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## Mother's Day

In parenting lore, mothers and fathers are frequently heard telling their children, "Wait 'til you have children one day!" And then those children inevitably find themselves channeling their own parents once they have children of their own.

So here's what the Canton Observer wants to know in advance of Mother's Day: What rules, sayings, advice or other parenting methods do you channel from things your own mother said to you when you were a kid? Whether it was "Do as I say, not as I do" or "Wait 'til your father gets home!" we'd like to hear about it.

Email your examples to Canton Observer editor Brad Kadrich at [bkadrich@hometownlife.com](mailto:bkadrich@hometownlife.com) for a story that will appear on Mother's Day. Include a JPEG photo of you and/or your mom, if you'd like (just make sure to identify the folks in the photo). We'll use as many of the examples and photos as we can. Deadline is Tuesday, May 7.

## Washer and dryer contest

O&E Media has teamed up with Bill and Rod's Appliance to give away a Whirlpool top load washer & dryer set valued at \$1,199. To enter, look for the contest link on our Don't Miss at [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com). Fill out the form and tell us why you need a new washer and dryer in 50 words or less. The winner will be chosen May 3.

## Trail cleanup

The Friends of the I-275 Metro Trail are busy getting the trail ready for the upcoming season. A cleanup is set on the Wayne County section of the trail from 5:30-7 p.m. today (Thursday). Volunteers will meet at the Wendy's restaurant located on Michigan Avenue, at Lotz.

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## Locals: Boston events 'all so sad'

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

While running the famous, 26.2-mile route of the Boston Marathon, Autumn Burin could barely contain her joy Monday.

The Salem High School graduate's joy was captured in a photograph snapped a half hour or so after she finished the 117th annual marathon in 3 hours, 30 minutes, 46 seconds — good for 8,654th place out of the approximately 23,000 participants.

Then came a tragic pair of explosions near the marathon finish line about 30 minutes after that photo was taken, resulting in at least three

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reported deaths (including a small boy) and more than 140 injuries.

But thankfully for the uninjured 19-year-old Canton resident and her family, including parents Laurie and Brett and younger brother Elijah, the Burins were blocks away when the chaos struck.

"I am so thankful that I finished," Autumn Burin said. "My prayers go out to all the families affected by this. It's just terrible what happened."

Burin was among at least a half-dozen Plymouth-Canton area runners listed as taking part in the marathon. Among them were Don-

ald Alexander of Canton and Lauren Bogenberger, Melissa Knutsen and Terry Rush of Plymouth.

Shortly after finishing the race, Bogenberger posted her status on Twitter.

"Not sure exactly what happened were in the car on our way out of the city right now. Heart goes out. So shaken up right now," she tweeted.

### Christian cause

Burin, a 2012 Salem grad who ran on her school's varsity girls cross country team, raised more than \$1,400 for Christian-based humanitarian organization World Vision to

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About 30 minutes before explosions rocked the Boston Marathon finish line, 2012 Salem grad Autumn Burin of Canton was all smiles about finishing in just over 3½ hours. Burin and her family were not injured from the explosions.



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The team of Emily Koelzer, Paul DiNicola, Taylor Hoener and Chelsea Polydoros works within a confined space with simple, manual kitchen tools.

## Recipe for success

Culinary team hopes practice makes perfect at nationals

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

Paul DiNicola's family spent the recent spring break vacationing in Florida.

Without Paul. Instead of frolicking on sunny beaches, DiNicola was chopping, cutting and pureeing away in the kitchen at Salem High School, getting ready for a post-spring break trip to Baltimore.

DiNicola, a Salem High School junior, was with the rest of his Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Culinary Art team teammates — who also gave up their spring break plans — getting ready for the national culinary competition, for which they qualified by winning the state title a couple of weeks ago.

It's the second straight trip to nationals (last year was the first since 2004) and fourth

overall for the team. The state title was the team's second straight, but now, according to the team, the pressure mounts. "There's more pressure at nationals," DiNicola said. "We're representing the whole state. Everything is the same, maybe a bit more difficult because we changed some things."

Lots of things changed this

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## Canton ramps up new goals to improve services

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

Canton officials have embarked on a far-reaching, goal-setting effort to make local government more efficient, protect the township's financial position, boost employee training, promote the community and strengthen ties to local residents.

"I just think it's a good way to manage this community with all the goals we have," Supervisor Phil LaJoy said Tuesday evening, after a new round of talks with department heads and elected officials.

In all, hundreds of goals have been established across departments including police, fire, finance, municipal services, leisure services, township clerk, treasurer's office and supervisor's office. Local officials pored over a lengthy document Tuesday that outlines a detailed blueprint for Canton's future.

"It's a great document," Trustee Steven Sneiderman told LaJoy. "It's very well laid out and thought out."

It's all intended to improve on a high level of services that LaJoy and other officials say Canton residents have come to expect.

"We want to keep the vibrancy of the community where it's at today," LaJoy said, adding he wants to ratchet up strategic planning as Canton moves forward "and really kick it up a notch."

Among just a few of the highlights: • Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler said consideration will be given to pursuing a national accredi-

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## Programs, exhibits target active adults

The Observer & Eccentric Media presents the 10th annual Spring Expo (formerly known as the Senior Expo) with a special lineup of guest speakers, more than 50 exhibits and entertainment by award-winning gospel artist Vickie Winans from 9 a.m.

to 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 23, in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Doors will open at 8:45 a.m. to accommodate expo guests attending programs and workshops that begin at 9 and 9:15 a.m.

This annual tradition for active adults features valuable information and resources from local experts on all things from healthy eating, exercise and financial planning. Free admission, free parking, free entertainment and complimentary

ry morning refreshments by McDonald's and Awrey Bakery are part of the expo experience.

The first 100 attendees through the door will receive a pass for two to any Emagine Theatre and

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help fund the digging of wells for underprivileged children in Africa.

She stressed that her strong faith is not being shaken in any way by the tragedy.

"No, not at all. I mean, everything happens for a purpose and even though we might not know what that purpose is at the time, eventually things will work out for the greater good," Burin said. "We might not see it in our lifetime. But ... even though so many people are affected by this, I think the marathon community will really come together and will just be so much stronger after this."

According to Laurie Burin, her daughter started her race at 10:20 a.m. and finished at nearly 2 p.m., about an hour before the explosions.

"We were down there when we heard the explosions, but we didn't see them," Laurie Burin said. "And we were able to just walk out like normal and we are now in our hotel about a mile-and-a-half away. So we're good, thankfully."

The Burins were leaving the family meeting area "maybe two or two-and-a-half blocks away from the finish," she said.

"But we heard explosions and everybody's kind of like, 'What was that?' It was really loud," Laurie said. "But people just kind of kept going about their business, like, 'Oh, maybe it was something from Fenway Park (where the Red Sox played the annual Patriots Day game). People don't know because they're not used to being down here."

"We just walked out and saw all the police cars and fire trucks, everything started coming in and we thought, 'Something's bad, something's not good.'"

Lake the Burins, Knutson, who ran the race in 3:46, said she was waiting with her friend in the family meeting area. She said they were watching for their families when they heard a loud blast.

"Thankfully, our families were at mile 22 and



Melissa Knutson of Plymouth (left), with her "running buddy" Leslie Handyside of Northville, after finishing the Boston Marathon some 25 minutes before Monday's explosions.



Laurie Burin, with daughter Autumn before they left for Boston, said they heard the explosions "and everybody's kind of like, 'What was that?' We just walked out and saw all the police cars and fire trucks, everything started coming in and we thought, 'Something's bad, something's not good.'"

25 cheering for us and not at the finish line," Knutson, who finished some 25 minutes before the blasts, wrote in a Facebook message to the Observer. "It's all so sad and I'm praying for those affected. I'm angry that these few horrible people have inflicted such pain and suffering for no reason. I'm trying to focus on all of the amazing first responders and the kindness of the running community. I don't want to leave this historic event feeling just sad and bitter."

Laurie Burin said the Burins are "so thank-



Melissa Knutson of Plymouth with her husband Mike and children Noah, Chase and Kristian in the family meeting area after Monday's Boston Marathon.

ful that she ran as fast as she did and that she was safe because you just think of what could have happened. We saw the crowds, we saw how easily people could be injured and we're just so thankful that she wasn't and that we were able to get out the way we did."

**Like nothing else** Autumn Burin, who ran the race in her blue Grand Valley State University running club singlet, said the race experience itself was almost blissful.

"Just the energy during the race, it was incredible," Autumn said. "People were cheering me the entire way and you just feel like you really accomplished something. It's just a cool feeling. It

was like nothing I've ever experienced in my whole life."

And not even bombs going off at the finish line will stop her from someday running in a future Boston Marathon. She hopes others won't shy away from participating, too.

"Yeah, it's so scary what happened," Autumn said. "But the Boston Marathon is something that's just so cherished and I really think it can come back from this."

"I hope to run Boston again someday. We'll see what happens as a result of this. But I don't think people can let fear stand in the way of what they want to accomplish."

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# United Way awards grants

Plymouth Community United Way recently announced grants totaling \$170,996.52 to non-profit organizations that provided emergency food, rental and utility assistance as well as other services in Plymouth, Canton and western Wayne County in 2012.

St. Vincent de Paul societies at St. John Neumann, Resurrection and Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic churches received money to help individuals and families with utility shut-off and eviction notices.

In an effort to not only address these issues, United Way officials said grants were awarded to organizations attempting to prevent the problems and make lasting change. Among the recipients were Plymouth Canton Community Schools (reading and math summer academy for 300 elementary students), Christmas in Action (home repairs for Canton senior citizens), Southeast Michigan Veterans Stand Down (aid to homeless veterans), Human Service Collaborative (assistance for crises cases), Community Opportunity Center (services for the mentally challenged),

New Hope Center for Grief Support (counseling), St. Aloysius, St. Christine and Our Lady Queen of Martyrs parishes (food banks), Plymouth Dental Fund (emergency dental care for Plymouth and Canton residents), and Wayne Metropolitan Community Agency (energy education classes to help low-income residents).

Along with awarding grants, PCUW raises funds for partner agencies such as First Step, Angela Hospice, The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps and Plymouth Community Council on Aging. The nonprofits offer a variety of services from transportation for seniors to safe shelter for victims of domestic violence and their children.

PCUW accepts grant applications year-round from 501(c)(3) organizations that provide basic human needs such as food, shelter and utilities in the Plymouth and Canton area. Nonprofits should not be presently funded by PCUW. Applications are available at the office, 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2, Plymouth, MI 48170. For more information, call (734) 453-6879, ext. 4.

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a Buddy's coupon for a four-square cheese pizza courtesy of O&E Media. In addition, there will also be a drawing every hour for prizes and gift cards.

Returning for the second year as the expo's exclusive gold level sponsor is Comfort Dental Spa of Farmington Hills. Featured speaker is Dr. Aziza Askari, who will discuss "Your Mouth, Your Body."

Askari holds an advanced degree from the University of Michigan and a mastership in the Academy of General Dentistry. Come hear about how oral health and whole-body health are uniquely related.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital joins the Expo as the entertainment sponsor. The Livonia-based hospital, part of the Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, has been serving the community for more than 50 years. The entertainment segment this year features Winans, a Grammy-nominated, Stellar Award and NAACP Award winning artist.

Known as the "hardest-working woman in gospel music," Winans has 13 gospel and comedy albums. Her honors include Stellar Award

Winner Female Vocalist of the Year, Music Video of the Year for *How I Got Over*, a Grammy nomination and more.

Rick Bloom, O&E Media guest columnist and frequent metro Detroit radio and television guest, will be a guest speaker again this year. Bloom will discuss "Getting More Returns on Your Investments Without Taking Risks." Schoolcraft College will sponsor several demonstrations, including the popular "Zumba Training" and "Strength Training for Seniors" presented by American Health and Fitness.

Larry Ruehlenn of O&E Media will offer up Facebook tips, strategies for social media users. In addition, come take your photo with the Fathead® Wall Graphics of Detroit Tigers ace Justin Verlander and first baseman Prince Fielder. Take your photo and we will post it on a special photo gallery at hometownlife.com for your friends and family to see.

See the complete list of speakers and topics in today's Spring Expo section.

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The second phase of a free health fair at the Hindu Temple of Canton drew what was described by organizers as a record crowd in its 11th year.

## Hindu health fair draws 'record number'

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

In what could potentially save lives by detecting early disease and health threats, the Hindu Temple of Canton drew a crowd Sunday of over 400 people who received care from nearly 80 physicians during the second and final phase of a free health fair.

"It's a record number," Jatin Desai, health fair committee chairman, said of the 11th annual event. He called the health fair a crucial way the Hindu Temple, on Cherry Hill east of Canton Center, can make a difference by working with Oakwood Annapolis Hospital and the Michigan Association of Physicians of Indian Origin, or MAPI, to support the community.

"I think primarily from a religious perspective, we believe in helping people who are not able to afford health care," Desai said. "It's a way to give back to the community. This affects the quality of life. To us, that is the biggest service we can give back to the community."

Scores of physicians along with physical therapists and pharmacists gave consultations and advice to people who, just one week earlier, had their blood drawn and were screened for diabetes, cancer, heart disease and numerous other potential health problems.

Sunday's second-phase health fair ran five hours and came one week after patients had their blood drawn during the first, four-hour phase. Desai described Sunday's turnout as "very wonderful." Some people received



Among those attending the latest Hindu Temple health fair, from left, are Jatin Desai, Hindu Temple trustee and health fair chair; Dr. Pradeep Shah, a volunteer with the Michigan Association of Physicians of Indian Origin; Eric Widner, CEO of Oakwood Annapolis Hospital; and Niketan Patel, an Oakwood Annapolis volunteer.

a good report from the doctors they saw. Others received advice for further medical care, and they were able to learn ways to pursue help if they can't afford it. Oakwood Annapolis Hospital CEO Eric Widner attended the health fair, as did elected officials from Canton Township to Lansing to show support for the Hindu Temple health fair.

Desai called the event a central place where people could see cardiologists, ophthalmologists, nutritionists, surgeons, urologists, physical therapists and numerous other physicians who assessed their health and offered advice that potentially could save lives or reduce risks of health problems.

"I think primarily because we have so many specialists under one roof, people can have so many different consultations," Desai said.

People who may take several medications also

could receive a review by pharmacists to ensure there are no possible interactions that could prove harmful, he said. Organizers have said such events have become more critical as health care costs continue to escalate and more people find that the care they need is seemingly out of reach.

Dr. Sarju Shah, an Oakwood physician with a practice in Canton, has called the health fair benefits "immeasurable" and said the people who attend "get good care."

Rick Hillborn, Oakwood's chief operation officer of outpatient services, has said the hospital helps sponsor the health fair "to touch the lives of the people we serve before illness, injury or bad information bring them into the hospital."

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## GOALS

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tation for the fire department, similar to what the police department already has done. He also said fire and police services should continue to embrace new technology to become more efficient.

• **Canton Leisure Services Director Debbie Bilbrey-Honsowetz** said a community-wide inspection of recreation properties will be initiated to continue ensuring a safe environment for residents and employees. She also said expanded use of smart phones and tablets should become a priority in providing services to residents.

• **Bilbrey-Honsowetz** also said Canton will seek partnerships in the community to deliver youth and teen services. This comes as the closing of the The B.L.O.C.K. center looms after June.

• **Finance Director Wendy Trumbull** said efforts will continue to address Canton's long-term legacy costs for retirees and employees, once estimat-

ed as high as \$75 million. However, she said officials will try to return employees to salary levels they had before they began accepting concessions a few years ago amid declining property tax revenues.

"We'd like to get them back to some sort of normalcy," Trumbull said.

• **Laloy** and all department heads called for greater efforts to implement cross-training and use of social media and other tools to improve efficiency and communication.

• **Mutchler** said a study will be done to determine if Canton's police investigative strategies need tweaking. Moreover, he said an effort will be made to return the focus to community policing.

• **Clerk Terry Bennett** said her department will focus on boosting training and developing a plan for employees to step into positions as others retire. She also said the clerk's office will move to embrace technology that can make it more efficient.

• **Bilbrey-Honsowetz** said golf course opera-

tions will remain "a huge focus for us." A new company has been hired to manage Fellows Creek, and a restructuring is occurring at Pheasant Run as employees seek to become more efficient.

• **Municipal Services Director Tim Paas** said efforts will be made to use social media to engage local residents and educate them about services. He said options such as a rental unit inspection program could be adopted to improve the community.

• **Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin's** office intends to explore the potential next year for billing every two months for services such as water-sewer. That effort will be coupled with the potential for electronic billing for customers and other efforts to streamline services.

