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Dr. Jeremy Hughes accepts a hug from Vote Yes member Denise Zander.

### Kindred spirits

Even as Plymouth-Canton Community Schools administrators, board members, staffers and supporters gathered in the board room at the E.J. McClelland Educational Center Tuesday to await the fate of their own \$114.4 million bond proposal, all thoughts weren't on their own question. Once polls closed at 8 p.m., thoughts also turned to Livonia, where that district was seeking a \$195 million bond. The question, "Anyone heard what happened in Livonia?" was heard frequently. Shortly after 9 p.m., that question was answered when it was learned Livonia voters had narrowly approved the proposal. A few minutes later, numbers came in from Plymouth Township, the last community to report vote totals, sealing an overwhelming win for the Plymouth-Canton bond.

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### LWV meeting

The League of Women Voters will hold an informational meeting about some of the proposed changes to Michigan's public schools on Thursday, May 9, at 7 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center Library.

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## Plymouth-Canton bond question passes easily

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

Since passing the language for their \$114.4 million bond question back in February, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials have sweated out the wait, making their pitch to some 40 groups including service clubs, township boards, and parent groups. That effort paid off Tuesday. The bond question passed easily, garnering 65 percent of the vote to give Plymouth-Canton one of its most resounding victories. The bond passed by a huge margin in Canton (71-29 percent), and even carried Plymouth Township, where similar efforts failed in 2006 and 2007. "I'm thrilled the community cared about kids and wanted to make a great investment in schools," said Judy Mar-

### HOW THEY VOTED

Here's how the communities that make up the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district voted on the \$114.4 million bond:

Community	Yes	No
Plymouth (city)	982	487
Plymouth (Twp.)	3,123	2,409
Canton	6,394	2,582
Salem Twp.	72	91
Superior Twp.	12	34
Northville Twp.	144	167

digian, vice president of the district's Board of Education. "The case for the need was clearly made, and the people responded. We're going to be great stewards of these projects."



Plymouth-Canton Board of Education members Sheila Paton (right) and Adrienne Davis exchange a high-five after learning the district's \$114.4 million bond had passed easily.

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Dubbed "Mr. Canton" by Supervisor Phil LaJoy, Canton Township Trustee Pat Williams is the latest inductee into the Canton Hall of Fame.

## Williams inducted into Canton Hall of Fame

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

Pat Williams has touched countless lives across Canton. He has helped the Canton Lions Club buy eyeglasses and hearing aids for those in need by raising money during corn roasts and pancake breakfasts. He has made sure Canton children from struggling families had a Christmas by selling Goodfellows newspapers, sorting gifts and wrapping them. He has helped put Canton on the cultural map through his involvement with the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities and the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage. He has participated in three

superintendent searches for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, long-range district planning, Parents Day planning committees and the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Field of Dreams soccer project, which ushered in new soccer amenities.

### Mr. Canton

For his efforts to improve his community, Williams became the 42nd inductee into the Canton Hall of Fame during a ceremony Sunday at Summit on the Park. "He deserves it very much," Supervisor Phil LaJoy said, "and I'm very happy for him." Williams, a second-term Canton Township trustee and 27-year Canton resident, was

dubbed Mr. Canton by LaJoy during a Hall of Fame video presentation outlining Williams' service to his community.

Williams accepted his award as his wife, Nancy, also an ardent volunteer, looked on with their children Erin, 27, Sean, 25, and Joe, 20, among other family and friends. "We're very, very proud of him and the things he does for the community," Nancy Williams said. "He doesn't do it for the recognition. He does it for the good of the community. He's an excellent role model not just for our kids, but for others."

To that end, Williams has

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## No one hurt in Canton blazes

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

A fire that destroyed a mobile home and damaged two others early Saturday on Canton's southeast side has been ruled accidental, Deputy Fire Chief Gregory Sprys-Tellner has confirmed.

Residents of all three homes got out safely without injury at Westpoint, a mobile home community on Old Michigan, southeast of Michigan Avenue and Haggerty, he said.

"All three homes were occupied, and the residents were sleeping," Sprys-Tellner said.

The fire started about 5 a.m. Just two hours later, a fire started in a residential room at Crystal Creek, an assisted living senior housing complex on Lilley between Warren and Joy roads.

Sprys-Tellner credited employees for swift, life-saving actions after a fire started about 7 a.m., apparently due to an electrical problem involving an air-conditioning unit.

The employees used a fire extinguisher to douse the fire and keep it from spreading until firefighters arrived.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Fire destroyed one home and damaged two others.

# Canton honors leaders, volunteers in annual ceremony

**By Darrell Clem**  
Staff Writer

Canton honored its hometown Mrs. Michigan America, its public library, a tireless Canton Leisure Services volunteer, a youth athletics volunteer and a former assistant to supervisors Phil LaJoy and Tom Yack during an annual awards ceremony Sunday at Summit on the Park.

Lisa Hemmie, crowned Mrs. Michigan America last spring, earned the latest Community Achiever award for bringing recognition to Canton, serving in the U.S. Marines, running Premier Athletics Michigan Xtreme Cheer and Dance and teaching young people the importance of team work, good

health, values and a positive work ethic.

After winning the state contest, along with the pageant's community service, interview and physical fitness awards, she has used her position to support causes such as special-needs children, anti-bullying messages and helping with Toys for Tots.

"It is great to have such a motivated, positive person associated with our community," Canton Township Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin said Sunday. "We know that she has represented Canton and the state of Michigan beautifully over the last year."

Earning this year's Community Supporter awards were Friends of the Canton Public

Library, community volunteers Gloria Cifaldi and Alan Zidzik, and former Supervisor's Assistant Deborah Zevalkink, who volunteered her time to help start programs such as Relay for Life of Canton.

Township Trustee Steven Sneideman said the library Friends group, celebrating 25 years, has made a tangible difference by operating the Secondhand Prose used bookstore to raise more than \$500,000 to support library programs and services.

"Every one of their donations has positively impacted the community," Sneideman said Sunday.

Cifaldi has given her time to Leisure Services events such as Liberty



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Deb Zevalkink won the Community Supporter Award.

Fest, 100 Days to Health, the Trick-or-Treat parade, Turkey Trot for a Cause and the Easter Extravaganza. She has served on the Senior Advisory Council at Summit on the Park, volunteered at flushot programs, helped the senior center front desk and donated time to an emergency food-assistance program, Canton Goodfellows, Relay for Life, Canton Historical Society and Goodwill.

"Gloria always has a smile and is willing to help with anything," Canton Clerk Terry Bennett said.

Zidzik has volunteered as a coach for youth soccer and baseball, current-

ly serving as vice president of the Greater Canton Youth Baseball Association. He recently became president of the Canton Chiefs Parents Baseball Club and took on responsibilities such as raising money.

Zidzik has been involved as Cubmaster for Pack 440 at Bentley Elementary, growing it from 18 scouts to 34, and he has helped the Salvation Army, Veterans Haven and Miracle League, among other organizations.

Township Trustee John Anthony said Sunday "the world could use more Alans."

Zevalkink worked with

the American Cancer Society to start Relay for Life of Canton, one of Michigan's most successful events and the first Relay in western Wayne County. She served as Relay leader for nine years, during which over \$1 million was raised, said Amy Hughesdon, Supervisor LaJoy's assistant.

Zevalkink also played a role in starting Leader, ship Canton, a program that grooms local residents to become community leaders, and Youth Leadership Canton. She won the Athena Award, given by the Canton Chamber of Commerce for people who help others reach their potential.

"Deb's many years of service have made Canton a better place, especially through the programs and events that she started that bring positive recognition to our community," Hughesdon said.

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"They did an outstanding job," Sprys-Tellner said.

Meanwhile, the West-point fire started in a back bedroom of a mobile home where a couple lived, and Sprys-Tellner said it has been ruled accidental. The blaze damaged residences on both sides.

"Two of the homes are probably a total loss due to the extent of what it would cost to fix them," Sprys-Tellner said.

The third home was damaged but can likely be repaired, he said.

Firefighters remained on the scene for seven hours, and the American Red Cross offered assistance to the residents.

Residents in two of the homes have been staying with friends or relatives.

Those living in one of the homes already had begun relocating elsewhere in the neighborhood, Sprys-Tellner said.

The fire occurred on the far north end of West-point, he said.

In what proved a busy day, Canton firefighters also responded to multiple vehicle fires Saturday.

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received accolades for his role in the International Student Exchange Program and, most recently, for mentoring a young man from Salem High School.

### Give back

Williams described himself as humbled to join 41 other community leaders who have been inducted into the Canton Hall of Fame. He borrowed a quote from Winston Churchill, the late British prime minister, who said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

Williams said he and Nancy enjoy helping to make Canton a better place.

"If we have the ability, the skills and the time, we should give back to our community," he said. "Nancy and I like to spend our time with positive people who like to do good things. Canton has



Williams

is what makes Canton a great place to live, work and play."

Williams said his community involvement mushroomed following his role in 1994 in Leadership Canton, a local program that groomed local residents to become leaders. He said he is proud that his three children are following his lead in community service.

Williams has climbed the community service ladder. He served as past president of Buckingham Place subdivision and as a board member of the Pickwick Village Homeowners Association, helping to levy a special assessment to raise money for landscaping, playground equipment, a park pavilion and neighbor-

hood signs.

### Heart and soul

Through his involvement with the cultural commission, Williams helped to initiate international festivals and a Village Theater-based program that brings in musicians and others to teach Plymouth-Canton students about African-American history.

Williams has been involved with the Canton Chamber of Commerce, Canton's premier festival — Liberty Fest — Turkey Trot for a Cause, a local jazz concert series sponsored by the Downtown Development Authority and the annual Grub Crawl, designed to bring new customers to local restaurants.

LaJoy said Canton has been fortunate to have Williams as a resident for the last 27 years, saying he has "put his heart and soul into the Canton community."

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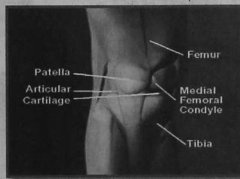


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## Man airlifted after truck strikes semi

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

A 23-year-old Belleville man was airlifted from Canton to the University of Michigan Hospital after his pickup truck crashed into a semi-trailer early before 8:30 a.m. Sunday on eastbound Michigan Avenue at Haggerty Road, police Lt. Pat Sullivan said.

The pickup driver moved out of the left lane to avoid a line of cars that had stopped at a traffic light when his Ford F-150 struck the

back of a semi-trailer at an angle in the right lane, police said.

"He ran right into the back of the semi," Sullivan said.

The pickup driver from the scene to the University of Michigan Hospital for what Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner described as serious injuries.

"He is expected to survive," Schreiner said. The semi-trailer driver was not injured, police said. Neither vehicle had passengers, Sullivan said. The investigation was

continuing, Sullivan said it doesn't appear alcohol was a factor in the crash.

Sullivan cited factors such as the angle of the crash and the size of the Ford F-150 as potentially life-saving for the pickup driver.

"That could have saved his life," Sullivan said. "If he would have been in a smaller vehicle, it could have been much worse."

The names of the drivers hadn't been released.

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## CANTON CRIME WATCH

### Night prowler

A woman who lives in Stoneybrook Apartments, southwest of Joy Road and I-275, called police for help when she heard someone trying to break into her apartment, a police report said. The incident happened just after 1 a.m. Saturday.

The woman told police she was sleeping when she heard someone trying to pry open a window near the balcony of her apartment. The possible intruder had fled by the time police arrived. Police reported finding pry marks and a bent screen.

### Identity theft

A man who lives on Bancroft, northwest of Lilley and Warren, notified police after he filed his state income taxes only to learn he had become the victim of identity theft, a police report said. He told police his Social Security number didn't match the one that already had been used for a refund.

The man contacted the Internal Revenue Service, Michigan State Police and three credit bureaus. The IRS advised him to file a local police report and to obtain an identity theft packet.

### BMW damage

A man who lives on Canton Court, northeast of Palmer and Haggerty, was in his residence when he looked outside and saw a teenage girl using a sharp object to scratch his 2002 BMW X5. The incident happened shortly before 4 p.m. Monday.

The man went outside and noticed damage had been done to his vehicle. He confronted the suspect, who told him the damage to his vehicle must have happened accidentally when her jacket touched the car as she walked by it, according to a police report.

### Mother cited

A Canton woman was cited for unlawful entry after she went inside her ex-

husband's apartment on Foxthorn, southwest of Warren and Lilley, while he was away from home, a police report said.

The 46-year-old woman told police she had gone there to pick up her daughter. Her ex-husband called police after he arrived and found the woman in his residence.

The man and woman have been divorced for eight years and have a 9-year-old daughter. The youngster wasn't at the apartment; she had just been picked up by her father from someone who had been watching her.

The man told police he saw the ex-wife walking out of the doorman of his apartment. He told police they don't have a court-ordered custody agreement and that they handled the situation themselves.

The man described his ex-wife as an alcoholic, the police report said. He had advised her two weeks ago that he wouldn't let their daughter go with her until she sought help for her addiction.

### Tailgate stolen

A 66-year-old man notified police after someone stole the tailgate off his 2008 Ford pickup while it was parked in his driveway on Alexandria Court, southwest of Cherry Hill and Beck roads, between 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 7:30 a.m. Sunday, a police report said.

The man realized the tailgate had been stolen when he got into his truck and started backing up, causing the contents of the truck bed to fall out, the report said.

—By Darrell Clem

## PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

### Pot bust

A 22-year-old Canton Township man was ticketed on a marijuana-possession charge early Sunday after admitting to police that he had pot in the car he was in.

An officer patrolling Township Park, on Ann Arbor Trail near McLumpha, spotted the man and a female friend in a parked Ford Focus shortly after midnight Sunday, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report. The officer checked their identification and informed them the park closes at dark, the report said.

Upon speaking with the pair, the report noted, the officer smelled marijuana, and asked the man, who was in the driver's seat, if there was marijuana in the car. He admitted there was, police said.

Police found 1.6 grams of suspected marijuana buds in the center console of the Focus, and they tested positive for marijuana, police said. Police also found two pipes and a grinder in the car.

The man was arrested and charged with marijuana possession and possession of drug paraphernalia, both misdemeanors. His court date is Tuesday, May 28.

The Focus was turned over to the passenger at the suspect's request, police said.

### Shoplifting

A 30-year-old Garden City man was arrested on a shoplifting charge Sunday

after a security guard at Kmart, on Ann Arbor Road east of Haggerty, told police he had seen him steal two packages of 5 Hour Energy drink.

The guard told police he spotted the incident on a security camera: the man, he said, concealed two packages of 5 Hour Energy in his sweatshirt and walked past the cash registers.

The guard then confronted the man, who, he said, admitted to the theft and was also found with a \$100 cellular phone from the store for which he hadn't paid.

The two went to the store's loss prevention office and police were called.

### Fraud report

A 39-year-old township woman reported Saturday that her Master Card had been fraudulently used in an online shopping spree.

The woman told police that she had checked her credit card statement via computer and noticed a charge of nearly \$827 from the Best Buy online store, according to a police report. The charge was made on Friday.

The woman said she hadn't authorized the charge and didn't know how her credit card information had been obtained. The bank that issued the card, she said, is not going to hold her liable for the spending.

—By Matt Jachman

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By Jon Gunnells  
Guest Columnist

Whenever I speak with readers, colleagues, friends and family members, I'm always surprised by how unwilling many of them are to learn about technology. I was recently at a business conference where I heard many folks talk



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about how confusing Twitter is, or how they don't know how to use social media. I always try to give tips and pointers to get folks started (much like these articles), but with so many questions from so many people, I've adopted a new approach.

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Need to learn how to properly shoot a basketball? Google it. Want to know the name of that guy who played in *Fargo*? Google it. Want to learn how to start a Facebook page for a business or a Twitter account for personal use? Google it.

Of course, Google isn't the only method — rather it's a great resource to help you answer any

question you may have. Another great way to learn something (and I can't believe I have to type this) is to simply try it.

### Just try it

When you were growing up, did anyone ever teach you how to do a cannonball dive into a pool? Or how to make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich? Probably not. Chances are, you learned by doing.

Learning by doing also applies to the Internet, but only if you are willing to try.

I always revert to the Twitter example because it is by far the most common thing people are confused about on the Internet. They'll say, "It is confusing" or "I don't know how to do it." Then I'll ask them if they tried and they always say "no."

Believe it or not, Twitter, and even Facebook and other social media sites, are some of the easiest things to use. Twitter for example, walks you through the entire process of setting up an account. The site helps you follow users, upload a photo, create a profile, send a tweet and tell friends you joined the site. Most sites and many devices have similar tutorials that make set-up a breeze, but you can't learn to use them if you don't try.

I think the main reason people are unwilling to try Twitter or to try to use new devices is

that they are afraid of not understanding the material and therefore getting frustrated or feeling out of touch. However, technology-based frustration is a thing of the past. This isn't like 1994, where if your computer broke you called customer service and stayed on hold for an hour.

