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## Duck whisperer

Canton firefighter Tom Muller is being recognized by at least one person in the community — and several in the water fowl community — for actions taken Thursday morning to save five baby ducks.

An eyewitness to the scene saw Muller reach into the water from a manhole on Lilley Road, using a long net to pull them out of a manhole. According to the witness, the "very upset" mother duck was "waiting to see her babies again." Once the babies were all safe, the mother herded them safely across Lilley Road, with Muller holding up traffic until the duck family cleared the street.

## Senior Health, Fitness Day

As the 20th National Senior Health and Fitness Day is celebrated Wednesday, May 29, across the U.S., the Canton Senior Center will again offer special events and activities from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. that encourage seniors to "Think Healthy, Eat Healthy, Act Healthy... Be Healthy," which is the 2013 theme of the day.

Area seniors age 55 and older will have the opportunity to enjoy free programs and events at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway. Scheduled speakers and topics include financial wellness information from Hantz Financial; and safety and simple exercise tips to prevent falls from Heartland Health Care Center of Canton. The Detroit Medical Center will provide free blood pressure testing.

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Walker-Winter students were at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill to see "Tarzan, the Stage Musical," put on by Forever After Productions as part of a field trip sponsored by Schuler Inc. and the Canton Partnership for the Arts and Humanities.

# Command performance

Grant gives students special viewing of 'Tarzan'

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

One by one, students from Walker-Winter Elementary School filed into the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. And, one by one, they marveled at the high, muralled ceilings and the vast expanse of the 400-seat auditorium in which they were about to see the Forever After Productions presentation of Tarzan.

The wide-eyed faces and ear-to-ear grins were enough to let Jill Engel know the day was going to be a success.

"Look at their faces," said Engel, executive director of the Canton Partnership for the Arts & Humanities, which arranged the field trip for 346 students from Walker-Winter, a Wayne-Westland school located in Canton.

The trip was made possible through a \$3,500 donation from Schuler Inc. — a metal forming systems company headquartered in Canton — the arts partnership and Forever After Productions.

## Made possible

It's a trip that wouldn't have been possible for students at Walker-Winter, where a high number of students are identified as at-risk, according to the school's principal, Julie Mytych.

"We feel fortunate the partnership and Schuler gave us this opportunity to bring our entire school to see a live stage performance," Mytych said. "It gives us an opportunity we might not have had. It was very generous."



Aidan Raszowski, Deshawn McKellery and all the Walker-Winter students practice theater manners before the show.

"The trip came about after a conversation between Engel and Mytych. Engel approached Schuler about sponsoring the trip, and the Canton firm — which earlier donated \$5,000 apiece to the Science Olympiad and

Lightning Robotics teams — readily agreed.

"Schuler is committed to helping the neighborhood and the children," said Kelly Mistalski, a buyer for Schuler and a member of the company's Community Service Team. "For the children, opportunities in the

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# Canton Cup is rich in tradition

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

Canton Cup, a huge soccer tournament that draws young players, families and spectators every Memorial Day weekend, marks its 31st year as founder Phil LaJoy reflects on humble beginnings.

His sons, Todd and Chris, still played youth sports when LaJoy, then-president of the Canton Soccer Club, led the charge to spearhead the inaugural tournament as its first director, years before he became a township trustee, state representative and second-term township supervisor.

"I kind of wanted to have a tournament in the community where kids could enjoy soccer and have an opportunity to play other teams from all over the country," LaJoy said. What began as a Memorial Day weekend competition that drew 80 teams had spiraled to 780 teams in 2011 before gradually decreasing to 577 teams this year — a number organizers say is ideal.

"That's a perfect number for us," Darrell Noel, tournament director, said. LaJoy has a sense of pride in realizing how the Canton Cup has matured.

"It's quite an event," LaJoy said. "It's a pretty exciting time. I started it with the help of a lot of other people. It's a pretty special weekend."

## Cup overflows

Abe Vinitzki, Canton parks and sports supervisor, estimated soccer players, their families and fans will number as high as 35,000 when the Canton Cup returns Friday through Sunday to Independence and Heritage parks and the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park high school fields, with Griffin Park as a backup location.