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## Police probe pricing dispute between masseuse, client

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

A dispute between a Detroit masseuse and her client escalated until a gun was drawn inside a Canton motel, though no shots were fired, according to a Canton police report.

The incident unfolded about 12:30 a.m. Monday at the Extended Stay America on Haggerty south of Ford. Police went to the loca-

tion amid reports of a dispute between the masseuse, who allegedly tried to charge the man \$250 even though he told police they had agreed on a \$50 payment, the police report said.

Police arrived and found the woman outside in a 2013 Dodge Avenger with a companion who had accompanied her to the motel. The masseuse, described as a 30-year-old white Detroit woman, had placed a masseuse advertise-

ment on a website, backpage.com, and had received a call from a 37-year-old Lexington man to meet him at the motel, the police report said.

The woman's version is that the two had agreed to a price of \$250. She said when she arrived, the man told her to remove her clothes and she refused. She said he then told her to leave. The woman told police the man pulled a gun on her. The alleged customer told

police he had been given the woman's phone number by a friend and that the two had agreed to a price of \$50. He said she arrived and told him that he would have to pay \$250 or she would seek backup from a man who had accompanied her and who was waiting in the vehicle, the police report said. The woman allegedly reached inside her purse, and her customer thought she was going for a gun, the report said. He

allegedly responded by brandishing a 9mm handgun and ordering her to get out.

The police report also indicated the man had an AR-15 rifle in his room.

The woman's vehicle, described as being rented, was impounded after police learned she wasn't authorized to drive it, the police report said.

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### CANTON CRIME WATCH

#### iPhone evidence

An iPhone left behind helped lead Canton police to one of five suspects accused of leaving the T.G.I. Friday's restaurant without paying, a police report said.

The incident happened just before 11 p.m. last Thursday at the restaurant on Ford Road east of Sheldon.

The restaurant notified police after a group of teens left without paying their \$59 tab, the police report said.

One of the teens had asked for barbecue sauce, and when the female server went to get it, the group fled the eatery, the report said.

The group left behind an iPhone and an umbrella. According to the police report, the iPhone was used to track down one of the suspects, who agreed to pay the bill.

#### Business vandalism

Canton police received reports of vandalism at Chet's Rent-All, a tool and equipment rental business on Ford Road east of Lilley.

The incident happened between Friday and Monday, according to a 45-year-old Belleville man who notified police. The man told police he

noticed a section of fencing had been cut and moved from the southwest corner of the property, and that other damage had been done to another section of the fence.

The man also reported graffiti had been found on the south side of a wall on the property.

#### Walmart theft

A Walmart employee is facing charges after police were notified of allegations he was stealing merchandise from the retail chain's store on Michigan Avenue west of Belleville Road.

Police received a report of incidents that occurred over a period of several weeks ending last Thursday, when authorities were contacted.

It is alleged the 26-year-old male employee had taken items such as energy drinks, car interior lights, food, electronics and dog food.

The police report indicated the employee is facing embezzlement charges.

#### Speeder caught

Canton police issued a reckless driving citation to a 19-year-old Livonia man who was allegedly speeding and swerv-

ing while driving through the Traditions condominium complex near Saltz and Canton Center roads.

The incident happened on the evening of April 10.

Police received reports the car had been speeding along Stonewood and Lakeview.

Police found the car not far away on Chelsea, where three white males were seen huddling around it to change a flat tire, a police report said.

A woman who had been out walking her dog told police the driver could easily have hurt someone if he had lost control of the vehicle.

#### Vehicle vandalism

A 49-year-old man reported that his 2005 GMC Envoy was damaged while it was parked in the driveway of his residence on Stanton Court, northeast of Geddes and Denton roads.

The man filed a police report after the rear window of his vehicle was shattered sometime between 11 p.m. Sunday and 7 a.m. Monday, a police report said. There was no indication entry was made into the vehicle.

— By Darrell Clem

### PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP CRIME WATCH

#### Township residents report frauds

A Plymouth Township man reported April 9 that his identity had been used by someone else to open credit-card accounts at three different chain stores a couple of days earlier.

The man's identity had been used to open accounts with Office Depot, Staples and Victoria's Secret, a Plymouth Township Police Department report said. It had also been used in an attempt to open a Kohl's account, the victim told police, but that application was turned down.

The man contacted a credit-reporting agency, which told him it would issue a fraud alert, police said. He also filed a report with the Federal Trade Commission.

In another fraud against a township resident, a woman reported that her debit card had been used March 22 to make an online purchase. The victim canceled the card and is attempting to get reimbursed for the debit through her credit union, she told police.

The woman said she had the debit card in her possession and doesn't know how someone could've gotten the number.

#### Work site thefts

Tools, building materials and

scrap metal have been stolen from outside Herriman & Associates, a property management firm on Wilcox Road, over the last several months.

The thefts were reported earlier this month by an employee, who said the incidents occurred three separate times: in November, in January and in March, according to a police report.

The last theft was of a hand drill that was stolen from the site in late March, the employee told police. The employee asked for extra police patrols in the area.

#### Tires slashed

Tires on two vehicles were punctured or cut in separate incidents in the township earlier this month.

The first tire-slashing took place on Northville Road late on April 2 or some time the next morning, a police report said. All four tires on a Honda Odyssey parked in the driveway had been deflated, police said.

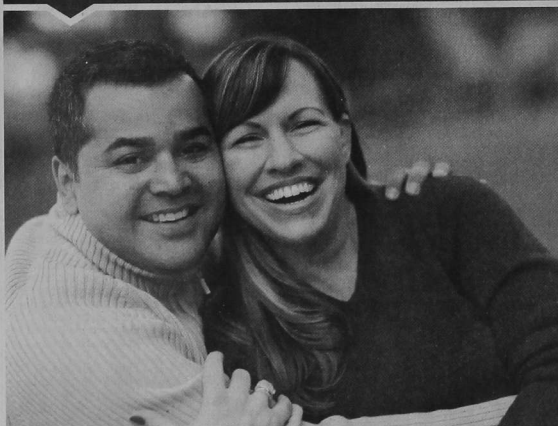
The second incident took place at the Plymouth Square Apartments, on Marguerite Drive in the area of Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon. The car had been punctured, police said.

— By Matt Jachman

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# Plymouth shop owner turns risky move into career dream

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

Lindsey Burns left a well-paying job in the Philadelphia area for an uncertain future in one of the country's most economically troubled states.

But that risk, nearly three years ago, plus an off-the-cuff inquiry by her mother, put Burns on the fast track to a long-held dream.

Burns is the new sole owner of Bohemian Home, an eclectic array of vintage and new furniture, jewelry, household products and objects d'art in downtown Plymouth. Burns, who started a part-time job at the store on Forest Avenue in September 2010, bought half the business from co-founder Carol Eisenstein early last year, and the other half from Nancy Boltik, Eisenstein's founding partner, less than a year later.

Right time, right place, says Burns.

"This is what I love. I like finding new things, and every day's different," she said in her store on Monday.

**Art at work**  
Burns, of Plymouth, has an arts background — she is a ceramist and has a bachelor of fine arts degree — and worked, while in college and for a short time after, at Crescent Moon, a gallery and gift shop in South Haven. That's where the idea of having her own shop took root.

"I loved it. I knew it was what I wanted to



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do," she said.

Burns was managing the restaurant and food-service operations at a country club in a Philadelphia suburb when she paid a visit to her parents, Mike and Terry Burns, in May of 2010. They had settled in Plymouth after Mike's job with Ford Motor Co. took them to Salvador, Brazil, for three years (Lindsey, fresh out of college at the time, spent six months with them, then headed to Philly).

She fell in love with Plymouth — the small-town feel, the walkability — on that 2010 trip, and decided to make the leap. "Everyone thought I was nuts," cause I quit a job I had, making lots of money," she said. "I packed up my Mini Cooper, the car I had at the

time, with as much as I could fit in it." The country club job, she said, was all-consuming and not what she had seen herself doing.

## Serendipity, hard work

Burns moved to Plymouth without work, but Terry Burns, a Bohemian Home fan, stopped in one day and, uncharacteristically for her, asked if they were hiring. They were.

"I loved the whole feel of the store," Burns said. "I loved everything about the store."

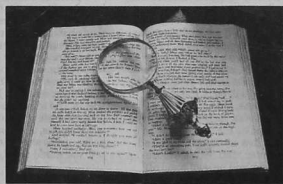
But a part-time retail job wouldn't pay all the bills, so Burns began selling cars at Dick Scott Chrysler Dodge in January 2011, returning to Bohemian Home to work

the occasional special event. Terry Burns ended up taking over her daughter's part-time job there.

Just over a year later, Eisenstein was ready to retire, and Burns bought her out, keeping her job at Dick Scott and putting in time at the store after hours and on weekends.

"I always knew I wasn't a nine-to-five-type of person," Burns said.

Later in 2012, Boltik talked about retiring herself, and Burns again took the leap, this time saying goodbye at the dealership.



The collection at Bohemian Home is eclectic.

"We're both excited that Lindsey was able to purchase the shop, and it will carry on the name," said Boltik, of Plymouth Township. "We worked hard to get it up and running."

Bohemian Home opened in April of 2008, as the economy was heading toward the depths of what's now called the Great Recession. "We started out when times were really bad," said Boltik. "Luckily, it evened out a little while we were in business."

## Inspiring style

Burns hasn't made major changes in the store, saying she perhaps is offering more gift selections and wants to focus on vintage items and bringing in some of her own ceramics. Currently, ceramic pendant lamps Burns made her-

self are for sale.

She casts a wide net for the store's selections: flea markets, estate sales, wholesalers, trade shows, even other local stores. She also has "pickers" who know what she needs and are skilled at polishing up diamonds in the rough.

"Weekly, it changes, so that's a fun thing," Burns said of the selection.

People visit her store not just to shop, Burns said, but to get ideas, scout different styles and sometimes tell stories, prompted by some of the vintage items, about the old typewriter or box camera they had in the house while growing up.

"I like having people come in and be inspired," Burns said.

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# Blue Dress Benefit aids anti-child abuse programs

**By Matt Jachman**  
Staff Writer

Jasmine Millwood is turning a bad memory into a symbol of hope with Lighthouse Family Charity's first Blue Dress Benefit.

The fundraiser for Lighthouse, a Plymouth-based non-profit organized to fight child abuse, is 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, April 26, at the Meeting House Grand Ballroom in Plymouth. There will be live and silent auctions, an array of hors d'oeuvres, desserts by Kilwin's, music by the band Collision 6 and live artmaking by speed painter Matt Santa, whose works will be auctioned off.

Millwood, the executive director of Lighthouse, said last

September's inaugural Run for Ribbons, a Lighthouse benefit fun run through Plymouth, was well received, and people began asking if there would be another fund-raising event.

"We had an amazing outpouring of support from the community," Millwood said, and that's how the idea for the Blue Dress Benefit came about. (There are tentative plans for a second Run for Ribbons, too.)

The name comes from an ugly blue dress that Millwood was forced to wear as a young girl, prompting teasing from schoolmates, and also for the pretty dress she promised herself she would one day have.

**Symbolic dress**  
That girlhood dress became a

symbol of oppression for Millwood, who was physically and emotionally abused as a child, events she wrote about in her 2012 memoir *Unbreakable*, and "I always told myself I would be beautiful in a beautiful blue dress," she said.

Blue is also the color of the child-abuse awareness movement, and April is National Child Abuse Awareness Month.

The Blue Dress Benefit's live auction will include a weekend for two at Mackinac Island's Grand Hotel, a night for two at Greektown's Athenaeum Hotel, tickets to the Bayview Yacht Club's annual regatta, and the Santa paintings. One painting will be of Detroit Tigers pitching ace

Justin Verlander, while subjects of the others will be decided based on attendees' requests.

**Auction activity**  
The silent auction will offer gift baskets from local businesses, Tigers and Detroit Pistons tickets, wine-tastings at Cellar 849 and Zinn's Wine Bar, VIP tickets to Plymouth Township's July fireworks show and more.

Lighthouse works to raise awareness of the problem of child abuse and provides resources and references to help prevent it, stop it, and deal with its consequences. Millwood and others are being trained to offer prevention programs at schools.

Some of the money from last year's Run for Ribbons, Millwood said, went toward meetings for adult survivors of abuse, who shared their stories in a professional setting with a psychologist and a social worker on hand.

Millwood said she attended as Lighthouse director, but that the sessions ended up being helpful for her as well. "It was a great series of meetings," she said.

Tickets to the Blue Dress Benefit are \$50 each and can be purchased through the Lighthouse website, [www.lighthousefamilycharity.org](http://www.lighthousefamilycharity.org), or at the door before the event.

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Alumni mentor Tyler Bergquist and teacher/coach Diana Woodward critique the food and presentation for team members Chelsea Polydoros and Taylor Hoener.

## CULINARY

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year for faculty adviser Diana Woodward's team, including the team itself. This year's version is different from last year's, which means a new team had to defend the record of the old team.

**Tough chore**  
That makes this year's experience all the more difficult.

"It's ridiculously hard," Woodward said. "It's as if it never happened. We set the precedent last year, but we didn't have any returning students, so no one knew what to expect. It's like starting fresh."

The team also had local businesses helping in this year, sponsorships that are new to the team, which generally has to raise its own money and buy its own ingredients. Staffers at Old World Olive Press in Plymouth helped the team raise money — one Valentine's Day fundraiser brought in some \$1,200 — and "donated as much product as we could use, which we like," Woodward said.

Old World Olive Press owner Shasta Fase said it's all about community.

"We've been received so well in Plymouth," said Fase, who opened the Plymouth store in June 2010. "We have loyal customers, we've made friends. We feel like we just want to give back."

Then, as the team was preparing for the trip to Baltimore, the folks at Franklin Hills Country Club in Farmington Hills dropped off more than \$500 worth of supplies, including ingredients and paper products.



Chelsea Polydoros makes pear mousse.

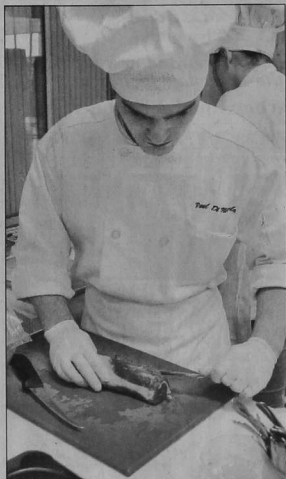


Chopping crispy pancetta.

"That kind of support is critical," Woodward said. It's not just sponsor support that's helping the team. Alumni mentor Tyler Bergquist, a 2009 Plymouth High School grad who was part of the team for four years, is back to work with the

2013 version, putting in almost as many hours as team members.

"I enjoy coming back... I enjoy the competition," said Bergquist, who now cooks at Forest Grill in Farmington Hills. "I like having everything put in place, and then just cook-



Paul DiNicola preps the lamb.

ing. I like pushing the limits of what you can do in that time and space."

**Practice, practice**  
More critical is the practice time. Competition rules give the team a 10-foot area in which to work and exactly an hour to complete the meal, and practices are regimented to make sure that happens. Points are deducted, timing is examined and rules are rigidly followed, all in the name of preparation.

"When we get to the actual competition, it's so natural to us, we breezed

right through it," Plymouth High School senior Emily Koelzer said. "We put the pressure on ourselves so we know what to expect."

Woodward said that kind of work ethic is what makes P-CEP's team click. It started in November, five days a week and the occasional weekend, including all five days of spring break.

It's a self-imposed discipline that never wavers. DiNicola skipped his family's spring break vacation to practice. Koelzer is a diabetic who has



to have her blood sugar monitored, but never misses practice. Taylor Hoener made it to practice the same day her mother had breast cancer surgery.

**No less than best**  
"They don't settle for anything less than the absolute best they can do," Woodward said. "If we know they can do better, we hold them accountable. We try to scare (other teams) with the level of discipline we have and the way we challenge ourselves."

But even all that practice might not matter. The team — Koelzer, DiNicola, Hoener and Chelsea Polydoros — has been working more than four months perfecting its style, but the veteran coach knows all that work isn't the whole story.

"It doesn't matter how good you are, it doesn't matter how good your menu is and it doesn't matter how much you practice," Woodward said. "It's all down to how you execute that day."

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# 'Oh, my God.' Runner reacts to bombings

By Brad Emmons  
Observer Staff Writer

As a Canton firefighter and emergency medical technician, Maureen Stoecklein has experienced her fair share of grave and dangerous situations.