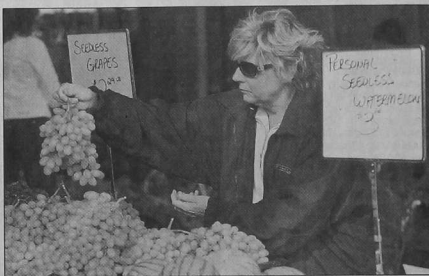
Nowadays, we can get instant satisfaction and solve problems immediately with search engines like Google. So if you try to set up your new Twitter account, switch to a new phone or do something even more advanced, you can always Google it!

When using Google to help solve life's daily problems, be sure to phrase what you are looking for in the form of a question. That will help Google bring you the best possible results. For example: typing in "How to send a tweet" will bring more precise results than "Twitter help."

It may take a few clicks to find a link that provides the right information, but be patient. You can rephrase your search if you need to find what you are looking for.

Next time you hear about a new type of technology, instead of fearing it, Google it. You could learn before many others and become an early adopter.

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Marlene O'Brien of Dave and Marlene's Produce adds fresh stock to her display.

## Opening day

### Farmers Market draws a crowd to downtown

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Barb Hoffman of Plymouth Township brought her 9-month-old son, Jacob, to a coffee get-together at the Plymouth Farmers Market Saturday with friend Jenny O'Connor of Livonia. O'Connor brought daughter Lily, 15 months.

"Oh, we love it," O'Connor said of the market, which opened Saturday and runs 7-30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays in The Gathering and by Kellogg Park through Oct. 26. "I think it's nice to have a place that's local. It creates a sense of community."

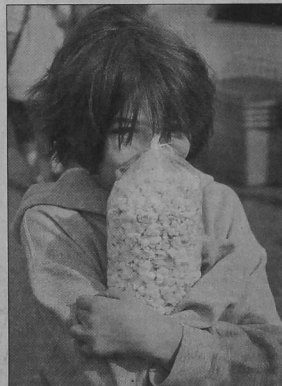
Friend Hoffman added, "It's a fun thing to do with the kids Saturday morning." The two women, both pushing strollers, noted the children are up anyway.

The popular market is sponsored by the Plymouth Township Chamber of Commerce. It drew big crowds Saturday with the beautiful spring weather. There were a number of flowers, just in time for Mother's Day, as well as other items.

Brandon Mitchell of Plymouth Township was at his Cellar Door Soap Co. booth, with his vegan-friendly soaps. He's been doing that from his home for around five years.

Mitchell also does the farmers markets in Northville, Canton, Dearborn and at Eastern Market in Detroit. "This is by far my best," he said of Plymouth. "Almost everyone who comes down here is a Plymouth resident."

He paused to answer questions for customers before answering a question on the market's appeal. "It's community," Mitchell said. "It's nice to get out and enjoy the weather, get some fresh



Ten-year-old Katie Rapal loves kettle corn and she just had her braces removed, so it was time to celebrate Saturday at the Plymouth Farmers Market.



Judy Zachary of Plymouth Township picked up some gerbera daisies Saturday on opening day of the Plymouth Farmers Market.

produce and plants. It's good for the family, good for the dogs. "It's like the first day of school," he said of the Plymouth market's opening. "I'm not cooped up in the house making soap." On Penniman by Kel-

logg Park was Michael Bradford of Dearborn Heights, with his Plymouth-based Bradford & Denamer's Gourmet Cheesecake. Samples of New York-style cheesecake proved popular. "It's delicious," said Justin Berkowitz of Ann Arbor, who was avoiding University of Michigan graduation crowds that day. "It's great," he added of the market. "I've never been out for this one before."

Bradford said the business started in February. "It's taken off, it really has," he said. "Nobody does a good cheesecake." The market isn't held Saturdays during Art in the Park or Plymouth Fall Festival.

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### City of Plymouth Ordinance Notice

2013 Season Grass, Weeds and Property Maintenance Code to be strictly enforced.

#### Grass and Weeds

**Section 302.4.** All premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth in excess of eight (8) inches in height. Weeds shall be defined as all grasses, annual plants and vegetation, other than trees and shrubs as further delineated in Section 18-751 of this Article, provided; however, this term shall not include cultivated flowers and gardens.

**Sec. 18-752. Duty to cut.** It shall be the duty of every owner, occupant, or person having charge of any land within the city to cut down or cause to be cut down and destroyed all noxious weeds prior to May 15 in each year and to again destroy same prior to August 1, and as often as may be necessary to prevent same from going to seed or exceeding a height of eight inches, on the average.

(Code 1982, § 9-62; Ord. No. 86-3, § 2, 3-17-86; Ord. No. 2006-2, § 2, 7-17-06)

**Sec. 18-753. Cutting by city.** If any owner, occupant or person having charge of any land within the city shall refuse or neglect to cut and destroy all noxious weeds as provided in this division, then the city manager shall cause the land to be entered upon by city employees for the purpose of cutting and destroying such weeds and such entering upon shall not be deemed a trespass.

(Code 1982, § 9-63)

#### Property Maintenance

**Sec. 18-230. Standards for maintenance of premises.** All premises in the city shall be maintained in accordance with the following provisions:

(1) No machinery, equipment, vehicles, lumber piles, crates, boxes, building blocks, furniture, recreation equipment or other materials either discarded, unsightly or showing evidence of a need for repairs, with or without a current license, shall be stored, parked, abandoned, or junked in any yard; and should such use of land occur, it shall be deemed a nuisance. This section shall not apply to construction material while such material is being actively used in the construction of the premises.

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### New associate

Dr. Robert E. Potter Jr. of Canton Center Chiropractic Clinic welcomed his daughter, Dr. Danielle Potter, into the practice.

Danielle Potter graduated from National University of Health Sciences in Lombard, Ill., in December and joined the clinic in January. She grew up in the Canton community, attended Salem High School and earned her bachelor's degree from Michigan State before receiving her doctorate.

Danielle Potter intends to continue the clinic's role of providing chiropractic care and nutritional support. She also adds rehabilitative skills to the clinic's services. As an introductory offer during the month of May, she is scheduling a no-charge postural analysis screening.

Canton Center Chiropractic Clinic is located at 6231 N. Canton Center, Suite 109. For details, call (734) 455-6767.

### Business mixer

Ribar Floral in Plymouth sponsors its monthly Business-2-Business mixer 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 16, at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center, 8768 N. Territorial, in Plymouth.

There are no fees, no groups to join. The event is simply designed for busi-

ness-to-business mixing. Attendees should bring business cards for exchanging with fellow business owners in the Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Livonia and surrounding areas. For more information, call (734) 455-8722.

### Business news

From the desks of the folks at the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority:

• Eclectic Attic is looking for a business to share their space, approximately 800 square feet, on Forest Ave. Any one interested can call Tina at (734) 416-1186.

• After seven years, ROM Fitness Studio will be closing May 24. The current plan is for Whitaker Therapy to remain at the same location. If any one is in need of contacting the company or scheduling for therapy the phone number is (734) 459-4538.

• Hub Real Estate Solutions added Patty Cramer to the team. Cramer has years of industry experience with consistent sales production and looks forward to doing the same at Hub. In addition, she has a background in Interior Design and will be offering this service and home staging along with her real estate expertise.

## Library celebrates award with party

The pride of Canton will be showing when the community comes together 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, May 10, at the Canton Public Library to celebrate the inaugural Library-Aware Community Award from Library Journal and EBSCO NewsList.

Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy will accept a plaque from Library Journal publisher Ian Singer, and EBSCO NewsList Vice President Duncan Smith will present the

Canton Public Library staff with a \$10,000 award.

The award was created to honor a library for "getting out to the community and demonstrating its value" and to highlight a community that values its library, says Nancy Doud, product lead for Library-Aware, who will also be in attendance.

"Receiving this award is a validation of our efforts to connect our community and we are honored to be chosen,"

says library Director Eva Davis. "Our staff works very hard to know our community and increase the quality of life of our patrons. We hope that our community joins us to celebrate."

The Canton Public Library was chosen over about 100 other applicants and impressed the judges with its ability to work with many community agencies, organizations and businesses while maintaining a strong focus on literacy. Other

finalists include the Skokie Public Library in Skokie, Ill. and Hartford Public Library in Hartford, Conn., who will receive \$7,500 and \$5,000 respectively.

The public is invited to attend this special after-hours event, which will include the award presentation and light refreshments and will feature many of the library's community partners.

The library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road.

## Arena hosts benefit skate

Billed as a Mother's Eve Skate, Canton-based Arctic Edge has announced a skating event 1-3 p.m. Saturday to benefit the AAA Pregnancy Resource Center of Livonia, which serves a wide area.

Coming one day before Mother's Day, the event allows all moms to skate free. The event includes a silent auction and features mother-and-child-themed games on ice, along with prizes and

music by DJ Roman.

"The (AAA Pregnancy Resource) Center provides hope to women with unexpected pregnancies," said Brook Boggs, Arctic Edge marketing specialist. Arctic Edge also has a donation box through Wednesday, May 22, in the lobby, where donors may drop off diapers, bottle brushes, child bottles, laundry soap, small three-pack bottles, crib sheets and brush/comb sets.

## Pilates studio holds St. Jude workout

Core Sport Pilates Fitness Studio hosts a "Core for Kids - A Workout for St. Jude" event at noon Saturday, May 11, in Kellogg Park to raise funds to help support the life-saving mission of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

The event will include a family friendly workout, complete with a DJ, contests, prizes and the chance to meet Don Muhlbach from the Detroit Lions.

This is the first year Core Sport has held the St. Jude event.

"We look forward to this family and kid friendly workout event to help raise awareness and funds for the kids of St. Jude," said Lisa Paparelli, event coordinator and studio manager. "It brings together health enthusiasts in cities like

Plymouth to truly support the mission of St. Jude of finding cures to treat deadly childhood diseases while getting fit."

For information about this event, follow Core Sport on Facebook and visit the website [www.coresportstudio.com](http://www.coresportstudio.com).

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# League ready for more 'Miracles'



The banner says it all at Bilkie Family Field as the Miracle League of Plymouth opens its third season.

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

With bright blue skies and an enthusiastic crowd on hand, Gavin Carrigan's one word description was probably spot-on when the Miracle League of Plymouth opened its third year Saturday at Bilkie Family Field in downtown Plymouth.

"Awesome!" That's how 10-year-old Gavin felt, especially after being named the league's new "Junior Commissioner" before throwing out the season's first pitch shortly after 10 a.m.

Gavin and more than 90 other players on eight teams gathered for the spring season of Year Three of the Miracle League of Plymouth, the baseball league that gives special-needs players, who otherwise might not get the chance, the opportunity to take part in the national pastime.

Teams have up to 13 players each, and games are played Saturdays at Bilkie Family Field, named for league benefactors Bob and Shari Bilkie.

Players get a lot of help from a variety of coaches, umpires, parents and "buddies," volunteers who sign up simply to help.

"Every player gets everybody paying attention, and that's a little different from a lot of teams," Madonna said. "Everybody's got their families out here, and some bring their teachers and friends, and that's their support system."

## Changing roles

Mike Jurlin of Farmington Hills was an umpire last year, but this season he's moving into the dugout as coach of the Tigers.

"This is such a great program for the kids," Jurlin said. "In all honesty, it's just a great program for the adults. There's a lot of satisfaction in seeing the joy on these kids' faces."

It's the big reason Tim Hansz of Plymouth Township — "It gives back to others, lets me be more caring and compassionate," Hansz said — and Bob Telep of Livonia are back for their third year of "buddying."

"I love seeing the expressions on the children's faces, and knowing some of the joy of playing baseball," Telep said.

## Star power

Bilkie Field features a snack bar, and this year opening day saw the raffleing of a 50-inch television to benefit the league's golf outing.

Of course, Jonathan Weid of Plymouth Township was on the announcer's microphone, as he has been since the beginning.

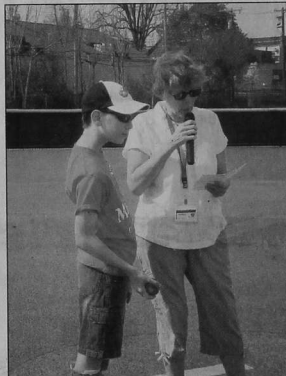
"It's like having Ernie Harwell back," Madonna said.

Madonna knows it's the first chance most of her players have had to play the game, and she loves watching them succeed.

"It gets them out there playing," said commissioner Deb Madonna. "A lot of the kids haven't been on a team before, so this is their first experience. Many of the kids watch their brothers and sisters out on teams, but this time they're the superstars."



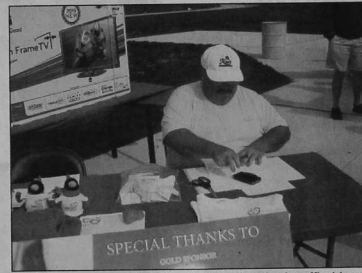
The Miracle League will feature more than 90 players on eight teams, along with a group of volunteers, buddies, family, friends and fans.



Miracle League of Plymouth Commissioner Deb Madonna announces that 10-year-old Gavin Carrigan has been named the league's "Junior Commissioner."



Each Miracle League player gets a buddy.



Rose's Restaurant owner Richard Costantino collects for the raffle tickets people are buying for a shot at a 50-inch television as part of a Miracle League fundraiser.



The ball is teed up, then whacked up the middle as Miracle League of Plymouth baseball gets under way.



Miracle League "buddy" Josie Inman helps Devyn Dixon round third and head for home.



Tim Hansz (left) of Plymouth Township and Bob Telep of Livonia sign up to be "buddies" for Miracle League players. Both men have been buddies all three years the league has operated.



Plymouth-Canton community relations chief Mary Holaly (left) and Board of Education Vice President Judy Mardigian confirm numbers as the district's \$114.4 million bond question is overwhelmingly approved by voters.

## BOND

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The district will use bond proceeds, to be paid back over 20 years, to build a new middle school in Canton, make much-needed technology infrastructure and equipment improvements, fund a 10-year replacement plan for its 130-bus fleet and make improvements to facilities around the district.

### At the top

Voting at St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth Township, Ed and Lynn Gruenwald thought those were desirable goals. They have a granddaughter in the eighth grade at Central Middle School, and both of them supported the bond.

"It's going to update computers for years to come," Ed Gruenwald said. "Plymouth-Can-

ton needs to be right at the top among all the schools."

Failure would have meant expenses of more than \$700,000 from the general fund.

"It was such a big effort by everybody," Superintendent Jeremy Hughes said. "It helps us make up some lost ground and helps us move forward."

Denise Zander helped lead the Vote Yes citizens committee that has been pushing the bond since the beginning. Zander said district officials clearly made the case for the need, and were able to convince voters they weren't asking for more than they needed.

### Getting the message

"We're thrilled," Zander said. "I think what made the most sense to people was the no increase to their current tax rate. The district worked hard

to ask for something within their means and no more. It was a no-brainer, and the people understood that."

At St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Canton resident Sandy Derica voted in favor of the bond.

"I want to see education move forward," Derica said. "Kids today, if they want to get a good job, they're going to need a good education."

The bond passed in the City of Plymouth and Canton and Plymouth Townships. It failed by narrow margins in Salem, Superior and Northville Townships.

"I'm very proud of our community," board Secretary Adrienne Davis said. "They got our message. That's what I'm really excited about."

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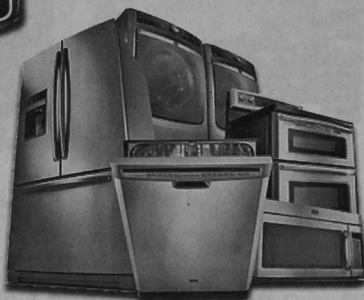
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# Buzuvis named community development chief

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

John Buzuvis, a seven-year city employee, is Plymouth's new community development director.

The new job is an expansion of Buzuvis' workload and a consolidation of his titles without, officials noted, an increase in pay. The appointment was approved Monday by the Plymouth City Commission.

"I'm happy for the challenge," Buzuvis said Wednesday, adding that the new job will allow him to work in more areas of city government. "It's the best thing for the city."

Buzuvis had been the director of business oper-

ations at the Downtown Development Authority and the city's special projects director, and his compensation will continue to be split by the city and the DDA.

He will continue in those roles — assisting DDA operations director Tony Bruscati and doing DDA budgeting and infrastructure improvement administration, plus grant-writing and overseeing special projects at City Hall — and take on administrative duties with the building department. His new title will cover all aspects of his job.

The new position of community development director stems from the City Commission's goal of bringing more efficiency to the processes by which developers

apply for building projects, get them reviewed by appropriate city agencies, get them inspected, and see them to completion. A study of the current development path by two University of Michigan industrial engineering students, presented to commission members recently, included a recommendation that the city have a community development director.

Buzuvis, while noting he will be an administrator, not a technical specialist, said he hopes to be a "one-stop shop" for people looking to get permits for anything from a backyard shed to a new mixed-use development. He plans to look at using technology — such as a program that allows builders to apply for and get

city updates on their projects via the Internet — to increase efficiencies. "We want to streamline everything for everybody, because time is money, and we want to respect the developers' time and money that they've spent," Buzuvis said. "At the same time, time is money for us, too. ... It cuts down on the back-end administration costs."

Commissioners were pleased Monday with the appointment.

