."

She added that Weiser and Zott "have great attitudes and continue to play good, heads-up softball."

Salem also has two

sophomores who saw their first varsity experience as ninth-graders and both are integral pieces to the puzzle.

Maranda Armstead is slated to continue as Salem's starting shortstop and will take over Powell's former clean-up spot.

Marissa Hunley "has the nod on the mound" to start the season.

"Hunley has been working all winter long and is throwing and mixing up her pitches very well," the coach said. "She pitched the most games last year. The pitchers will have to get used to the new catchers this year. That will be the true

test."

Speaking of catchers, sharing the position will be freshmen Tes Ganich and Kara Hutchison.

"This is a great asset to any team," Southerland said. "Ganich and Hutchison are vocal and have strong arms with a quick release, so you won't see many stolen bases with them behind the dish."

Two other freshmen expected to help the cause are infielder/outfielder Jamie Gruesz and infielder Abbie Riedel.

Both can see playing time at several positions and are swinging the bat well.

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lows at 12:30 p.m.

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## MYAA clinics

The Michigan Youth Athletic Association will stage its 2013 Baseball & Softball Coaches Clinic.

The two-day event, from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 14 at Precision Baseball, 7835 Market St., Canton.

Featured baseball speakers include Livonia Church Park star shortstop and Dearborn Divine Child's Tony Demare.

Softball speakers

scheduled to appear include pitching expert Doug Gillis, Churchill coach Steve Gentilla and Churchill assistant Kevin McHugh.

This clinic will focus on teaching pitching, defense, hitting and practice preparation tailored to fit the skill and high school levels from beginner to advanced.

The cost is \$25 per person.

The WYAA will also hold a Youth Football Coaches Clinic, Friday-Saturday, April 26-27, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, Livonia.

To register for any of the clinics, visit [www.myaa.org](http://www.myaa.org).

For more information, email [info@myaa.org](mailto:info@myaa.org) or call (734) 459-5921.

## PCA

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Sophomore Michael Slater can play either first base or third base when he's not pitching.

Outfielders include senior Matt Sumner, back after a lengthy absence from the team, and Trevor or Gogola (who can also play infield).

"Matt is very athletic and has a strong arm," Bottorff said. "In practice you can hardly tell Matt hasn't played baseball for three years."

Gogola is probably the team's best hunter and smartest runner, and the Eagles will bank on those skills when needing to

manufacture runs.

The third starting outfielder is Jared Cobb, who brings speed and power to the squad.

## Pitching in

PCA coaches have several options for the pitching staff, including Sumner, Michael Slater, Lauch and (in short relief) Andres.

"Michael's height makes him an imposing figure on the mound and he has developed a nice slider since last season," Bottorff said.

Meanwhile, Lauch could really be a puzzle for opposing hitters. He already has a lively fast ball and is working on a knuckleball.

Returnees who are

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## Trocheck's hat trick gives Whalers series lead

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Ever since Vince Trocheck made his Plymouth Whalers debut in January, the OHL team has been treated to the forward's penchant for goals and gumption.

Trocheck was at it again Tuesday night, sparking his team to a huge 6-3 win in Game 3 of the Western Conference semifinal against Owen Sound.

He did so with three goals and an assist, giving visiting Plymouth a two games to one edge in the best-of-seven series. Game 4 was set for Wednesday night at Harry Lumley Bayshore Community Centre with the fifth game 7 p.m. Friday, back at Compuware Arena.

The Whalers fell behind 2-0 in the first period, as Kurtis Gabrieli and Holden Cook victimized Plymouth goalie Alex Nedeljkovic (29 saves) for two goals within 33 seconds.

Plymouth climbed back to within 2-1 at 18:49 of the first when forward Stefan Nosen parlayed Trocheck's feed into the Owen Sound net behind goaltender Jordan Binnington (25 saves).

Owen Sound regained its two-goal cushion when Cody Ceci scored on the power play with 7:56 remaining in the second period.

That's when the Whalers got after it, scoring the first of five unanswered goals — four of which came on the power play — at 14:15 when forward Garrett Meurs lit the lamp from Mitchell Heard and Nosen.

Trocheck evened the game at 3-3 with his goal just 48 seconds later, and Heard put the Whalers ahead to stay at 17:58 (from Nosen

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and defenseman Connor Carrick).

In the third period, Owen Sound made a major push to regain control of the game. The Attack outshot Plymouth 10-4 in the stanza, but Nedeljkovic stood tall under the pressure.

And Trocheck took care of things at the other end, scoring on the power play at 3:10 (from Nosen and Rickard Rakell) and sealing the deal with an empty netter at 18:13.

Those goals were Trocheck's seventh and eighth in seven Plymouth playoff contests spanning back to the first-round sweep of Samia.

**OWEN SOUND 3, PLYMOUTH 1:** Owen Sound netminder Jordan Binnington is considered one of the best pro prospects now playing his position in the Ontario Hockey League. The Plymouth Whalers found that out first hand Sunday afternoon.

Binnington stonewalled the Whalers in Game 2 of the best-of-seven OHL Western Conference semifinal, stopping 36 of 37 Plymouth shots as the Attack earned a 3-1 victory before 2,410 at Compuware Arena.

Plymouth got off to a good start Sunday, when Ryan Hartman scored at 3:56 of the first period, from Rickard Rakell and Stefan Nosen.

The one-goal lead held up until midway through the second period. Zach Nastasiuk tied the game at 10:49 of the frame, on assists by Daniel Catenacci and Nathan Chiarlitti.

Binnington was the difference in the third period, stopping all 15 Plymouth shots while Owen Sound found the mark against Whalers goalie Alex Nedeljkovic (24 saves) on two of seven chances.

Scoring the tie-breaking and game-winning goal was Holden Cook, from Kurtis Gabrieli and Cody Ceci at 11:41 of the third.

Owen Sound tacked on an insurance marker with 4:32 remaining. Gabrieli was a shorthanded, unassisted goal.

## Rocks ward off Huron, 5-0



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO  
Emily Barfuss (No. 20) of Salem looks for a teammate to pass the ball to during Monday night's 5-0 win over Ann Arbor Huron.

Salem withstood physical play from Ann Arbor Huron Monday night, coming away with a 5-0 victory at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

The Rocks (2-0) were led to victory by Morgan Siterley, who scored the game-winning goal for the second consecutive game.

Registering two goals was Emily Barfuss, with Kylie Knight (one goal, two assists) and Nancy Krutty (one goal) also sparking the offense.

Setting goaltending duties in the shutout victory were Ali Eggengberg and Ally Mann.

"Huron really challenged our girls with a physical game," Salem varsity girls soccer coach Scott Duhl said. "They



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO  
Pursuing a loose ball Monday night are Salem's Kylie Knight (No. 11) and a player from Ann Arbor Huron.

were big and fast and made things hard for our group."

"Our backbone was fantastic and we had some terrific individual performances from Kylie Knight and Emily Barfuss."

Salem will host Walled

Lake Western 7 p.m.

Thursday.