The former Madonna University volleyball standout qualified for her first Boston Marathon and finished the 26.2-mile race in 3 hours, 32 minutes and 4 seconds, almost 30 minutes before two explosions hit the finish line area on Boylston Street, which has left three persons dead and over 180 injured.

Just recently married, the former Moe Paulin was being reunited in the family greeting area with her husband Chris, who is also a Canton firefighter. "You go through the finishers chute, get your medal, you turn right down the first street that is there and there's where you meet your family," said Stoecklein, who grew up in the Livonia and now resides in Westland. "It's about a block from the finish. It sounded like a cannon went off. We thought a building collapsed or something. Within seconds we saw fire trucks, police cars, motorcycles saturating the area. And that's when you thought, 'Oh, my God, there's been a bombing.'" And Stoecklein could sense right away that something was amiss.



CHRIS STOECKLEIN

Westland's Maureen Stoecklein (middle), a former Madonna University volleyball player, completed her Boston Marathon in 3:32:04, and heard the explosions while waiting with her husband in the family meeting area following the race.

"We were parked in Chinatown, which as near that area," said the Farmington Hills Mercy High grad. "A lady came by and she was crying on the phone. I said, 'Oh, my God, there must have been a bombing.'" Then I found out right away on my phone that there was a bombing at the finish line. We were right there. We heard it.

"They had cell phones at the family meeting area. Even though we coordinated a meeting spot, it took an hour to find each other. Then they shut cell phone services down."

Stoecklein and her husband drove to Boston and were on their way back home on Tuesday morning.

"We were staying at the Seaport, which is actually a really good loca-

tion," she said. "You're along the water and not in the city. We were actually a mile or so away from the finish line. The whole city was shut down. I Where we were along the water there were probably 25 Coast Guard boats, State Police boats, Boston Police boats going up-and-down. We went to eat across the street and we were the only ones in the restaurant. It's a well-known restaurant called Anthony's and we sat and watched the boats on the water - up-and-down, up-and-down. They still have police officers in front of our hotel and the street is lined with officers as well. And we're right across the water from the airport. There weren't any airplanes flying out, they were only coming in. The planes were taking off from the opposite

direction of the city."

It was only the day before that Stoecklein and her husband visited the finish line area.

"The day before, Chris and I went in that Marathon Sport, the store that got the windows blown out," she said. "We took pictures right there. I told Chris I never thought going to that race there would be a bomb threat because there are police on the street everywhere. It's also amazing how the FBI and all the others moved into the city within minutes it seemed like."

Despite the tragedy, Stoecklein was able to re-qualify for next year's Boston.

"It was quite and expensive, that's for sure," she said. "It wasn't bad, it qualified me again if I want to go back. I really had a hard time the last six miles. My legs, from all the downhills that I wasn't used to, got cramping up. I didn't push it, because I knew if I did, I'd go into full cramp. I didn't want to mess around. I just wanted to finish. I was at 7:50 pace most of it, then my final pace was 8:03 overall. I was clipping along a little bit better than that the first half."

"They talk about Heartbreak Hill, but I had three hills and I don't know which one it was. It's pretty rolling. It's a tough course," Stoecklein, a triath-

lete who has completed the Ironman distance, said Boston is like no other event.

"I had never run a race that big - ever," she said. "By the time you get on the bus and by the time you get there - just the volume of people."

"The course is just lined with people. It's unreal. I've never seen anything like it. The support ... kids holding out their hands the whole 26 miles

... it's just a really, really cool environment. I wore head phones because that's what I do, but the last mile I took them off to take in the whole thing. It's just incredible."

But the bombings have left a scar on Stoecklein and many other 2013 Boston Marathoners.

"Just horrible, it's sad," she said.

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## Open-mic performers sought for next BaseLine show

The BaseLine Folk Society, musicians dedicated to the live performance of traditional acoustic folk music, will host its April coffehouse concert in Plymouth beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday.

The event, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, will have no featured artist, but will instead be an "all open-mic night" with as many as 14 slots available for musicians. It will be hosted by singer-songwriter John Rinn, a regular at BaseLine.

Individual musicians or groups interested in performing at BaseLine Saturday should show up between 6:15 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. to sign up for slots.

The show will take place at the PCA's Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 North Sheldon, at Junction, Plymouth. The building is south of M-14.

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### After hours

Panache 447 is the site for the April 24 after-hours event, sponsored by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce from 5-7:30 p.m.

The event will feature food and networking with fellow chamber members. There will also be a cash bar available. After Hours events average between 60-100 attendees. Panache 447 is located at 447 Forest Ave. in downtown Plymouth.

### Business workshop

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts a business development workshop, "Multi-Media, the Road to Success," 8:30-9:30 a.m. April 23.

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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 exhibi-

tor 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 [terrie@plymouthmich.org](mailto:terrie@plymouthmich.org) by April 26.

### Canton dinner auction

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual dinner auction Saturday, April 20, from 6:30 p.m. to midnight, at Burton Manor in Livonia.

This year's theme is "The Great Divide: U-M vs. MSU." The event features more than 200 raffles, 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.

### 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 [terrie@plymouthmich.org](mailto:terrie@plymouthmich.org) or call (734) 453-1540.



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Real BarBQ, which opened with optimism in April 2012, has closed less than a year later, with owners citing sluggish sales as the reason.

## Real BarBQ cites sluggish sales as reason for closing

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

Real BarBQ, a restaurant that immersed itself in the Canton community and trying to get involved and be a part of the community," said township Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin, who chairs the Ford Road Downtown Development Authority board. "It really surprised me that they closed, just because a number of people I know were fairly regular customers there."

Canton resident Mary Rodriguez said Real BarBQ had become a favorite. "I thought it was as good as Slows (Bar-B-Q in Detroit) without the two-hour wait," she said.

Ebner said the customers just didn't come out in the numbers needed to survive. That said, Real BarBQ made a tangible difference in Canton.

It raised money for Joanne Savage, a local widow and mother of three sons, as she battles a rare cancer, peritoneal carcinoma, after her husband Pat succumbed to esophageal cancer.

It sponsored the Salem High School baseball team, Ebner said, and

Salem's football team used to visit Real BarBQ on Monday evenings to review the game reel from the previous week on the big screen.

The restaurant raised money for cancer through Gilda's Club Metro Detroit, and it gave free desserts to patrons who brought in more than \$5 in school supplies for Plymouth-Canton area students.

Ebner speculated that Real BarBQ's menu wasn't diverse enough, though some people had expected it would survive with little barbecue competition in the immediate area.

Another Canton eatery that had served barbecue, Tim & Sally's Awesome Eats, closed a few months ago near Canton Center and Geddes — another disappointment to that restaurant's patrons.

Real BarBQ leaves a vacant storefront along Canton's main business corridor, less than a year after it opened.

"It's a shame," McLaughlin said. "We're disappointed."

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Wine Month

Vintner's Canton Winery celebrates Michigan Wine Month through April. During the month of April and each month through September, Vintner's Canton will be offering a "fabulous" wine at \$1 off each bottle.

Beginning with Wildberry Chianti as the wine of the month for April, the following wines will be available at a reduced price: May — Peach Chardonnay; June — Strawberry White Merlot; July — Blackberry Malbec; August — Black Cherry Pinot Noir; and September — Green Apple Riesling. All wines are available at the winery on a regular basis but during the month they are featured, prices will be reduced \$1 a bottle.

Each purchase during April will enter the buyer into a drawing to be held April 30 for a batch (25 bottles) of Gold Medal Wine.

For more information, visit the winery's website at [www.vintnerscanton.com](http://www.vintnerscanton.com). Vintner's Canton Winery is located at 8515 N. Lily (in the Golden Gate Plaza).

### Sensory friendly

In honor of Autism Awareness Month, Sky Zone Canton will host their first ever Sensory Friendly Night Monday, April 29.

The event will run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. No music will be played and jump shoes will be optional. One hour jumps will be just \$5 for special-needs children and young adults as well as their families and caregivers to enjoy an evening of bouncy fun.

Sky Zone will also hold a \$50 raffle and the general public is welcome to jump at the regular price with a \$5 donation from each ticket. All proceeds raised will go to support research for autism.

"Trampolines can be a valuable therapy tool for children with autism and sensory disorders. In an effort to cater the Sky Zone experience to these individuals and families, we are looking forward to creating a completely sensory friendly environment," said Colleen Fitzgerald, owner of Sky Zone Canton. "This is about creating a special time for these families, while raising awareness



Sky Zone Canton hosts its first Sensory Friendly Night Monday, April 29, with all proceeds raised going to support research for autism.

amongst the community."

Autism Awareness Month was established in the 1970s to bring attention to the disorder and educate the public about autism and issues within the autism community.

Sky Zone Canton is located at 42550 Executive Drive in Canton. For more information on Sky Zone Indoor Trampoline Park visit [www.skyzone.com](http://www.skyzone.com).

### Corporate counsel

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson has appointed Plymouth resident Keith Lermiaux as corporation counsel. Lermiaux, who has practiced law for 32 years, has worked for the Office of Corporation Counsel since 2000, most recently as deputy corporation counsel where he supervised some of the county's high-profile litigation matters. He assumes his new duties May 1.

Prior to joining Oakland County, Lermiaux was a partner at Dickinson Wright PLLC from 1990-2000 and Vandever Garza from 1989-1990. He began his legal career as an associate at Cummings McCloy in 1979. He received his juris doctor from the University of Detroit-Mercy School of Law in 1979 and earned a bachelor of science in criminal justice from Michigan State University in 1976.

Lermiaux, 58, lives in Plymouth Township with his wife Patricia. He has a son, daughter, and two stepdaughters.

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# Social media can turn ugly in a hurry

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist

A few years ago if you said social media, most people would have no idea what you were talking about. Today, people know exactly what you're talking about. Whether it's Facebook, Twitter or LinkedIn, more and more of us are using social media. It's not surprising that scam artists are following suit and using social media as a way to implement their scams.

Over the weekend, I read a number of disturbing articles about people that have fallen for scams involving social media. These include identity and investment scams. It is important that when you use



Money Matters  
Rick Bloom

no one thing that you can do to avoid them. However, like other types of scams, whether it's using emails or phone calls, being reasonable and using common sense is the best way to protect yourself.

One scam happening frequently is phishing, which seeks to obtain your private

personal information such as Social Security numbers, passwords and user names. Once scam artists have this information, they can wreak havoc on your finances.

The latest scam where phishing is involved uses Twitter. In this scenario, the scam artist steals a Twitter account and sends a message that contains a link that sends someone to a Twitter login page. Unfortunately, that Twitter login page is not actually hosted by Twitter, but rather by the scam artist. Therefore, when you enter your information, it doesn't go to Twitter, but rather goes to the crooks. The pages that you link to look very legitimate, but they are not.

## Be careful

How do you avoid this? It's difficult, however, the consequences of falling for a scam will make life even more difficult. The bottom line is be careful what you link to. When it comes to sensitive information, just because someone asks for it, doesn't mean you have to give it to them.

Facebook, Twitter and other social media sites are also being used for investment scams. People are putting information on these sites about all sorts of investments and ways to double or even triple your money without risk. It is amazing how many people fall for these scams. It doesn't matter whether it's a website,

social media or someone at a cocktail party. When someone starts touting fantastic returns on an investment, that's a sign to walk away.

I admit, I don't use social media. I am somewhat of a dinosaur. However, the reality is more and more people are using it and eventually I will as well. My advice is to use social media, take it for what it is and have fun with it. However, remember when you use it, never let your guard down.

Good luck!

**Rick Bloom** is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com). If you would like Rick to respond to your questions, please email [rick@bloomassetmanagement.com](mailto:rick@bloomassetmanagement.com).

## AROUND PLYMOUTH-CANTON

### BLOOD DRIVE

**Date/Time:** Monday, April 22, 1:30-7:15 p.m.

**Location:** VFW Post 6695, 1426 S. Mill in Plymouth

**Details:** The VFW Post 6695 hosts an American Red Cross Blood Drive. Anyone donating blood in April will be entered into a drawing for an iPad mini.

**Contact:** Call Larry, (734) 377-8329.

### ROAD RALLY

**Date/Time:** Saturday, April 27, check-in begins at 3:30 p.m.

**Location:** Check-in is at Smith Elementary School, 1298 McKinley in Plymouth

**Details:** Registration is now open for the annual Plymouth Newcomers and Neighbors Road Rally. Competing teams race around the city solving puzzles, performing activities, and enjoying an evening on the town. The rally ends at a final dinner party location. The rally begins at 4 p.m., and participants arrive time at final destination 7:30 p.m. Early-bird registration ends April 1, but participants can still register (for \$25) until April 7.

**Contact:** Pete and Eileen Ganster at (734) 718-4589 or [pganster@comcast.net](mailto:pganster@comcast.net)

### 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 first \$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.

### HEISE COFFEE

**Date/Time:** Friday, April 19, 7:30-9 a.m.

**Location:** Panera Bread, 400 S. Main in Plymouth

**Details:** State Rep. Kurt Heise is hosting coffee hours to give residents a convenient opportunity to meet with him in a casual setting and discuss state and local issues. No appointment is necessary. Heise is also available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or at his Lansing office.

**Contact:** Residents are invited to call toll free 1-855-REFKURT or e-mail [kurt@heise.house.mi.gov](mailto:kurt@heise.house.mi.gov) to schedule an appointment.

### MILLER WOODS TOURS

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

**Location:** Miller Woods (Powell Road, 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.



## Family fishing

Canton residents are invited to unpack their fishing gear and head to Canton's annual Family Fishing Derby 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, May 4, in Heritage Park. The pond at Heritage Park, located at west of Canton Center Road and south of Cherry Hill Road, will be stocked and ready to go with rainbow trout and hybrid bluegill fish. No fishing license is required for the derby, which is open to Canton residents only. Proof of residency is required and there is a fee of \$5. For information, visit [Cantonfun.org](http://Cantonfun.org) or call (734) 394-5460.

Check the website at [millerswoods.com](http://millerswoods.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.

### 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.

**Contact:** Call or email Judy at (734) 347-1001 or [jbstone16@comcast.net](mailto:jbstone16@comcast.net) or Alice at 248-348-9610 or [dachrenko@hotmail.com](mailto:dachrenko@hotmail.com)

### WOMEN'S CONNECTION

**Date/Time:** Monday, May 13, 6-8:30 p.m.

**Location:** Canton Coney Island, 8533 N. Lilley in Canton

**Details:** The guest speaker for the May Canton Women's Connection meeting will be the popular and returning Melissa McLaughlin, Canton Township treasurer, who will talk about what's happening in Canton. RSVP by Friday, May 10.

**Contact:** June Nicholas, (313) 610-2561 or [june@nicholascomcast.net](mailto:june@nicholascomcast.net)

### CRAFTERS WANTED

**Date/Time:** Sept. 6-8, during Fall Festival hours

**Location:** Plymouth

**Details:** Organizers say it's not too early to send in an application for a booth in the Plymouth Fall Festival Craft Show. The spaces are limited and are filling up quickly. Applications are available at the craft show page at [www.plymouthfallfestival.com](http://www.plymouthfallfestival.com)

**Contact:** For more information contact Colleen Brown [craftshow@plymouthfallfestival.com](mailto:craftshow@plymouthfallfestival.com) or (734) 455-1614.

## Color guard sets auditions

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band is holding try-outs for the 2013 Color Guard. These auditions are open to any student interested in being a part of the award-winning ensemble. There is no experience necessary and students are encouraged to attend all three audition dates.

The audition dates are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday (April 22, 24, 26) from 3:30 to 6 p.m. at Plymouth High School, located at 8400 Beek in Canton.

Color guard is considered the visual aspect of the marching band. Members dance, spin flags and props, and perform alongside the 180-member marching band during

the fall competition and football season. Participants should wear comfortable clothes and be ready to move. Current eighth- through 11th-graders should meet in the Plymouth High School Band room all three days. Contact director Jeffrey Cash at your [jeffrey@gmail.com](mailto:jeffrey@gmail.com) with questions you may have regarding these dates. No prepared performance required. Just come ready to move.

### Meetings set

Also, the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band is hosting information meetings for students and parents interested in the 2013 marching band season. The next meet-

ing is Tuesday, April 23, at 7 p.m., in the Plymouth High School band room (enter near the big yellow semi-trailer). Throughout the 2013 season, the high school students will perform and compete in front of thousands of people including a trip to Indianapolis, Ind., at Lucas Oil Stadium, home of the 2012 Super Bowl.

Current eighth-graders and other interested student musicians interested in joining the PCMB are encouraged to attend one of these informational meetings. The new 2013 Marching Band begins practicing in May and continues through the summer with camps and rehearsals.