"I think there is going to be a nice synergy achieved," said Commissioner Mike Wright.

"We're increasing the service level of the city without increasing expenditures," said Commissioner Ron Loisel. Buzuvis, 36, a Plymouth native, has a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and a master's in public administration from Eastern Michigan University.



BILL BRESLER (STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER) John Buzuvis has been named Plymouth's community development director.

He and wife Shannon live in the city and have two children.

Buzuvis is also an on-call firefighter for the Northville City Fire Department, responding to calls out of the Plymouth Station.

"I've really enjoyed my

seven years here at the city. I'm excited," he said. "I'm looking forward to learning and being a team member in different parts of city operations."

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## Chamber to unveil benefits, services

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

Canton Chamber of Commerce President Thomas Paden is promising to roll out new benefits and services for the \$26-member business organization amid ongoing efforts to develop a long-term strategic plan.

Paden intends to unveil the latest plans Monday morning during a program at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway. Registration and networking starts at 7:30 a.m., followed by the program at 8 a.m. It's free and includes a continental breakfast. Paden is asking attendees to regis-



Paden

ter by the close of the business day Friday by calling (734) 453-4040.

The event is open to chamber members and non-members.

"Anyone from the business community can attend," Paden said. "We have been doing some strategic planning. We wanted to bring our membership together and convey to them the benefits and services we have that are new."

Paden said the new benefits and services are

intended to help local businesses as the chamber ramps up its efforts to draw new members and form closer ties among those involved in the organization.

"We're making efforts to bring added value to our Canton chamber members," he said. "We're going to be announcing the fruits of our labor."

The event is sponsored by Atchinson Ford, St. Joseph Mercy-Canton and W.F. Whelan Co. For more information, call (734) 453-4040.

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# Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights

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### Mom's Special Day (Contest)

It's a picture perfect day to take a picture. Did you know that May is National Photography Month? This day was recognized by the US Congress way back in 1987. That makes May a wonderful time to take some great pictures of you and Mom.

Submit a photo of you and your mom, along with the reason why you selected the photograph and **you could win a \$25 Chili's Gift Card** to give to mom. Submit photo and narrative to, [cbjordan@hometownlife.com](mailto:cbjordan@hometownlife.com) with the subject line "Mom's Special Day".

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### A Picture is Worth a 1000 Words!

Taking photographs can be fun and every insightful. A photograph can help tell a story in an instant. Reporters and photo journalists use photographs to help communicate stories every day. Do you have a story that you would like to share? Email it to [cbjordan@hometownlife.com](mailto:cbjordan@hometownlife.com) or share it on Facebook. [facebook.com/ScoopTheNewshound](https://www.facebook.com/ScoopTheNewshound). Your photo could be featured in a future Scoop Hound Dog Highlights.

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### Help Like Santa

Do you think Santa is busy only at Christmas time? No. Santa is busy all year round. Here is what Santa does. Santa goes to people and tries to teach them "How you can be of help to the needy people".

One day Santa was on a teaching mission. He met a rich and rude fruit market owner, Mr. Grumpy. So Santa talks to Mr. Captain Grumpy and Santa explains how important it is to help the needy people. So Mr. Grumpy agreed to send ten boxes of fruit to Santa.

Then comes the first month and Mr. Grumpy makes ten boxes of fruits ready to send to Santa. He calls one of his poor employees, Mr. Walker and tells him to take these ten boxes of fruits to the North Pole and deliver them to Santa Claus.

Mr. Walker is very happy to take the fruits to the North Pole because he is excited to meet Santa Claus. He takes a carrying pole and puts five boxes on one side and five on the other side. He puts the carrying pole on his shoulder and starts the Journey proudly!

The journey was long and tiring. Mr. Walker was hungry. He doesn't think he can walk anymore without eating something. He doesn't have anything to eat except juicy fruits for Santa. So he decided to eat a box of mangoes. Even though he's working in the fruit market, Mr. Grumpy never gave him a single fruit to taste. Now he opens the box and sees the perfectly ripe mangoes. He finishes the whole box of mangoes and delivers the 9 boxes of other fruits to Santa Claus.

Mr. Walker may be a poor person but he is a very honest person. When he comes

back from the North Pole, he goes to Mr. Grumpy and tells the truth that he ate one full box of mangoes because he was so hungry. Mr. Grumpy gets really mad. He beats Mr. Walker and throws him out of the fruit market. Mr. Walker gets up and walks away crying.

A few days later Santa comes and meets Mr. Grumpy. Santa tells Mr. Grumpy "THANK YOU FOR ONE BOX OF MANGOES"

The End



Madhavan C. Thevar  
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### Share Your Talent!

Do you write, draw, make crafts, take photographs, or do something else that you would like others to know about?

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All entries need to be received at the Observer & Eccentric Media by close of the business day on May 31 or email your form to: [cbjordan@hometownlife.com](mailto:cbjordan@hometownlife.com). Winners to be announced in a future Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights.

## OUR VIEWS

# O&E, local partners honor outstanding students

High school honors programs and graduation ceremonies have begun for the Class of 2013. Along with these traditions is a special one for Observer & Eccentric – the annual Academic All-Star Program.

Nearly 30 years ago, a local high school principal wrote to a managing editor and said if the O&E could take the time to honor high school athletes, surely we could do the same for outstanding students. And so the Academic All-Star Program was launched with the help of secondary school principals throughout our readership area.

Since then nearly 3,500 students have been named to an all-star team or designated as honorable mention. Three years ago, when marking the 25th anniversary of the program, we reached out to past all-stars and nominees. They live and work throughout the world. They are teachers, physicians, scientists, journalists, engineers, poets and most

are parents, too.

They are an elite group of scholars who are making a difference because of the education, encouragement and opportunities they received in local schools.

This year's group of all-star students will carry on that tradition of excellence. They are intelligent and motivated. They are generous with their time and talent. They are thankful for the wonderful teachers who have challenged, encouraged and nurtured them over the years.

Plymouth and Canton-area students named to the team include Shannon Guo of Canton High School, Andrea Ringer of Salem High School, Angela Sun of Canton High School, Shirley Chen of Plymouth High School, Anna (Mengdan) Dai of Plymouth High School and Jason Zhang of Salem High School.

Take time to read the profiles of all the all-star nominees in the Academic All-Star Section in print

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The 2013 All-Star Team represents the most accomplished students from public, private and parochial schools in western Wayne and Oakland counties. Every school principal in the O&E Media readership area is invited to nominate two students. The team is selected solely on academic achievement (grade-point average in academic subjects and ACT or SAT test scores).

However, traditions like this can only be carried on with the support

of an engaged community. Special thanks to our major partner, **Madonna University**, for continuing to support the Academic All-Star Special Section.

Also partnering this year to recognize academic excellence are **Community Alliance Credit Union**, **Michigan Farm Bureau Health Services**, the **Townsend Hotel** and **Parkside Credit Union** of Livonia (for awarding one all-star a \$500 scholarship).

Thanks also to the judging team – Carolyn Witte, principal of Mercy High School; Dan Willenborg, principal of Franklin High School in Livonia; and Charlie Hollerith, principal of Lahser High School in Bloomfield Hills. This team has been dedicated to helping the O&E honor outstanding students.

Congratulations to the 2013 O&E Media All-Star Team and all of the nominees who have worked hard to achieve and succeed. The future is bright!

## GUEST COLUMN

# Power of change in 'Doing the Most Good'

By Maj. Mark Anderson  
Guest Columnist

With spring's arrival, metro Detroit is blossoming once again. People are emerging with the warm weather to enjoy a ball game, play in the park or simply walk around the neighborhood. As we reconnect with neighbors, it's also a great time to rededicate ourselves to Doing the Most Good®.

The Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Division encourages metro Detroiters of all ages to make Doing the Most Good their personal mission during our eighth annual Doing the Most Good Week from May 9-19. It's all about small courtesies, big gestures and loads of kindnesses in-between in making a stronger commitment to helping our neighbors anytime or anyplace. It's about making "doing good" a priority in our lives.

So what does Doing the Most Good look like in your life? Is it donating your talents or resources to a local charity? Is it visiting a shut-in or reading to children? Is it coaching a rec team or mowing another's lawn? Even if you're short on time and funds, there are opportunities galore to effortlessly do good unto others throughout your day... hold the door for a stranger... brighten someone's day with a smile... say "thank you."

Think of the combined impact we would make throughout metro Detroit, if we all committed to doing one good deed each day. We might not have the power to change the world, but we can certainly strive to help change someone's life each day. It's The Salvation Army's mission to Do the Most Good for the most people in need through the time and resources so graciously provided by people just like you. Thank you for all you do each day to support not only The Salvation Army, but the dozens of worthy causes within the community that make a real difference in others' lives. In Doing the Most Good for others, you're Doing the Most Good for yourself.

Legendary basketball coach John Wooden summed up the essence of Doing the Most Good Week beautifully: "You can't live a perfect day without doing something for someone who will never be able to repay you."

Maj. Mark Anderson is the general secretary and metro Detroit area commander, The Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Division. For more about celebrating The Salvation Army's Doing the Most Good® Week, and ways you can support The Salvation Army, visit [www.salhmich.org](http://www.salhmich.org).

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# Mother's Day: Time to say thanks to mom for all she does

Sunday is Mother's Day, a day when we pause to say thank you and show our appreciation to those women who have played an important role in our lives.

Many of us will send cards or gifts or make a special visit to that special woman who has loved us in no matter what we have done, has been understanding and giving and put the needs of her family above all else.

According to writer Lisa Russell, "a job description for mothers is unlike that of any other occupation. Mothers have a lot of responsibilities, and yet there's no accrediting institution, mandatory minimum educational

level or other assessment to prove one's qualifications."

Mothers have no fancy title, but if there was one, it might read as on one web posting states, a research associate in the field of child development and human resources. A mother, according to Mom Salary Wizard, a mother must be a multi-talented individual and be able to act simultaneously in 21 different professional areas, ranging from transportation and logistics, education, mechanical, technical, economics and fashion, not to mention the diplomatic skills needed to negotiate matters of global importance, like sharing.

Mothers are our personal cheer team, chef, chauffeur, financial institution, laundry service, tutor and public relations coordinator. Mothers gets us where we need to be on time and properly dressed. As our personal PDA, mothers reminds us of important appointments and dates, and is better than a GPS unit in getting us there.

It is with a sense of deepest gratitude that we wish all mothers a happy Mother's Day. May you be lavished with the honor, love and respect you so rightly deserve today and every day. You provide so much for us, and for that we are truly thankful.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

# What outdoor activity to you plan to get to now that the weather has warmed up?

We asked this question outside the U.S. Postal Service's postal station on Penniman in downtown Plymouth.



"I've been walking the dog. Maybe just walking more. A little too early (for gardening). Not until after Memorial Day."

Mary George  
Canton Township



"Today is golfing. The league started two weeks ago. ... I'm looking forward to it tonight."

Laura Jameson  
Plymouth



"Oh, working in the yard. Gardening. ... Perennials, annuals."

Donna Barretta  
Plymouth Township



"Coming to Plymouth to have dinner."

Paula Merollis  
Canton Township

## LETTERS

### Making it work

Recently the Wayne-Westland Board of Education voted unanimously to approve contract extensions for the district's labor unions and individual contract holders. Many include pay reductions and changes in insurance premiums and/or coverage. The school district has been the victim of economical and legislative changes that have threatened to bring about major changes in the educational programs delivered to the districts over 12,000 students.

The options for raising more funds to educate students are limited by the state. Often, school boards are made to feel like the orphan child Oliver standing with an empty bowl asking for more. The district has made

heroic attempts to make economic changes in the daily operations of the district without directly impacting the education of the students. These decisions have not been easy.

Now that all the "low hanging fruit" has been picked off the educational tree, it became necessary to appeal once again to the employee groups to help the district and the students. All of the employees, being the compassionate people they are, stepped up and agreed to make personal sacrifices to benefit the students. Many of these employees have economic stresses in the past. They have personal debt, college loans, and house/car payments, spouses that have lost employment, large medical bills and the care of ag-

ing parents, just like the rest of us. For many, this was not an easy decision to make knowing that their families would suffer. Our employees have always been generous to the students whether it is donating money, donating clothes, donating time, using personal funds in classrooms, donating to student organizations and scholarships.

Politicians continue to target educators and public employees and use them as the "whipping boy" for society's problems. Our community needs to recognize the employees of the Wayne-Westland district as people who care about our students and their future.

Carol Middel  
Canton

# Markets are up, but don't be fooled by big numbers

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist

If you have been following the financial news as of late, the Dow Jones Industrial average and the S&P 500 have both reached a record high. Because of this, many investors are questioning why their portfolios may not have done as well as the market. Those investors who have been sitting on the sideline are questioning if it is too late to get in.

Just because the Dow and the S&P 500 have both reached a record high does not mean every stock within their index has also reached a new high. For example, look at a company like Apple that is down one-third in value over the last six or eight months. In addition, companies like General Motors are still selling substantially below their IPO price.

The reality is that the way the indexes are calculated doesn't mean that all the stocks in the index are up or even that the majority of stocks in that index are up. In addition, it is important to recognize that the Dow (an index of just 30 stocks) and the S&P 500 do not take small U.S. companies or international stocks into consideration.

International stocks and small U.S. companies, which are key ingredients to a well-balanced



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

and diversified portfolio, have not performed nearly as well as the Dow and the S&P 500.

## Balance and diversify

It's important to recognize that a balanced and diversified portfolio contains more than just stocks, it also contains bonds. Bonds are an excellent diversifier to a portfolio, but they have struggled in this low interest rate environment. Therefore, the composition of your portfolio should contain many more items than just stocks within the Dow and the S&P 500. In addition, the indexes assume that you are 100-percent invested. With most investors, that is not the case.

The bottom line is that indexes are nice to use as a benchmark; however, it is always important to remember that when it comes to your portfolio, you don't manage to the indexes. You manage to achieve your goals and objectives. Investors should never let the market dictate how they invest their money; rather, they should focus on their goals and objec-

tives. When investors let the market dictate how they invest, they end up buying high. Then, if there is a correction, they panic and sell low. This is not the strategy that will lead to success. At all times, investors need to focus on the most important thing and that is what they are trying to achieve as an investor.

## Is it too late?

Many investors question ask if it is too late to jump into the market. My philosophy has always been that you invest not based upon where the market is, but rather your goals and objectives. If you're a long-term investor, the market is a great place to invest. If your goals are short term, the market is something you should avoid.

Investors who invest based upon where the market is tend not to be investors, but rather they are more like gamblers. And we all know what happens to gamblers — they lose. To be a successful investor, focus on the most important item and that is your goals and objectives.

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).

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# Teens sleep outside to experience homelessness

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

The plight of the homeless was a front and center for a group of teens from St. Damian, St. Theodore and Divine Savior Catholic Churches in Westland and St. Robert Bellarmine in Redford, who recently spent the night sleeping outside in cardboard boxes.

Designed to raise awareness and to raise funds and collect donations for Covenant House in Detroit, the 24 teenagers braved temperatures that dropped down into the 30s during their 12-hour stay outdoors.

"I layered on extra sweat shirts and sweat pants and brought a mummy sleeping bag to keep warm," said Kristen



PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN  
Victoria White checks the window in her box. She and her friend put two boxes together and cut windows out so they could talk to each other.

Mason of Westland. "It worked fairly well."

The event was held at St. Theodore Church, and each person paid \$8 to participate in the event, \$5 of that amount went directly to Covenant House, which

provides shelter, education, and vocational training, and other support to teens age 13-22 who are homeless, runaways, or otherwise at risk. The remaining \$3 helped cover the cost of a Dumpster to



St. Damian-St. Theodore-Divine Savior Youth Group member Kristen Mason gets her box ready for the "Homeless Experience" sleeper held at St. Theodore Church.

dispose of the cardboard boxes, program supplies and breakfast. Mason and a friend taped their boxes together and then cut windows in them so they could talk to each other during the night.

## Wish list

In addition to the \$8 fee, the teens also brought in items from the Covenant House wish list. They couldn't not bring things

like flashlights, radios, pagers, cell phones, snacks and pop.

An 11th-grader at Livonia Franklin High School, Mason spent most of the night outside, but eventually went in around 5:30 a.m.

"That's about when I caved in," she said. The teens showed up at St. Theodore at 7 p.m. to stack out their church's claim to a section of the

lawn. There was an opening prayer and introductions at 9 p.m., followed by the speakers from Covenant House.

They were served hot soup and sandwiches at 11 p.m. before retiring to their boxes for the night and had to get up at 7 a.m. to cleanup. According to the directions, the 7 a.m. wake-up call is because "all homeless are to be off the streets. Businesses open, and they are not a welcome sight."

Carol Nelius coordinated the event. It had been planned for last year, but had to be canceled.

"It started out as a way to raise awareness in the teens and to raise awareness of what agencies like Covenant House do," said Nelius, a Westland resident. "They brought three individuals to share how they became homeless and their experiences being homeless. One young man shared that he was in foster care and it wasn't a good situation. He ended up leaving and living on the streets until Covenant House came and found him."