Some estimates place the attendance closer to 40,000. It's a number organizers say is difficult to pinpoint exactly. Noel said the number of players alone is expected to reach 9,000. As the competition approaches, Vinitzki said a rainy April has left local fields "very plush" as Canton Leisure Services workers have begun their task to get the community ready. Soccer players ages 8-19 are set to take the field.

"We're going to be in good condition," Vinitzki said.

LaJoy's vision has evolved into a massive community event that has put Canton solidly on the soccer map. He served as director for several years and then credits others with carrying on the legacy.

One of those directors — attorney and former township Trustee Greg Demopoulos — assumed the helm for a few years ending in 2006 and helped expand the tournament from

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Kevin Dare, equipment operator with Canton Township, mows the soccer fields at Independence Park.

# Ceremony, concert on tap to honor vets

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

On the 20th anniversary of the Canton Veterans Memorial in Heritage Park, Canton will pay tribute Memorial Day to veterans who lost their lives, ended up missing in action or became prisoners of war while fighting in this country's wars to defend freedom.

"It's important to honor those

who died in service to our country," said John Spencer, a Vietnam veteran and longtime president of the Canton Veterans Memorial Association.

Spencer confirmed that a ceremony has been scheduled for 1 p.m. Monday, May 27, at the Canton Veterans Memorial, where veterans and their supporters have gathered each year since the memorial was dedicated in 1993. The public is encouraged to attend.

In other Canton ceremonies, the BeckRidge Chorale has scheduled Memorial Day performances for 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill to honor veterans. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at www.beckridgechorale.org or by calling (888) 459-4887. Jennifer Tobin, Canton arts coordinator, said the BeckRidge Chorale performances, titled "Because of the Brave," draw

large audiences.

"That's why they do two performances," she said. "They did not want to turn people away."

BeckRidge Chorale's website describes the program as containing "musical and visual elements in a stirring remembrance to our greatest heroes."

Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said he plans to make

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# County breaks ground on new First Responders Memorial

Wayne County officially broke ground Thursday on the new First Responders Memorial, honoring its fallen first responders of fire/EMS and police departments.

"This memorial will stand as a permanent tribute to honor and remember the brave men and women whom, while on-duty for a Wayne County community, selflessly made the ultimate sacrifice to protect and serve us all," Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano said.

Cpl. Gregory Hattaway of the Wayne County Sheriff's Department led a prayer thanking all of the men and women who serve as first responders, including firefighters, EMTs and police officers. Hattaway asked that "these workers be protected from harm and danger."

The late Brian Wochke, a 29-year-old Wayne-Westland firefighter who died in the line of duty earlier this month, was singled out for his service in Hattaway's prayer.

The First Responders Memorial, to be located on Hines Drive and Hagerty Road in Plymouth Township will include monuments, set walls, concrete walkways, a paver plaza, site furnishings, plantings as well parking and lighting.

The memorial is designed by Hamilton Anderson Associates. The building of the project will be completed by The Gordian Group, as well as Sorenson Gross Construction.

Completion of the project is slated for September 2013.



Lt. Dan Atkins of the Plymouth Township Fire Department takes part in the ground breaking.

In February, Ficano hosted Wayne County commissioners, mayors, fire/EMS, police chiefs and union representatives for the initial unveiling of the memorial renderings.

In addition to the First Responders Memorial project, Wayne County Parks will host its initial Marathon and 5K Run the morning of Saturday, Oct. 5. The run will begin at the western end of Hines Park and finish at the new memorial. Wayne County Parks is partnering with Running Fit in producing the event. Proceeds from the races will go toward maintenance

of the First Responders Memorial.

The Wayne County First Responders Memorial is funded through the parks millage. The millage is a levy that helps to ensure maintenance and upkeep for parks throughout Wayne County.

To register or get more information on the races, go to [www.herosonhines.com](http://www.herosonhines.com). For information on events in Wayne County and Wayne County Parks, go to [www.waynecounty.com](http://www.waynecounty.com).

Ficano talked about how the location was selected.

"People ask me why we have chosen this particular site as a memorial," he said. "The short



Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano speaks about the First Responders Memorial which should be completed in September.

answer is that this is the only place in Hines Park that doesn't flood, so that made it more attractive. More importantly, we wanted a place that was serene and respectful," Ficano said he would be taking part in the 5K race.