**PLYMOUTH 1, SKYLINE 0:** The host Wildcats improved to 2-0 on the season with this non-conference victory Monday night over Ann Arbor Skyline.

The lone goal was scored by Madi Lewis, with goalkeeper

Kylie Robb registering the shutout.

Plymouth coach Jeff Neusch said Emily Burkman and Alyssa Dillon played strong defensively, with Maria Farmer and Morgan Klabunde dangerous in the midfield. He added that Zoe Foster, Stephanie Dillon and Sydney Rouse also played well.

## Plymouth girls top Novi, 12-9

Plymouth's varsity girls lacrosse team made it three straight victories with Monday night's 12-9 victory over Novi.

Haley Swanson led all scorers with three goals and three assists. Chipping in with two goals each were Natalie Nowicki, Ali Holmquist,

Michelle Burke and Sophie Miller.

Also scoring a goal was Jamie Dottavio.

"Novi came out very fast and caught us napping a bit to start the game but I am proud how the girls fought back and came out with a victory," said coach Bob Hill. "Our

goalie, Megan Wieloch, made 13 saves in the game and really came up when we needed her."

**NORTHVILLE 7, SALEM 5:** Despite three goals from center Bridget Kervin, the host Rocks could not hold off the Mustangs in Salem's initial conference test of the season. Other Salem goals were

scored by Kiersten Vala and Bridget Maul while Shannon Fitzpatrick, Lauren Britton and Jenna Carter each tallied an assist.

Samantha Howell played well for Salem (1-2) in goal, making 13 saves.

Rocks' head coach Dave Medley cited the defensive efforts of Alyssa Ament, Fitzpatrick, Shannon Burke and Grace Savage for keeping the game relatively close.

### SPORTS ROUNDUP

#### Reign Junior Academy

The Plymouth Reign Soccer Club will begin their Spring Junior Academy on Tuesday, April 16, a six-week program for any player ages 5-9.

Cost is \$60 for once a week, either Tuesdays or Fridays. Those who want to take part on both Tuesdays and Fridays over the course of the program can sign up for \$110.

All sessions (5:30 to 6:30 p.m.) will be instructed by Plymouth Reign professional coaches and an academy T-shirt will be included with every paid registration.

The academy is set to take place at Allen Elementary School, 11100 North Haggerty Road in Plymouth.

For more information or inquiries, visit [plymouthsoccer.net](http://plymouthsoccer.net) or email [vicepresident@plymouthsoccer.net](mailto:vicepresident@plymouthsoccer.net).

#### UD Mercy to host bowling final

The University of Detroit Mercy will host the 2013 NCAA Women's Bowling Championships April 11-13 at Super Bowl Lanes in State. It's the second time in three years UDM will host the event.

The seeded, eight-team field consists of Central Missouri, Maryland-Eastern Shore, Nebraska, Arkansas State, Vanderbilt, Sam Houston State, Wisconsin-Whitewater and Fairleigh Dickinson.

Tickets can be purchased on [www.ncaa.com](http://www.ncaa.com) prior to the championship. For more information about the National Collegiate Women's Bowling Championship, log on to [www.ncaa.com](http://www.ncaa.com).

#### Canton youth football camps on horizon

Several Canton Chiefs football camps are just around the corner.

From June 10-13 and July 15-18 (5-7:30 p.m. for each Monday through Thursday session) is the Canton Football Skills Camp for kids entering grades 7-9 in the fall. Call Canton freshman head coach Rich Mui at (248) 229-2738 for more information.

The Canton Football Wing T Camp is slated to take place 2-5 p.m. Monday, June 17, and 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 18, through Thursday, June 20. It is for players entering grades 10-12. Call Canton varsity head coach Tim Weisberg at (734) 455-7691 for more information.

From Monday, June 24, through Thursday, June 27, (from 9 a.m. to noon each day) will be the Canton Football Fundamental Camp, for youngsters entering grades 3-6 in the fall. For more information, contact Enza Lanava at (313) 300-1173. Go to [www.cantonfootball.com](http://www.cantonfootball.com) to download forms for each camp.

#### Girls hoop camps

The Canton High School girls basketball camp is slated for 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, June 3, through Thursday, June 6. It is for girls entering grades 7-10. Canton's basketball staff will oversee the proceedings. The cost to register is \$60, including a camp T-shirt.

Meanwhile, girls going into grades 4-7 will have the chance to sign up for the "Hoops" camp set to take place 1-3 p.m. Monday, June 24,

through Thursday, June 27, at Canton. Taking part will be the coaching staffs from Plymouth, Salem and Canton. It costs \$60 to sign up, with campers receiving a T-shirt.

For both basketball camps, go to [www.communityeducation.pccs.k12.mi.us](http://www.communityeducation.pccs.k12.mi.us) to sign up.

#### Young gridders sought

The Washtenaw Saints Football Team, of the Christian Athletic League of America, is looking for interested young men (grades 6-12) to join the team for the upcoming 2013 fall season.

There are no tryouts and everyone will get a chance to compete. Practices start in July and will be run out of Domino's Farms in Ann Arbor.

To be added to the contact list please contact coach John Weisberg at (734) 926-4513 or by email at [weisbergjohn@aol.com](mailto:weisbergjohn@aol.com).

#### Wolves/Hawks camps

The Wolves/Hawks Academy for boys and girls ages 4-9 will be from 6:15-7:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays through May 22, at Jaycee Park.

For information, visit [michiganwolveshawks.com](http://michiganwolveshawks.com), or email [bradley151@sbglobal.net](mailto:bradley151@sbglobal.net).

#### Sign up for 'Cats softball clinic

Hurry up if you are a softball player interested in getting up to speed for the 2013 season. The Plymouth Wildcats Softball Clinic will take place Saturday, April 13, in the Plymouth High School gymnasium, 8400

N. Beck Road in Canton. For just \$45 per session, campers receive lunch, a T-shirt and FAST instruction — for Fundamentals, Agility, Speed and Techniques. There will be intermediate and advanced sessions.

The registration deadline is Friday, March 29. Make checks payable to Plymouth Wildcats Softball and mail to Cindy Senkbeil, 7506 Andover Drive, Canton MI 48187.

#### PCLL clinics

For the first time in the organization's history, Plymouth-Canton Little League is offering a series of clinics on hitting, fielding and pitching.

The clinics will take place at Total Baseball in Wixom, 30990 S. Wixom Road, and the cost of each clinic is \$10 per participant. The remaining schedule is as follows:

• Saturday, April 13: hitting, 4-5 p.m.; infield/outfield, 5-6 p.m. and 6-7 p.m.;

• Sunday, April 21: hitting, 4-5 p.m.; infield/outfield, 5-6 p.m. and 6-7 p.m.

#### Triple Threat Training

Canton-based Triple Threat Training is opening the doors for sixth-grade girls interested in joining T3, a brand new travel basketball team.

Spokesman Dominique Washington said sixth graders would play in eight-to-10 tournaments throughout the local area.