## Hazardous waste disposal day

Plymouth Township residents can complete their spring cleaning on Saturday with a trip to the township's household hazardous waste collection day.

The event, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot at Compuware Arena, offers a way to safely dispose of leftover household products that can pose threats to the environment or human health.

Workers will be collecting old paints and stains, fertilizers and pesticides, automotive fluids, medicines (prescription and

over-the-counter), batteries, fluorescent light bulbs and compact fluorescent lamps (fluorescents contain mercury), computer equipment and more. There is no charge to residents for the service, but those dropping off items will be asked for a driver's license or other official Michigan identification in order to prove residency.

A full list of materials that will be accepted can be seen at [www.plymouthtp.org](http://www.plymouthtp.org); an item under "News and

Announcements" details the household hazardous waste day.

Some hazardous items — including television sets, videocassette recorders, smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, tires, radioactive materials, ammunition and fireworks — will not be accepted.

Compuware Arena is at 14900 Beck, just north of M-14.

For more information, call Plymouth Township's solid waste department at (734) 354-3270, ext. 4.

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## 43RD ANNUAL OBSERVERLAND RELAYS

Plymouth's Max Rogowski goes all out as the anchor for his team's distance medley relay.



Canton's James Hildreth scales the heights during the shuttle hurdles at Saturday's Observerland Relays.

## Salem wins City by the Bay invite

Salem's varsity girls tennis team won Saturday's City by the Bay Invitational with a sweep of singles flights keying the triumph.

Leading the Rocks to 22 points (ahead of event host Essexville Garber's 16) was the victorious singles lineup of Ashley Walker at No. 1, Chelsea Yu at No. 2, Tiffany Chan at No. 3 and Kylie Enright at No. 4.

Other wins for Salem were collected by the No. 3 doubles tandem of Kendall Berghofer-Rachel Herschok and the No. 4 doubles team of Natasha Consul-Courtney Simpson.

Finishing in third out of six teams was Big Rapids, with 14 points.

## Taylor makes GLIAC squad

Grand Valley State University redshirt junior shortstop Brianna Taylor, who batted .326 with five homers and 20 RBI in 32 games, was named as an at-large selection to the All-Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic conference team in women's softball.

Taylor, along with her twin sister, Brittany, a redshirt junior outfielder, helped the Lakers to a 39-6 overall record and a 24-2 mark along with a first-place finish in the GLIAC.

The Lakers, ranked No. 9 nationally, were upset last weekend by Wayne State in the GLIAC playoffs.

Grand Valley, however, will be the No. 2 seed and host this weekend's NCAA Midwest Regional Tournament facing No. 7 seed Ferris State in Friday's opening round.

The four-team regional draw also includes No. 3 Missouri-St. Louis and No. 6 Southern Indiana.

## CC still Observerland's best

By Dan O'Meara  
Staff Writer

If you want to be part of the Catholic Central track and field team, you don't go away during spring break. That has been coach Tony Magni's long-standing policy.

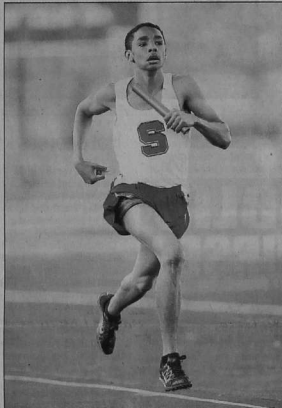
It's reminiscent of what Bo Schenckler declared when he was hired to coach the Michigan football team: "Those who stay will be champions."

Magni and the Shamrocks who stayed were champions again Saturday night in the 43rd annual Observerland Relays at Farmington High School.

"We lost some kids who went on spring break and are not with us," Magni said. "When they see we won again, when we go back to school, they feel kinda bad. They wish they were with us."

"They chose spring break, which felt good for a week. This is something these kids will remember for a long time, longer than that one week."

"We don't need sunshine in Florida. Our sunshine is



Getting after it during the Observerland Relays at Farmington High School is Salem's Chaz Jeffers.

winning here."

CC scored well in a majority of events and

captured the crown for the fifth consecutive year with a total of 86 points.

Livonia Churchill was the runner-up with 60. Livonia Stevenson and Plymouth were tied for third with 50 points and Farmington Harrison (44 points) completed the top five.

Salem placed sixth with 40 points while Canton finished ninth with 31 points.

## Something to build on

"We sent a lot of our top guys to a meet on Friday so to still tie for third place at Observerland is a good feeling," Plymouth head coach Jon Mikosz said. "A few of them doubled back and ran a few races on Saturday. We are hoping to build off this performance for Friday at conferences."

One of Magni's athletes who stayed is CC senior Jack Malinowski, who will end his high school career with a perfect record at the Observerland Relays.

Malinowski made multiple contributions to the team effort, finishing first in the 110-meter high hurdles with a personal best of 15.70, and he

helped the Shamrocks get second place in the high jump, shuttle hurdles and 1,600-meter relay.

"I was here as a freshman running the shuttles," Malinowski said. "We were able to place first or second almost every year. It's nice to go out with a win, going 4-0 at this meet."

"It's been a great year. I'm looking forward to the championship races now and getting ready for my future."

The Shamrocks had a solid start in the field events as expected, taking first place in three of the four it entered.

Junior Dylan Roney led the Shamrocks to victories in the shot put and discus, combining efforts with David Houle and Shane Campau in both.

CC also won the long jump with the team of Dan Jassop, Jason Kyles and Justin Monroe, and it was second in the high jump.

The Shamrocks didn't win any of the track events, but they scored well in most and won the

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## Speedy Rocks force the issue

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

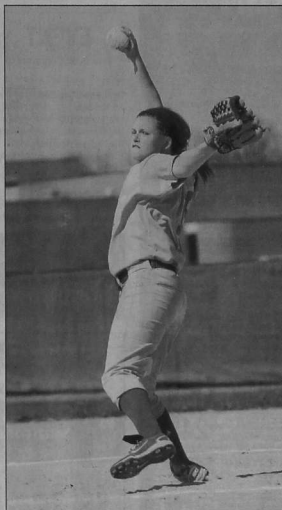
Salem baserunners took everything Wayne Memorial's defense gave to them Monday, aggressively stockpiling extra bases and plenty of runs in a 19-0 mercy-rule victory.

The host Rocks needed just 2½ innings to finish off the Zebras, scoring 10 runs in the first — highlighted by senior tri-captain Katy Meade's three-run inside-the-park homer — and nine more in the second.

Salem (12-7 overall) got things rolling in the first, when Kristi Zink tripped. With one out, Kara Hutchinson doubled and the Wayne pitcher then walked the next four batters before Marisa Hunley singled.

Up stepped Meade, who drilled a shot to right field. It stayed in the yard, but she still circled the bases. "She had a nice hit,"

Salem head coach Bonnie Southerland said. "It was one of those things where



Delivering a pitch Monday against Wayne Memorial is Salem's Marisa Hunley (No. 15).

she was running and she was giving it her all so she could score a run."

Fourteen batters came to the plate in that inning, with Zink actually getting

a second hit (a single). In the second, nine more runs scored, with singles by Emily Marcello and

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## Blackwell Ford going extra yard for Rocks

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Every person that gets behind the wheel at Blackwell Ford next Thursday will help Salem's football program gain speed en route to future success.

That's the premise of "Drive 4 UR School," set to take place at Blackwell Ford in Plymouth from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. May 16. It is a partnership between Blackwell and the Salem Linebacker Booster Club.

The football program stands to benefit simply because each person that test drives a vehicle during the event will result in Blackwell making a \$20 donation to the Salem Linebacker Booster Club (which in turn helps offset football program costs, largely to improve facilities and equipment).

Blackwell will make up to a \$6,000 total donation to the program.

"I think it's a great opportunity to get the Salem Rocks football name out there and to be involved in the community," Salem varsity head football coach Kurt Britnell said. "In the process we get to fundraise for



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our program to help our student-athletes be as successful as possible.

"Our players look at this as a team-building activity instead of just a fundraising event. We have unbelievably high-character players and they understand the importance of participating in something like Drive 4 UR School."

Britnell and Salem Linebacker Booster Club president Bob Callahan will be official greeters, noted booster club vice president David Kwiecinski, also a Salem football dad and a Ford engineering manager.

"And then from there (they'll) hand it off to the boys (players) and the boys will walk them through the process," Kwiecinski said. "Parents will help with getting forms filled out and people in the cars."

He emphasized that those who come out to

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But Kwiecinski, whose son is a kicker in the Salem program (he was on the freshman team in 2012), stressed that Blackwell's \$20 donation is good for one person only.

"It's \$20 per household, that's the catch," Kwiecinski said. "You can't have a mom and dad from the same household get two credits."

Kwiecinski noted that the booster club intends to use money from the fundraiser to "make significant improvements in our weight room. We need to make big improvements to that practice field out there. We're buying new equipment (for all three levels of Salem football)."

It is expected there will

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## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Wildcats skill camp set

The Plymouth Wildcats football skills camp is set to take place from Monday, June 24 through Wednesday, June 26 at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity turf field.

Sessions are as follows: 5-to-7 p.m. for youngsters entering grades 5-9; 7-to-9 p.m. for those in grades 10-12 this fall.

• Speaking of Plymouth football, a mandatory parent/player meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14 in the cafeteria.

Ninth graders will meet from 6-to-7:30 p.m. followed by players entering grades 10-12 from 7:30-to-9 p.m.

Mandatory paperwork will be issued and team expectations explained.

For information on the skills camp and parent/player meetings, go to [www.plymouth-wildcatsfootball.com](http://www.plymouth-wildcatsfootball.com) to download a camp brochure or for more information.

Questions can be directed to Plymouth coach Mike Sawchuk at (734) 765-1766.

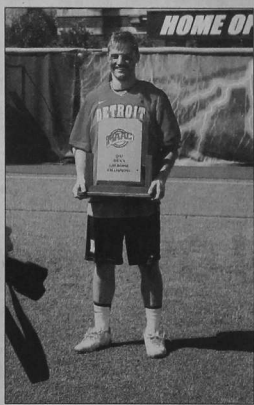
### Young gridders sought

The Washtenaw Saints Football Team, of the Christian Athletic League of America, is looking for interested young men (grades 6-12) to join the team for the upcoming 2013 fall season. There are no tryouts and everyone will get a chance to compete. Practices start in July and will run out of Domino's Farms in Ann Arbor. To be added to the contact list contact coach John Weisberg at (734) 926-4513 or by e-mail at [weisbergjohn@aol.com](mailto:weisbergjohn@aol.com).



## Titans win title on Birney goal

Plymouth native Mike Birney (No. 11) capped off a sensational showing for University of Detroit Mercy's men's lacrosse team at the MAAC Championship, scoring eight goals last weekend and a career-high five goals in Sunday's title game in Buffalo, N.Y. — including the game winner in overtime against Siena. Detroit won 11-10 in OT. Birney, pictured (above) in the championship game, was named the Most Outstanding Player of the MAAC tourney and is shown (at left) with his MOP Trophy. The Titans now advance to the NCAA Tournament for the first time, facing Notre Dame on Saturday.



## Hot scorers key 7-4 Canton win

Canton's varsity girls lacrosse team defeated Plymouth 7-4 on Wednesday, May 1 to follow up a good week against Park opponents.

Continuing her assault on rival goalkeepers were Canton's Annelie Niermann (four goals) and Kelly Harris (three goals) as the Chiefs improved to 8-2 overall and 6-2 in conference play.

Canton led 3-2 at half-time, thanks to Niermann's second of the match and the Chiefs scored four unanswered goals after intermission to break it open.

"In the second half, our offense settled down, started completing passes and controlling large chunks of time," Canton head coach Dave Bower said. But the pesky Wildcats

weren't done, scoring two goals six seconds apart to slice the margin to 6-4.

"These Park rivalry games are always emotional and tough, since the girls on both teams know each other so well," Bower noted. "I'm proud of how our girls were able to struggle through some ugly play, especially in the first half, and come out with the victory."

He cited strong efforts from senior captain and midfielder Cassidy Tucker and junior attacker Sarah Davenport, particularly in coming up with key ground balls in the second half to deny Plymouth scoring chances.

Canton senior captains Laura Murphy, Meredith White and Nicole Farley all were outstanding on defense, he added.

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he a good turnout May 16, he continued, further underscoring how strong the connection is between the Salem program and Plymouth-Canton community.

"It's nice to be working with the program and we're kind of like the phoenix rising out of the

ashes," Kwiecinski said. "(From) the way Salem's football program used to be, what it became and now what Kurt and his staff are taking the program to be."

"So getting the word out and building this program is exactly what we need."

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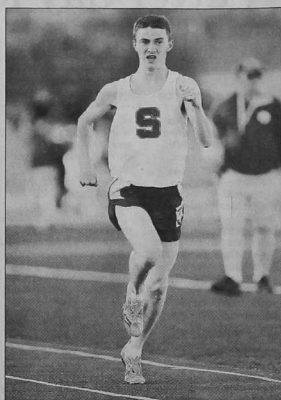
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Canton's John Everett (center) competes in Saturday's 400-meter relay along with Novi-Detroit Catholic Central's Nick Giese (left) and Northville's Jonathan Li.

## BOYS TRACK & FIELD RESULTS



PHOTOS BY DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK  
Salem's Steve McVilly gains speed during the 1,600 run at Saturday's Observersland Relays.

## RELAYS

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meet with an all-round, good performance.

In seven relay races, CC was no lower than third place with two runner-up finishes and four thirds. It didn't compete in the pole vault and didn't score in the 1,600 run, 100 dash or 400 relay.

"Coming out of the field events with 38 points, you're sitting pretty good, and we knew we'd get some here and there," Magni said. "I tell the kids, 'Every point counts. If you're sixth and you can catch the guy in fifth place, go get him. That's another point!'"

"As long as a lot of kids don't have to double and you can spread the printers out to give them enough rest between races, you'll do well. Obviously, you need some kids to perform well, and they really did tonight."

### Churchill quartet excels

Churchill had its best finish in several years, and the top performers were distance runners Matt Cohen, George Bowles, Jon Alessandrini and Ben Yates.

The foursome started the relay with a strong 1:10.6 in the 400-meter relay, and it returned five events later to earn a victory in the 3,200. Coach Rick Austin said the four were awesome and are peaking at the right time.

"We knew we'd be up there in medal contention," Austin said. "I don't think you ever go in fully certain you're going to win an event. It all depends how other teams

build their relays. "Unless you're a really deep team, you can't cover all the relays, so you have to pick and choose where your strengths are. That's what we did."

The Chargers also won the pole vault with the trio of Jake Hage, Adam Sheppard and Steve Fedak. Canton's Jamal Dixon jumped 6-5 to lead the Chiefs to a victory in the high jump with teammates Akil Wade and Brett Lee.

"I kind of thought we might be a little bit higher (in the standings)," Canton coach Bob Richardson said. "Again, there was a lot of good competition there. We've had our time at the top before, and of course now CC's had their time. Stevenson did well, Plymouth did great."

### To the wire

Two of the individual races featured close finishes.

Shakari Hill of Wayne Memorial edged Salem's Steven Homrich by a fraction of a second in the 100-meter dash, and Ma Sambou Jatta of Clarenceville nipped Churchill's Zach Zoltowski in the high hurdles.

Farmington senior Drew Lindman ran a solid race throughout the individual 1,600 meters and finished with a strong kick to win the event on his home track.

Harrison made a late jump in the team standings with victories in the shuttle hurdle and 400 relays. Northville won the distance and sprint medleys, Salem the 800 meters (1:30.74) and Plymouth the 1,600 (3:26.41).

In Salem's victorious 800 medley were Drake

Jordan, Sean Davis, Guwinn Ingram and Homrich. Comprising Plymouth's winning relay were Lucas Bunting, Blerim Mera, Jonny Dalton and Mac Rogowski.

The Rocks also tallied a third in the long jump relay (Chris Dieler, Austin Whitted, Dhruv Patel) and fourth in the pole vault relay (Nick Girardot, Jineet Gandhi, Hunter Burin).

Salem also scored in the 3,200 relay, 1,600 relay and mile run.

"We scored well across the board but didn't earn enough high finishes to score big points," Salem coach Steve Aspinall said. "It's always nice to earn medals but in order to win a meet like the Observersland Relays, you need to score lots of firsts and seconds. The highlights of the night were the 800 relay."

Aspinall added that although the team had a solid showing it will be looking for even better results at Friday's conference championships and the Division 1 regionals on May 17.

### SALEM 83, S.L. EAST 51

Salem (83 in the KLA) concluded the dual meet season with Tuesday's romp over South Lyon East.

Leading the Rocks were first-place winners Mike Girardot (1:10.6) and Drake Ingram (long jump); the 3,200-meter relay team of Colin McCormick, Steve McVilly, Alec Kreemore, and Jodie Duxander; Miles Martin (1:10.6); Steven Homrich (100 dash); Mike Wildi (400); Zach Jeffress (800); Sean Davis (1,600); Brendan McCann (3,200) and the 1,600-meter relay of Ade Davis, Evan Stevenson, Connor Hall and Jeffress.

The Rocks also won the 400-meter relay with a school record time of 43.6, breaking a mark that stood since 1985. On the relay were Jordan Davis, Homrich and Chris Dieler.