James Bowens, Vietnam veteran and public safety commissioner of Lincoln Park, spoke of his son Matthew Bowens, a Detroit police officer who was shot in the line of duty in 2004. Bowens lost his wife nine months later. Determined not to let his son's death get the best of him, Bowens instead became an advocate.

"There is what I call a fraternity that we all belong to, of tragic death. If you aren't in that fraternity, you can't come in, unless you've paid the ultimate sacrifice," Bowens said. "I may have lost a son, but I gained about 3,000 more," he said, in reference to all of the first responders he has befriended since his son's death.

— Correspondent Ashley Kennett contributed to this story.

## Worker frightens off intruder

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

A worker arriving to perform chores at a Canton home scared off an intruder who stole jewelry and possibly some cash, Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said.

The incident happened around 6 p.m. Thursday at a home on Lilley Road south of Cherry Hill, not far from St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church.

The intruder had entered the home after he broke out a window on the back of the house, Schreiner said. "No one was home at the time," he said.

The suspect, described only as a tall, thin, white male, is believed to have fled with small valuables such as jewelry and cash, a preliminary

investigation indicated.

"He was seen running out of the house," Schreiner said. "He was scared off by an acquaintance of the homeowner who was going there to do some work."

It is believed that a female driver may have been waiting for the suspect in what was described as a small black car, possibly a Pontiac.

No further description of the intruder or the car was known Friday.

The incident remained under investigation, and Schreiner said anyone who has information is urged to call the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400.

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remarks honoring veterans when he addresses a crowd during the Memorial Day weekend Canton Cup soccer tournament.

Spencer, meanwhile, said the ceremony by the Canton Veterans Memorial is expected to include the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer, remarks by him, the singing of *God Bless America*, the reading of war poem *In Flanders Field* and possibly an honor volley and a performance of *Taps*.

The Canton Veterans Memorial, at a cost of about \$100,000, was dedi-

cated in 1993 after veterans and their supporters raised money to build it. It includes brick pavers with the names of fallen service people and the service emblems for the U.S. Army, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard.

The memorial brick pavers include names of veterans from the Civil War to the war in Afghanistan.

Veterans used to have their Memorial Day ceremonies next to a flagpole by the Canton Administration Building before the memorial was built.

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House manager Sue Dyer leads Walker-Winter Elementary students in to the theater.

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arts in school are dwindling. This was such a good opportunity for us it was hard to resist."

### Perfect fit

Performers for Forever After Productions, the youth troupe based out of the Village Theater, quickly came on board, willing to stage a special matinee performance for the kids.

Co-owner Debby Ash said the group was happy to oblige when they were approached.

"We did it mostly for the kids, but also because of the support we've gotten from the partnership and from Schuler, as well," Ash said. "It was really a good fit for us."

Third-grader Alyssa Smyth, an 8-year-old from Canton, said she was excited to be in the audience.

"I want to see the play," Alyssa



The buses arrive. Second-graders Austin Raszkowski and Arrissa Woods are ready for the field trip to begin.



Deshawn McKellery and Aidan Raszkowski check out the Village Theater before the show begins.

said. "It's exciting because everyone gets to see it together."



Kelly Mistalski and Crystal Begin both work for Schuler Inc. in Canton, sponsors of the field trip.

That was music to Engel's ears.

"It gives kids a glimpse at more of the opportunities and things they can do in the world," Engel said. "It spikes their imagination and their creativity. When you can bring young kids and expose them to arts and culture at that age ... they'll remember this for the rest of their lives."

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## CANTON CUP

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fewer than 200 teams to 600. His now-adult children, George and Anastasia, played the sport.

"The township has so much to offer in terms of fields that we could easily expand this thing," Demopoulos said. "With the growth of the Internet, it became easy to get the word out. By 2006 we had grown to 600 teams. We always tried to do things to make it fun and not just about soccer."

### Good team

That meant organizing the former Soccer Hop Dance for older teens at High Velocity Sports, bringing in teams such as the Michigan Bucks and setting up inflatable where younger children could play. Much like LaJoy, Demopoulos said he had "a good team" of Canton Cup organizers to help him as the event grew.

"It was a source of a lot of pride for me," Demopoulos said. "Every year we would have post-tournament meetings to talk about improving it. It's like the Mafia — once you get involved in the Canton Soccer Club, they won't let you leave."