The league will be based out of High Velocity (located on the south side of Michigan Avenue west of Canton Center/BelleVue Road). For more information, send an email to [TripleThreat-TrainingMI@gmail.com](mailto:TripleThreat-TrainingMI@gmail.com) or call (734) 341-1336.

### PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL



## Il-first 'Cats eye improved attack

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Solid defense is expected to help Plymouth stay in many boys lacrosse matches this season.

But Wildcats coach Brian Walsh is hopeful a renewed attack — prompted by the graduation of the team's top four scorers — will help provide an extra boost that will result in victories.

"We look to be a mid-field oriented team this year with a strong defense," detailed Walsh, in an email to the Observer. "Looking to lead our rebuilding attack with seniors Issac Bessey, Nick Fanelli, David Doyle and junior Evan Bridge."

"Although new starters, they possess talent and experience to jell together quickly and surprise."

In the midfield will be seniors Kyle Dunham, Dohyung Kim, Junior Connor Browne and sophomores Connor Koviak and Kyle Robertson.

"All are great athletes who can win their individual matchups," Walsh noted. "Durham is a returning all-star from last year and Kim (five goals, two assists through the first two games) will likely be an all-state player as well."

"Browne has tremendous speed (while) Koviak and Robertson look to expand on their 15-point freshman seasons and they have improved tre-

### BOYS LACROSSE

mendously in the off-season."

Returning to start at goal is senior Brad Connor, backed up by last season's JV starter, Shane Parker.

The netminders will be supported by strong and versatile defenders in senior Charlie Miller, juniors Phil Avromoski and Jordan Edwards and sophomore Ben Stover.

All are returning starters who will be key to Plymouth's chances.

Long-stick middies Miller and Avromoski "possess great stick skills" while Stover "benefited covering opponents top attack as a freshman last year and (he) looks to have a standout year."

Promising newcomers include sophomores Andrew Withers, Brendan Linford and freshmen Austin Currier, Sterling Schiffrat (all midfielders) and freshman goalie Trevor McManus.

Playing 8-11 in 2012, Walsh was visited by Walled Lake Central Wednesday night and will host Waterford 8 p.m. Friday at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

On Saturday, the Wildcats visit Orchard Lake St. Mary's (1 p.m.) before taking on Dearborn Divine Child 7 p.m. Monday at the Park.

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## RELIGION CALENDAR

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at [sdargay@hometownlife.com](mailto:sdargay@hometownlife.com).

## April

## BLOOD DRIVE

**Time/Date:** 1-7 p.m. Friday, April 26

**Location:** Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland. Contact: For appointments call (734) 722-1735 or (800) RED-CROSS

## BREAKFAST

**Time/Date:** 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, April 21

**Location:** St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

**Details:** Pancakes, French toast, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, juice, milk. Adults pay \$3 and children, 2-10, pay \$1.50. Sponsored by St. Theodore Men's Club

**Contact:** (734) 425-4421

## CAMP ENROLLMENT

**Time/Date:** Now through May 31

**Location:** Consuming Fire Christian Center, 31463 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland

**Details:** The Center is enrolling kids and teens, age 5-15, for its six-week Bible/home-work Enrichment Camp that will run July 8-Aug. 16. Full day sessions are \$700 and a half-day is \$480. Families get a \$25 discount for added siblings for the full day rate; \$10 discount for the half-day rate. A non-refundable \$100 registration fee at the time of enrollment secures a place at camp. All tuition must be paid in full by May 31. Cost includes the registration fee, snacks, materials for class, tutoring in most subjects and assessment testing

**Contact:** Melanie Staten or Sylvia Brown at (734) 266-2293

## FILM

**Time/Date:** 6:45 p.m. Friday, April 26

**Location:** Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Free screening of the movie, "Up," a 2009 3D computer-animated comedy-adventure. A meal of sloppy joes, baked beans, chips, and brownies will be offered for a free will donation

**Contact:** RSVP at (248) 553-3380

## FILM

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 17

**Location:** Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield

**Details:** "Homeland: Four Portraits of Native Action," profiles struggles of Native American leaders who are taking on powerful energy companies and government agencies to protect the environment. A discussion and refreshments follow the film

**Contact:** (248) 354-4488; [www.northwestuu.org](http://www.northwestuu.org)

## FILM

**Time/Date:** 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 27

**Location:** St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

**Details:** The church and AAA Pregnancy Resource Center, show the film, "October Baby," which tells the story of a woman adopted by loving parents after a failed abortion. Free child care will be provided. Snacks will be available. The film is not recommended for children under 13

**Contact:** (734) 459-3333

## OPEN HOUSE

**Time/Date:** Noon-2 p.m. Sunday, April 14; 1-2:30 p.m. Friday, April 19

**Location:** St. Genevieve Catholic School, 28933 Jamison, Livonia

**Details:** Accepting registration for the 2013-14 school year for grades 1-8, full and half-day kindergarten. Young 5's preschool for ages 3 and 4. Flexible payment plans and tuition assistance is available. The student population is diverse and class size is small. The April 19 open house is specifically for parents interested in sending their children to the kindergarten or Young 5 program. Parents and children will spend an afternoon in either the Young 5 or kindergarten class. Their children will listen to a story, do a craft and meet teachers, friends and enjoy a snack

**Contact:** Ann Tonissen, principal, at [atonissen@genevieve.org](mailto:atonissen@genevieve.org) or Phyllis Chudzinski, preschool and Young 5's director, at [phchudzinski@genevieve.org](mailto:phchudzinski@genevieve.org)

## POMEGRANATE GUILD

**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. Sunday, April 14

**Location:** Prenzits Apartments Community Room, located on 10 Mile east of Greenfield in Oak Park

**Details:** Linda Lublin will lead an evil eye bracelet project. There is a \$2 materials fee. Bring a clipboard if you have one. The group also will prepare its display for the Farmington Festival of the Arts, "Color the World," April 18-20

**Contact:** Judy Galperin at (248) 661-5337

## PURSE AUCTION

**Time/Date:** 5 p.m. Saturday, April 13

**Location:** Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia

**Details:** Bid on purses filled with mystery items. Bidding will start at \$5 and bidders must be over 15 years old. Light refreshments will be served and Angela Morgan will speak on the topic "What's in your purse?" Proceeds will go to the "Women of Faith" and to Faith Community's 2ND Service. Individuals also may donate a purse containing items for auction

**Contact:** Register by calling Mary Cusney at (248) 471-1322

## RUMMAGE COLLECTION

**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m.-noon, Sunday, April 14 and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and 5-8 p.m., Monday-Wednesday, April 15-17

**Location:** Antioch Lutheran Church, 33360 W. 13 Mile, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Donations of gently-used items are needed for a rummage sale. Tax deductible donations may be left in the hallway. Receipts will be on the table near the door. Use the back door on the north side of the church. The church also is collecting used eye glasses, cell phones and ink cartridges

**Contact:** (248) 626-7908; [1982cnrad@comcast.net](mailto:1982cnrad@comcast.net)

## RUMMAGE SALE

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, April 19 and 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, April 20

**Location:** Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Bag sale on Saturday; event benefits Thrivent Fund for Habitat for Humanity

**Contact:** (248) 553-3380

## Livonia parish offers 4-week class about the Virgin Mary

"The Mary You Never Knew," a new four-week series based on Catholic author and apologist Gary Michuta's latest book, *Making Sense of Mary*, begins after the noon Mass, Sunday, April 14, at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia.