### 43RD ANNUAL BOYS OBSERVERLAND RELAYS

**Team standings:** 1. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 86 points; 2. Livonia Churchill, 60; 3. (tie) Livonia Stevenson and Plymouth, 50; 5. Farmington Harrison, 44; 6. Salem, 40; 7. Northville, 38; 8. Livonia Franklin, 32; 9. Canton, 31; 10. Farmington, 26; 11. Livonia Clarenceville, 11; 12. Wayne Memorial, 10; 13. Garden City, 8; 14. Redford Thurston, 6; 15. Redford Union, 4.

**Shot put relay:** 1. Catholic Central (Dylan Roney, 50-0; David Houle, 47-7.5; Shane Campau, 45-8; 143.3.5; 2. Franklin, 124-8.5; 3. Canton, 124-4.4; 4. Stevenson, 123-1; 5. Farmington, 118-1; 6. Churchill, 116-1.

**Best throw:** Dylan Roney, 50-0.

**Discus relay:** 1. Catholic Central (Dylan Roney, 151-2; David Houle, 130-9; Shane Campau, 130-1; 412-0.2; Farmington, 363-9; 3. Harrison, 333-5.4; Stevenson, 329-11.5; Churchill, 320-1.6; Franklin, 313-11.1. **Best throw:** Dylan Roney, 151-2.

**High jump relay:** 1. Canton (Jamal Dixon, 6-5; Akil Wade, 6-1; Brett Lee, 5-6). 18 feet; 2. Catholic Central, 17-1; 3. Stevenson, 16-0; 4. Plymouth, 16-8; 5. Salem, 16-8; 6. Northville, 15-9.

**Best jump:** Jamal Dixon, 6-5.

**Long jump relay:** 1. Catholic Central (Dan Jassop, 19-11.5; Jason Kyles, 17-7.5; Justin Monroe, 17-5.5; 55-0.5; 2. Harrison, 54-11.3; 3. Salem, 54-10.3; 4. Farmington, 54-9.5; 5. Canton, 53-5.5; 6. Stevenson, 50-4; 7. Best throw: Dan Jassop, 19-11.5.

**Pole vault relay:** 1. Churchill (Jake Hage, 13-0; Adam Sheppard, 11-5; Steve Fedak, 11-6). 36-2; 2. Plymouth, 32-6; 3. Stevenson, 32-6; 4. (tie) Canton and Salem, 31-0; 6. Northville, 31-0. **Best vault:** Jake Hage, 13-0.

**6,400-meter relay:** 1. Churchill (Matt Cohen, George Bowles, Jon Alessandrini, Ben Yates), 18:50.2; 2. Stevenson, 18:58.06; 3. Catholic Central, 19:07.30; 4. Plymouth, 19:24.57; 5. Northville, 19:26.57; 6. Canton, 19:28.89.

**110-meter hurdles:** 1. Ma Sambou Jatta, Clarenceville, 15:15.2; 2. Zach Zoltowski, Churchill, 15:24; 3. Jack Malinowski, Catholic Central, 15:70; 4. Marcus Reed, Harrison, 15:82; 5. James Inderth, Canton, 15:88; 6. John Craven, Farmington, 15:90.

**Distance medley relay:** 1. Northville (Juan Ferrante, Dan Sims, Ryan Flanagan, Nick Noll, 10:47.6; 2. Plymouth, 11:00.82; 3. Franklin, 11:05.84; 4. Salem, 11:16.08; 5. Catholic Central, 11:26.76; 6. Churchill, 11:26.90.

**800-meter relay:** 1. Salem (Drake Ingram, Sean Davis, Guwinn Ingram, Steven Homrich), 3:10.74; 2. Plymouth, 3:12.36; 3. Catholic Central, 3:13.11; 4. Church Hill, 3:23.25; 5. Harrison, 3:24.15; 6. Franklin, 3:25.13.

**1,600-meter relay:** 1. Drew Lindman, Farmington, 4:32.59; 2. Jaira Johnson, Garden City, 4:34.3; 3. Stevenson, Plymouth, 4:35.51; 4. Steven

McVilly, Salem, 4:38.50; 5. Corcoran, Northville, 4:39.95; 6. Stephen Fenech, Stevenson, 4:41.04.

**3,200-meter relay:** 1. Churchill (Matt Cohen, Ben Yates, Jon Alessandrini, George Bowles), 8:27.43; 2. Stevenson, 8:34.34; 3. Catholic Central, 8:37.57; 4. Farmington, 8:44.06; 5. Northville, 8:45.12; 6. Salem, 8:53.32.

**100-meter dash:** 1. Shakari Hill, Wayne, 11:31.2; Steven Homrich, Salem, 11:31.3; Kevin Williams, Thurston, 11:45; 4. Dan Duncan, Franklin, 11:46; 5. Marcus Lane, Redford Union, 11:47; 6. Coby Morris, Canton, 11:48.

**Sprint medley relay:** 1. Northville (Bailey Edwards, Anthony Sources, Ryan Flanagan, Eric Tang), 2:31.76; 2. Stevenson, 2:32.46; 3. Catholic Central, 2:32.70; 4. Harrison, 2:35.01; 5. Franklin, 2:35.71; 6. Canton, 2:36.70.

**Shuttle hurdle relay:** 1. Harrison (Jaylen Foster, Xalen Onyemakwe, Michael Ojeide, Marcus Reed), 1:01.48; 2. Catholic Central, 1:02.96; 3. Churchill, 1:03.59; 4. Canton, 1:08.60; 5. Plymouth, 1:10.01; 6. Farmington, 1:12.58.

**400-meter relay:** 1. Harrison (Josh Scott, Lorenzo Collins, Peyton Petersen, Gaius Coleman), 44.03; 2. Churchill, 44.90; 3. Franklin, 45.42; 4. Northville, 45.46; 5. Redford Union, 45.61; 6. Canton, 45.66.

**1,600-meter relay:** 1. Plymouth (Lucas Bunting, Blerim Mera, Jonny Dalton, Mac Rogowski), 3:28.41; 2. Catholic Central, 3:28.82; 3. Northville, 3:30.31; 4. Stevenson, 3:31.26; 5. Salem, 3:32.26; 6. Clarenceville, 3:36.39.

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

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

For information, visit [michiganwolveshawks.com](http://michiganwolveshawks.com), or email [bradley1515@bcbglobal.net](mailto:bradley1515@bcbglobal.net).

**Salem quartet strong at invite**  
Several members of Salem's varsity girls track and field team had outstanding performances at Friday's Golden Triangle Invitational at Saline High School. Those included Khylai Ray (100-meter dash), Anya Cho (1,600 and 3,200 runs), Rebecca Falzon (hurdles, discus) and

## Young Chiefs get taste of relay competition

On the eve of the Observersland Relays, a number of Canton freshmen and sophomores competed at the Harrison Invitational Relays and earned valuable experience and—for some—medals for their efforts.

Canton head coach Bob Richardson said Friday's event featured five medal-winning events, although team standings were not registered. The Chiefs brought 'A' and 'B' teams to Farmington Hills Harrison.

"It was very low key, no team scores," Richardson said.

The veteran coach noted that the Hawks Relays could provide younger athletes experience. "That's going to help for things later in the season and possibly for next year when they become the juniors and seniors."

Meanwhile, he added that "we wanted to enter two teams because we have a lot of ninth and 10th graders. Everybody did at least

two events, some did three events and there were some personal records. We were real happy for the young guys."

The boys' lone first-place finisher was the high jump relay of Brett Lee and Alec MacDonald with a mark of 10 feet, nine inches.

Finishing second with a time of 9 minutes, 28.8 seconds was the 3,200-meter relay tandem of Evan Childs, Alex Yokley, Peter Bruchnak and Billy Toth. Placing third in the pole

vault relay with a combined total of 17-feet even were Canton's Ryan Winnicki and Nathan Albini; Winnicki teamed up with Mitch Morin to come in third in the high jump relay (43.3).

The sprint relay team finished fourth with a time of 4:12.2. Starting it off for the opening 400 meters was Tim Sweet, with Kevin Bindas and Winnicki each following with 200-meter relays. Anchoring the relay was the final 800 was Yokley.

## GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

Lucia Acunzo (C), 4-6 each; 6. (tie) Sheila McKinley (FL), Juliet Hope (LS), Anna Kay Barrett (LS) and Tamarind Forbes (S), 4-6 each.

**Long jump:** 1. Brianna Jed (FL), 16-3; 2. Natalie Medley (FL), 15-9.5; 3. Kirahean Willis (FL), 15-7; 4. Kate Morris (LL), 15-1; 5. Anna Leake (LS), 14-10; 6. Meaghan Warner (BM), 14-10.

**Pole vault:** 1. Taylor Blechford (Plymouth), 10-6; 2. Emily Lang (Canton), 10-4; 3. Amanda Fox (C), 9-6; 4. S. McKinley (FL), 9-0; 5. Sarah Simpson (C), 8-6; 6. (tie) Bridget Alvarino (Canton) and Olivia Rios (C), 8-0 each.

**100-meter hurdles:** 1. Kelly O'Brien (FL), 16-17; 2. Molly Kelly (C), 16-18; 3. Whitney McDevlin (S), 17-2; 4. Gabby Williams (Canton), 17-7.8; 5. Angela Nikl Hawthorn (FL), 17-6; 6. Jeana Banks (FL), 18-23.

**300 hurdles:** 1. Jarvis (C), 10-9; 4. S. McKinley (FL), 9-0; 5. Sarah Simpson (C), 10-11; 6. (tie) Gabriella Williams (Canton), 11-8; 8. Hannah Gault (BM), 11-9; 9. Banks (FL), 12-40; 6. Nikl Hawthorn (FL), 12-40; 6. Erica Bryant (LS), 14-49.

**100 dash:** 1. Elyssa Hofmann (C), 12:83; 2. Madison Agnew (C), 12:30; 3. Julia Stuba (C), 12:33.43; 4. J. Chubb (S), 12:35.00; 5. Jasmine Crowley (FL), 13:28; 6. Jenna Hickson (C), 13:46.

**200:** 1. Crystal Abernathy (S), 25:82; 2. Beth Hoffman (C), 26:83; 3. Chanel Thompson (C), 27:51; 4. Bailey Harvey (S), 27:89; 5. Sam McGrath (Canton), 28:45; 6. Brianna Jed (C), 28:64.

**400:** 1. Abernathy (S), 59:94; 2. Sydney Anderson (C), 1:00:71; 3. Julie Winton (C), 1:01:66; 4. Emily Brewer (S), 1:02:24; 5. Amy Freed (LS), 1:02:66; 6. Ogechi Nwospor (FL), 1:03:45.

**800:** 1. Celeste White (M), 2:26:35; 2. Karlie Gallagher (C), 2:30:12; 3. Julia Stuba (C), 2:33:43; 4. Melissa Flannigan (S), 2:32:29; 5. Natalie Douglas (LS), 2:32:29; 6. Martina Martinez (FL), 2:42:81.

**400 relay:** 1. Churchill (Demi Crossland, Sarah Jarvis, Holly Mann), 51:14; 2. Franklin, 52:95; 3. Mercy, 53:48; 4. Marian, 53:45; 5. Ladywood, 54:28; 6. Southfield, 54:42.

**800 relay:** 1. Southfield (Kathleen, Kirahean Willis, Kallie Latta-Thompson, Coleen Toombs), 1:49:32; 2. Stevenson, 1:50:67; 3. Franklin, 1:51:57; 4. Marian, 1:52:05; 5. Canton, 1:55:06; 6. Ladywood, 1:56:00.

**1,600 relay:** 1. Stevenson (Gallagher, Freed, Brewer, Alison Timberlake), 4:15:7; 2. Marian, 4:22:72; 3. Southfield, 4:26:11; 4. Ladywood, 4:31:08; 5. Mercy, 4:38:73; 6. Plymouth, 4:40:23.

**3,200 relay:** 1. Churchill (Rios, Anderson, Stuba, Azari), 9:55:43; 2. Mercy, 10:31:05; 3. Stevenson, 10:39:26; 4. Crestwood, 10:51:40; 5. Northville, 11:08:74; 6. Marian, 11:12:15.

**LIVONIA STEVENSON INVITATIONAL GIRLS TRACK & FIELD MEET**  
May 4 at Stevenson

**PARTICIPATING TEAMS (no team scores):** Livonia Churchill (LL), Livonia Franklin (LV), Livonia Ladywood (LV), Livonia Stevenson (LS), Canton (Canton), Plymouth (FL), Farmington Hills Mercy (FL), Southfield (FL), Northville (NV), Birmingham Marian (BM), Lake Orion (LO), Warren Regina (WR), Dearborn (DB).

**Shot put:** 1. Amy Lewandowski (LL), 34 feet, 2.25 inches; 2. Emily Meier (Canton), 34-1; 3. Amber Warren (Canton), 33-11.5; 4. Emily Nosaka (C), 32-8.5; 5. Oly Awankwo (LS), 32-4; 6. Chesley Biligous (C), 30-5.5.

**Discus:** 1. Nosaka (C), 131-0; 2. Lewandowski (LL), 95-3; 3. Shebi Hines (FL), 89-1; 4. Meier (Canton), 88-11; 5. Krystyna Kitinski (LL), 88-7; 6. Gabriel Carter (C), 88-5.

**High jump:** 1. Erika Ely (FL), 5-1; 2. Julie Winton (FL), 5-3; 3. Jocelyn McEwan (Canton), 4-9; 4. (tie) Gabby Williams (S), 4-9.

# Letter day for trio of Plymouth golfers

After Plymouth's "disappointing" showing Monday at the NextTee Boys Invite at Oakland Hills, three of the Wildcats varsity golf team had letter days on Tuesday — literally.

Plymouth trounced Wayne Memorial 165-259 Tuesday at the Fox Hills Lake Course, with medalist honors going to junior Kyle Melnick (with a 36 for the day).

Wildcats' head coach Nick Brandon, meanwhile, touted the performances by senior Brad Heutner, junior Lucas Winkler and sophomore Andrew Lloyd.

All three competed in their first varsity matches against Wayne, and their scores count-

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ed. Heutner led the way with a 42, with Winkler and Lloyd chipping in with a 43 and 44, respectively.

Brandon said all three earned their varsity letters in the dual match. Also on Plymouth's lineup card Tuesday was junior Alex Decker, with a 44.

The victory gave the Wildcats a 5-0 record in the KLAIA South Division with Wayne falling to 0-5.

On Monday at Oakland Hills, however, the Wildcats finished 15th out of 30 teams at the NextTee invite. The runner-up medalist was Plymouth senior Kyle Rodes, with a 2-under 68.

Juniors Evan Chipman and Chris Kozler (78 and 79, respectively), senior Ryan Rieckhoff (80) and junior Jacek (82) completed Plymouth's lineup.

Winning with a total of 288 was Northville.

"We simply weren't good enough to compete," Brandon said. "(It's) disappointing, because I know the guys were really excited to play Oakland Hills. And it was a real honor for us to play that course."

"But this is a clear sign that we need to practice harder, focus better and value each shot."

The invite was played on Oakland Hills' par-70 north course.



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Salem's Kristi Zink (No. 4) slides into home plate Monday ahead of the throw to Wayne Memorial's Emily Phillips (No. 7).

## Ladywood kickers clinch division crown

By Brad Emmons  
Observer Staff Writer

The Livonia Ladywood soccer team broke new ground Tuesday night.

The Blazers clinched their first Catholic League Central Division regular season title in school history with a 2-0 win Tuesday night over Birmingham Marian. No. 1 ranked in Division 2 and defending state champions.

The Blazers, ranked No. 5 in Division 2, scored both of their goals in the second half with Abby Pelon scoring what proved to be the game-winner when she finished a shot from 20 yards out off an assist from Connor Huggins in the 68th minute.

And just a minute later, Kennedy Bullard tipped in a cross from Jenna Urso to give Ladywood a two-goal cushion.

"We set the bunch of goals at the start of the season and this was definitely one of them," said Ladywood coach Ken Shingler, whose team improved to 14-2-2 over-

all and 7-0-2 in the division. "We're proud of this, but we have to have a couple more goals if we are working towards."

Ladywood goalkeeper Sara Even made six saves to record the team's 10th shutout of the season.

Kaitlin Patouhas had two goals, the Mustangs (8-1-3, 6-1-2).

"We really had to battle to get it done tonight," Shingler declared.

"Our defense and Sara Even were outstanding from start to finish. We received a major boost from our bench that produced two goals for us."

**PLYMOUTH 2, JOHN GLENN 0:** Alyssa Dillon scored three goals to pace host Plymouth (10-0-1, 5-0-1) Tuesday night against KLAIA South Division rival Westland John Glenn.

Other goal scorers for the Wildcats included Madi Lewis, Lauren Babcock, Sydney Rouse, Anna DeBaili and Mike Kline. **SALEM 1, NORTHVILLE 0:** Eggensberger pitched a shutout for visiting Salem Monday in a KLAIA Central Division match-up. Scoring the lone goal of the contest was Emma Tariff, from Emily Hawks. The win upped Salem's re-

cord to 9-3-1 overall and 5-2-0 in the KLAIA Central Division. **LUTHERAN WESTLAND 3, PARKWAY 0:** Three different players scored goals Tuesday as Lutheran High Westland (8-1, 6-0) won its MIAC Red Division showdown at Sterling Heights Parkway (2-4-0-1).