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Salute the special woman in your life during the month of May.

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Send the photo (jpeg format only, as large as possible) to [bkdrich@hometownlife.com](mailto:bkdrich@hometownlife.com). Be sure to identify (first and last names please) you and your mom and where you live (i.e. Birmingham, Milford, Plymouth). And tell us in two sentences or less why your mom, grandmother, aunt or other person is special to you.

Look for a photo gallery of all submissions during the month of May at [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com).

This Salute to Women photo gallery is sponsored by

sored by Indigo Salon and Day Spa in Canton.

Five lucky winners will receive a \$20 gift card to Kohl's or Meijer in a random drawing of all names and photos submitted. The photo gal-

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Deadline to submit photos and names for the random drawing is midnight Sunday, April 28.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Officials right to push Ford Road fix

There are too many questions and too many details to be worked out to determine whether the boulevard plan the Michigan Department of Transportation is considering for Ford Road is a good idea.

But there's no question something needs to be done about congestion and safety along Canton's busiest — and most dangerous — road, so it's good to see MDOT and Canton officials have at least some idea of what they'd like to do.

It's particularly encouraging to see both sides continue to push for a solution in the wake of a total lack of interest on the part

of the federal government to help with the TIGER plan Canton officials proposed for the I-275/Ford Road interchange.

A decision is expected by mid-summer, though it still could be years before the project is started. Even then, it could take one to two years to complete. The proposal suggests adding greenery and landscaping to separate east and west lanes; widening the road to three lanes in certain areas; prohibiting left turns at major intersections; and installing turnaround lanes similar to those on Michigan Avenue.

Business owners are concerned a protracted construction

project — even on the short end MDOT officials conceded the boulevard plan could take a year to complete — will hurt business. Owners along Ford Road noted that business took a big hit during the last construction season, when work was being done on I-275 bridges and ramps.

It's a legitimate question, of course. But how much is business being hurt now with the safety issues along the road. In late 2011, local officials said the stretch of Ford Road from Canton Center to the Westland city limit recorded 2,411 accidents during a six-year period, with 815 of those occurring

between Haggerty and Lilley.

Gary Krone, who owns the Carvel Ice Cream shop on Ford west of Haggerty, said he advised his customers on alternate routes to take to keep them from having to deal with Ford Road. How many people avoid Ford Road — and its businesses — completely because they don't want to deal with the traffic?

Nobody questions the need for something to be done. Is the boulevard plan the right fix? Until more details are available, there's no way to know. But the fact officials are still pushing for a fix is a good sign something will get done.

## GUEST COLUMN

## COMMUNITY VOICE

# Students deserve more

By Maggie Wunderlich  
Guest Columnist

The Sandy Hook School shootings were a horrid reminder our children depend on us to protect them in schools and when even one child dies, we fail miserably.

The question is: Exactly how are we supposed to protect them? Are guns in schools the answer? Are security personnel or criminal background checks enough? While national conversations go on about this, educators are faced with what to do in the meantime.

Aside from obvious security and safety measures like signing in at the office or security cameras, more can be done in Plymouth-Canton schools to prevent school violence from occurring in the first place.

We place a lot of importance on early intervention when it comes to reading and academics, but isn't it just as imperative to implement disciplinary intervention programs at the elementary and middle schools?

Such programs have proven to effectively deter school violence. A study of 23 elementary schools in Florida showed intervention was effective in decreasing the recurrence of disciplinary incidents. Particularly, each of those schools utilized a vital resource. What was it and how do we work the magic in our schools? Simple. A school counselor was on staff at each of the elementary schools.

School counselors are a vital resource, highly trained professionals who are uniquely qualified to guide students with academic, social, personal and career development. For example, they can provide academic guidance, conduct individual and group counseling, consult with parents or teachers, and make references to community resources. They are capable of developing programs such as awareness campaigns, mentoring, peer advising and mediation that help develop empathy, understanding and positive morals. What's more, they could organize and facilitate conflict resolution programs, which teach adolescents problem solving skills.

School counselors also play an important role in creating a safe learning environment. In a recent statement in the *Washington Post*, President Obama acknowledged school counselors can develop trusting relationships in which threats can be detected and crises averted. As the third largest district in Michigan, Plymouth-Canton has thousands of students who are entrusted in our care. Don't these students deserve to be in a safe learning environment where they can succeed?

School counselors can effectively prevent violence by using programs as early as elementary school. Sadly, there are only three school counselors in our elementary schools (there are 11 in the middle schools and 15 at the high schools). Compared to the state ratio of one counselor to 706 students, we are doing better at the secondary level. For example, the average for all three high schools is one counselor to about 415 students. The average for all five middle schools is one counselor to about 513 students. However, these ratios still fall short of the ASCA recommendation of one counselor to 250 students.

The cost of hiring more school counselors may be offset if we also hired support staff or paraprofessionals who could take over the counselors' administrative tasks. This would free up the school counselor's time to work more directly with students.

While some may roll their eyes and ask where the money is coming from, what needs to be considered is that not hiring them could cost us something more precious than money. It could cost us our children's lives, if they were victims of school violence such as the Sandy Hook shootings.

Intervening early in elementary schools will have long lasting positive effects on all students. That is why we need to be proactive and apply early intervention now, before it's too late.

Maggie Wunderlich is an English Language Learning paraprofessional in the Plymouth-Canton school district.

## What do you think of a new Michigan law that prohibits teens from talking on the phone while driving?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"I think it's good. I see drivers who are talking and texting. It's an accident waiting to happen. Plus they're not as experienced at driving."

Eddie Hayes  
Canton



"I think it's an excellent idea. Kids are too distracted being first-time drivers to use cell phones and text and talk to their friends."

Nancy Smith  
Canton



"I think it should be more than just teenagers. It should be everybody."

Carole Baranowski  
Canton



"I think it shouldn't be just for teens. That's really silly. It should be for all adults, too."

Evan Raoff  
Dearborn

## LETTERS

### Supports bond

As state representative for Plymouth and eastern Canton, a trustee on the Plymouth-Canton Schools' Educational Excellence Foundation and, most importantly, the parent of two students in the PCSS, I am urging voters to support the May 7 bond proposal for the Plymouth-Canton Schools.

Having carefully reviewed the proposal, and after meeting with parents, teachers, and administrators in Plymouth-Canton, I've concluded that the bond is in the best interests of our taxpayers.

First of all, the bond does not raise taxes. It will build a new middle school in Canton to replace the obsolete Central Middle School, improve technology, purchase new equipment and buses, update school buildings, and improve school security for our kids. It benefits everyone in our district.

Secondly, at a time when public school funding has been cut across the state, it's important for us to maintain Plymouth-Canton's advantage by keeping more funding in the classroom.

My family, and thousands of families like mine, moved to Plymouth and Canton for a better quality of life, low taxes, and great schools. The May 7 bond respects and preserves these values, and will keep Plymouth and Canton at the forefront of Michigan's economic recovery.

Please join me and my family in voting "yes" for the May 7 bond proposal.

Kurt L. Heise  
state representative  
20th District

### Library congratulations

I read your article in the March 31 Observer. I was very pleased to learn of the award being given to the Canton Public Library. But, I am not surprised.

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provide the best possible service to the library patrons. They all maintain a courteous and professional demeanor. Congratulations. It was well deserved.

Thomas M. Hartnett  
Canton

### 'Yes' on bond

Everyone hates taxes. It's probably in American's DNA. However, in order to have a successful society, we must have some measure of taxation in which to conduct government business. To that end, Canton and Plymouth residents are faced with the approval of a bond issue on May 7 for improvements to our community schools. I urge you to vote yes.

There's an old saying "you can't judge a book by its cover," yet it is that which draws our eye to view the contents of any book. The "cover" of any community is twofold — public safety and schools — that draws interest from homeowners and businesses alike to look further into the desirability of a community in which to locate, invest and thrive. If a community has good schools and quality public safety, the rest of the "content" — parks, shopping, arts and history, trails — just adds to it.

If Canton and Plymouth are going

to thrive, they need to be competitively scholastically. People "choose" where to live first based on the offerings of the community, then look for a job. If the schools aren't in top shape, new buyers will look elsewhere.

Canton and Plymouth have long had a strong reputation for good schools. With the advent of Proposal A, the P-C schools received a significantly reduced annual allotment per pupil, and have for years been "robbing Peter to pay Paul" to keep our schools competitive and successful. The buildings are worn from deferred maintenance; buses, rattling over unpaved roads, are beaten up; Central has long been decrepit (it was when I attended in 1972); Canton kids are bused far and wide to get to middle school, when the far majority of middle school students now and in the future will come from Canton; technology is here to stay — like it or not. Up-to-date competitive technology is important for students and teachers.

This bond maintains our current level of taxation to accomplish these improvements. Lower taxes are good; even taxation is tolerable. This is not an increase over current levels. This is tolerable.

Canton voters have the most to gain, and the most to lose. Failure to build a new middle school in Canton will mean our kids are bused long distances to substandard schools. Canton has growth potential remaining, and with growth comes stronger property values.

With Canton students having fewer advantages, the growth will slow, and property values will be tepid. We have only to look at Detroit to witness in real life what happens with the fundamental elements of any community are neglected — schools and public safety. It can happen anywhere if the voters and taxpayers are shortsighted.

Take advantage of the many public meetings being held around Canton by the school district to get informed. Then I urge you to vote yes.

Melissa McLaughlin  
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## OHL WESTERN CONFERENCE FINALS PREVIEW

# Biggest test awaits Whalers

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Even though Plymouth Whalers defenseman and captain Colin MacDonald hails from London, Ontario, don't expect him to be worrying about visiting friends and family this weekend.

That's because MacDonald's team has some hockey business to attend to beginning 7 p.m. Friday in London, when the Ontario Hockey League Western Conference Finals get under way.

The last time the Whalers went this far was 2007, also against London. That year, the Whalers won the OHL championship.

"I think it's a little bigger for my family," said MacDonald, asked about returning to his hometown for the series during Tuesday's OHL media conference call. "For me



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

London will need to stop Plymouth's Vince Trocheck (No. 25) in the OHL Western Conference finals. Trocheck, shown here last series against Owen Sound, enters Friday's game against the Knights with 21 points in 10 playoff games — the most in the league.

it's just another playoff series where we need to win.

"I'm looking forward to it and it's cool that it's in

London, but mainly I'm just looking forward to starting the conference finals."

All signs point to a

high-flying, entertaining series between the top two teams in the conference.

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## WHALERS VS. KNIGHTS

Following is the schedule for the best-of-seven Plymouth-London OHL Western Conference finals:

**Game 1:** 7 p.m. Friday, at London

**Game 2:** 2 p.m. Sunday, at London

**Game 3:** 7 p.m. Tuesday, at Plymouth

**Game 4:** 7 p.m. Wednesday, at Plymouth

**Game 5:** (if necessary) 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 26, at London

**Game 6:** (if necessary) 2 p.m. Sunday, April 28, at Plymouth

**Game 7:** (if necessary) 7 p.m. Monday, April 29, at London

**Tickets:** Call Computware Arena box office at (734) 453-8400 or go to [www.plymouthwhalers.com](http://www.plymouthwhalers.com).

## Golf May 5 for Miracle League of Plymouth

The 12U Canton Cardinals travel baseball team is going to bat for The Miracle League of Plymouth and community members who like to golf are invited to do the same.

On Sunday, May 5, at The Inn at St. John's, the Cardinals will host a charity golf outing.

Cost is \$120 per golfer for the four-person scramble format. That fee takes care of 18 holes of golf, lunch and dinner and prizes.

A portion of the proceeds from the event will be earmarked for the Miracle League, which "provides opportunities for all children with special needs to play baseball regardless of their abilities."

The Inn at St. John's is located at 44045 Five Mile Road in Plymouth.

For additional information, contact Paul Cassatta at (734) 377-1380 or [paulc826@gmail.com](mailto:paulc826@gmail.com) or go to the Cardinals website to download a registration form ([sites.google.com/site/cantoncardinals7000](http://sites.google.com/site/cantoncardinals7000)).

# Slam-dunk choice

Salem's Dierker glad to sign with Madonna

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Chris Dierker — like his former Salem teammate Tyler Stewart — speaks softly and possesses quality basketball skills.

And now Dierker will follow 2012 alum Stewart from the Park over to Madonna University.

Dierker, a 6-7 senior power forward and impact player for the Rocks, Friday signed his national letter of intent to join the Crusaders.

According to Dierker, who averaged 14.7 points and 10.7 rebounds in 2012-13 for Salem, signing with Madonna fit into his comfort zone.

"It played a big impact as I've been playing with him (Stewart) for a long time at Salem," said Dierker, following the signing ceremony. "I've also known the coach (Noel Emehiser) for a long time, going to the camps in the summer and the fall league since seventh grade."

Dierker and Stewart were two major contributors to Salem's Kensington Lakes Activities Association championship in 2011-12.

Longtime Salem head coach

Bob Brodie said Dierker should make the same successful transition to MU as a freshman that Stewart did.

"I talked to coach (Emehiser) and he's... really happy with the way Tyler's progressed and he foresees a great future for him," Brodie said. "And he says the same thing seems true of Chris."

"He's seen Chris at the high school level and followed him quite a bit and he thinks he's going to have a successful experience in college, too."

## A good fit

Brodie added Madonna is the perfect spot for Dierker to take the next step in his career.

"I think it's a good fit for him to go to Madonna," Brodie said. "He's playing with his ex-teammate and he's playing with a couple guys who were in our league. I think it's going to be a good fit."

"It's a gem in the rough for them to get a guy like him. I think he's a good player and he'll fit in well there."

Dierker — who was joined at last week's signing ceremony at Salem by Brodie, Emehiser, MU assistant coach Adam Ker-

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Salem's Chris Dierker (No. 23) takes aim at the basket during a 2012 playoff game against Novi-Detroit Catholic Central.

## Whalers pick Canton teen in OHL Draft

The Plymouth Whalers selected Canton native Tyler Sensky in the 12th round of the recent Ontario Hockey League draft.

Sensky, 16, is a defenseman from Computware U16.

As reported on the Whalers website, Kevin Hess of the OHL Central Scouting Bureau described Sensky as a "technically sound skater with good speed. Possesses a good shot from the point. Does a good job of finding a lane to get the puck to the net."

Plymouth's top pick (16th overall) was left wing Jordan Greenway of Potsdam, N.Y., and the Shattuck U16 team.

## BOYS GOLF PREVIEW - PT. 2

# Success already finding Wildcats

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

It didn't take long for the Plymouth varsity boys golf team to show new coach Nick Brandon that 2013 literally could be a banner season.

The Wildcats — with No. 5 golfer John Tatti nearly posting individual medalist honors — opened the year by capturing Monday's Detroit Golf Club Invitational, a 16-team tournament hosted by University of Detroit-Jesuit.

"We're satisfied with the win," said Brandon, who succeeds Chris Moore as Plymouth's coach. "But our goals are so much more than winning just one tournament. We want to win championships and we've got five opportunities to do that."

The team will be working towards winning the division, conference, districts, regionals and states.

"The nice thing about golf is, a lot of chances to hang banners and get your name on a banner in the gym," Brandon added. "That's what we're talking about."

A definite motivator is to



Plymouth kicked off the 2013 varsity boys golf season Monday, winning the Detroit Golf Club invitational hosted by University of Detroit-Jesuit. Pictured (from left) are John Tatti, Ryan Rieckhoff, Kyle Rodes, Chris Kozler and Evan Chapman.

improve upon last year's top-10 finish at the Division 1 state finals (which followed Plymouth's KLA South Division title with a 10-0 record and triumphs at districts and regionals).

## Fiendly competition

Tatti, a junior, shot a 74

and played in a sudden death playoff for first overall.

"It just says a lot about him and the steps he's taken in his game," said Brandon, also assistant girls basketball coach at Plymouth. "When you can have a five-shot play-

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## Drive time

With Salem's Caroline Simko (No. 16) in pursuit, Plymouth's Sydney Rouse (No. 15) puts her leg into a kick during Saturday's varsity girls soccer contest. For more on the game, please turn to page B4.

# Big win for Salem girls

Salem's varsity girls track and field team tuned up for Thursday's annual City Meet with a lopsided victory Tuesday at Livonia Stevenson.

The Rocks registered a 103.66-to-33.33 KLAACentral Division win over the Spartans.

"The sun actually came out so we got to see some good times," Rocks head coach Dave Gerlach said. "Our kids went there and did what we needed to do."