The classes, led by the author, will include information about the Virgin Mary's life and mission and will deal with some of the doctrinal issues that individuals may not understand about Christ's mother. Topics are: "Mary: God's Game Changer," Mary as New Eve and God's Perfect Plan of Redemption, April 14; "Mary: Holy, Holy Queen!" What the Kingdom of David Shows Us About Mary, April 21; "Mary: Joyful Birth and Sorrowful Mother," The Mystery of Mary's Birth of

Christ, Both Head and Body, April 28; and "Mary: Help of Christians," Understanding the "Biblical" Madonna and Overcoming Obstacles, May 5.

Each session will follow a "lunch and learn" format, with attendees encouraged to bring their own lunch or pre-order a box lunch from Jimmy John's for \$10 each. Lunch order forms are available in the church vestibule, parish office or website and must be submitted by 5 p.m. of the Thursday prior to each class. Checks should be made payable to St. Michael Church and returned to the parish office, along with the order form. Beverages will be provided.

For more information, call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200, or visit [www.livoniastmichael.org](http://www.livoniastmichael.org).

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## ERBEN, ROBERT F.

Of Birmingham, Mi.

His Legacy....Age 88

passed away in Ann Arbor on April 7, 2013.

Robert was born on February 2, 1925 in Wadsworth, Ohio to Frank and Millie Erben.

Robert served our country in the United States Navy during WWII. On July 1, 1950 He married Edna Hath and together they raised a daughter and two sons.

Robert received a Bachelor's Degree in Business and worked for Graybar Electric until his retirement in 1990. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham and belonged to Stonycroft Golf Club and the Senior Men's Club, both in Birmingham.

His Family.... Surviving Robert are his sons, Robert Erben Jr. of Saginaw, and William Erben of Ann Arbor and daughter, Dr. Anne Erben of Troy. Also surviving him are his grandchildren, Lindsay, Leah, Hannah and Daniel. Preceding Robert in death is his wife, Edna Erben, sister, Shirley Erben and daughter-in-law Cheri Erben.

His Farewell.... The family gathered with friends on Friday, April 12, 2013 at the First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Ann Arbor Christian School.

Please leave a message of comfort to Robert's family by calling 877-231-7900 or sign his guestbook at [www.borekinnings.com](http://www.borekinnings.com)

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## RUSNOCK, DONALD S.

Age 63, April 6, 2013 of Flat Rock and formerly of Westland.

Beloved husband of 22 years to Linda. Loving dad of Dawn (John) Jucha, Heather (Rob) Smith, Tonya Byrd, Kristy (Michael) Stokley and Stephen (Jennifer) Rusnock. Proud papa of 10. Dearest brother of Carol (Bert) Rakotz, Nancy (Ron) McKague and the late Ellen Deschler. Also survived by many loving family and friends. Donald devoted his life to the mental health profession. He loved cooking and sports. He was so loved and will forever be in our hearts. Memorial contributions to honor his memory may be made to American Cancer Society. Visit [www.martenson.com](http://www.martenson.com)

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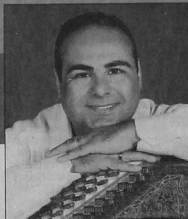
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# ENTERTAINMENT



Stephen Mack Jones of Farmington Hills will stage a comedy at Art X Detroit.



Ara Topouzian of Farmington Hills will talk about the history of Armenian music and then play the kanun, a 76-stringed Middle Eastern harp, Friday, April 12, at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History.



Xiao Dong Wei of Livonia, is a master of the Erhu, a two-stringed, bowed instrument from China. She'll perform concerts Thursday-Friday, April 11-12, during Art X Detroit.



Heidi Kaloustian is both a writer and visual artist. Her illustrated short story is on display at Art X Detroit.

## Fellowship recipients show works during cultural festival

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Heidi Kaloustian wants you to read her art and not just look at its visuals.

The Canton woman has combined a short story with collage illustration for the old way on a press by hand. I was interested in learning that process, learning the aesthetics of type, organization of the page.

"I want to see if people would read in the gallery space and look at the text. I worked with a letter press studio in the Eastern Market, doing things the old way on a press by hand. I was interested in learning that process, learning the aesthetics of type, organization of the page."

The exhibit consists of 13 pieces, some bearing the text of her story, *A Living*, and some illustrating scenes from the tale.

"It's like a coffee table book deconstructed," Kaloustian said. "You read and look as you go. The way I have it set up, you see the image first and then read the text. I know it's a lot to ask people to read in a gallery space. Hopefully they will do the reading."

Kaloustian is among the 38 Kresge Artist Fellows and Eminent Artists from 2011-2012 who will debut art installations, dance, musical and theatrical performances or literary readings in one of 15 cultural venues in Detroit during "Art X Detroit: Kresge Arts Experience." The free festival of cultural works runs through Sunday, April 14 in Midtown Detroit, although Kaloustian's art work will be on exhibit through April at MOCAD, 4454 Woodward Ave., south of

### Art X Detroit



a collection of poems and illustrated them all. That's always been a recurrent theme in my work, to see where text and visual intersect. I always think of myself as a writer first," Kaloustian said. "The visual art came from the writing."

Another Kresge Artist Fellow, Natasha "T" Miller of Redford, is entirely self-taught as a poet and emerging film producer.

Miller, 28, will present her play, *The Biggest, Gayest Play Ever*, at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 13, at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren Ave. A 10-minute trailer of a documentary that she is producing will precede the performance.

TransParent focuses tells the story of a Michelle "Shelly" Hillard, a slain teenager from the transgender community in Detroit, while also looking at the "prevalence of prostitution in the transgender community," Miller said.

She hopes to finish the project by late summer, in time to meet the Sundance Film Festival deadline. She also plans to pitch the film to at least one cable network and screen it in colleges.

**Self-taught**  
Miller is best known for her poetry and prominence in poetry slams. She's one of the top female poets competing in poetry events across the country.

The Detroit native said she had little exposure to poetry as a child and as an adult, worked in a variety of jobs before finding her niche as a poet just six years ago.

"I wrote a poem one night and a friend told me to keep writing. God placed people in my life (to open doors). I started doing open mic nights and got into slams."

*The Biggest, Gayest Play Ever* is a spin-off of a show that Miller, a lesbian and activist in the LGBTQ community, created and performed in New York. In its new form, it will consist of poetry paired with music, factors, mimes and other forms of entertainment. A praise dancer, for example, will perform alongside a poet reading a work called "God Hates Fags." In one of Miller's poems, children will play roles, turning the piece into a skit.

Other local artists who received Kresge Artist Fellowships are:

- Xia Dong Wei of Livonia, who is considered

Canton resident Heidi Kaloustian includes this collage among the 13 art pieces that illustrate her short story "A Living," on display at the Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, during Art X Detroit: Kresge Arts Experience.