Julia Yancy's indirect free kick was the first half prodder to be different, while Samantha Benner (unassisted) and Noelle Pierce (from Annalee Kuch) added second-half goals.

Goalkeeper Aurora Morrison made four saves to post the shutout.

"Once again our defense and keeper played an outstanding game," Lutheran Westland coach Sara Schafer said. "Julia (Yancy) and Jessica (Drie) kept the defense organized. Every one played hard and worked well together."

**LADYWOOD 2, A.A. HURON 1:** Emily Huddleston's goal off an assist from Doreen Smith was only five minutes remaining proved to be the difference as Livonia Ladywood (13-2-2) edged Ann Arbor Huron (5-4-2) in a non-league match.

Ladywood took a 1-0 lead in the 24th minute on Ani Ramon's goal from DeYana Walker, but Huron tied it up just before the half in the 37th minute on Chen Reel-Whit-tits' goal.

Ladywood goalkeepers Sara Even and Whitney Bauriedl each made one save, while Arianna Smith and nine stops for the River Rats.

The Pilots of LSU-Shreveport (40-16) come into the tournament having won 10 of their last 11 games after going 16-3 in the month of April. They captured their third straight Red River Athletic Conference tournament title last week and are making their fifth straight opening round appearance since the format started in 2009.

The Pilots have won each of their last two opening round brackets to advance to the AVISTA NAIA World Series.

Should MU defeat LSU-Shreveport, the Crusaders would move on to Friday's 3:30 p.m. game against the winner of Wednesday's 7:00 p.m. game.

A loss would send the Crusaders to a Friday matchup against the loser of the Grand View-Avila game.

Jeremy Gooding (Livonia/Divine Child Catholic) and Dan Stoner (Canton) combined to no-hit Avila on March 9 to close the Crusaders' spring trip as MU took a double-header by finals of 2-1 and 8-0.

Gooding picked up his first win of the 2013 season on Feb. 9 in a 4-3 victory over No. 3 Lee. The senior right-hander struck out seven in his six innings.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

David Turel and junior forward Andrew Sparks.

Livonia Franklin junior forward C.J. Cromie also earned a spot in the squad that will be coached by Salem's Ryan Ossensmacher assisted by Gerry Vento (Plymouth) and Dan Whitener.

**MU athletes earn salutes**

Madonna University's Victor Barron (Fowlerville), who batted .476 and led the Crusader baseball team to a perfect 6-0 record, was named Wolverine-Hoosier-

Athletic Conference Player of the Week.

Barron had two doubles and two triples among his 10 hits and made 12 putouts along with 25 assists defensively.

MU senior Andy Myers (Westland John Glenn) was the second Crusader in as many weeks to earn WHAC Player of the Week in men's golf.

Myers finished the 36-hole Spring Arbor Invitational with a 1-over 73 to 72-145 two day total to tie for first place medalist honors before losing to Davenport's Jorge Benitez in a one-game playoff.

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Hunley along with a double by freshman Jamie Squires and a host of walks, errors and stolen bases mixed in.

"The girls were aggressive today," Southerland said. "Their pitcher obviously wasn't the fastest, but they wanted to play a game today so they worked on their bunting a little bit, and their base running."

"That's something you're supposed to do. We don't want them to get lazy just because there's wild pitches or passed balls. It's kind of instinctive now."

The continued hitting of Southerland is something Squires can't help but be pleased about as the team rolls through a compressed schedule due to numerous rainouts.

"She's swinging a hot bat and we're hoping it stays hot," Southerland said. "For a freshman, she's the real deal."

Salem faced Novi for a KLAIA Central Division twinbill Wednesday and will host Plymouth at 4 p.m. Thursday in a make-up game.

On Friday, the Rocks host Romulus and then face Canton in the annual game at Massey Field at 7 p.m. Monday.

**PLYMOUTH 7, S.L. EAST 4:** The Wildcats posted this KLAIA

crossover softball win Monday thanks to three homers and a seventh-inning rally. Brooke Senkbel and Mikayela Marciniak belted solo home runs, while Bri Giordano connected on a three-run shot to break the winning pitch of Mariniak (eight strikeouts).

**STARS TOURNEY:** Plymouth finished third at last weekend's Stars Tournament, going 4-1 in the process.

After posting wins over Wayne Memorial and the Lakes Ann Arbor Pioneer, Wincanton and Allen Park, the Wildcats were nipped 7-4 by Dearborn Henry Ford in the semifinals. One of the Wildcats' big performers was senior pitcher Elaine Grou, who pitched and won three games.

Leading the offense were Brooke Senkbel and Lindsey Lutton, each batting .500 for the tourney. Other standouts included Kayla Rebbin (two homers), Brittney Miller (one homer) and Mikayela Marciniak (one homer).

## Rocks, 'Cats teaming up to 'Strike Out Prostate Cancer'

Once again, two Plymouth Canton Educational Park baseball teams are teaming up to send prostate cancer down swinging.

On Saturday at the Park, Salem and Plymouth's varsity and junior varsity baseball teams will square off in the fourth annual "Strike Out Prostate Cancer Day" fundraiser.

Varsity teams will start the day 11 a.m. at Salem's varsity field. The Rocks and Wildcats varsity squads then will move over to Plymouth's diamond for the second half of the doubleheader (2 p.m. start).

Also on the docket: a junior varsity game is set for 2 p.m. at Salem's main

field, at 11 a.m. the Salem and Plymouth freshmen teams will compete.

There will be no admission fee although donations will be accepted. Meanwhile, proceeds from concessions, \$0.50 and raffle tickets also will be earmarked for the Prostate Cancer Foundation.

Players are integral to helping the event and its mission be successful. They will sell tickets during Friday's lunch periods for prizes that will be raffled off to help meet the goal to raise \$2,000. During the game, they will don light blue wristbands provided by the Prostate Cancer Foundation to help raise awareness about the dis-

ease — reminding men and their families that regular checkups and screenings can help them live longer and healthier lives.

"Strike Out Prostate Cancer Day" is sponsored by the Michigan Prostate School Baseball Coaches Association, Prostate Cancer Foundation, Major League Baseball and Detroit Tigers.

Nearly \$6,000 has been generated over the first three years of the event.

For more information, go to <http://www.rocksbasketball.com>. Or, to make a direct donation, send a check to the Prostate Cancer Foundation, ATTN: MHSBCA, 1250 4th Street, Santa Monica, CA, 90401.

## NAIA baseball pairings set

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics announced the pairings Monday for the 2013 NAIA Baseball Championship opening round. No. 18-ranked Madonna University is headed to the Cleveland, Tenn. bracket, hosted by Lee University.

The Crusaders' appearance in the opening round is the third in program history and the first since 2010.

MU (36-9), the bracket's No. 2 seed, is paired with No. 3-ranked and top-seeded Lee along with No. 24-ranked and third-seeded LSU-Shreveport.

Avila (Mo.) is the bracket's fourth-seed, while Grand View (Ia.) rounds out the five-team field as the fifth seed.

Grand View and Avila open the tournament play at noon Thursday, while MU faces takes on LSU-

Shreveport at 3:30 p.m. with Lee set to take on the winner of the Grand View-Avila game at 7 p.m.

All of the games will be played at Lee's Olympic Field.

MU, the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference regular season champion, is familiar with two of the other four teams in the field as the Crusaders are 3-0 this season against Lee and Avila.

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Gooding picked up his first win of the 2013 season on Feb. 9 in a 4-3 victory over No. 3 Lee. The senior right-hander struck out seven in his six innings.

The Pilots of LSU-Shreveport (40-16) come into the tournament having won 10 of their last 11 games after going 16-3 in the month of April. They captured their third straight Red River Athletic Conference tournament title last week and are making their fifth straight opening round appearance since the format started in 2009.

The Pilots have won each of their last two opening round brackets to advance to the AVISTA NAIA World Series.

Should MU defeat LSU-Shreveport, the Crusaders would move on to Friday's 3:30 p.m. game against the winner of Wednesday's 7:00 p.m. game.

A loss would send the Crusaders to a Friday matchup against the loser of the Grand View-Avila game.

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## Big inning lifts Rocks

Run-scoring hits by Aaron Moore, Jack Driscoll, Demetrius Dunlap and Justin Sydlovski keyed Salem's six-run sixth inning Wednesday, giving the Rocks a 1-8 victory over visiting Wayne Memorial.

Going six strong in the sixth inning for Salem was starting pitcher Tyler Brooks, who struck out five and gave up six hits in the KLAIA crossover varsity baseball tilt at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Salem (10-5 overall, 4-4 in the KLAIA) got off to a quick 2-0 lead in the second and thanks to RBI singles by Sydlovski and Lucas Salinas.

That lead held up until the top of the sixth, when Jimmy Harden singled with two outs to score Kody Wojewski.

But the Rocks immediately went to work on getting that run back when Austin Silletti led off by hitting it by a pitch.

With runners on second and third and one out, Moore ripped a sizzling one-hopper that took a

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bad hop off the Wayne shortstop into left field to score courtesy runner Alex Nicholson for the first run of the game.

Driscoll then sent a low liner into center that the outfielder could not grab on the run, enabling Brandon Gillen to enable home.

Salem padded the lead to 6-1 when Dunlap singled to left to score Moore and Driscoll and Sydlovski finished the surge with his blast over the right fielder's head for a two-run double.

Pitching the seventh inning for Salem to close out the win was Jeremy St. Laurent.

On Saturday at Salem, the Rocks split a non-conference doubleheader with Dexter. Each game was decided by a 6-5 score.

**Chiefs cage Lions**

After Canton split a pair from Kalamazoo Saturday, the Chiefs rolled to a 5-2 victory over South Lyon on Monday.

Against the host Lions, Nick Hazerigan was the story, giving up five hits, one earned run and fanning 13 batters while slugging an RBI double to break a 2-2 tie in the seventh.

Chris Ferrill followed up Hazerigan's clutch hit with a two-run double for some insurance runs in the KLAIA crossover.

The win upped Canton's record to 12-4 overall.

On Saturday, the Chiefs defeated Kalamazoo 7-4 but dropped a 9-7 decision in Game 2.

In the opener winning pitcher Jake Raymond scattered seven hits while Canton's offense was sparked by Tommy Parrelly (double, run, RBI).

In the nightcap, Michael Afford, James Hall and Joe Yager each collected two hits for the Chiefs.

After Wednesday's KLAIA South doubleheader against Livonia Churchill, the Chiefs will face Westland John Glenn in the week's second division showdown.

## Meijer West icers named

Seven area players have been selected to represent the Metro West high school hockey team in the Meijer State Games, June 21-23, in the Grand Rapids area.

Among those selected from Division 2 state champion Livonia Stevenson include junior forwards Devin Kelly, Tyler Irvine and Dominic Lato.

Also named to the squad from Livonia Churchill are junior defenseman Drew Puishes, junior goalie

## RELIGION CALENDAR

## May

## ASCENSION SERVICE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday, May 9  
**Location:** Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Laverne, Redford

**Details:** A desert social will follow the service

**Contact:** Diane at (313) 937-2424

## ASCENSION SERVICE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday, May 9  
**Location:** Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

**Details:** Service celebrates Jesus' ascension and will be followed by a free ice cream social

**Contact:** (313) 532-8655 or (734) 968-3523

## BREAKFAST

**Time/Date:** 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, May 19

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

**Details:** All-you-can-eat pancake and French toast breakfast with ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, apple sauce, coffee, tea, juice, milk; \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children, 2-10. Sponsored by St. Theodore Men's Club

**Contact:** (313) 452-4421

## CAMP ENROLLMENT

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

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

**Details:** Enrolling kids and teens, age 5-15, for six-week Bible/Homework Enrichment Camp that will run July 8-Aug. 16. Full day sessions are \$400 and a half-day is \$200. Families get a \$25 discount for added siblings for the full day rate; \$10 discount for the half-day rate. A non-refundable \$100 registration fee at the time of enrollment secures a place. Cost includes the registration fee, snacks, materials for class, tutoring in most subjects and assessment testing

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

## COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, May 11

**Location:** New Life Church, 33111 Ford Road, Garden City

**Details:** Rent a space and keep the profit from your sale. Space rental is \$25

**Contact:** (734) 326-7000

## CONCERT

**Time/Date:** 9:30 a.m. Sunday, May 12

**Location:** Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

**Details:** The Concert Choir of Michigan Lutheran Seminary will present a concert of sacred songs. The 31 singers, under the direction of Leonard A. Prober, have toured annually since 1955, with appearances in more than 30 states, Canada and Europe. No admission charge, but a free will offering will be accepted

**Contact:** (313) 532-8655

## CONCERT

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Saturday, May 11

**Location:** St. James Catholic Church, located on 10 Mile, west of Taft, Novi

**Details:** Julian Garguilo, by Rachmaninoff and Naomiy Yamaguchi will play "Piano Concerto No. 23 in A Major, K. 488" by Mozart. Both will perform on a Steinway piano. The concert honors the future New Steinway piano for the church.

Tickets are \$25, available in advance, online at [olpmusic-efebventbrite.com](http://olpmusic-efebventbrite.com), through mail order at [olpmusic.org/2013/efeb](http://olpmusic.org/2013/efeb) or by ticketorderform.pdf, or at the door

**Contact:** (248) 347-7778

## CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

**Time/Date:** 1:30 p.m. every Sunday

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

**Details:** The church has started a contemporary mid-day service on Sunday. Other Sunday events are a prayer service at 9 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m., Sunday school at 12:30 p.m. and Bible study at 6 p.m.

**Contact:** Pastor Roger Wright at (313) 682-7491

## LADIES BRUNCH

**Time/Date:** 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 11

**Location:** Covenant Community Church, 25800 Student, one block north of Five Mile near Beech Dale, Redford

**Details:** Robin Sullivan of WMU 103.5 is the guest speaker. Reservations deadline is May 8. A love offering will be taken at the event to help offset costs

**Contact:** RSVP to (313) 535-3100

## MOM2MOM

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, May 18

**Location:** St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster Road, Livonia

**Details:** Early bird admission from 9-10 a.m. is \$2. Admission is from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. is \$1. Strollers are welcome

**Contact:** (734) 513-4121

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and 1-2:30 p.m. Thursday, May 16

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

**Details:** Kindergarten through eighth grade classes and preschool will be in session, giving visitors an understanding of a typical day as they watch youngsters learn and interact with staff. The Young 5's program director will be available to answer questions regarding this new program. Visitors will be able to take a guided tour through the school. The administration will be available to answer questions

**Contact:** (734) 425-4420 or e-mail to [atonisen@stgenevieve.org](mailto:atonisen@stgenevieve.org); [www.stgenevieve.org/school](http://www.stgenevieve.org/school)

**POMEGRANATE GUILD**

**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. May 19

**Location:** Community room, Pentrite Apartments, located on 10 Mile east of Greenfield, Oak Park

**Details:** String and kvell session. Bring any newly-finished or in-progress projects to show off or get help with

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

## RUMMAGE SALE

**Time/Date:** pre-sale, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 15; 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday-Friday, May 16-17 and 8:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, May 18

**Location:** St. Matthew Lutheran Church and School, 5885 Vencoy, south of Warren Road, Westland

**Details:** Admission for pre-sale is \$1. Admission free Thursday-Saturday, \$5 bag sale on Saturday

**Contact:** (734) 425-0260

## RUMMAGE SALE

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. May 18

**Location:** Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile in Livonia

**Details:** Gently-used furniture, household items, clothing, children's books, toys and more will be sold. Lunch will be available. Rent a table for \$20 or two tables for \$30. Tables are 8 feet long and the deadline for reservations is May 15. Proceeds from lunch and table rental go toward mission projects. The event is sponsored by United Methodist Women

**Contact:** Jane Welton at (248) 417-9077 with questions or for table rental

**RUMMAGE SALE**

**Time/Date:** Sale is 9 a.m.-2 p.m. May 18; donate items to the sale, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday, May 17

**Location:** St. Valentine's School gym 25875 Hope Street, Redford

**Contact:** (313) 533-7149

## SPEAKER

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 19

**Location:** First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville

**Details:** David Trotter of Canton, will talk about some of his literary adventures discovering sunken ships in the Great Lakes. Trotter, a diver, author and lecturer, has been featured on television and in newspapers throughout the U.S. and Canada. His organization, Undersea Research Associates uses sophisticated state-of-the-art equipment for underwater search and survey for archeological and commercial purposes. \$5 donation at the door

**Contact:** Nancy McDonald at (734) 7235

## TRUNK SALE

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, May 18

**Location:** Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia

**Details:** Participants will sell items to the public. They contribute to the church youth trip to the National Convention and to church quilts who make and send quilts to Lutheran World Relief each year. Last year church quilts sent 212 quilts to those in need

**Contact:** Dianne Sherman at (734) 812-5172

## Widowed Friends

**Time/Date:** RSVP by May 10 for this event starting at 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 15

**Location:** G. Sub's, 20300 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** Widowed men and women only may attend social hour at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m. Cost is \$18 and includes meal, beverage, dessert, tax and tip. Cards, games and conversation follows dinner. We walk-ins or late-comers will be allowed

**Coming up:** Mass, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 19, at St. Kenneth Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth. Refreshments follow. Call Pat at (734) 895-6246 for more information

**Contact:** Joan at (734) 331-6866 or Carol at (313) 562-3080

## June

## CONCERT

**Time/Date:** 3 p.m. Sunday, June 9

**Location:** St. James Catholic Church, located on 10 Mile, west of Taft, Novi

**Details:** "Overture" from "Oklahoma," highlights from "Annie," "Far from the Home I Love," from "Fiddler on the Roof," are among the songs in this concert that also original compositions by Matthew Raetzelt. Tickets are \$10. Students are free with ID

**Contact:** (248) 347-7778

## Ongoing

## CLASSES/STUDY

## Men's Bible study

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

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

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

## New Life Community Church

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

**Location:** 42200 Tyler, Belleville

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

## Our Lady of Loretto

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

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

**Details:** Scripture study

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

## St. Michael the Archangel

**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays

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

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

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

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## COSGROVE, JEAN

May 6, 2013, age 78. Loving wife of the late Terry. Cherished mother of Tim (Karen), Jim (Val), Pat (Mary Jo), Mick (Linda) and Dan (Julie). Dear grandmother of Renee, Tom, Teri, Tim, Joe, Jackie, Maggie, Ryan, Erin, Shannon, Cara and Evan. Hardworking and devoted RN at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia for 40 years. Visitation took from 3-9 p.m. with Vigil Service 7:30 p.m. at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd., Livonia. In state Friday 10:30 a.m. at St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh Rd., Livonia. Interment St. Hedwig Cemetery.