"We worked on some things, our handoffs were good today and we won all four of the relays, so I'm real happy with where we're at

right now."

Salem improved to 2-0 overall and 2-0 in the KLAACentral with the victory.

**SALEM 103.66 LIVONIA STEVENSON 33.33**  
**April 16 at Stevenson**  
**Shot put:** 1. Shara Long (Salem), 33 feet, 11.25 inches;  
 3. Oly Nwankwo (LS), 31-5.5;  
**discus:** 1. Dana Blankenship (Salem), 87-5; **high jump:** 1. Maggie Law (LS), 4-8; **long jump:** 1. Brianna Jed (LS), 14-9; 2. Anna Letcia (LS), 14-3; 3. Nicole Sokolosky (LS), 14-2; **pole vault:** 1. Nancy Krutty (Salem), 10-6; 2. Sommer Pappas (LS), 8-0; **100-meter hurdles:** 1. Krutty (Salem), 17.82; **300 hurdles:** 1. Michon Girardot (Salem), 49.58; **100 dash:** 1. Khyli Ray (Salem), 13.11; 3. Jed (LS), 13.8; **200:** 1. Shekinah Johnson (Salem), 27.3; 2. Jed (LS), 28.82; **400:**

1. Alexandra Davis (Salem), 1:03.19; 2. Emily Brewer (LS), 1:04.22; 3. Allison Timberlake (LS), 1:05.15; **800:** 1. Kayla Kavulich (Salem), 2:22.22; 2. Karlie Gallagher (LS), 2:34.56; **1,600:** 1. Alexandra Beltran (Salem), 5:32.99; 3. Bayne Broney (LS), 5:46.27; **3,200:** 1. Brooke Kuchka (LS), no time available; 3. Melissa Flannigan (LS), 12:36.99; **400 relay:** 1. Salem (Ray, Jamyra Wilson, Bryanna Samuels, Johnson), 51.78; 2. Stevenson, 55.62; **800 relay:** 1. Salem (Davis, Wilson, Chinese Mbanugo, Samuels), 1:51.15; 2. Stevenson, 1:52.99; **1,600:** 1. Salem (Elizabeth Tripp, Anya Cho, Ray, Kavulich), 4:13.76; 2. Stevenson, 4:17.33; **3,200 relay:** 1. Salem (Shannon Flynn, Tripp, Kathryn Binsfield, Cho), 10:01.72; 2. Stevenson, 10:31.2. **Dual meet records:** Salem, 2-0 overall, 2-0 KLAACentral Division; Stevenson, 0-2 overall, 0-2 KLAACentral.



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO  
 Salem senior Chris Dierker (seated, center) last week signed to play men's basketball at Madonna University. Dierker is flanked by parents Lien and Bill. Standing are (from left) sister Michelle Dierker, Madonna assistant coach Adam Kerfoot, head coach Noel Emehiser and Rocks' varsity boys basketball coach Bob Brodie.

## DIERKER

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foot and family members (parents Bill and Lien, sister Michelle) — noted that he talked to other NAIA schools, including Concordia and Spring Arbor.

But he always figured Madonna would be his landing spot.

"I don't mind it," said Dierker, about going to a nearby college. "My parents can go to a couple games."

Dierker is the second member of Madonna's 2013 class, following Trenton forward-center Dan Hall.

"We're really excited about Chris coming in," Emehiser said. "He is a big, strong, very athletic player. I think he's underrated in terms of

what people think he can do as a skill-type player. But we've been really impressed with him as a person as much as a player."

Emehiser envisions Dierker making an impact in the paint and all over the court — just as he did at Salem.

"We see him playing a forward position for us," Emehiser said. "Somebody that can face up and attack the rim off the dribble, crash the boards and get up the floor really well."

"He hopefully can add a dimension not only in transition, but also in the half-court."

**Lesson learned**  
 Dierker stressed that his time in Salem's basketball program definitely prepared him for what lies ahead at MU.

"All my coaches, Brodie, (Steve) Aspinall, (Ryan) Nimmergruth, they helped a lot the past four years and made me better as a player and a person," Dierker said.

As for the biggest lesson he'll be taking with him from Canton to Livonia?

"Just to go your hardest and work your hardest at basketball and school," he added.

Brodie said there very well could be a long-range Salem-MU pipeline in the making with the signings of Stewart and Dierker.

"(Emehiser's) doing a good job recruiting locally," Brodie said. "Parents can go to games. The kids stay close to home. And it's quality basketball."

Staff writer Brad Emmons contributed to this report.



## PC Force wins MXP title!

The Plymouth Canton Force 300th Grade basketball team won the MXP League Championship at Saline High School on March 24, finishing with a league record of 13-1 and overall mark of 18-1. Pictured are: (bottom row, from left) Esaias Ester, Sam Peterson, Devin Womack, Ethan Rottell, Doug Sartain and Tyler Martinez; (top row, from left) coach Doug Sartain, Josh Carver, Jalen Parker, Jake Vickers, Nick Downs and coach Ryan Vickers.

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# Salem suffers first loss

Salem couldn't overcome some sloppy defense Monday, dropping a 7-4 KLAAs Kensington Conference baseball match against visiting Livonia Churchill.

The loss was the first of the season for the Rocks, following three victories.

The Rocks did load the bases with two outs in the seventh against Churchill relief pitcher John Szymanski, in an attempt to pull the game out. But Demetrius Dunlap (2-for-5, two RBI) hit a game-ending fly ball to right field.

It was an uphill battle all game long for Salem. Churchill went up 3-0 in the third against Rocks' starting pitcher Nick Masi.

Masi, with two of the runs scoring on a two-out single by Nick Misiak. Plymouth chipped away with runs in the bottom half of the frame (on an RBI double by Kyle Penn) and in the fourth, on a single by Austin Silletti (1-for-2) that scored Justin Sydlowski (who walked).

The Chargers, however, needed their lead to 6-2 with three runs in the fifth, a rally helped along by three Salem errors.

Salem got two runs back in the sixth on a single by the third base line by Dunlap. Aaron Moore (2-for-4, two runs) and Jack Driscoll (1-for-4, one run) scored on the single.

But Churchill (1-0, 1-0



BILL DRESSLER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Rounding the base for Salem is Derrick Voffardi during Monday's KLAAs crossover baseball game against Livonia Churchill.

in the KLAAs) picked up a key tack-run on the seventh on an infield hit. Earning the win for the Chargers was starter Matt Vincentini, who pitched into the sixth.

Another Charger stand-out was Dan Cameron (3-for-4, three RBI).

For Salem, Penn went 3-for-3 to lead a nine-hit attack.

**NORTHVILLE 9, PLYMOUTH 4:** The host Mustangs scored five runs in the fourth inning to outlast Plymouth, who dropped to 2-3 overall and 0-1 in the KLAAs. Matt Jones singled and doubled and Andrew Hejka scored twice. Derek Eberling threw two scoreless innings in

relief for the Wildcats. **STEVENSON 3, CANTON 2:** Senior right-hander Mike Kanitra pitched a complete-game five-hitter Monday to earn the victory as host Livonia Stevenson (3-1, 1-0) edged the Chiefs (6-1, 0-1) in a Kensington Conference crossover.

Kanitra struck out six and walked only one to outduel Canton senior left-hander Mike Stafford, who allowed five hits and four walks while fanning eight over seven innings.

Kanitra and Austin Stevens each knocked in a run for Stevenson, while Mike Vomastek scored the game-winner in the sixth. Weston Price and Jake Boucher each went 2-for-3 with a run scored for Canton. Nick Hazerling added an RBI double.

cap, 7-6, as Matt Cook went 2-for-3 and hit a solo homer. Justin Cook went 2-for-3 with three RBI to help support Matt Cook's effort.

Evan Barron also contributed two hits.

Victor Pachota (Livonia Stevenson), who took over in the sixth inning for starter Robert Fraser (Westland John Glenn), pitched two scoreless innings to go his record to 2-0.

Cornerstone reliever Kyle Marburger (2-1) took the loss, while Zach Harrison went 2-for-4 and Davis Martin added two RBI.

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## WHALERS

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Plymouth coach/GM Mike Vellucci and his London counterpart, former NHL player and coach Dale Hunter, have enough talent to easily roll four forward lines and three defensive pairings.

"Well, they're the New York Yankees of the OHL," said Vellucci, describing the Knights. "They're the top team every year and they're going to obviously very competitive. They have a tough building, 9,100 people every night, and it's going to be tough."

"... There's skill on both teams and it's going to be entertaining for the fans to watch the skill out there. We expect nothing but a great series."

### New-wave Whalers

MacDonald and his teammates arrive in London brimming with confidence following a torrid second half.

The Whalers lost three of four meetings against the Knights, the last one a 4-1 loss on Dec. 29 at Cornwall.

But the tables turned soon thereafter.

Vellucci acquired eventual OHL scoring champion Vince Trochec (109 points) in early January.

Around that time, he

handed the goaltending reins to rookie Alex Nedeljkovic (228, 19-2-1, 9.23).

Plymouth then played Knight like hockey the rest of the year right through the first two rounds of the playoffs against Sarnia and Owen Sound.

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*'We've got a really hard-working team. I think the character in the room shows and we had a hard-fought series against Owen Sound and came out victorious.'*

### COLIN MACDONALD,

Whalers captain

## Whalers move on

Matt Mistelet scored twice in the first period Sunday to spark the Plymouth Whalers to a series-clinching 3-1 victory over Owen Sound in Game 6 of the OHL Western Conference semifinal.

The Whalers will face London in the conference finals, slated to begin 7 p.m. Friday in London.

Stopping 32 of 33 shots for the victory was Plymouth rookie goaltender Alex Nedeljkovic, who continued his sparkling play. He held the fort in

the second period, making 18 saves and giving up just a power-play goal to Cameron Brace to cut Plymouth's lead to 2-1.

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## It takes pair from Davenport

Scoring with two outs was the story of the day as the Madonna University baseball team swept a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference double-header from visiting Davenport University at Ilitch Ballpark, 9-5 and 12-6.

The Crusaders got two hits and two RBI from Justin Cook in Game One, while Steve Pelletier, Victor Tabor and John Lauro contributed two hits apiece.

Matthew Cook and Jeff Beckles also collected two RBI each as the Crusaders overcame a 4-1 deficit with five runs in the fifth inning.

Winning pitcher Peter Renaud (3-1) gave up five earned runs on 11 hits and three walks in five innings. Reliever Dan Tabor (2-1) gave up two hits and three walks in five innings. Justin Cook went 2-for-5 with three RBI for Davenport, while starter Michael Clutterbuck (4-4) took the loss.

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### COLLEGE BASEBALL

In Game Two, homers by Lauro and Beckles keyed a 14-hit attack as the Crusaders improved to 23-0 overall and 10-1 in the WHAC.

Barron went 3-for-4 with an RBI, while Donny Holland added two hits and two RBI. Lauro had a two-run blast.

Evan Pechota (Livonia Stevenson), in relief of starter Justin Hicks, pitched 3.1 scoreless innings to improve to 3-0. Davenport (23-12, 8-6) got two hits and two RBI from Edward Grochowalski.

Starter Danny Sullivan (5-2) took the loss.

**MADONNA 5.7, CORNERSHORE 4.5:** A pair of one-run victories Saturday at chilly Ilitch Ballpark ended Madonna University (21-7, 8-1) to complete its sweep of a four-game WHAC series against visiting Cornerstone University (11-19, 6-9).

Justin Cook's walk-off homer in the bottom of the 10th inning gave the Crusaders a 5-4 victory in Game One over the Golden Eagles.

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## Shamrocks top field at Patriot Invitational

By Brad Emmons  
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It was a early season meet that may be a precursor to next month's Overlandland Boys Track and Field Relays.

Twelve teams vied Saturday for honors at the Patriot Invitational hosted by Livonia Churchill with Novi-Detroit Catholic Central capturing five events to earn the team title with 86 points.

The four-time defending Overlandland champions were followed by Livonia Stevenson (64), Plymouth (59), host Franklin (54.5) and Livonia Churchill (53) rounding out the top five.

The Shamrocks emerged winners in the shot put (134 feet, 6 inches), discus (368-10, 6 inches), javelin (16-7), distance medley (11:19.1) and the 400-meter (52.9) relays as Dylan Roney was a part of four of those first-place finishes.

Stevenson's lone win came in the 4 x 200 relay as Joe Mims, Mike Muffler, Joey DeMarco

and Zaid Shareef were clocked in 1:35.7.

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### Canton youth football camps on horizon

Several Canton Chiefs football camps are just around the corner.

From June 10-13 and July 1

# Speedy Lewis, strong 'D' lifts 'Cats to win

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

When Plymouth senior Madi Lewis isn't finding the back of the net she's helping make something happen for teammates.

In Saturday's contest against Salem, the University of Michigan-bound Lewis did not to spark the undefeated Wildcats to a 2-0 victory at Plymouth-Canton Education Park's varsity turf field.

"Madi does draw a lot of attention from the other team, which does open up the other weapons we have," said Plymouth varsity girls soccer coach Jeff Neschisch. "She's either taking the lead or creating for other people."

Posting the shutout victory for the Wildcats was junior goalie Kylie Robb.

Lewis tallied a goal and an assist and would have had a couple more goals if not for the stellar goal-keeping provided by Salem's senior Ali Eggenberger, who stopped Lewis in on three breakaways and came up big several other times with a variety of leaps, dives and slides.

"The grossest made some great saves today," said Lewis about Eggenberger. "She came out like she was supposed to. Just get her next time."

In the 12th minute of the KLAAs crossover match, played in cold, wind and flurries, Plymouth senior defender Morgan Klabunde moved the ball to Lewis who banked

a low drive off the right goal post into the cage.

"I think I got with my back to the goal," Lewis recalled. "And then I didn't feel any pressure on me so I turned and I just took the shot and finished."

The Rocks (2-1-1) did not go quietly, with good pressure at times in the Plymouth end of the pitch.

"We did give up quite a few set pieces within our own half," Neschisch said. "They were dangerous on all of them and our defense and Kylie came up big."

The tie-goal lead held up almost the rest of the contest, until the Wildcats added an insurance goal with less than 10 minutes left.

Lewis scooted down the right side and cut inside before sending a shot from inside the box that Eggenberger (10 saves) dove to deflect.

The ball then glanced off the far post to the left of the box, where Klabunde retrieved it.

Klabunde then hit the top-right corner from about 25 yards out.

## Tough to stop

Salem head coach Scott Duhl tipped his hat to Lewis, but he added that the Wildcats have such a strong lineup that it almost became a pick-your-poison situation.

"I think any time you have a special player like Madi running behind and creating problems it's tough," said Duhl, in his



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Racing after a 50/50 ball during Saturday's varsity girls soccer matchup are Plymouth's Jillian Aguirre (No. 11) and Salem's Kaitlyn Pelech.

first season as head coach of the Rocks. "But they're organized and their two center backs (Emily Burkman, Alyssa Dillon) are potentially a couple of the best players in the conference."

"So when you have strength at the center back position and their midfield is really talented and they have a lot of different parts... good players on the ball, that makes it really difficult if you aren't able to get numbers around the ball and defend together."

Duhl lamented Plymouth getting the early goal.

"I think in general we came out and respected our opponent too much," Duhl said. "So any time you respect your opponent too much it's easy for them to have possession

and kind of take the play to you."

Despite the final outcome, he added that Eggenberger provided aggressive goalkeeping that should keep the Rocks in just about every match.

"I would say it was pretty unorthodox on a couple of them (Lewis's breakaways), coming out, some things we definitely don't do at training," Duhl added. "But just including it was a really good effort from Ali and hopefully there'll be more of that."

Eggenberger said facing such an offensive force like Lewis is a bit of a "Cats-22 situation."

"I just try my hardest and whatever happens, happens," Eggenberger said. "I know she's fast, so I just need to not commit to anything because then

she'll go around me."

Neschisch said one of the keys to the win was moving the ball quickly in transition.

"They did a good job of clogging up the midfield," Neschisch said. "When we bypassed the midfield, or played quickly through the midfield, we were very successful."

By Plymouth's stellar backline — led by Robb — also continued to spark the 4-0 Wildcats, who visit Wayne Memorial at 4 p.m. Tuesday in a KLAAs South Division tilt.

Saturday's shutout was the third straight for Robb; the only goal scored on Plymouth this season was in a 2-1 win over Novi in the season opener.

Emily Burkman and Alyssa Dillon have been playing great for us in the center backs," Neschisch said. "Lauren Babcock had a very strong game for us and Jillian Aguirre's playing great at our other outside back."