E. Warren Ave.

The \$50,000 Kresge Eminent Artist Award annually goes to one exceptional artist who has made a long-standing contribution to metropolitan Detroit in the literary, performing and visual arts. Poet Naomi Long Madgett is the 2012 recipient and writer Bill Harris received the award in 2011.

Kresge Artist Fellowships consist of a \$25,000 award, public recognition, and professional practice opportunities for emerging and established metropolitan Detroit artists in dance, theater, film, literary arts and visual arts. The Kresge Foundation funds the awards, which are administered by the Col-

lege for Creative Studies. Fellowships aren't restricted to classically and academically-trained artists. Some recipients are self-taught or work with an art form that was passed down through cultural heritage. Artists are from varied cultural backgrounds and stages in their professional careers.

**Written, visual arts**  
Kaloustian, 25, is trained in literary arts — she has degrees in creative writing and literature and will head for graduate school this fall — and is self-taught as a visual artist.

"I write a lot about visual art, about looking, so it's always gone hand-in-hand. In college I did

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# Local band shows its versatility with EP release

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Some high school rock bands never make it out of the family garage or the basement.

Blind Season has gone from basement to battle of the bands, clubs and bars to the recording studio, all in less than a year.

"Some kids can't figure out what they want to do in life. These kids have played venues all over and they are driven," said Curt Sigro, band manager and father of lead guitarist Shane Sigro. "As of now, Shane is 100 percent — and so is the rest of the band — dedicated to make this project work."

Although Shane Sigro, and bassist Mike Paraski, both seniors at Stevenson High School in Livonia, plan to graduate this spring, they've put college plans on hold in order to devote all of their time to music. Drummer Adam Ross is finishing up classes online and lead singer Nick Sword attends Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn.

"We want to tour. We want to perform. We want to record. We want it all and we're willing to work hard to get it," said Shane Sigro. "I hope to see us go as far along as we can. I'm definitely not going to stop."

## EP release party

The group will release its first recording, an EP (extended play), created at Metro 37 recording studio in Rochester, from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, April 13, at The Token Lounge, 28949 Joy Road, Westland. Special guests are Ana and Bul-let Proof Snow. Tickets are \$10 at the door and will include a copy of the EP.

The recording, titled *Ver-sat-ility*, contains all original material.

"We try really hard to make sure every song is different. We notice with a lot of bands every song sounds the same.



Blind Season will perform at an EP release party Saturday, April 13 at the Token Lounge in Westland. Band members are drummer Adam Ross, (left) bassist Mike Paraski, lead singer Nick Sword, and lead guitarist Shane Sigro.

Or it's in the same key," Shane Sigro said. "We put in a lot of time to make sure every song is different. I think we're doing a good job at that."

Band members collaborate on new material, a process that Shane said "clicked immediately" when the group started to pen original music. They also play some cover tunes, although Curt Sigro noted that "they do not want to be a cover band, to go to bars and just do cover tunes."

"Their sound seems to be working. I can try to (market) them but they are selling themselves. Once they're heard, people ask them to play," Curt Sigro said.

The band's membership has gone through several changes. Initially, it included Shane Sigro and other students from a music school he previously attended.

Its current members, with the exception of Ross, have been together nearly a year. Ross joined the group a few months ago, after the recording was complete. Sword answered the band's advertisement on Craig's list for a lead singer.

Shane Sigro met Paraski at school and after noticing he had a bass guitar at his home, asked if he'd consider playing it in the band.

## Self-taught

Paraski taught himself to play both bass and rhythm guitar when he was 13.

"I had started listening to punk rock music, in particular Nirvana, and that really inspired me to start playing guitar. I've been playing ever since," Paraski said.

Shane Sigro was in seventh grade when he began taking guitar lessons.

"He still takes lessons and is learning all the theory," said his dad.

Curt Sigro took on the manager role to give the band time to focus only on its music. The group has played at Hard Rock



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Shane Sigro of Livonia plays guitar for the rock band, Blind Season. The group will release an EP with five original songs, Saturday, April 13, at the Token Lounge in Westland.

Cafe in Detroit, Diesel Lounge and New York New York, both in Chesterfield Township, the Ritz in Warren, the Founder's Festival Porch Party in Farmington, a few "battle of the bands" events, and the Race for the Cure. Upcoming gigs include the MetroTimes Blow-out in Hamtramck and opening for Gary Hoey next month at New York New York.

"They all practice at home and we get them to come to our basement two to three times a week to rehearse," Curt Sigro said. "We've always had the parents of all the band members at every gig."

"We've not had one argument or complaint. They are all devoted."



Musicians perform at a previous Doctors without Borders fundraiser.

## Irish musicians perform benefit concert April 14

The 4th annual Irish musicians benefit for Doctors without Borders, 3 p.m. Sunday, April 14, at the Gaelic League in Detroit, will be a family affair. Irish and Cape Breton musical families will dominate the show with the Perkins, Gavin, Dolowy, McKinney, and Chambers families representing the Irish musical tradition and the McClood, Rankin, Tom MacNeil and Jim MacNeil families exemplifying the Cape Breton style.

Also performing will be singers Eddie McGlinchey, Ray Maguire, Frank Kennedy and Colum Paige and fiddlers Marty Somborg and Lefty Houston.

Set dancers and ceilid dancers will round out the show and will be joined by siblings Brian and Megan McParland and the Ardian dancers and Bridget and Ella Dolowy of Plymouth from the O'Hare dancers.

A cash bar and food also will be available. The live radio show *Meet the Irish* will be broadcast from this event. Admission is by donation and checks should be made out to Doctors without Borders. The Gaelic League is located at 2068 Michigan Ave., in Detroit.

## ART X

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a master on the Erhu, a two-stringed instrument from China, will perform concerts Thursday, Friday and Sunday.

• Mark Stryker of Plymouth will present An Evening with jazz artist Charles McPherson.

• Ara Topouzian of Farmington Hills will display traditional Armenian musical instruments and will perform Armenian folk music.

• Stephen Jones of Farmington Hills will stage one of three new comedies that make up a trilogy of his works.

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### Best Black Bean Salad

Prep time: 15 minutes  
Servings: 6

- 1 red bell pepper, diced
- 1 green bell pepper, diced
- 1 yellow bell pepper, diced
- ½ cup diced red onion
- 1 (15.25 ounce) can whole kernel corn, drained
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon cilantro
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 4 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon lime juice
- 1 (15 ounce) can black beans, rinsed and drained
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Tortilla chips

In a small bowl, combine peppers, onion, corn, garlic and cilantro. Add olive oil, vinegar, lime juice and salt and pepper to taste. Add black beans and toss well. Serve with tortilla chips.