[www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com](http://www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com)

## POMPA, MANUEL M.

May 6, 2013, age 90 of Novi. Beloved husband of the late Angelina for 55 years. Loving father of Jerry (Candy), Roy (Susan), and Dave (Lisa). Dear grandfather of Erica (Kalani) Muragin, Stephen (Araceli), April (Scott) Rich, Christine and Jordan. Dearest great-grandfather of Emilio, Mason, Makena, Mia, Samantha, and Dominic. Manuel was the oldest of 11 brothers and sisters. He leaves behind many loving family and friends. A memorial visitation will take place at Fred Wood Funeral Home - Rice Chapel, 36100 Five Mile Road (E. of Levan) Livonia Friday 2-7PM with a TPM funeral service. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be directed to the National Parkinson's Foundation. Please share memories at [Fredwoodfuneralhome.com](http://Fredwoodfuneralhome.com)

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## Livonia artist captures the joy of spring on canvas

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Barbara Spraul's gladiolus, sunflowers, poppies and wildflowers are in full bloom.

The Livonia artist has tended to her floral canvases with a palette knife and patience since last October.

"It's my gardening," she said, with a laugh. "I use only oil paint. I build it up in layers. Some paintings have more than 20 layers. I do the poppies and let it dry. Put in a layer of sweet grass and let it dry. Do daisies on top so that it looks three-dimensional and let it dry. Go back to the grass and build it up. Oil has a long drying time — four days to a week. In the summer I can put them in the sun outside to speed it up a little. But there is no quick fix. It's a lot of work. I work on canvases that take two to six months to finish and I work almost every day. I take Sunday off.

"I start at 8:30 a.m. and finish in the night at 11. I'm so passionate about painting. It's not work. I love it. I would do it anyway, but it's nice when they pay me for it."

Spraul will let her "garden" take root this weekend at the two-day fine art festival, 32nd Annual Art Birmingham, in Shain Park in downtown Birmingham. She's one of several local artists participating in the show that runs 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 11 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 12. Thomas LeGault of Plymouth will be on hand with his colorful paintings; Doug Remien of Farmington will show his photos; and Robert Koss of Farmington Hills, who is new to the art festival scene, will offer handcrafted wood pieces, including coasters, lamps and clocks.



Barbara Spraul of Livonia shows one of her sunflower paintings. She'll sell her works Saturday-Sunday, May 11-12, at Art Birmingham in downtown Birmingham.

### Outdoor shows

Spraul has shown her work in galleries for the past 10 years and for seven years at fine art fairs. Her husband convinced her to attend her first outdoor fair, which she figured would be a one-time experience.

"I was thinking it wasn't for me. It was a little show in Birmingham and it went so well. People bought and bought and bought," she recalled. "The next weekend there was a show in Frankenmuth. I called and said, yes, I'd like to do another. Then I called everyone."

Spraul discovered that she could make a living painting and selling her work at festivals. She also enjoyed talking with customers at the shows. "It's not easy. There is a lot



of preparing," she said, "but I love it."

Her husband will help her set up her booth at the 14 fairs she'll attend this year, including the Ann Arbor State Street Fair

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Flowers inspire Barbara Spraul's paintings.

### More art fairs

The Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center's annual Art Birmingham kicks off a spring-summer season of outdoor fine arts fairs in metro Detroit. Here's a sampling:

• **Art on the Grand**  
The event runs 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, June 1 and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, June 2 on Grand River Ave., from Farmington Road to Grove street and includes 100 artists, entertainment, children's activities, face painting and food. For more information, call 248-473-1856. For a schedule of performances, visit [www.downtownfarmington.org](http://www.downtownfarmington.org).

• **Berkley Art Bash**  
Take a stroll 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 8 on 12 Mile, between Tyler and Wakefield in downtown Berkley and see works by more than 100 artists, including Lori O'Connor of Redford with original photography. Hear live music and shop stores. Food trucks will be on hand; [www.berkeleyartbash.com](http://www.berkeleyartbash.com).

• **17th Annual Royal Oak Clay, Glass & Metal show**  
Find anything you'd ever want in ceramics, glass and metal — from jewelry to lawn sculptures — at this show with more than 100 artists, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, June 8 and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 9, on Washington at Fifth in downtown Royal Oak. For more information visit [www.royaloakchamber.com](http://www.royaloakchamber.com).

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the Arts and Acts Festival that also offers a film festival, literature competition, and theater performances, along with food and music. The visual arts portion of the festival will offer works by more than 85 artists, a children's art area, miniature art hunt and more. Festival hours are 3-9 p.m. Friday, June 28, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, June 29, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 30, in downtown Northville. [www.ci.northville.mi.us](http://www.ci.northville.mi.us) and click on "community" and then arts commission.

## • Art in the Park

Put on your best walking shoes for this annual event that runs 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, July 12, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, July 13 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 14 in and around Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. More than 400 artists will sell their works. Music, food and interactive art round out this show. Visit [www.artinthepark.com](http://www.artinthepark.com).

## • Iart Festival

The festival, which runs 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, July 20 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 21, at The Marquee of Redford Township, 15145 Beech Daly, Redford Township, includes juried artist booths, theater, dance, music, creative writing, food, art demonstrations and live entertainment. Free arts workshops in music, literature and visual arts run noon-5 p.m. both days. Stop by one of the interactive art stations and make music, paint, write and sculpt. Visit [www.rpaconservancy.org](http://www.rpaconservancy.org).



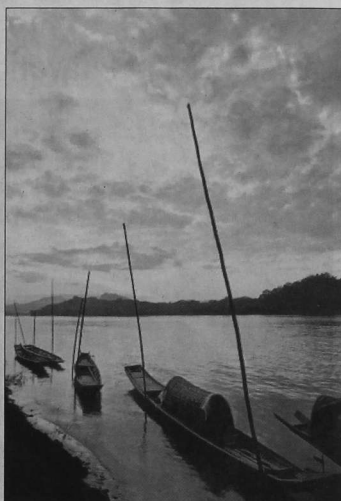
Robert Koss of Farmington Hills shows some of his handcrafted wood items. He'll be on hand at Art Birmingham Saturday-Sunday, May 11-12.

## • The Ann Arbor Art Fair

More than 1,000 artists will sell their works in this four-day, four-fair extravaganza of art, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, July 17-19 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 20, in and around Ann Arbor. The event consists of the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair, The Ann Arbor Summer Fair, The State Street Area Art Fair, and the South University Art Fair. For more information, visit [www.artfairs.visitannarbor.org](http://www.artfairs.visitannarbor.org).

## • Milford Memories Art in the Village

More than 200 exhibitors sell their works, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 11 in downtown Milford. Music, a Civil War encampment, rock wall, children's activities, and other events are scheduled in addition to the art fair. Visit [milfordmemories.com](http://milfordmemories.com).



Doug Remien of Farmington will sell his photos at Art Birmingham, Saturday-Sunday, May 11-12, in downtown Birmingham.

## • 16th Annual Ford Arts, Beats &amp; Eats

This event, held Labor Day weekend, offers an art fair with more than 150 booths, as well as continuous entertain-

ment, food and other activities, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Aug. 30-Sept. 1 and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 2, in downtown Royal Oak. Visit [artsbeats-eats.com](http://artsbeats-eats.com).

## SPRING

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in July and another Birmingham show in September. Several of the shows will be held out of state, which gives her a chance to "see this wonderful USA, work and have fun, too."

"I don't need extra vacations."

## Painting, nursing

Spraul travels to her native Germany at least annually to visit family and photograph the flower fields and gardens that inspire her paintings.

She "always painted" while growing up on a farm in Renchen-Ulm, a small town near the Black Forest. Spraul studied nursing in college and later worked at a hospital, taking classes at a nearby art academy in her spare time. When she moved to Bloomfield Hills in 1994, she continued her art instruction with private classes. She and her husband also raised two children, a son who is in medical school, and a daughter who graduated from the University of Michigan last year.

Three years ago the couple moved to Livonia, where Spraul works out of her studio at home.

"Everything is perfect here. When I look out the window there is a pond with a fountain. It's very inspiring."

For more about Spraul's paintings, visit [barbarakagallery.com](http://barbarakagallery.com). For more about Art Birmingham, a juried show with 150 artists, go to [ArtBirmingham.org](http://ArtBirmingham.org).



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## Chili lovers can sample their favorite fare at Livonia cookoff

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Gary Ray hopes to boost interest in the Michigan State Chili Cookoff and Car Show by holding it this weekend in Livonia.

The event, which was held in various locations over the past few years, starts at 9 a.m. with chili cooks setting up their tables, and ends at 4:30 p.m. with judges announcing the winners. The competition, sanctioned by the International Chili Society (ICS), is set for Saturday, May 11 at Monahan Knights of Columbus, 19801 Farmington Road, south of Eight Mile. Its title refers to Michigan, the state, not the university.

"Years ago it was held at The Lark restaurant (West Bloomfield) and then it went to various other venues. The guy running it got busy and it got to the point that they would throw up a tent in the middle of a parking lot and nine or 10 cooks would show up," said Ray, an avid chili cook and a Livonia resident. "I wanted to start bringing it back to its old way."

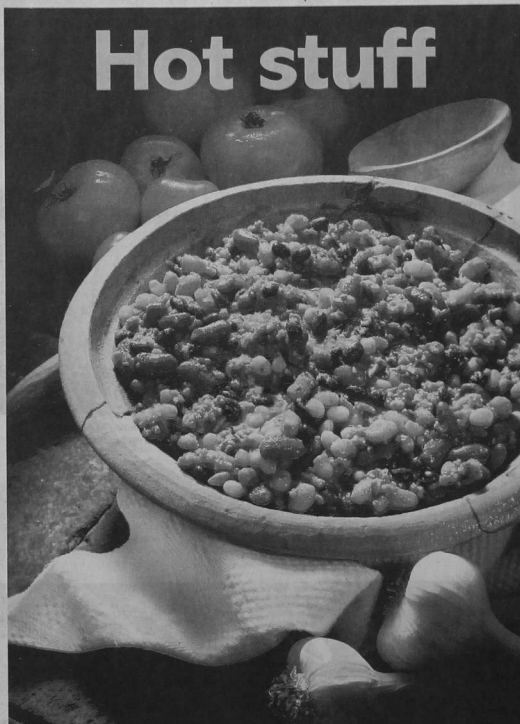
Ray and his wife, Lauren, won the ICS's world championship in the chili verde competition in 2008 and 2011. Top winners in the Michigan State Chili Cookoff's chili verde, salsa and red chili categories will win the right to compete in a world championship.

Ray said the Livonia event has drawn entrants from six states.

"I think we've got 35 (cooks) in the traditional red chili. There probably will be four world champs in red and probably three in chili verde will be there and two or three in salsa. Lauren and I won't be cooking in it because we're putting it on."

Ray began participating in chili cookoffs after watching a friend compete.

"I like cooking. I made my own chili at home and goofed



Taste competitive and "People's Choice" chili at the Michigan State Chili Cookoff and Car Show Saturday, May 11, in Livonia.

around with it. It took a number of years to get my first win, but it's fun."

He said he enjoys meeting other cooks and describes competitors as friendly and helpful. He recalled watching the wind take down his cooking booth during an event in Illinois.

"It wasn't 10 minutes later that, whatever I lost in the crash, everyone ran over and gave me their extras."

Lauren initially helped while he cooked and then a few years into their hobby, decided to cook with him.

### Unlimited samples

Admission to the Michigan State Chili Cookoff and Car Show is a \$10 donation at the door for adults and \$5 for children, 12 and under. Proceeds will benefit the Penrickton Center for Blind Children.

Visitors get unlimited tastings of the competitive chili and salsa, along with the cooks' non-competitive "People's Choice" entries.

Judging for salsa will be at 1 p.m., for chili verde at 2 p.m., and for red chili at 3 p.m.

Ray said suggests that the public arrive any time after 11:30 a.m.

"That's when the serious cooking is going on," he said. "A lot of people find it fascinating to find out how we do it on site. They'll get to see the cooking."

Several baskets, including one with a garden-theme and another filled with lottery tickets, will be raffled during the cookoff.

Ray said classic car owners are welcome to participate in the car show outside the venue at no charge.

For more information about the Michigan State Chili Cookoff and Car Show, call Ray at (734) 422-2744 or e-mail to laurenray@sbcglobal.net. For more about the ICS visit [chilicookoff.com](http://chilicookoff.com)

## Celebrate spring with an egg-cellent outdoor brunch

Take advantage of warmer weather by hosting an outdoor brunch with egg-tastic recipes that are sure to please your friends and family.

**Here's a list of items to consider when preparing for your outdoor brunch:**  
**Angelic Eggs** – Take hard-boiled eggs, remove the yolks and combine with mayonnaise, chopped salmon, dill, Tabasco Original Red Sauce and salt; then refill the egg whites and serve.  
**Dog-Day Fruit Skillet** – Combine your favorite fresh fruits, such as strawberries, blueberries and raspberries, with orange juice, orange peel, and honey.

**Classic Bloody Mary** – Combine tomato juice, vodka, Worcestershire sauce, lime juice and Tabasco Original Red Sauce; stir, and pour over ice. Garnish with a celery stalk.  
**For more brunch recipes, visit [www.Tabasco.com](http://www.Tabasco.com).**

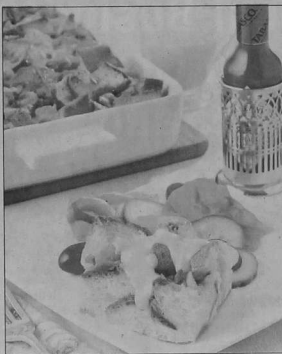
### Eggs Benedict Casserole

Makes 6 servings

- 6 cups French bread, cut into cubes
- 12 large eggs
- 1/2 cups milk
- 3 tablespoons fresh chives, chopped
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 1/2 tablespoons Tabasco Original Red Sauce, divided
- 12 ounces Canadian bacon, chopped
- (8-ounce) package Hollandaise sauce

Preheat oven to 350° F.

Place French bread cubes in 8-cup shallow casserole dish. Beat eggs, milk, chives, salt and 2 tablespoons Tabasco sauce in large bowl; stir in Canadian bacon. Pour over bread cubes. Let mixture stand 5



Eggs Benedict Casserole

minutes. Bake 40 minutes or until mixture is puffed and set.

Meanwhile, prepare Hollandaise sauce as package directs. Stir in 1/2 teaspoon of Tabasco sauce. Keep warm until ready to use.

Serve casserole with warm Hollandaise sauce.

### Peppered Bacon & Egg Biscuit Sandwich

Makes 4 servings

- 8 slices bacon
- 2 tablespoons Tabasco Original Red Sauce
- 8 large eggs
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 teaspoons butter
- 4 large baked biscuits, halved
- 4 slices American cheese

**Preparation**  
 Heat oven to 400° F. Place bacon slices on a baking sheet with sides or in a large casserole

dish and brush generously with Tabasco Sauce. Bake until crisp; about 18 minutes.

Remove to a paper-towel lined plate and set aside.

In a medium bowl beat together eggs, milk, salt and black pepper. Melt butter in a skillet over medium-low heat. Add the eggs and cook, stirring often, until set; about 5 minutes.

Divide the cooked eggs into 4 portions. Place 1 portion of eggs, 2 slices of bacon and 1 slice of cheese on each of the 4 biscuit bottoms, cover with the 4 biscuit tops and serve.