"And Amber (Allen) has been coming in and doing a great job, too. So we got five defenders that are really playing strong out there."

**ALYSSA DILLON & WAYNE D:** Plymouth and Madi Lewis each tallied a goal over a pair of goals Tuesday leading the Wildcats (5-0, 1-0), ranked No. 1 in Division 1, to a mercy rule win over Wayne Memorial (1-2, 0-1).

Stephanie Dillon, Emily Smith, Alyssa Dillon and Morgan Klabunde each added one goal.

Kylie Robb got the shutout in goal for Plymouth.

**CANTON 7, GLENN 1:** Natalie Winters and Maddie

Lucas each tallied hat tricks Tuesday night lifting the host Chiefs (1-3, 1-0) to a KLAAs South Division triumph over Westland John Glenn (4-1, 0-1).

Abigail Robichaud also contributed a goal for Canton, which led 3-0 at halftime.

C.G. scored unassisted for the Rocks.

**LUTHERAN WESTLAND 2, INTER-CITY 0:** Second-half goals by senior Christa Kaspriske and sophomore Michelle Greening carried Lutheran High Westland (1-1, 1-0) to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division Tuesday over visiting Allen Park Inter-City Baptist (1-1, 0-1).

Seniors Clara Oppenlander and Angela Morrison drew the assists.

Goalkeeper Samantha Benner getting defensive help from Julia Yancy and Jessica Drife, made the saves to post the shutout.

"We controlled most of the game," Lutheran Westland coach Sara Schaffer said. "The first half we had several scoring chances and just couldn't find the back of the net. In the second half we did a much better job controlling the ball and getting into the goal."

**LADYWOOD 3, REGINA 0:** Livonia Ladywood (5-0, 0-1), ranked No. 2 in Division 2, enjoyed a 25-5 shot advantage Tuesday en route to Catholic League victory over visiting Warren Regina (0-2-0, 0-2-0).

The Blazers scored all three goals in the first half — Shelby Walsh from Jenna Urr (13th minute), Ari Ramon from Emily Huddleston (19th minute) and DeYana Walker from Huddleston (28th minute).

Goalkeepers Sara Schaffer and Whitney Baunried combined for two saves as the Blazers outplayed Regina throughout. Sarah Hirschmann made 12 saves for the Saddledies.

From start-to-finish our work rate was extremely high. Our bench came in and gave us a great lift in both halves."

# Better days might be in the 'cards' for Rocks

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

An influx of youngsters joining a reliable nucleus is plenty reason for Salem varsity boys' golf coach Ryan Nimmerguth to be optimistic about the Rocks improving in 2013.

The Rocks (3-7 in 2012 in the KLAAs Central Division) team have some pretty good returnees, too, in senior Brian Patterson (38.9 average) and a trio of juniors — twins Brady and Connor Cole (41.9, 43.9, respectively) and Nick Duda (42.9).

"Brian is a four-year golfer and the leader of the team," Nimmerguth said. "He has a quiet personality and chooses to lead through action rather than words."

"If his teammates follow his lead we will be in good shape this season."

Salem also has the earmarks of a team with improved depth.

And with junior Jack McCormack (moving over from baseball to golf) and promising freshman Woody Mashini, Jake Lang and Adam Marcano, the team has a lot of golfers who during the pre-season have consistently registered low 40s.

"I have been pleasantly surprised by the four new members to the team," Nimmerguth noted. "Jack McCormack decided to join the golf team after playing baseball for two years and so far this year has consistently shot in the low 40s."

"All three freshmen

have been shooting in the low 40s and are capable of pushing the upperclassmen for a spot in the varsity lineup."

To that end, Nimmerguth said he still has two varsity spots being competed for on the eve of Friday's season-opening PCRP Ryder Cup at Fox Hills.

In the running are senior Nate Sass, juniors Josh Eldridge and Jake Sealy.

"We're just looking for guys to step up and take the bull by the horns to earn these spots," Nimmerguth stressed.

Also competing for consideration are junior Noah Hirvela and sophomore Jakob Lenders.

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## GOLF

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er shoot 74 and be in the playoffs for the individual medalist honors, that speaks volumes about the depth we have and the competition we have."

Plymouth senior Kylie Rhodes shot a 75, closely followed by junior teammates Evan Chipman and Chris Kozler (78 each). Tallying a 90 was senior Ryan Rickhoff.

The thing that impresses Brandon about his new team, however, is any one of his top five could compete for medalist in any given dual meet or tournament.

And each one of them considers himself the best of the bunch.

"As a coach your biggest fear is you'll have a team that is afraid to compete with each other and is uncomfortable with that aspect," Brandon continued. "These guys embrace it and they're the first to congratulate each other when they play well."

"But make no mistake, they want to be the number one guy. When you've got five talented players that all want to be the best player on the team, that's a really, really good thing."

"My job as a coach is to make sure they stay that hungry and that competitive."

## Talented lineup

Plymouth's "undisputed leader" is Rhodes, however.

"We all rely on him for his consistent play, his respect and knowledge for the game, and his ability to step up when the rest of the team needs him to," Brandon noted. "He's honest, reliable and has a terrific all-around game."

Rickhoff, who, despite Monday's struggles, "is one of the most focused athletes I've ever been around. He is one of our most powerful players in terms of distance but his short game and ability on the green are what make his potential" limitless.

"As a senior, the rest of the team will feed off his focus and intensity," the coach senior said.

"I know Ryan will be ready to play every time we hit the course. His role on the team is so vital to our success."

Kozler, Chipman and Tatti, as juniors, are ready to push their way to the top of the pecking order.

About Kozler, he noted that confidence is his calling card.

"Chris can overcome any adversity that comes

his way," Brandon said. "And his passion for the game is evident every single day. He may be one of the most confident people I have ever known."

Kozler's dedication and work ethic has led to a monster jump between his sophomore and junior years."

As for Chipman, playing at the D1 state finals at Michigan State University last season provided invaluable experience and a point to springboard to future success this year.

"Evan has a consistency and reliability that is an important part of any successful team," Brandon went on. "... I expect a big year from Chip. He'll be a factor in every event that we play."

Tatti's showing at the Detroit Golf Club invite served notice that "he is ready to take his game to the next level" and challenge for top spot on the squad.

"Tatti is an explosive player," the coach continued. "A birdie is possible every time he steps up to the tee."

Rounding out the impressive cast are juniors Kyle Melnick, Alex Decker, Corey Smith and Jack Maremont.

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## GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

### DUAL MATCH RESULTS

#### SALEM 7

##### SOUTH LYON EAST 2

April 16 at Salem

No. 1 singles: Ashley Walker

(3) defeated Erin Blackledge,

6-1, 6-0; No. 2: Chelsea Yu (5)

def. Kayla Marquardt, 6-0,

6-0; No. 3: Tiffany Chan (5)

def. Rosemary Harkin, 6-3, 6-1;

No. 4: Kyla Knight (5) def.

Monika Sedik, 6-1, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Julia Meirles-

Katie Vena (5) & Abbie

Fielding Megan Shaffer, 6-0,

7-5; No. 2: Megan Renehan-

lea Fields (5LE) def. Abi

Collingswood-Kylie Flynn, 6-2,

6-4; No. 3: Laura Marple-

Molly Young (5LE) def. Rachel

Hershock-Kendall Berghofer,

6-3, 4-6, 6-2; No. 4: Kalaya

Thomas-Courtney Simpson

(5) def. Mary Hansen-Kiersten

Benninger, 7-5, 6-1; No. 5:

Ashley Walker (5) def. Sarah

Bach-Graham-Grace (5),

6-1, 6-0.

Dual match records: Salem,

6-2, 0-1 in KLAAs Central

Division; S.L. East, 0-3 overall,

0-2 KLAAs Central.

### PLYMOUTH 7

#### LIVONIA FRANKLIN 2

April 16 at Plymouth

No. 1 singles: Carolyn Mc-

Callen (P) defeated Keerthi

Chakraborti, 6-0, 6-2; No. 2:

Kendall Payne (P) def. Miria

Cerny, 6-1, 6-1; No. 3: Kirithi

Duraiwami (P) def. Madison

Eisenhauser, 6-4, 6-1; No. 4:

Marlowe Susselman (P) def.

Kayla Madaj, 6-1, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Sarah

Gamble-Svetlana Duraiswamy

(P) defeated Samantha Vach-

er McWilliams, 6-2, 6-0; No. 2:

Lauren Conley-Emma Mul-

lenax (P) def. Stefani Hady-Ka-

thy Svensen, 6-2, 6-1; No. 3:

Amy Tseng-Tsaihan Hout-

(P) def. Allison Kaczynski-

Blake Newman, 6-1, 6-0; No.

4: Alyssa Czekaj-Kym Kach-

er def. Carla Vanez-Kyle Han-

son, 6-4, 6-0; No. 5: Shannon

Hurt-Hannan Cobane (P) def.

Ki-Jia Malone-Hannah Cook,

6-1, 6-0.

Dual match records: Plym-

outh, 6-0 overall, 2-0 KLAAs

South Division; Franklin, 1-1

overall, 1-1 KLAAs South.

# 'Cats romp to start year

Plymouth's varsity girls softball team pummeled Northville 15-0 Monday in the Wildcats' season opener.

Pacing the visiting Wildcats were Brittney Miller (3-for-4, two doubles), Lindsay Lutton (2-for-4), Bri Giordano (2-for-4, double, one RBI) and Celeste Miller (2-for-3, double, two RBI).

Pitching five innings for the victory was Elaine Gerou, who gave up four hits and one walk and struck out five.

Freshman Rachel Zerona singled in three bats for her first varsity hit.

"Our pitching, defense and hitting was amazing for our season opener against Northville," Wild-

cats coach Bev McManus said. "When the girls were warming up and took the field for pregame

I sensed a confidence and readiness for our season to finally begin."

Plymouth will next take part in Saturday's Farmington Hills Mercy Invitational.

**CHURCHILL 13, SALEM 8:** Livonia Churchill played home on Friday Monday in this 2013 girls softball season. The Chargers belted four on the day to beat host Mirm in the KLAAs Kensington Conference crossover, 13-8.

Cacey Blas and Nicole Saloom hit back-to-back homers in the first inning, while Saloom and winning pitcher Katie Shereda contributed a 3-run blast and solo home, respectively, to key a 4-run third inning.

Churchill (1-0, 1-0), however, needed six runs in the top of the seventh inning to break a 7-all deadlock.

Top Churchill hitters included Saloom (2-for-3, three RBIs), Blas (3-for-5, three RBIs), Jeni Bourlier (3-for-3), and Shereda (2-for-3).

Shereda went all seven in-

nings, striking 10 hits while recording three walks and not allowing a walk.

Jamie Squires (3-for-3), Jess Armstrong (2-for-4, three RBIs) and Kara Hutchison all homered for the Rocks (0-1, 0-1).

**CANTON 3, STEVENSON 0:** 1. Winning pitcher Hanna Warren threw a three-hitter and helped her own cause

point 2-for-4 with a double to lead the Chiefs (1-0, 1-0) to a Kensington Conference romp over Livonia Stevenson (0-1, 0-1).

Warren struck out four and walked only one in seven innings. She got offensive help from Paige Bower, who went 2-for-4 with a double to spoil of the varsity coaching debut of Stevenson's Lauren Delapaz, a former Canton standout.

Becca Koster's RBI single scoring Cassidy Lipinski accounted for Stevenson's lone run in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Losing pitcher Morgan Copperstone also went the distance, striking out three and two walks while fanning three.

# Chiefs' defense stiffens in 10-5 win over 'Cats

lian Laro.

"Canton really played great defense all night," Plymouth coach Bob Hill said. "We had a hard time trying to solve it so hats off to them for the victory."

According to Canton coach Dave Bower, his team's defense (backstopped by junior goalie Melissa Neal) held off the Wildcats' rally late in the first half — after Plymouth took the lead to 5-3 and were pressing for more.

"This was the turning point in the game," Bower

er said. "And it helped stiffen our defense quickly in the second half, and we came out strong, scoring four unanswered goals."

Bower praised the efforts of the defense, led by senior captain Laura Murphy, senior Nicole Farley and junior Madison Day (filling in for injured senior captain Meredith Whitman).

The senior is improved to 4-0 overall and 3-0 in the Kensington Conference since the Rocks dropped to 3-2, 1-2.

## Speaker



Tony Campolo, pastor and author, will deliver the keynote message at the Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, May 2, at Laurel Manor Conference and Banquet Center. The breakfast, which starts at 7 a.m., also will feature the St. Michael Children's Group. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students K-12. The deadline to purchase tickets is Friday, April 19. Mail checks to Sally Butler, Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast, 18858 Mayfield, Livonia, MI 48152 or call (248) 476-9427.

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## April

## BEACH PARTY

**Time/Date:** 5:30-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 24

**Location:** Grace Moravian Church, 31133 Hivley, Westland

**Details:** Beach party will include sand, sun, food and fun. Donation of \$3 per person. **Contact:** RSVP to Cheryl at (248) 756-3592 or leave message on church phone at (734) 721-9290

## 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, apple sauce, coffee, tea, juice, milk. Adults pay \$3 and children 2-10, pay \$1.50. Sponsored by Men's Club. **Contact:** (734) 425-4421

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BEAUGRAND,  
EILEEN J.

April 9, 2013, age 93. Born August 11, 1919. Resident of Dearborn, formerly of Elk Rapids and Plymouth. Beloved wife of the late Niles Beaugrand. Dearest mother of Bonnie (Edward) Wagnan, Stacie (late Jack), May and Laurie (Tom) Wooderson. Loving grandmother of Gregory (Jennifer) Wagnan, Christopher (Elaine) Wagnan, Amy (David) Rehder, Rebecca Little, Kelli DiPietro, John (Angeta) May, Natalie (Patrick) Keane, Emily Wooderson and Thomas Wooderson Jr. 17 great grandchildren and 5 great great grandchildren also survive. Funeral Services were held on Saturday, April 13, 2013. Memorials to St. Paul's Lutheran Church or Henry Ford Village Benevolent Fund. Share your memories at [www.schneider-howell.com](http://www.schneider-howell.com)

CAMPBELL,  
JANET DUDNEY

April 15, 2013, age 78 of Plymouth. Beloved wife of Malcolm David. Loving mother of Mary Catherine, David (Patty), Elizabeth (Robert) McCullough, and Rev. Douglas (Rev. Emily) Dearn. Sister to Jim (Janice) Cusum, and her much younger sister Mary Lukens. Fabulous Grandmother to Malcolm, John, Scott, Alex, Daniel, Sarah, and Hannah who brought much joy to her life. Visitation Fri 3-8 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd., (brown Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. The family also will gather Sat 1 PM until the 2 PM Memorial Service at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 Church St., Plymouth, MI 48170. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the church or Plymouth - Canton Community Literacy Council, 46501 Warren, Canton, MI 48187.

To share a memory, please visit [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com)

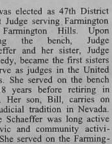


May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.

SCHAFFER,  
HONORABLE JUDGE  
MARGARET  
GROFSEMA

The Hon. Margaret Grofsema Schaffer, age 92, former judge for the 47th District Court in Farmington Hills, Michigan, died April 11, 2013, peacefully at her home of 62 years in Farmington Hills. She was survived by her children, Christine Skogsholm, Dr. Paul van der Waterford, Paul Schaffer of Waterford, the Hon. William E. Schaffer of Battle, Michigan, Nevada, and Virginia Schaffer (Michele Abrams) of Portland, Oregon; her two granddaughters, Madeline and Elise Abrams, also of Portland; her sisters, the Hon. Cornelia G. Kennedy, Judge of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, of Groove Pointe, and Dr. Christine Gram of Farmington Hills; and numerous nieces and nephews from Michigan, Florida, Colorado, Texas, and Washington. She was pre-deceased by her husband of 58 years, Marvin G. Schaffer, in 2006. Judge Schaffer was born in Detroit, Michigan, on November 21, 1920. She graduated from the University of Michigan, with a Bachelor of Arts in 1943 and a Juris Doctor with distinction in 1945. She was one of only two women graduates in her law class. After serving as a judicial law clerk for judges in Michigan and California, Judge Schaffer joined her sister, Judge Kennedy, in practicing law with their father, Elmer Grofsema, a prominent Detroit attorney. Following their father's death, the two sisters continued to practice law together with the Detroit firm, Judge Schaffer was appointed to the Michigan Workers' Compensation Appeal Board for the State of Michigan in 1971. In 1974,

she was elected at 47th District Court Judge serving Farmington and Farmington Hills. Upon joining the bench, Judge Schaffer and her sister, Judge Kennedy, became the first sisters to serve as judges in the United States. She served on the bench for 18 years before retiring in 1992. Her son, Bill, carries on the judicial tradition in Nevada. Judge Schaffer was long active in civic and community activities. She served on the Farmington Hills Beautification Commission, and the Farmington Community Center Board of Directors. She was a long-standing member of the American Association of University Women. She was also a long-time member of the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington. Judge Schaffer was very generous with her time and her resources to many, including young attorneys practicing before her when she was judged as well as to those seeking political office, especially local ones. Judge Schaffer was also an avid traveler and gardener. She and her husband, Marvin, traveled to all fifty states and all seven continents. Her travels included the Soviet Union, Malta, Syria, Australia, Tunisia, India, Chile, Nepal, Galapagos Islands (Ecuador), China, Zimbabwe, Panama, South Africa, and Antarctica. Even after Marvin's death in 2006, her traveling did not stop. Amongst other trips, she traveled to the Netherlands in 2007 and in celebration of her 90th birthday, to Alaska on a small-boat cruise with her family. Poems from her childhood home continue to flower in her garden. A memorial service was held Tuesday, April 16, 2013, at 3 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, the University of Michigan Law School, or to a charity of her choice.