Local officials say the Canton Cup also has eco-

nomic benefits as the crowds spill into local restaurants, hotels and other businesses.

"The impact is significant," LaJoy said. "It's an economic success."

Demopoulos agreed. "To me it's a great showcase of what our community has to offer," he said, citing an influx of visitors on a holiday weekend when many Michigan communities lose people to visits Up North and other places. "If it wasn't for the tournament, Canton would probably be dead that weekend."

Noel, in his third year as director, is hoping for near-perfect weather next weekend. His first year, torrential rains and threatening conditions forced an early end to the tournament.

"Last year it was really, really nice," Noel said. Noel, who followed John Vaughn as director, lauded the directors who came before him.

"I don't think the current success of the Canton Cup would be anywhere near the success it is without the leadership of the previous directors," he said. "I'm the benefactor of all their hard work."

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## School board honors long-time teacher

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

Sue Welker has loved her Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and, especially, its students for more than 30 years. On Tuesday, the district returned some of the love.

Welker, an English teacher for more than 35 years in the district, was honored by the district's Board of Education with its Extra Miller Award in recognition of her remarkable career.

Welker, who began teaching in the district in 1977, was remembered Tuesday for, among other things, the mural project she's shepherded at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park and her interaction with students over the years.

Among other nota-



SHELLEY ENRIGHT

Retiring teacher Sue Welker accepts flowers from Salem High School English teacher Shelley Ketcham-Bates after Welker was presented with the Extra Miller Award Tuesday. Board of Education Trustee Kim Crouch made the presentation.

ble Welker accomplishments are the annual student photography trip to New York and her work with humanities students on projects such as the Park's celebration of Cinco De Mayo.

"The (murals) have left a true legacy in the district," Board of Education trustee Kimber-

ly Crouch said Tuesday. "Truthfully, it's difficult to sum up what she has done and what she has meant. She has lit the path for so many students and encouraged them to unlock their potential."

Welker was nominated for the award by Plymouth High School assistant principal Jay Blay-

lock and retired administrator Jerry Sullivan. Blaylock called Welker an "amazing" teacher and said when he tried to sum up Welker's career, the word he kept coming back to was "inspirational."

"She doesn't accept failure from the kids," Blaylock said. "She takes it personally when a student fails. She's an inspiration in that way to the rest of the staff."

Sullivan said he had a dual impression of Welker, both from a colleague's point of view and that of a parent of students in the district. Though his kids "never had Mrs. Welker," Sullivan pointed out, they still pointed to the work done in the Park's humanities program as "some of the hardest they've ever done. (Welker) was

part of the birth of that department, part of the development of that department."

Sullivan also praised the murals, created under Welker's tutelage.

"They do more than beautify the school," Sullivan said. "They invigorate, they challenge, they cause people to think." Sullivan said he got to observe Welker at work this past school year as part of the new teacher evaluation process.

"I saw children interacting in ways you often-times don't see," he said. "The level of discourse and level of engagement was just astounding."

Sharon Streen is a former assistant principal at Salem High School who supervised, among other things, the English program.

She said she "had 18

wonderful years" observing Welker.

"It was one of the most exciting classrooms you could ever be in," Streen said. "She's just a remarkable teacher. She has excited students beyond belief."

Welker, who admitted health issues were leading her into retirement, praised the work of her colleagues as a key reason for any success she's attained.

She also said she's proud to have touched children's lives.

"I can't tell you how incredibly amazing it is to know I have changed people's lives," Welker said. "I wish everyone could feel as honored and privileged, as I do to have been given that opportunity."

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### ON CAMPUS

#### Geography greatness

Alex Zygmont of Canton, an eighth-grade student at Discovery Middle School, advanced to the finals of the Michigan National Geographic Geography Bee held at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo.

Alex competed among 100 students from around the state in the competition sponsored by Plum Creek and Google. Individual bees were held earlier in the school year with fourth through eighth grade students to determine each school's bee winner. Then winners submitted a qualifying test to the National Geographic Society. From those tests, the top 100 scoring students were invited to compete at the State competition.

Alex posted a perfect score in the preliminary round and then survived a tie-breaker round to whittle the tough competition down to 10 students for the final round. Alex has a passion for geography and picked up much of his knowledge through his love of history and playing strategic games.