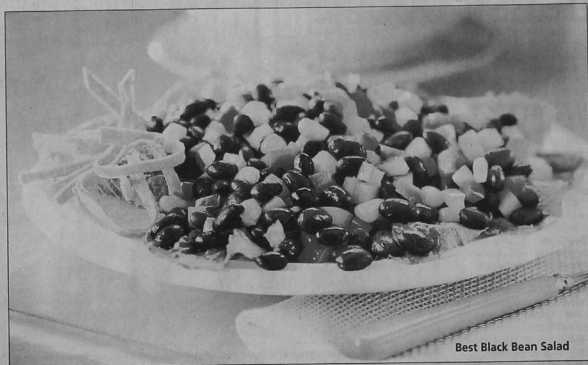
### Cool Chicken Wraps

Prep time: 10 minutes  
Servings: 8

- 2 (12 inch) flour tortillas
- ½ cup mayonnaise
- ½ teaspoon dill weed
- 4 cups shredded lettuce, or shredded cabbage
- 1 (14.5 ounce) can petite diced tomatoes, drained and rinsed
- 2 (5 ounce) cans Hormel Premium Chicken Breast in Water, drained and flaked
- ¼ cup chopped green onions
- 1 cup (4 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese

Spread the tortillas with mayonnaise and sprinkle with dill. Top center of each tortilla with lettuce, petite diced tomatoes, chicken, onions and cheese. Fold bottoms of tortilla up 2 inches and then roll up.

Variation: For hot sandwiches, substitute 2 cups red and green pepper strips for lettuce. Spread salsa in place of mayonnaise on tortilla. Prepare as directed. Microwave on high until cheese is melted, about 30 seconds.



Best Black Bean Salad

### Quick and Hearty Gumbo

Prep time: 5 minutes  
Cook time: 5 minutes  
Stand Time: 5 minutes  
Total Time: 15 minutes  
Serves: 4

- 1 can (14.5 ounce) Del Monte Diced Tomatoes with Green Peppers and Onion
  - 1 can (15.25 ounce) Del Monte Whole Kernel Gold and White Corn, drained
  - 1 can (14.5 ounce) chicken broth
  - 1-½ cups sliced hot links or smoked sausage
  - 1 cup instant rice, uncooked
  - (Optional) hot pepper sauce
  - (Optional) cornbread or biscuits
- Cook sausage in large saucenpan for 4 minutes; drain. Stir in undrained tomatoes, broth and ½ cup water; bring to a boil. Stir in corn and rice; cover and remove from heat. Let stand 5 minutes. Serve with hot pepper sauce and warm cornbread or biscuits, if desired.



### Pineapple Chicken Stir-Fry

Prep time: 5 minutes  
Cook time: 10 minutes  
Total Time: 15 minutes  
Serves: 4

- 1 can (15.25 ounce) Del Monte Pineapple Chunks in 100 percent Juice
  - 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
  - 1 pound skinless, boneless chicken breasts, cut in strips
  - ½ green or red pepper, thinly sliced
  - ¼ cup low-salt teriyaki sauce
  - 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- Hot cooked rice
- Heat oil in large skillet over medium-high heat. Add chicken and green pepper; cook and stir 5 to 6 minutes or until done. Drain pineapple reserving ½ cup juice. Combine reserved juice, teriyaki sauce and cornstarch. Add pineapple and sauce mixture to skillet. Cover and cook 2 minutes or until sauce is thickened, stirring occasionally. Serve over rice.



### Salsa Tortellini Salad

Prep time: 20 minutes  
Serves: 4

- 1 (13-ounce) package refrigerated cheese-filled tortellini
  - 1 (15-ounce) can black beans, drained, rinsed
  - 1 (11-ounce) can Green Giant SteamCrisp Mexican Whole Kernel Corn, Red and Green Peppers, drained
  - ½ cup Old El Paso Salsa
  - ¼ cup Russian salad dressing
  - ¼ cup chopped fresh cilantro, if desired
- Cook tortellini as directed on package. Drain; rinse with cold water to cool. In large bowl, combine cooked tortellini, beans and corn. Add salsa and salad dressing; toss to coat. Sprinkle with cilantro.

Tip: Cook the tortellini in advance and chill it for up to 24 hours. Just before serving, toss the tortellini with the rest of the ingredients.

For Chicken and Salsa Tortellini Salad, toss in 1 cup of diced cooked chicken. Mound the salad on mixed greens and serve it with warm cheese-filled flour tortillas.

### Hunt's Bruschetta Chicken Skillet

Prep time: 15 minutes  
Total time: 30 minutes  
Servings: 5

- 1 can (14.5 ounce) Hunt's Diced Tomatoes, drained
  - ¼ cup shredded Italian blend cheese
  - 1 package (0.75 ounce) fresh basil, chopped (about ¼ cup)
  - 5 boneless skinless chicken breasts (5 ounce each)
  - 1 can (8 ounce) Hunt's Tomato Sauce
  - 1 teaspoon finely chopped garlic
  - 2 cups small garlic or Italian-flavored croutons, crushed slightly
- Stir together drained tomatoes, cheese and basil in medium bowl; set aside. Pound chicken to ½-inch thickness. Top evenly with tomato mixture, pressing onto chicken. Combine tomato sauce and garlic in large skillet; add chicken. Bring sauce to a boil over medium-high heat. Reduce heat to medium-low, cover and cook 15 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink in centers (165°F). Top with croutons just before serving.

## CITY BITES

### Pizza fundraiser

**METRO AREA** — Buddy's Pizza will hold its annual Slice for Life benefit for the Capuchin Soup Kitchen's programs from 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday, April 15 at its nine Detroit area locations, including 31646 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills and 33605 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$6 for children and are available in advance by calling (313) 579-2100 ext. 170 or at the door of any Buddy's Pizza location on April 15. Slice for Life ticket holders may choose to dine in for all you can eat two-topping pizzas and salad or carry out a 4-square two-top-

ping pizza or a medium sized Anti-pasto, Greek or house salad. With every adult ticket purchased, patrons also will receive a \$3 off coupon for an 8-square pizza. All participants may register to win one 8-square Buddy's Pizza every month for one year. Proceeds will benefit programs that feed the hungry, tutor children and adults, counsel adults who are abusing drugs or alcohol, and train individuals to work the Earthworks Urban Farm.

### At the Golf Club

**FARMINGTON HILLS** — The Greek Islands Bar & Grill is open inside the Farmington Hills Golf

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Greek Islands Bar and Grille owners Nick Moutafis (left), Kathy Zervos and George Stefanakis.

# REAL ESTATE

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## Study: Mass transit boosts home values

### Westland mayor touts benefits of SMART

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Location near public transportation may be the new real-estate mantra according to a new study released recently by the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) and the National Association of Realtors. Data in the study reveals that during the last recession, residential property values performed 42 percent better on average if they were located near public transportation with high-frequency service.



Wild

"When homes are located near public transportation, it is the equivalent of creating housing as desirable as beach front property," said APTA President and CEO Michael Melaniphy. "This study shows that consumers are choosing neighborhoods with high-frequency public transportation because it provides access to up to five times as many jobs per square mile as compared to other areas in a given region. Other attractive amenities in these neighborhoods include lower transportation costs, walkable areas and robust transportation choices."