## FOX, RALPH M.

Age 97, of Venice, FL, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan died on April 12, 2013 surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Bloomington, Illinois on October 10, 1915. Ralph attended Lake Forest Academy, received his B.S. from Yale and his M.D. from Harvard in 1942. During WWII he served as a medical officer in the US Navy before beginning post graduate work at the University of Michigan. He had an ophthalmology specialty in Birmingham, Michigan for 30 years before retiring in 1982 and moving to Venice. Ralph was a member of numerous professional societies during his career. Surviving family members include his wife, Betty J. McMillin-Fox of Venice; daughters Mary Sommer of Savannah, GA, Jane Fox-Garcia of Sacramento, CA, and Harriet E. Fox of Norcross, GA; son Robert S. Fox, M.D. of Bethesda, WI. 4 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Ralph was preceded in death by his first wife, Harriet S. Fox and his brother Walter S. Fox. A memorial service will be held at the Village on the Isle in Venice on Friday, April 19th at 10 AM. Memorial donations may be made to Venice Partners i/c/o Village on the Isle. Venice Presbyterian Church or Tidwell Hospice. Ralph was a true gentleman with a kind and generous heart. He will be greatly missed.

Funeral Home: Venice Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

FREEMAN,  
THOMAS F.

April 9, 2013, Age 92 of Lakeland, Florida. Formerly of Westland. Beloved husband of Virginia Dear father of John (Don). Grandfather of Cameron (Tracy) Scott (Beth), and Travis. Great grandfather of Joshua and Jason Freeman. Brother of ten sisters. Surviving brothers: Funeral services from Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland, Sunday, April 21, Visitation at the funeral home Friday, 2-9pm. Burial to take place at Cadillac Memorial Gardens. Westland, Family suggests memorials to the Alzheimers Association. Please visit memorial and send tributes at [www.uhtfh.com](http://www.uhtfh.com)



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## Jazzy weekend

Listen to music, attend a lecture at Dave Brubeck tribute

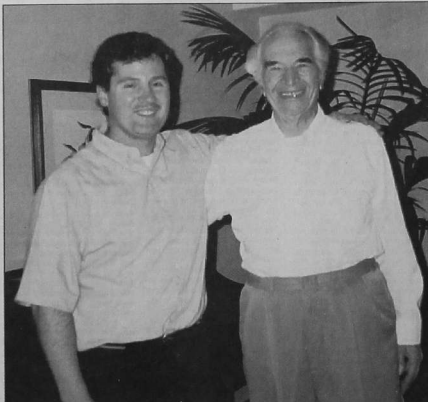
By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Riccardo Selva's upcoming musical tribute to jazz legend Dave Brubeck is more than just a concert.

Selva, head of Schoolcraft College's Jazz Studies Program, has lined up an entire weekend of events for student musicians, community bands and jazz lovers.

"I'm inviting school and community groups to participate. We'll coach and give musical advice on how to improve their playing. One thing we have to do is a better job of inspiring the culture on the art of music. Our culture doesn't support the art of music or teaching music," Selva said. "If young people aren't turned on by music, who will be our (future) audience? A lot of the facets of this event is bringing people in and inspiring them and showing them what it is to make music."

Russell Gloyd, conductor, music producer, arranger, is the guest artist for the "Up Jumped Spring Concert - A Tribute to Dave Brubeck," 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 22, in the DiPonio Room at the VisTaTech Center, on the Schoolcraft campus, located on Haggerty, between 7 Mile and Six Mile, in Livonia. He'll conduct Brubeck's *Take Five* and *Blue Rondo a La Turk* for jazz ensemble. *The Way You Look Tonight* and *What is This Thing Called Love* for



Riccardo Selva and Dave Brubeck posed for a photo when Selva interviewed the jazz legend for his doctorate degree dissertation.

jazz octet, and *All My Hope* from Brubeck's mass, *To Hope! A Celebration*. Chorus, brass quintet and jazz quartet will perform the sacred music.

General admission is \$15, seniors and students pay \$10 and children are admitted for \$5. Tickets are available at the door and in advance from the Schoolcraft bookstore at (734) 462-4409.

Selva will sit in with the jazz ensemble, playing

saxophone, while Russell directs.

"We'll be jammin'," Selva said.

### Personal stories

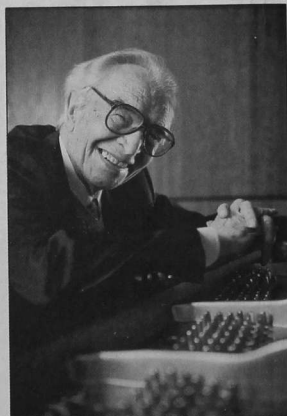
Russell, who worked with Brubeck for 37 years, will present Dave Brubeck 101 - his music and legacy, at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 20, in the VisTaTech Center's Presentation Room. The session is free and open to the public.

"He'll share stories.

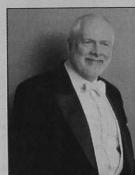
One he shared with me was Dave Brubeck's kids didn't realize how good they had it. They came home (from school) one day and there was (jazz musician) Miles Davis shooting baskets in the driveway," Selva said. "Brubeck knew everyone and they loved him and worked with him."

### Interview with Brubeck

Selva got a chance to meet Brubeck while he was in graduate school at Northwestern University, working on his dissertation for a doctorate of music degree in saxophone performance. Selva completed his graduate project, "The Saxophone in Sacred Music," in 2003. It includes information from Selva's two-hour interview with Brubeck. The jazz pianist and composer had written and performed many sacred works, including his 1981 Mass, *To Hope!*. According to Selva's dissertation, Brubeck said the man who commissioned the Mass wanted



The late Dave Brubeck



Russell Gloyd is the guest conductor at the Up Jumped Spring Concert - A Tribute to Dave Brubeck, Monday, April 22 at Schoolcraft College, in Livonia.

### Inviting Gloyd

"Russell's appearance is the fruit of my friendship with Dave Brubeck," Selva said. He e-mailed Brubeck in 2011, hoping the jazz superstar would consider an appearance at Schoolcraft College, but the musician was unable to travel because of health reasons.

When Selva learned that Brubeck had died in December last year, he decided a tribute was in order. He asked Gloyd if Brubeck's sons might be available for a tribute concert.

"They weren't. They were working on a (music) commission. Russell said 'What do you think about having me?' That's how it all came together."

Other Tribute events, all open to the public and held at the VisTaTech Center: *Jazz Combo Clinics*, 3 p.m. Saturday, April 20; School and community music groups may participate in the clinic.

\*Open rehearsal with the Schoolcraft College Jazz Program, 4 p.m. Sunday, April 21; Students of all ages may bring their musical instruments and sit in with the college musicians.

\*Jazz Ensemble Clinic, 1:30 p.m. Monday, April 22; Guest ensembles and school and community groups may perform.

Non-musicians may attend any of the sessions to watch and listen.

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### Arts Crafts

#### COSTICK CENTER

**Time/Dates:** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, April 20  
**Location:** 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Festival of the Arts includes panels of artwork created by Japanese children who survived the tsunami. Art demonstrations will include sculpting, pot turning, painting, weaving, and illustration. Children may take part in hands-on art projects. See other exhibits by Farmington Public Schools, Farmington Art Foundation members and Artists in Residence. Entertainment will include Farmington Community Band's clarinet choir and trombone ensemble, a ventriloquist, a star soloist, dance demonstrations by Dancing Feats and the Mid American Pom-Pon Studio, and more

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

#### DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

**Time/Dates:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday  
**Location:** 5200 Woodward, Detroit  
**Family Sundays:** 2 p.m. Sundays; storytelling, performances; free with admission  
**Exhibits:** Motor City Muse: Detroit Photographs: Then and Now, through June 16; Shirin Neshat, includes eight video installations and two series of photos, through July 7; printmaking by Ellsworth Kelly, May 24-Sept. 8

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

#### GALLERY@VT

**Time/Dates:** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during public events, through April 28  
**Location:** Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton  
**Details:** The photography of Claudia Retter  
**Contact:** (734) 394-5300

### GET OUT!



Potter Brian Migdal, from Oakland Community College, demonstrates wheel throwing at a previous Festival of the Arts in Farmington Hills.

#### NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

**Time/Dates:** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday, through April 27  
**Location:** 215 W. Cady, Northville  
**Details:** "Line & Brush: Two FigurativeVisions" shows the work of friends and art instructors, Amy Foster and Vianna Szabo. Foster is a master draftsman who loves line and gesture while Szabo's passion is paint and color. In conjunction with this exhibit, the artists will offer two-day workshops at the Northville Art House. Amy Foster will offer portrait drawing fundamentals, April 20-21 and Vianna Szabo will teach painting gesture portraits, April 27-28. Limited space is available. See the Art House website at www.northvillearts.org for more information  
**Contact:** (248) 344-0497

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# Cupcake battleground

## Local bakers send team to Food Network reality show

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Mae Sacdalan and Melissa Mosley will doff their aprons Sunday to watch themselves do battle with frosting and batter.

They and their younger sister, Mallory Magno, make up the baking trio behind the Detroit-area online business, Sweet Magnolias Vegan Cupcakes, which landed a spot in the Food Network's *Cupcake Wars* last fall. Their episode, featuring Sacdalan as lead baker and Mosley as assistant baker airs 8 p.m. April 21.

"Melissa and I would never think of auditioning for that type of show. Then one day in September I got a call on my cell phone. It was a Los Angeles number," Sacdalan said. She discovered the message was from the show's casting department which had discovered Sweet Magnolias while searching for vegan bakers online. "We were freaking out," Sacdalan recalled. "She said, I think you guys will be great."

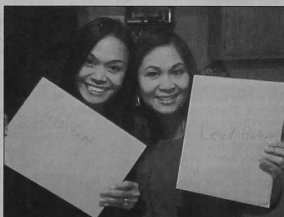
The three sisters began baking cupcakes together two years ago in Mosley's Livonia home, selling online and at festivals. Sacdalan lives in Warren and works for MacProfessionals in Novi. Mosley moved to Arizona with her family a few weeks ago, but also telecommutes to MacProfessionals. Magno, also of Warren, works as an anesthesia aide at St. John Hospital.

Mosley plans to return to Michigan this weekend to help her sisters staff a vendor booth Sunday at VegFest in Novi. She'll also have the Cupcake Wars episode at a family viewing party.

The show challenges four teams of bakers from across the country to vari-



Sweet Magnolias Vegan Cupcakes contain no animal products.



Sisters Melissa Mosley (left) and Mae Sacdalan show the information packets they received from the Food Network's "Cupcake Wars." Their episode airs Sunday, April 21.

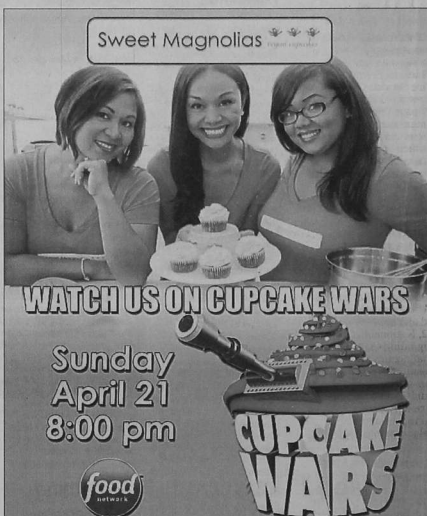
ous challenges each week. A team is eliminated after each challenge until only one remains. The prize is \$10,000 and a chance to showcase cupcakes at a winning gig.

Sweet Magnolias Vegan Cupcakes went up against teams from New Jersey, California and Arizona. "It was a great experience," Sacdalan said. "The first round is a challenge round. You're given secret ingredients and you have 30 minutes to make cup-

cakes. The next round is to make three of your favorite cupcakes. You're able to pick what you want and then decorate it how you think a special guest would like it.

"When you're down to three bakers, the last round is to make 1,000 cupcakes in two hours and have a carpenter build a display."

Sacdalan can't say how she and her sister fared on the show, until after the episode airs.



Sisters Mae Sacdalan, (left) Melissa Mosley and Mallory Magno will have these flippers on hand — along with their cupcakes — Sunday, April 21, at their vendor booth at VegFest in Novi.

She said they didn't rehearse for the experience, although they tried to figure out how many cupcakes they could create in two hours.

"It was all about the math," she said.

All three sisters appeared in Sweet Magnolias audition video, a Gangnam-style tribute to cupcakes. They appear wearing oven mitts, holding cupcakes and dancing in an elevator and at various locations in downtown

Detroit.

"It's the funniest thing. Who wouldn't want to get us on the show?" Sacdalan said, with a laugh.

With Mosley now living in Arizona, Sacdalan and Magno bake at home in Warren and occasionally in a commercial kitchen in Southfield. They're counting on Mosley to expand the business out of state.

During the past year the sisters created a new product — the jar cake — which consists of frost-

ing and cupcake layered in a jar. Holiday Market in Royal Oak also began to sell their treats.

Sample Sweet Magnolias' Double Vanilla, Double Chocolate and Matcha Green Tea cupcakes 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, April 21, at VegFest, a vegan tastefest at the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave., Novi.

Visit its website at [sweetmagnoliascupcakes.com](http://sweetmagnoliascupcakes.com).

## CITY BITES

### Spaghetti dinner

**REDFORD** — Bring your appetite to St. James Presbyterian Church in Redford on Sunday, April 21, and help Dylan Meyer wear fleece. The 16-year-old Crenshaw High School student is organizing a dinner to help raise the \$3,500 needed to give a fleece blankets to 200 veterans in the Michigan Veterans Foundation shelter. He plans to buy 1,000 yards of material and make no-sew fleece blankets for veterans who are having difficulty reintegrating into the community after their military service. The volunteer project also will help Dylan earn his Eagle Scout rank in Boy Scout Troop 401. The dinner will run 4:30-7:30 p.m. at the church, 25350 Six Mile; (313) 534-7730. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children, 3-10. It will include all-you-can-eat spaghetti, salad, bread, beverages and dessert. Dylan's mom, Kim Meyer, said her son has been in scouting since he was at the Tiger Cub rank as a first grader. "He's had this goal (Eagle Scout) since he was small," she said.

### VegFest

**NOVI** — Savory Mushroom Rice Bowl, Caramelized Pineapple Crumble, and Chocolate Ganache — if you're getting hungry at the thought of sampling tasty, vegan fare, head to VegMichigan's annual VegFest, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, April 21, at the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave. In addition to cooking demonstrations, national brand samples, vendors of eco-friendly products, cruelty-free fashion, children's activities, door prizes, and cookbooks, VegFest will include a food court with more than 60 restaurants and food vendors. Look for local businesses such as Hillers Market, Krishna Catering and Restaurant in Garden City, and Sweet Sass Foods

of Livonia. Comedian Carol Leifer, who follows a plant-based diet, will give the keynote address. Other speakers will include John Salley the NBA champ and former Detroit Piston, Dr. Neal Barnard, author and founder of Physicians Committee for Responsible medicine, Scott Jurek a world-renowned ultramarathon champion and former 24-hour American record holder, and Ruby Roth an author, artist and activist. They'll sign autographs in addition to giving presentations. Advance tickets are \$7, available by calling VegMichigan at (877) 778-3464 or by visiting [vegmicigan.org](http://vegmicigan.org). Admission at the door is \$10; no cost for children, 5 and under.