Alex Zygmont of Canton advanced to the finals of the Michigan National Geographic Geography Bee at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo.

#### Olivet College

Lindsey Winters, a junior from Plymouth (Canton High School), was awarded the first Olivet College David Cutler '65 Fellowship during the college's annual Honors Convocation in April.

Created to honor local alumnus David Cutler, the Cutler Fellowship is a merit award granted to a student entering his or her junior or senior year of study in mathematics, science, and/or computer



Winters

science, and/or computer science at Olivet College during his or her year as a "Cutler Fellow."

A double major in math and computer science, Winters holds a 3.79 grade point average and has been named to the Dean's List and President's List numerous times throughout her college career. She is a member of Olivet's Society of Hosford Scholars, Sigma Zeta honor society, Association for Women in Mathematics and Mathletes. She is also a member of the women's soccer team and the Student Athlete Advisory Com-

mittee. Winters plans to pursue a career in mathematics, utilizing her skills in data analysis and programming.

#### Vanderbilt University

Joseph Alan Klarr was among the students at Vanderbilt who made the Dean's List this semester.

Klarr, a senior, attended the school's College of Arts and Sciences, majored in Spanish. He's the son of Susan and Alan Klarr of Canton.

#### Siena Heights

Senior Kara Bell-Brey of Plymouth was honored by the Humanities Division at Siena Heights University.

Bell-Brey received the division's Outstanding Student Award following SHU's annual Spring Honors Convocation ceremony April 26. She graduated in May with a bachelor's degree in English.

Bell-Brey is a Westfield High School graduate and the daughter of Michael Brey.

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• Tuesday, May 28, 1:30-7:15 p.m., St. Michael's Lutheran Church

• Wednesday, May 29, 12:30-6:15 p.m., Tonda Elementary School

**Details:** The American Red Cross sponsors blood drives during the above times at the scheduled locations. Appointments can be made, but walk-ins are welcome.**Contact:** To make an appointment for any of these drives contact Diane Risko at (913) 549-7052 or email [Diane.Risko@redcross.org](mailto:Diane.Risko@redcross.org)**JAZZ @ THE ELKS****Date/Time:** Tuesday, May 28, 7-10 p.m.**Location:** Elks Lodge #1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth**Details:** The Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780 brings back another fine series of Jazz @ The Elks. The evening features the Terry Lower Trio with vocalist Edye Evans-Hyde, with Terry playing Keyboard, Ray Tini on Bass, and Jim Ryan on drums. There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres.

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**Contact:** For more information, call (734) 453-1780 or email [plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com](mailto:plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com).**CALLING ALL CRAFTERS****Date/Time:** Saturday, Oct. 19, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**Location:** West Middle School, Ann Arbor Trail and Sheldon, Plymouth**Details:** Crafters wanted for Delta Kappa Gamma's 29th Annual Craft Show. Proceeds from the show will be used to support college scholarships for local students focusing on careers in education.**Contact:** Call or email Judy at (734) 347-1001 or [lbstone71@comcast.net](mailto:lbstone71@comcast.net) or Alice at 248-248-9610 or [dachrenko@hotmail.com](mailto:dachrenko@hotmail.com)**MEDICARE/MEDICAID COUNSELING****Date/Time:** Wednesday, June 5, 1-3 p.m.**Location:** United Home Health Services, 2200 Canton Center, Suite 250 in Canton**Details:** United Home Health Services offers free counseling with a certified MMAP (Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program) Counselor. The counselor can help understand Medicare/Medicaid eligibility and the various plans, apply for Medicaid, research and enroll in Medicare Part D drug insurance, understand Medicare supplemental plans, find pharmaceutical assistance programs, identify and report Medicare/Medicaid fraud and abuse issues, and explore long term care insurance options. No reservations necessary.**Contact:** United Home Health Services at (734) 981-8820 or visit the MMAP website at [www.mmapinc.org/pages/about.html](http://www.mmapinc.org/pages/about.html)**BIPOLAR SUPPORT****Date/Time:** Second and fourth Tuesday of the month, 6-7:30 p.m.**Location:** Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon, Suite 1608 in Plymouth.**Details:** The Depression Bipolar Support Alliance is a self-help group for people suffering from depression and bipolar disorders.