The study about mass transit and home values doesn't surprise Westland Mayor William Wild, whose city has worked closely with the suburban SMART bus system.

"I believe it has," Wild said of SMART service benefit-

ing Westland and its residents and businesses. "We went to bat when SMART was reorganizing a couple years ago."

One weekday rush-hour route runs from Westland City Hall on Ford to downtown Detroit mornings and back again evenings. When Wild looks out his office window, he sees cars of those commuters: "I can see the people who park here every day."

SMART also has several Westland routes that run through the Westland Shopping Center area at Warren and Wayne roads. Those run at different times and days, Wild said. He and other leaders fought for the Warren Road route.

"That's where the jobs are," Wild said. "I know that it's getting utilized."

The city of Westland also has the Nankin Transit for seniors and the disabled, done in conjunction with the cities of Wayne, Inkster and Garden City and credits for the SMART millage. Wild's goal is to reorganize Nankin Transit service to use it to its full capacity.

At Henry Ruff and Michigan Avenue in Westland, there are plans for an Amtrak site, based temporarily at the Wayne County Library for the Blind. There would be a shuttle to take riders to Detroit Metropolitan Airport, Wild said, explaining a rider could take the train from Kalamazoo to Westland and then the shuttle to the airport.

"I believe in the concept of regionalism and I believe in mass transit," Wild said. He cited mass transit's bus-



A new national study finds access to mass transit boosts home values.

*At Henry Ruff and Michigan Avenue in Westland, there are plans for an Amtrak site, based temporarily at the Wayne County Library for the Blind. There would be a shuttle to take riders to Detroit Metropolitan Airport, Wild said, explaining a rider could take the train from Kalamazoo to Westland and then the shuttle to the airport.*

es in Atlanta, Boston and Chicago. "They're built around mass transit."

Wild believes as municipal leaders ask people to be environmentally friendly, mass transit is needed.

Some suburban communities in metro Detroit have opted out of the SMART system, but not Westland. "I believe in regionalism," Wild emphasized. "I'm a firm believer" in improved suburban mass transit, "especially if it can deliver better service in a cost-efficient manner."

"Higher home values reflect greater market demand for areas near public transportation," said NAR Chief Economist Lawrence Yun of the national scene. "Transportation plays an important role in real estate and housing decisions, and the data suggests that residential real estate near public transit will remain attractive to buyers going forward. A sound transportation system not only benefits individual property owners, but also creates the foundation for a community's long-term economic well being."

The study, The New Real Estate Mantra: Location near Public Transportation, investigates how well residential properties located in a half-mile proximity to high-frequency public transportation

or in the "public transit shed" have performed in holding their value during the recession compared to other properties in a given region.

While residential property values declined substantially between 2006 to 2011, properties close to public transit showed significantly stronger resiliency. The following are a few examples from the study: In Boston, residential property in the rapid transit area outperformed other properties in the region by an incredible 129 percent. In the Chicago public transit area, home values performed 30 percent higher than the region; in San Francisco, 37 percent higher; Minneapolis-St. Paul, 48 percent; and in Phoenix, 37 percent higher.

The study looked at five regions, which illustrate the types of high-frequency public transit systems throughout the U.S. High-frequency public transportation includes subway (heavy rail), light rail and bus rapid transit. This sample accurately projects the nationwide average (42 percent) variance among properties located near high-frequency public transportation and those that are located further away from public transit.

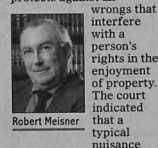
The NAR website contributed to this report.

## Court rules on nuisance action

By Robert Meisner  
Guest Columnist

Q: I own some real estate near a railroad which for many years released hydrocarbons and toxic solvents which migrated into the ground water, soil and air above my property. The railroad is long gone but I am wondering whether I have a claim for any damages to my property.

A: In effect, what you are claiming is a nuisance of a continuing and temporary nature, and are asking whether or not the statute of limitations is tolled when the nuisance is for pollution that continues to migrate after the potential defendant ceases its operations. In a similar case out of Montana, the court held that a nuisance action protects against all



Robert Meisner

wrongs that interfere with a person's rights in the enjoyment of property. The court indicated that a typical nuisance is complete when committed and the statute of limitations begins to run at that time. But, under the continuing tort doctrine that applies to a temporary injury, i.e., an injury that is ongoing and not completed, a new cause of action arises each time it repeats. In that case, even though the pollutant had ceased producing contamination, the continuation and migration of the pollutant made the nuisance temporary, thereby tolling the statute of limitations until the harm could no longer reasonably be abated through either eradication or reduction.

Q: Do you have any statistical analysis of the type of verbal and/or physical threats that go on to board members in community associations? I hope that we are the exception in that we have people who are threatening the board all of the time.

A: In a recent study conducted through the Community Association Institute, 49 percent of the responders said they were never threatened, 23 percent said once, and 28 percent said that they had been verbally threatened. With respect to physical assault, i.e., being grabbed, slapped, punched, kicked or spat upon by an angry resident, 87 percent said they had never been involved in such a situation, 10 percent said once, and 3 percent said several times.

There should be no tolerance for such conduct and you should consult with your association attorney in terms of what legal action you need to take to protect the individuals involved.

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### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 10-14, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

**CANTON**  
43601 Antietam Dr \$214,000  
1451 Antietam Ct \$400,000  
7930 Fleet St \$199,000  
48855 Greenwich Cr \$340,000  
8860 Holly Dr \$111,000  
6564 Lameth Way \$235,000  
45996 Larchmont Dr \$277,000  
41805 Laramie Ln \$88,000  
2227 Premier Ln \$77,000  
2456 Premier Ln \$77,000  
2531 Premier Ln \$255,000  
631 Sorel Dr \$258,000  
827 Torrey Hills Dr \$154,000  
6067 Wedgewood Rd GARDEN CITY

14411 Schuman St \$109,000  
14912 Angling St \$51,000  
12010 Cavell St \$34,000  
11388 Deering St \$88,000  
29660 Five Mile Rd \$123,000  
15225 Hillcrest Ct \$217,000  
37375 Lancaster St \$173,000  
78633 Middlebelt Rd \$76,000  
18586 Milburn St \$82,000  
13174 Minton St \$115,000  
15110 Northway St \$130,000  
33919 Oakdale St \$159,000  
33727 Pondview Cir \$43,000  
34522 Summers St \$241,000  
14155 Westmore St \$120,000  
**NORTHVILLE**  
15412 Bay Hill Dr \$450,000  
18353 Blue Heron Dr E \$275,000  
17009 Carriage Way \$299,000  
16388 Forest Lake Way \$209,000  
16713 Lynnhurst Cr \$285,000  
49255 Rainbow Ln S \$351,000  
18062 Ridgeview Dr \$565,000