Leifer



## Savor a satisfying fresh fruit salad

**D**elicious taste, beautiful colors, packed with healthy nutrients — what's not to love about fresh fruit? And with fresh fruits available all year long, you can enjoy them in mouth-watering, healthy meals any time you want.

These satisfying fresh fruit salads showcase the flavors and health benefits of fresh fruit. Here are some of the reasons eating fresh fruit is so good for you:

- Adding the bright colors of fresh fruit to your plate can help lower your risk of heart disease, cancer and Alzheimer's. That's because the rich colors found in brightly colored fruits and vegetables indicate the presence of powerful natural protectors called phytonutrients and antioxidants.

- Scientific evidence has shown that eating whole fruit is best for optimal nutrition benefits rather than taking supplements to provide each nutrient separately.

- Fresh fruits can satisfy a sweet tooth without adding unhealthy fat or excessive calories to your diet. That's because fruits contain naturally occurring sugars suspended in a natural healthy matrix of calorie-free plant fibers and water. They help you fill up without filling out.

Fresh fruits such as grapes, blueberries, peaches, plums and kiwi can be added to recipes like these all year. For more recipes, visit [www.fruitsfromchile.com](http://www.fruitsfromchile.com)

### Spinach Salad with Fresh Grapes, Plums, Peaches and Kiwis

- 4 cups washed baby spinach
- 1/2 cup red grapes
- 1/2 cup green grapes
- 2 plums sliced
- 1 peach sliced
- 3 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 2 kiwis sliced for garnish
- 1/2 cup toasted almonds
- Kiwi Vinaigrette:
- 3 kiwis peeled and chopped
- 1 tablespoon rice vinegar
- 2 tablespoons orange juice
- 1/2 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 2-3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon agave or honey
- Salt and black pepper to taste

Place all vinaigrette ingredients in a food processor or blender and blend until smooth. Set aside.

Place spinach and sliced fruit in a salad bowl and toss with kiwi vinaigrette. Garnish with additional fruit pieces and top with toasted almonds.



Spinach Salad with fresh Grapes, Plums, Peaches and Kiwis

### Salmon, Fresh Chilean Blueberries and Lemon Salad with Chive Vinaigrette

Serves 4

- 8 cups salad greens, in small pieces
- 1 pound salmon fillet, poached
- 1 1/2 cups fresh blueberries
- Lemon zest to garnish
- Vinaigrette:
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 tablespoon fresh chives

Divide salad greens on four salad plates. Tear salmon into medium pieces and arrange on greens. Sprinkle on blueberries. Top with lemon zest. In a jar with a lid, add all vinaigrette ingredients. Shake well. Serve salads chilled with the dressing along side.

— Courtesy of Family Features

# REAL ESTATE

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## Unwanted alarms a serious issue for fire departments

The National Fire Protection Association and the International Association of Fire Chiefs released in 2012 the Fire Service Guide to Reducing Unwanted Fire Alarms, a free 17-page downloadable PDF document that offers guidance to members of the fire service to reduce unwanted fire alarms. It is available through NFPA's catalog at [www.nfpacatalog.org/redg](http://www.nfpacatalog.org/redg).

Fire departments are often faced with challenges presented by unwanted alarms as they strive to allocate limited resources to fulfill their core mission of protecting lives and property and deal with these types of notifications which do not require emergency services. An unwanted alarm is defined by NFPA 72, National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code, as any alarm that occurs that is not the result of a potentially hazardous condition. A recent NFPA study found that in 2009, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 21 million false alarms, which includ-

ed 979,500 responses due to unintentional activations and 698,000 due to system malfunctions.

"Unintentional fire alarm activations that clearly do not require an emergency response are happening at a rate that challenges the fire service and this guide was developed to offer guidance to fire departments seeking out information on how they can take action to reduce the amount of unwanted alarms in their community," said Ken Wilshire, NFPA's division manager of Public Fire Protection and a former fire chief.

This new guide offers fire service personnel basic knowledge on how fire alarm systems and detection devices operate and how to assess the cause of alarms where no emergency condition is apparent. The guide can assist authorities having jurisdiction (AHJ's) in developing strategies to manage responses to unwanted alarms through practices reflective of risk assessment, resources management,

and current code recommendations. It addresses commercial and residential building fire alarm systems, as well as single-family dwellings and single- or multiple-stroke smoke alarms within dwelling units.

Unwanted alarms are a drain on fire department resources and pose a significant safety hazard to both responders and the public," said Chief Hank Clemmens, IAFC president and chairman of the board. "IAFC was pleased to work in collaboration with other fire service organizations, the federal government and industry to address this issue at the national level; but our work can't have true meaning if we don't provide tools and resources for our fire departments to make a difference in local communities."

This guide is the outcome of a summit that addressed the challenges of unwanted fire alarms that was hosted by NFPA, IAFC and the United

States Fire Administration in 2011. NFPA and IAFC developed this document in collaboration.

The IAFC represents the leadership of firefighters and emergency responders worldwide. IAFC members are the world's leading experts in firefighting, emergency medical services, terrorism response, hazardous materials spills, natural disasters, search and rescue, and public safety legislation. Since 1873, the IAFC has provided a forum for its members to exchange ideas, develop professionally and uncover the latest products and services available to first responders.

NFPA is a worldwide leader in fire, electrical, building, and life safety. The mission of the international nonprofit organization founded in 1896 is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes and standards, research, training, and education.



## Heed concerns, threats

By Robert Meisner  
Guest Columnist

Q: I recently heard about someone who was actually shot and killed while being a board president of a condominium. Do you have any information about it?

A: Mahmoud Yousef Hindi, a doctor, accused of fatally shooting two board members of the Spring Creek Homeowners Association in Louisville, Ky., is now being held in jail without bond. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty for Hindi who opened fire during a Sept. 6, 2012, meeting and killed board president David Meritt and board member Marvin Fisher.



Robert Meisner

According to police reports, Hindi was frustrated over several battles with association leaders. He is quoted as saying "they just made the killer in me. I had to do it." "These are not human beings, those are actually big-time racists," Hindi has since pleaded not guilty to two charges of murder and multiple counts of first-degree wanton endangerment. This underscores the fact that frustrations and anger in condominiums can result in the ultimate price being paid by those who are willing to serve and that no complaint should be taken lightly.

Q: We have a person in our condominium that leaves food and water out for feral cats. The cats are a nuisance and we want them to leave. How can we keep residents from feeding them?

A: If these feral cats are in your complex and they are not spayed and neutered, the stray cat population in your association can explode. Associations can enact good Samaritan resolutions to attempt to care for stray animals. Most people don't want to see animals starving and suffering, which is why feeding bans are not effective. Community control homeless cat populations. Moreover, in my experience, Associations don't always have the tools to stop residents from feeding the strays either. I counsel Association clients, however, to consider trap, neuter and return (TNR) programs to control nuisance homeless cats. Associations perceived as having inhumane or cruel rules regarding homeless cats, however, risk becoming the targets of community outrage and animal rights groups. You may wish to reach out to your local animal control agency to discuss the feasibility of TNR in your community.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition, available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping/handling. He also wrote *Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium*, \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping/handling. Call (644) 4433 or visit [bmeisner@meisner-law.com](http://bmeisner@meisner-law.com).

## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 3-7, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
42302 Barchester Dr	\$159,000
42352 Beechwood Ct	\$166,000
6760 Brookshire Dr	\$216,000
48122 Gladstone Rd	\$332,000
41713 Glanstonbury Dr	\$295,000
4151 Hunterwood Dr	\$250,000
41120 Jefferson St	\$258,000
53076 Laurewood Dr	\$136,000
50463 Monroe St	\$216,000
8271 Orhan St	\$123,000

45926 S Stonewood Rd	\$250,000
1711 Stoneridge Way	\$304,000
46961 Torrey Hills Dr	\$305,000
909 Torrey Hills Dr	\$277,000
42025 Trent Dr	\$220,000
38874 Woodale Way	\$156,000
24545 Alvin St	\$28,000
33065 John Hawk St	\$48,000
LIVONIA	
35556 Ann Arbor Trl	\$160,000
36590 Ann Arbor Trl	\$172,000
35548 Bennett St	\$50,000
36612 Bobrich St	\$191,000
9907 Cranston St	\$148,000
39860 Cranston St	\$150,000
11858 Farmington Rd	\$90,000
14977 Haller St	\$33,000
15212 Knolton St	\$310,000
36915 Lancaster St	\$134,000
18825 Nola St	\$125,000
15280 Parkville St	\$74,000

33051 Perth St	\$184,000
17866 Saint Francis St	\$46,000
14621 Stonehouse Ave	\$111,000
18296 Whittby St	\$105,000
32200 Wisconsin St	\$120,000
NORTHVILLE	
17877 Briar Ridge Ln	\$708,000
44414 Broadmoor Blvd	\$366,000
35059 Brookmoor Cir	\$259,000
45035 Broadmoor Cir S	\$345,000
17289 Crestbrook Dr	\$540,000
31454 Crystal Downs E	\$534,000
16228 Crystal Downs E	\$489,000
46400 Crystal Downs W	\$595,000
46454 Crystal Downs W	\$453,000
16359 Mulberry Way	\$328,000
16184 Oakwood Ct	\$431,000
15744 Robinson Rd	\$225,000
136 Rouge St	\$180,000
19084 Stonewater Blvd	\$760,000
50451 Tenth Ridge Rd	\$499,000
PLYMOUTH	

9961 N Canton Center Rd	\$278,000
47675 Norton Ct	\$465,000
48905 Pine Bluff Ct	\$473,000
Redford	
15832 Denby	\$38,000
17150 Garfield	\$23,000
14215 Marshall Dr	\$200,000
14238 Mason Dr	\$133,000
12801 Salem	\$45,000
WESTLAND	
30561 Avondale St	\$92,000
6620 Deerhurst Dr	\$87,000
33870 Florane St	\$80,000
31472 Hazelwood St	\$55,000
33452 Melton St	\$78,000
38264 N Jean Ct	\$53,000
36699 Rolf St	\$123,000
15195 Dowling St	\$80,000
6475 Sheppard Dr	\$105,000
2611 Stockmeyer Blvd	\$120,000

## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 3-7, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
21891 Hampshire St	\$280,000
30645 Leemore St	\$334,000
16009 Marguerite St	\$192,000
31356 W Rutland St	\$144,000
BIRMINGHAM FARMS	
23400 Banger Ct	\$201,000
GINGHAM	
7223 Ann St	\$159,000
1680 Bowers St	\$246,000
1998 Cole St	\$93,000
1887 Pembroke Rd	\$250,000
715 Pilgrim Ave	\$909,000
725 Tottenham Rd	\$400,000
111 Willis St #407	\$521,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
4495 Ardmore Dr	\$431,000
3787 Darlington Rd N	\$395,000
2741 S Woodward Ave R-C	\$41,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
254 Alca Ave	\$40,000
4400 Chamberlain Dr	\$373,000
218 Hillboro Dr	\$190,000

1730 Hollow Dr	\$263,000
36101 Lakewood Ct	\$425,000
5742 Saint Johns Ct	\$312,000
2232 Sudbury Way	\$359,000
3265 Wadsworth Ln	\$258,000
1691 Ward Rd	\$310,000
1710 Ward Rd	\$130,000
COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP	
8119 Farrant St	\$337,000
FARMINGTON	
35371 Dewberry St	\$156,000
36883 Landbury Ln	\$147,000
33144 Tall Oaks Dr	\$150,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
27650 Acorn Park Ct	\$275,000
39125 Augusta Dr	\$390,000
34181 Briarcrest Nls	\$173,000
25458 Bridlepath Ln	\$252,000
30343 Essex Dr	\$220,000
21816 Golt Pointe Blvd	\$284,000
31494 Hunters Circle Dr	\$119,000
30953 Huntsman Dr E	\$185,000
27864 Kendallwood Dr	\$42,000
20157 Muirland Dr	\$225,000
26525 Old Homestead Ct	\$125,000
31322 Parklane St	\$228,000
37009 Sandalwood Dr	\$185,000
22014 Springbrook Ave	\$20,000
12328 Stockton Ave	\$110,000
MILFORD	
828 Bishop St	\$212,000
824 E Liberty St	\$276,000

882 Meadowbrook Way	\$213,000
643 Napav Valley Rd	\$95,000
380 Sands Ct	\$95,000
1318 Yellowstone Valley Dr	\$25,000
13369 Yellowstone Valley Dr	\$25,000
NORTHVILLE	
34609 Serenity Dr	\$390,000
NORFOLK	
45322 Bartlett Dr	\$359,000
1103 E Lake Dr	\$250,000
44740 Gwinnett Loop	\$125,000
27972 Hopkins Dr	\$156,000
27972 Hopkins Dr	\$168,000
27974 Hopkins Dr	\$155,000
27976 Hopkins Dr	\$158,000
28028 Hopkins Dr	\$161,000
28044 Hopkins Dr	\$152,000
26475 Yorkshire Dr	\$171,000
47178 Northumberland St	\$523,000
25528 Portico Ln	\$120,000
29593 Whitman Way	\$250,000
28200 Wolcott Dr	\$93,000
28200 Wolcott Dr	\$310,000
28200 Wolcott Dr	\$84,000
436 Carriage Ln	\$200,000
SOUTH LYON	
24435 Brompton Way	\$40,000
331 E Liberty St	\$75,000
331 E Liberty St	\$99,000
54841 Glenwood Ct	\$355,000

54455 Glenwood Dr	\$40,000
23949 Lynn Ridge Dr	\$428,000
59631 Mallory Ln	\$320,000
69703 Peters Barn Dr	\$75,000
61140 Saddlecreek Dr	\$264,000
33669 Springwood Dr	\$25,000
SOUTHFIELD	
21161 Andover Rd	\$135,000
23560 Bermuda Ln	\$82,000
0265 Constitution St	\$108,000
24171 Evergreen Rd	\$35,000
20081 Lacrosse Ave	\$68,000
28440 Lahser Rd	\$45,000
18265 Maryland Dr	\$106,000
29340 Murray Crescent Dr	\$165,000
32933 Pebblestone St	\$195,000
25140 Prairie Dr	\$150,000
27666 Spring Arbor Dr	\$69,000
29267 Wellington Ct	\$76,000
WHITE LAKE	
94 Blackberry Dr	\$245,000
8120 Casa Mila Dr	\$115,000
920 Dacia Ct	\$95,000
8850 Eastway Dr	\$324,000
9144 Glasgow Dr	\$139,000
0716 Ordway Hts	\$175,000
1206 Pinecrest Dr	\$167,000
739 Rachelle St	\$380,000
9522 Shelby Dr	\$190,000
8626 Springfield Dr	\$163,000
8141 Wildwood Ln	\$240,000

## REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

### Condo operation

The Meisner Law Group, P.C., announced Attorney Robert M. Meisner will be conducting a four-week course Tuesday evenings in May from 7-9 p.m. covering "Advanced Condominium Operation: The Essentials for Success."

This seminar is designed for board members and officers, managers, developers, and association members living in or working with a condominium, subdivision, cooperative, or community association. Explore the many legal issues involved in the successful operation of an association. Cost is \$95 (\$85 per person when two or more enroll from the same organization). For registration information, contact The Meisner Law Group, P.C. at (248) 644-4433 or (800) 470-4433, via e-mail at [bmeisner@meisner-law.com](mailto:bmeisner@meisner-law.com), or visit the seminar page on the website: [Meisner-law.com](http://Meisner-law.com).

### Career Seminar

Learn about a \$50,000 income guarantee Thursday, April 18, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Keller Williams Realty,

40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth. For more information, contact Jim Raines at (734) 459-4700 or [jmraines@kw.com](mailto:jmraines@kw.com).

### Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures and what it takes to get started. Many sellers are misinformed or not sure about how the procedures work. Organizers will also discuss the internal workings of short sales and the different steps involved. Bonnie David, broker-owner of Quantum Real Estate is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. Thursdays at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon. Additional parking across the street is available. Please call the office at (248) 782-7130 or e-mail [june.quantum@gmail.com](mailto:june.quantum@gmail.com) for your reservation or additional information.

### Free foreclosure tours

Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is

Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96. E-mail [georgia@daddvalerealty.com](mailto:georgia@daddvalerealty.com) or visit [FreeForeclosureTour.com](http://FreeForeclosureTour.com).

### Seminar on Tuesdays

A Free Reverse Mortgage Seminar is 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road, Livonia.

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

### Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Participants will discuss what they have learned. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. each first Tuesday of the month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate. Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership.

Any questions or concerns, call Wayne Koehler at (313) 277-4168.