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**Contact:** Call Nancy at (734) 536-3457 for directions.**CRAFTERS WANTED****Date/Time:** Sept. 6-8, during Fall Festival hours**Location:** Plymouth**Details:** Organizers say it's not too early to send in an application for a booth in the Plymouth Fall Festival Craft Show. The spaces are limited and are filling up quickly. Applications are available on the Craft Show page at [www.plymouthfallfestival.com](http://www.plymouthfallfestival.com).**Contact:** For more information contact Colleen Brown [craftshow@plymouthfallfestival.com](mailto:craftshow@plymouthfallfestival.com) or (734) 455-1614.**DIABETES SUPPORT****Date/Time:** 2nd Thursday of the month, 2-3:30 p.m.**Location:** Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main**Details:** The Plymouth Lions Club is sponsoring a new Adult Diabetes Support group. Fern Vining, a registered nurse, certified diabetes educator and Plymouth Lion, will be the group facilitator. There is no charge to attend. Topics for discussion will focus on understanding diabetes and self management strategies.**Contact:** Call Fern Vining at (734) 454-0859.

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# Coalition offers grad tips for safe grad season



Susan Nicholas, executive director of the Garden City Community Coalition, is involved in the Show You Care, Be Aware campaign.

By Sue Buck  
Staff Writer

The Garden City Community Coalition for the Prevention of Substance Abuse together with the Garden City Police Department are again launching an awareness campaign during graduation season.

The "Show You Care, Be Aware Campaign" was launched before prom last weekend.

More than 300 letters were mailed to parents of graduating seniors from Garden City Police Chief Robert Muery.

"Make it an experience you will be proud and pleased to remember," Muery said.

He wants the season to be marked with pleasant memories.

"Too often this celebration can lead to a lifetime of grief for family members when a loved one drinks and drives or is a passenger in a vehicle driven by someone who has been drinking and becomes involved in a serious or fatal crash," Muery said.

Zero tolerance to minors under the age of 21 will be enforced.

"Full and complete application of our local ordinance and state law will be levied against anyone found in possession of alcohol or drugs, or any minor who has been drinking alcohol or using drugs," Muery said.

"There will be no warnings and no one will be allowed to just 'pour it out,'" Muery said.

There will also be zero tolerance for loud parties. Because parents have the greatest influence on the decisions teens make, he asks that they do not provide alcohol or drugs.

"It not only sends the

wrong message, but it is illegal and dangerous," Muery said.

## Tips for parents

The coalition also included a tip sheet.

Parents or older siblings will often rent a hotel room and leave the graduate and friends unsupervised.

"Anyone who furnishes to a minor will get arrested," said Susan Nicholas, executive director of the coalition. "They have the right to track back and see where the booze came from."

Parents need to be aware of teen guests coming to their house after visiting and drinking at a chain of homes prior to arrival at theirs. If they leave drunk, they are responsible after leaving the house and get into an accident.

"You still become part of the possession chain, especially if you know that they were drunk," Nicholas said.

It is illegal to serve alcohol to minors, or to allow minors to have alcohol on your property. Parents should only send out paper invitations and limit the number of people who may attend. Use paper, not e-mail invitations, in order to cut down on the information being sent to large numbers of people who aren't invited.

Parents should notify the parents of any teen who shows up under the influence or shows up with alcohol in their possession. Lock up all valuables, alcohol, prescription medications, firearms, and any other items that could be hazardous, in a safe place.

Early on, parents need to establish family rules and make sure they are followed when away from

home. "Don't allow underage teens to have unsupervised parties, or to attend unsupervised parties," Nicholas said.

## What to do

Parents should know if their teen is attending a party and contact the parents in charge to verify the details.

"It's always good for parents to be on the lookout for the best interest of their kids," said Liz Shalhoub, coalition assistant. "Anytime that we can send them out a tip sheet to give them ideas is always helpful."

Shalhoub hopes that parents will contact the coalition with any questions.

Verify that alcohol will not be allowed at the party. Set a curfew for your teen. Set up an agreement with your teen that they may call you to pick them up any time. Don't allow your teen to attend parties that seem inappropriate. Stay in the loop. Become familiar with your teen's friends and their parents. Don't be afraid to remind other parents that Michigan has Zero Tolerance Laws.