19197 Surrey Ln \$55,000  
656 Thayer Blvd \$480,000  
**PLYMOUTH**  
42464 Clemens Dr \$297,000  
48510 E Normandy Ct \$412,000  
44888 Erin Dr \$100,000  
14991 Farmbrook Dr \$192,000  
526 Hartshook St \$428,000  
14171 Meadow Hill Ln \$138,000  
413 Haystack St \$375,000  
40430 Newport Dr \$70,000  
11801 Symamore Dr \$75,000  
12698 Wendover Dr \$281,000  
**REDFORD**  
11421 Arnold \$52,000  
25260 Cathedral \$46,000  
18325 Centralia \$27,000  
20090 Centralia \$22,000  
15593 Gaylord \$35,000  
9610 Grayfield \$51,000  
18732 Inkster Rd \$28,000  
14192 Mason Dr \$170,000  
19191 Seminole \$27,000  
25550 Student \$12,000  
24218 W Chicago \$28,000  
15455 Wakenden \$28,000

19353 Wakenden \$34,000  
1235 Alvin St \$68,000  
33004 Audreys Way \$179,000  
34533 Buck St \$35,000  
35862 Castletown Ct \$45,000  
388 Ethan Dr \$165,000  
818 Ethan Dr \$160,000  
30816 Grandview Ave \$98,000  
30816 Grandview Ave \$115,000  
6289 Hunter Pointe St \$70,000  
33338 Palmer Rd \$125,000  
33636 Krauter St \$204,000  
142 S Christine \$51,000  
14103 Marie St \$78,000  
586 S Norma St \$60,000  
38400 Saint Joe Dr \$45,000  
1689 Shoemaker Dr \$38,000  
774 Summerfield Dr \$65,000  
34326 Tonguich Trl \$89,000  
670 Van Laven St \$65,000  
7590 Woodview St \$24,000  
5855 Yale St \$70,000

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 26-30, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

**BEVERLY HILLS**  
31625 Auburn Dr \$330,000  
30141 Lincolnshire E \$349,000  
**BINGHAM FARMS**  
23170 Hickory Hollow Cir \$410,000  
23930 Trailwood Ct \$261,000  
**BIRMINGHAM**  
717 Bird Ave \$150,000  
1585 Buckingham Ave \$485,000  
1673 Holland St \$440,000  
1743 Holland St \$400,000  
1231 Northlawn Blvd \$225,000  
1030 Wakefield St \$260,000  
**BLOOMFIELD HILLS**  
225 Bardens Rd \$210,000  
2605 Bridge Rd \$160,000  
1263 Edison Ave \$114,000  
761 Falmouth Dr \$575,000

484 Fox Hills Dr # A 4 \$35,000  
1849 Hunters Ridge Dr \$205,000  
3931 Oakhills Dr \$270,000  
4121 Steeple Chase Ct \$300,000  
4297 Waabek Lake Dr S \$250,000  
**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP**  
300 Billingsgate Ct \$160,000  
1710 Blair House Ct \$300,000  
2760 Courville Dr \$130,000  
208 N Gleggary Rd \$435,000  
5221 Woodview Dr \$316,000  
**COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP**  
271 Anniston Dr \$123,000  
3488 Glen Oaks Blvd E \$135,000  
2163 Palmetto \$40,000  
8383 Timber Cove St \$279,000  
**FARMINGTON**  
31831 Grand River Ave Unit 8 \$23,000  
37725 Blossom Ln \$213,000  
34595 Bridgman St \$138,000  
28001 Farmington Rd \$135,000  
34801 Car Dr \$83,000  
26641 Greythorne Trl \$180,000  
3522 Hillside Dr \$110,000  
29521 Kings Pointe Ct \$145,000  
25516 Lyncastle St \$200,000

32545 Nottingham Knls \$145,000  
37805 River Bend \$326,000  
21965 River Pines Dr \$165,000  
21519 Riverwalk Ct \$242,000  
21311 Rockwell St \$53,000  
32928 Thorndyke Ct \$268,000  
**FRANKLIN**  
31625 Franklin Rd \$2,000,000  
Lathrup Village \$135,000  
19150 Rainbow Dr \$115,000  
**MILFORD**  
854 Abbey Ln \$162,000  
814 E Liberty St \$55,000  
824 E Liberty St \$50,000  
3726 N Shoreline Dr \$785,000  
1061 Old Millford Farms \$450,000  
991 Riverwood Dr \$262,000  
**NORTHVILLE**  
44159 Cortisford St \$170,000  
27689 E Greenwood St \$222,000  
41706 Ontario Dr \$90,000  
43100 12 Oaks Crescent Dr \$142,000  
43740 Algonquin Dr \$200,000  
50903 Chesapeake Dr \$391,000  
5016 Glades Ct \$30,000  
27868 Hopkins Dr \$158,000  
27900 Hopkins Dr \$163,000

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**SOUTHFIELD**  
19591 Hickory Leaf St \$110,000  
25281 Lois Ln \$85,000  
28785 Marshall St \$12,000  
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
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April  
Boots  
Clouds

Damp  
Jacket  
Lightning

Mist  
Puddle  
Rain

Showers  
Slipper  
Thunder

Umbrella  
Weather  
Wet

**SEVEN**

Motorcycles, Motorbikes  
Go Cart/Off Road

KAWASAKI 2006 ZX6R  
Ninja, 16,000 miles, \$4,500.  
734-688-6470  
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Yamaha Register 2006c 2010  
4 Wheeler, 1000cc, 1000cc, 1000cc  
Call me! 5200, 1000, 1000  
Call Me! 761, after 5:00  
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K2 2001 Sportman 279HS  
near 4 beds, front wheel  
owner, Sleeps 7, Etc. cond.  
\$7200. 248-388-5083

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DEALER  
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on the road (only \$18,881)  
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new cab, short bed, 4x4,  
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and power windows, 15,000  
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Protein 5.4 liter, 15,000  
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Cherry Red, 4x4, 15,000 miles,  
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Silver, 1.8L, 15,000 miles,  
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MAZDA 5 SPORT 2010  
12C101A, AWD, 15,000 miles,  
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Leather, moon, 15,000 miles,  
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15,000 miles, 1.9% financing,  
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1.9%, 15,000 miles, 1.9% financing,  
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Silver, 1.8L, 15,000 miles,  
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XT - Equipped with wheel-  
chair lift, 1500, 1000, 1000,  
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JEEP LIBERTY 2004  
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FOSTER 2010  
Shop Silver, AWD & alloy, 1500  
miles, 1.9% financing, only  
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MOX 2011  
No accidents, 15,000 miles, 1.9%  
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Navy Blue, CX, 1500, 1000,  
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CAMARO 2011  
Blue Haze, LT with RS pkg & a/c,  
1500, 1000, 1000,  
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P/1500, A/C, leather, moon,  
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2010, 1300, 1000, 1000,  
full power, alloy, 30K, one  
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**Sports Utility**

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127118A, 4x4, moon, nav,  
DVD, 15,000 miles, 1.9%  
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AWD, chrome, Certified,  
1.9% 514 131245A,  
\$22,888.  
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FORD ESCAPE LT 2010  
Silver Blue, Certified,  
\$17,200. 1300, 1000,  
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FORD EXPLORER  
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AWD, Moon, Nav, Chrome,  
Protein 5.4 liter, 15,000  
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