### Steak & Eggs Breakfast Tostadas

Makes 4 servings

- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 2 1/2 tablespoons Tabasco Original Red Sauce
- 4 (6-inch) corn tortillas



Steak & Eggs Breakfast Tostadas



Peppered Egg & Bacon Biscuit Sandwich

- 6 large eggs
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 cup chunky salsa
- 8 ounces cooked skirt steak, thinly sliced
- 1 ripe avocado, peeled, pitted and diced
- Fresh chopped cilantro

Preheat oven to 350° F. In a small cup, combine olive oil and 1/2 teaspoon Tabasco Sauce. Brush tortillas with mixture and bake 15 minutes or until crisp.

In a medium bowl beat eggs, salt, and remaining 2 teaspoons Tabasco Sauce. Melt butter in 12-inch skillet over medium heat. Add egg mixture and stir gently, lifting up bottom as it thickens to allow uncooked egg to run underneath. Cook and stir until desired doneness is reached.

To serve, top each tortilla with salsa, sliced steak, eggs, and avocado. Sprinkle with cilantro.

### Spinach, Tomato and Parmesan Frittata

Makes 4 servings

- 6 large eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 1 teaspoon fresh thyme
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3 cups loosely packed chopped fresh spinach
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 1 tablespoon Tabasco brand Original Red Sauce
- 1/2 cup chopped tomato, seeds removed
- 1 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to broil. In a small bowl, whisk together eggs, milk, thyme, and salt. Melt butter in 10-inch oven-safe skillet over medium heat. Add spinach and sauté until just wilted, about 1 minute. Whisk Tabasco Sauce into egg mixture, lower heat to medium-low, and pour in eggs. Cook for 2 minutes, stir, and continue cooking until bottom is set, about 2

more minutes. Sprinkle the top with chopped tomato and cheese.

Place skillet under the broiler and cook until frittata is golden, 5 minutes. Let sit for 5 minutes and serve.

### Baja Breakfast Wraps

Makes 4 servings

- 1 cup cooked, diced chicken breast
- 1 cup tomato salsa
- 1 tablespoon Tabasco brand Original Red Sauce
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 4 large eggs, beaten
- 8-inch flour tortillas
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup guacamole

Combine the chicken, salsa and red sauce in a small saucepan set over medium-high heat. Cook and stir until ingredients are hot and liquid evaporates; about 5 minutes. Keep warm.

Heat olive oil in a small skillet over medium heat. Add the eggs and cook, stirring often, until set.

Warm tortillas according to package instructions. Spoon eggs into warm tortillas; top with chicken mixture, cheese and guacamole. Roll each tortilla into a tight cylinder, burrito style. Serve immediately.

## Survey says: Buying a home can bring a young couple closer together

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Joe and Katie Allen are working to move into their new Superior Township home, which they've been fixturing up the last six months.

"Hopefully getting to the end of it," he said. "Classic money pit." In the meantime, the Allens, both 32, are staying with their children, 3 and 5, at her parents' home in Canton.

The Allens sold their first Canton home in January. "Long-term value" is what he cites as an advantage of owning.

"We don't usually struggle to be on the same page," he said. He's the "make it happen person" on the home while his wife handles interior design.

They're doing 90 percent of the work themselves, and knew what it would cost, said Joe Allen, who owns an industrial parts distribution company. His wife is a homemaker.

Advice: It's give to other young couples buying a home

depends on the person and situation. Allen cautions against major changes if you're not on solid footing in your relationship now.

You need to prepare, he said, have your down payment in place and anticipate costs.

"Just have a good willingness to roll with what comes along," and plan, he said.

It's good to learn from others' experiences, Allen added.

John North, chief operating officer of Troy-based Coldwell Banker Wei Manuel, agrees. "I think it speaks to the value of home ownership," said the 50-year-old Birmingham resident.

A recent survey done by Coldwell Banker Wei Manuel showed that many couples 18-34 are buying homes and, if done right, that can strengthen a relationship.

Millennials are waiting later to marry, North said. "Their belief that home ownership is part of the American dream. I think young people are acutely aware of that."



North purchased a home before he was married, and now lives with his wife in Birmingham. He too has words of wisdom for younger couples.

"They have to decide their needs and wants, and be willing to compromise," North said. Honesty's essential, and couples must be open about finances.

Planning ahead, even 10 years down the road, is also essential, he said, as is having fun. "There's probably nothing more rewarding," North said. "Enjoy it, have fun with it."

He agreed with Allen's assessment on the financial aspect of owning a home. "There's no question that home ownership throughout the years has proven one of the best investments," North said.

"Prices are on the rise pretty much across the board." Realtor North, in the field with CBWM for 15 years, said of the local market. "We're encouraged about the fact Michigan's doing a great job of attracting more jobs. We're encouraged and excited about the future."

He said younger couples now are more focused but also interested in home ownership.

"We see the value of it, we know what it means to have home," North said of older buyers. "It helps bring a family together."

He's been with CBWM his entire real estate career, and is encouraged by the local market. "Homes are available in every price range," North said, noting recent events have made bigger homes more affordable for younger couples.

The new study from Coldwell Banker Real Estate LLC uncovered that about one in four married couples between the ages of 18-34 purchased their first home together before their wedding date, compared to 14 percent of those ages 45 and older. According to the survey, 35 percent of all married couples purchased their first home together by their second wedding anniversary, and 40 percent of married homeowners who purchased their home while married said it did more to strengthen their relationship than any other purchase they made together.

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## Forcible entry suit doubtful

By Robert Meisner  
Guest Columnist

Q: My parent's home has been foreclosed upon, but I have remained in possession despite notice that the agent for the closing purchaser intended to enter the premises and remove my parent's belongings while I was out of town. However, the agent entered the premises, removed the belongings, changed the locks, and strived to "no trespassing" sign to the door. Do I have any basis to sue for forcible entry and detainer as well as conversion, which I am told are possible remedies?

A: Probably not based upon a recent decision from the State of Maryland which on similar facts found that a land owner's right to re-enter a premises unlawfully forfeited by a purchaser in common law, so long as that re-entry was peaceable, which was apparently the case here.

The legislative procedure for obtaining a sheriff's writ of possession was only an alternative available to the landowner, which did not abrogate the common law right of self-help. The court also indicated that public policy supported the reasonable use of self-help in forcible repossession.

However, you should check with your own attorney to see whether in fact the law in your jurisdiction may be different.

Q: We have a policy that allows one dog at the breed with no size, weight or breed limitations. A co-owner wants to bring a pit bull into the condominium and we are concerned about that dog staying here. What can we do?

A: You may not have any basis to keep the dog out unless you amend your bylaws to restrict certain types of breeds. However, while Michigan has enacted liability policy with respect to dog bites, not all states do which led to a decision by the Maryland Court of Appeals which had to deal with the "one-bite rule" which holds that a victim must prove that the dog was dangerous or the bite was due to the negligence of the dog owner before liability is established. However, the Maryland Court of Appeals rejected the one-bite rule when the dog is a pit bull saying that pit bulls are "inherently dangerous," and a dog owner — and a landlord who allows the dog to reside in a rented apartment — could be held strictly liable. Moreover, the court in that case said "It is not necessary that the landlord (or the pit bull's owner) have actual knowledge that the specific pit bull involved is dangerous." Similarly, in a recent Kentucky Supreme Court case, the ruling was that a landlord who permits tenants to keep dogs could be as liable for the dog bite as the owner of the dog.

You are best advised to speak with your community association attorney and/or if you are a landlord to take the appropriate precautions.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling, and Operating a Condominium*. It is available for \$24.95 plus \$5.55 for tax, shipping and handling. *Condo Living 2* is available in both print and e-book editions. The e-book is available for download through iTunes, Amazon.com, and BarnesandNoble.com. He is also the author of *Condominium Operating Manual*, *Getting a Staying on the Right Track*, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2.20 for tax, shipping and handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit [bmesner@meisner-law.com](http://bmesner@meisner-law.com). This column should not be construed as legal advice.

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 14-18, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

<b>CANTON</b>	
7425 Admiralty Dr	\$230,000
309 Cherry Hill Pointe Dr	\$161,000
6095 Cherry Orchard Rd	\$146,000
8750 Columbia Cir	\$143,000
7813 Corbin Dr	\$165,000
46490 Kreskide Ct	\$228,000
41515 Haggerty Woods Ct	\$145,000
39757 Hillary Dr	\$125,000
4546 Hunters Cir E	\$64,000
43110 Keystone Ln	\$185,000
1660 Mantion Blvd	\$185,000
648 Merrimac Rd	\$115,000
2076 S Brookhill Ln	\$77,000
3405 Riverside Ct	\$196,000
3339 Riverside Dr	\$185,000
1580 W Lakeview Ln	\$102,000
44205 Westminster Way	\$151,000
GARDEN CITY	
29418 Alvin St	\$26,000

31521 Book St	\$52,000
31314 Donnelly St	\$35,000
26352 Beatrice St	\$50,000
32116 Florence St	\$70,000
271 Helen St	\$79,000
32444 John Hawk St	\$45,000
<b>LIVONIA</b>	
29646 Barkley Ln	\$127,000
20382 Beatrice St	\$50,000
17311 Bell Creek St	\$157,000
11300 Brookfield St	\$155,000
14232 Cavel St	\$95,000
36245 Club Dr	\$301,000
36276 Club Dr	\$30,000
14038 Denne St	\$130,000
17111 Dolores St	\$117,000
17121 Dolores St	\$95,000
14639 Ellen Dr	\$136,000
11698 Farmington Rd	\$128,000
18225 Fremont St	\$126,000
15937 Gary Ln	\$210,000
35621 Hees St	\$130,000
14112 Henry Ruff St	\$85,000
11422 Ingram St	\$162,000
8942 Knollon Ave	\$162,000
32593 Lenox St	\$132,000
18787 Mayfield St	\$238,000
15610 Nora Park	\$163,000
14055 Hales Cir	\$120,000
26803 Parkhurst Ave	\$215,000
19019 Stamford St	\$204,000

36985 Vargo St	\$180,000
11849 Westbrook Dr	\$215,000
2829 Westmore St	\$60,000
9409 Westwind Dr	\$141,000
1482 Yale St	\$160,000
<b>NORTHVILLE</b>	
16356 Brookwood Ct	\$217,000
42199 Crestview Cir	\$338,000
39715 Golvieview Dr	\$515,000
18994 Grande Vista Dr	\$100,000
406 Mountainview Dr	\$285,000
41624 Rayburn Dr	\$252,000
36742 Waterstone Estates Cir	\$500,000
17488 Williamsburg Ct	\$563,000
<b>PLYMOUTH</b>	
644 Adams St	\$183,000
49659 Draper Cir	\$110,000
698 Jenner Pl	\$112,000
732 Kellogg St	\$47,000
41813 Lindsay Dr	\$215,000
717 McKinley St	\$252,000
614 S Harvey St	\$123,000
9609 Southworth Ave	\$120,000
11741 Spicer Dr	\$185,000
46671 Strathmore Rd	\$295,000
14845 Thoroughbred Dr	\$173,000
<b>REDFORD TOWNSHIP</b>	
8855 Appleton	\$32,000
18239 Delaware Ave	\$26,000
15407 Gaylord St	\$48,000
9639 Hemingway	\$45,000

16052 Knight	\$34,000
11345 Laverne	\$42,000
12829 Laverne	\$44,000
12006 Nathalie	\$60,000
18428 Neve	\$48,000
8654 Riverview	\$25,000
11401 Winston	\$70,000
<b>WESTLAND</b>	
27538 Ann Arbor Trl	\$100,000
39149 Armstrong Ln	\$92,000
36011 Avalonide St	\$36,000
33224 Bertram Dr	\$84,000
36142 Canyon Dr	\$85,000
31958 Charlevoix Ct	\$120,000
35221 College St	\$130,000
8003 Coventry St	\$25,000
613 Dawson Ct	\$105,000
35521 Dove Trl	\$83,000
32500 Grandview Ave	\$82,000
36231 Hazelwood St	\$80,000
8689 Ingram St	\$119,000
33772 Lacrosse Dr	\$80,000
30215 Marshall Ct	\$86,000
33309 Mill Race Cir	\$85,000
5865 N Christine	\$127,000
5719 N Parent St	\$20,000
36051 Nelson Cir	\$127,000
520 Pattinagill St	\$119,000
1303 Sharon St	\$60,000
1267 Surrey Hts	\$105,000
33100 Woodworth Ct	\$50,000

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 26-28, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

<b>BEVERLY HILLS</b>	
31851 Beverly Ct	\$220,000
30279 Embassy St	\$125,000
<b>BIRMINGHAM</b>	
570 Aspen Rd	\$680,000
638 Devey St	\$1,400,000
200 Greenwood St	\$800,000
1742 Mansfield Rd	\$274,000
311 Willis St	\$245,000
<b>BLOOMFIELD HILLS</b>	
1462 Inwoods Circle Ct	\$1,245,000

1295 Forest Ln	\$375,000
4146 Meadow Way	\$189,000
97 Whysall Ln	\$63,000
<b>BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP</b>	
5330 Franklin Rd	\$1,525,000
6659 Vachon Ct	\$240,000
4170 Valley Forge Rd	\$262,000
6180 Westmoor Rd	\$260,000
278 Westwood Dr	\$1,350,000
615 Windsor Run	\$330,000
711 Wooddale Rd	\$345,000
<b>COMMERCE TOWNSHIP</b>	
2941 Gabriel Dr	\$115,000
3730 Yassin Dr	\$55,000
<b>FARMINGTON</b>	
31708 Sherwood St	\$65,000
<b>FARMINGTON HILLS</b>	
26801 Oakwood Dr	\$165,000
21417 Archwood Cir	\$135,000
30022 Astor St	\$123,000
22520 Brady Ln	\$229,000

37420 Emerald Forest Dr	\$243,000
21326 Flanders St	\$115,000
28890 Glendale St	\$200,000
21811 Hancock St	\$200,000
28917 Hidden Trl	\$275,000
30097 Kingsway Dr	\$180,000
30064 Old Bedford St	\$152,000
29177 Hilden Trl	\$113,000
27983 Quail Hollow Ct	\$135,000
21674 Rosevelt Ave	\$17,000
30535 W 14 Mile Rd #1	\$41,000
<b>FRANKLIN</b>	
25155 Franklin Park Dr	\$511,000
<b>MILFORD</b>	
876 Panorama Ct	\$89,000
780 S Milford Rd	\$65,000
3805 S Shoreline Dr	\$610,000
<b>NORTH LEE</b>	
327 Baseline Rd	\$270,000
21137 S Glen Haven Cir	\$100,000
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41626 Clemens Cir	\$370,000
22007 Greentree Ln	\$223,000
22366 Lancaster Ct	\$416,000
22209 Pondview	\$104,000
41880 Quincy Dr	\$125,000
<b>SOUTH LYNN</b>	
968 S Parkwood Dr	\$179,000
783 Westbrook Dr	\$279,000
<b>SOUTHFIELD</b>	
27325 Arlington Dr	\$142,000
24240 Evergreen Rd	\$37,000
19490 Goldwin St	\$35,000
24331 Lathrup Blvd	\$69,000
16022 Mount Vernon St	\$70,000
20191 Norwood Dr	\$50,000
15801 Pioneer Dr # 04f	\$30,000
24256 Lamark Trl	\$115,000
<b>WHITE LAKES</b>	
8497 Cedar Island Rd	\$145,000
9098 Timber Trl	\$130,000

### REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

#### Career seminar

Classes start May 20, and are two times a week Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-10 p.m. for five weeks. Learn about a real estate career at Remerica Hometown, 41025 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Contact Chris or Nicole at (734) 459-6222. Classes are \$99 pre-registered and \$124 if paid at the door.

#### Become an agent

Remerica of Michigan is offering a Preliminary Training for persons wishing to become licensed real

estate agents. The next class begins Monday, May 20, at 6 p.m. and runs Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-10 p.m. for five weeks (no class Memorial Day). The address is 41017 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

The cost is \$99 for the 40-hour class and the book. To register, call Holly at (734) 459-4500.

#### Keller Williams seminar

Learn about the \$50,000 income guarantee at a career seminar 6:30-7:30

p.m. Thursday, May 16, at Keller Williams Realty, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth. For information, contact Jim Raines, (734) 459-4700 or [jmraines@kw.com](mailto:jmraines@kw.com); [email: jmraines@kw.com](mailto:jmraines@kw.com).

#### Assessment collection

The Meisner Law Group, P.C., announced that Robert M. Meisner will be conducting a seminar on Wednesday, May 15, from 6-8 p.m. covering the assessment collection dilemma.

This seminar is designed for board members and officers, managers, developers, and association members living in or working with a condominium or community association. Explore how to successfully navigate the new challenges in assessment collections for a condominium. Cost is \$45 for UCOM members (\$65 per person for nonmembers of UCOM). For registration information, contact United Condominium Owners of Michigan at [www.ucomonline.org](http://www.ucomonline.org), (248) 352-8490; e-mail: [info@ucomonline.org](mailto:info@ucomonline.org).