"Be proactive," Nicholas said. "Support the Garden City Community Coalition's mission to promote alcohol-free and drug-free parties and activities for underage youth."

Shalhoub added that they wanted to include current enough information to attract parents' attention.

"All we can do is try," Shalhoub said. "Even though they may be 18, they are still young and need their parents to be there for them."

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In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law attorney Bleske has written a book for attorneys about the

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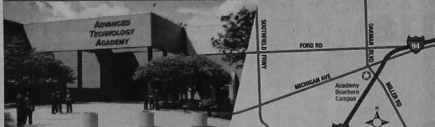
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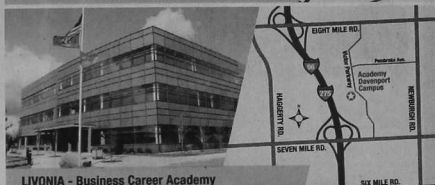
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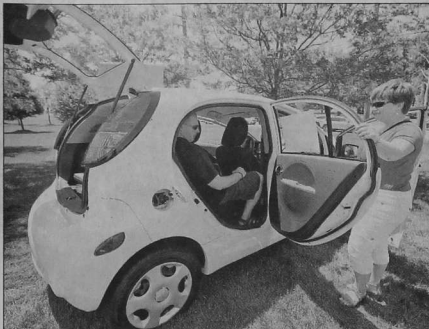


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Visitors at the 2012 EV show check out a Mitsubishi i-MiEV.

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The free show (and rally), the largest event for EV owners and exhibitors in the Midwest, takes place on the main campus (Parking Lot North) at Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads.

The public is invited to see all kinds of EVs and plug-in hybrid cars up-close, talk to the owners and ride or drive many of the cars around the Schoolcraft campus.

The EVs include Ford Motor Co.'s C-MAX and Fusion; Chevrolet's Volt; Nissan's Leaf; Tes-

la's Roadster and Model S; Mitsubishi's i-MiEV; Detroit Electric Roadster; Toyota's Prius Plug-In; Think EV; Smart EV; plus electric scooters and performance EV motorcycles.

Other vehicles on display will include conversions like Chevy S10, Austin Healy Sprite, Fiat X19, Ford Escort, PT Cruiser, Porsche Boxter and even an electric jet-ski. Highlights of the event in recent years have been a 1916 Detroit Electric, a 1976 Citicar and drag-pull racing electric tractors.

"This is the largest event of its kind in the Midwest," said Larry Tuttle, president of the Michigan Electric Auto Association. "Besides learning all about the latest EV technology and talking to people who drive EVs every day, visitors can 'Ride and Drive' and watch the OEM and conversion EVs compete in an exciting Solo Autocross Race."

Event co-sponsors are Schoolcraft College and

the Michigan Electric Auto Association in partnership with Clean Energy Coalition, DTE Energy, Greening Detroit and O&E Media. Event organizers see the show as an educational and entertaining way to raise awareness of the general public about electric vehicles.

Several vendors who provide equipment, services and resources to the EV industry and EV owners will be on hand, including DTE Energy Electric Vehicle Program; Charge Now and Clipper Creek charging stations; Sunvertis; Protean Electric; McNaughton-McKay Electric Co.; and many others.

Refreshments will also be available. Jacques's Tacos will be onsite selling gourmet food from its mobile food truck.

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# Teen volunteers not too young to care

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Bhavana Tetali, 18, isn't a physician just yet, but she's well on her way.

The graduating Novi High School senior was among teen volunteers at Providence Park Hospital in Novi honored during a Teen Celebration the evening of Monday, May 13.

Definitely exposed me to a lot of the subfields of medicine, said Tetali of her more than 300 hours of volunteering, which started in her junior year at Novi High.

She volunteered in labor and delivery, pediatrics and oncology.

Tetali was glad she could talk to doctors and nurses about their work. "I want to be this person in 10 years" was her reaction.

She's headed to Wayne State University in the fall for an eight-year program that will guarantee medical school admission and education.

Some 150 teens volunteer in a year at the hospital, said Kathy Zaguruli, manager, Volunteer Services.

She was among speakers that evening who praised the students and their parents.

"Don't stop now," Zaguruli said of volunteering. "Hopefully you've learned something here that can continue."

She urged teens to look into spring break mission trips in college.

"You get more than you give," said Zaguruli, who's glad she volunteered at her two children's schools. "Try that's where you're making a life," she added in paraphrasing British Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

The Providence Park League, the membership group of hospital volunteers, annually awards teen volunteers \$100 if they complete 100 of volunteer service hours at the hospital and stay actively volunteering throughout the school year. In addition, they award scholarships to graduating seniors who are selected through a competitive application process. This year, there were 27 students receiving \$100 awards and eight scholarship recipients.



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Mitchell Robinet pushes a wheelchair through the hall of Novi's Providence Park Hospital on May 13. The Northville High senior, and other students, were recognized for their volunteering efforts at a scholarship and awards gathering that night at the hospital.

ing \$100 awards and eight scholarship recipients. This year's scholarship recipients are: Bhavana Tetali, Novi High School; Kristen Zayan, Northville High School; Kristina Stellhorn, Walled Lake Western High School; Katherine Chen, Plymouth Salem High School; Mitchell Robinet, Northville High School; Jacob Winter, Northville High School; Cayley D'Ascenzo, North Farmington High School; and Ziqing Huang, Novi High School.

All are receiving a scholarship ranging from \$300 to \$800 in addition to the \$100 award.

Awards and scholarships were presented by Patricia Poirier and Kathryn Loren. Poirier is president-elect of the Providence Park League, Loren lead for the Teen Volunteer Program.

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## Two Career Tech students honored in poster contest

Brandon Detherage and Kalee Widener, both seniors at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center in Westland, were awarded second and third place, respectively, in the high school, computer generated poster category of the statewide 2013 Arson Awareness Poster Contest.

Detherage received a cash award in the contest which was sponsored by the Michigan Arson Prevention Committee (MAPC) and the Michigan Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI). Detherage's teacher Steve Paulsen received a matching award for the school's art efforts.

The contest, open to students enrolled in grades 7-12, is a joint effort by the two anti-arson groups to increase the public's awareness about the devastating effects of arson in Michigan. Posters were judged on their illustration of the negative aspect of arson, such as fire deaths, injuries, job losses, community decay and moral destruction.

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Brandon Detherage and Kalee Widener, both seniors at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center, placed second and third place in the high school, computer generated poster category of the statewide 2013 Arson Awareness Poster Contest.

third-place winners were selected in each of three categories: middle school-aged students, high school aged students, and students who submitted computer generated works. More than 250 entries were received by the anti-arson groups.

The Michigan Chapter of IAAI represents nearly 1,000 individuals dedicated to investigating fires and combating arson. The organization sponsors numerous training programs held throughout the

state for fire personnel. The MAPC represents police and fire services, the insurance industry, private business and many governmental entities.

The MAPC sponsors a number of educational and public information programs, as well as maintaining a tip-reward program. Rewards of up to \$5,000 are available for information leading to the arrest and/or conviction of arsonists. The toll-free tip line is 1-800-44-ARSON.

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# Cancer's last century: A fight worth finishing

By Abigail Stonerook  
Guest Columnist

Every time I hear the statistic that one in every 100 Americans participates in a Relay For Life event—the signature event of the American Cancer Society, as well as the largest non-profit fundraiser in the world—I am consistently astounded.

But new, real statistics indicate that one in two men and one in three women—almost half the population—will be diagnosed with cancer in his or her lifetime. The fact that one in 100 Americans is a Relay is only indicative that we all share in this fight.



Abigail Stonerook

Society's 100th birthday, I have given significant thought to the common denominator of our investment in this fight—the urgency to end cancer, the resources we give to make it happen, and not knowing who our actions will impact first. This common thread is recognizable in the actions of the

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volunteers and staff I work with, as well as my own story.

I began working at the American Cancer Society last July as a Relay For Life Staff Partner while my friend Hillary was still aggressively fighting the eight-year battle she lost to melanoma just a few months later. In Hillary's last days—days before her 26th birthday—a friend prompted us to "Give generously, as Hillary always gave to others." Her call to action drew me back to a moment with Hillary in April of 2012 when she demonstrated this selflessly.

## 'People like me'

I had raised money to shave my head at an event to fundraise for cancer research. As Hillary, still with long locks, cut off my ponytail, the emcee asked her who she was doing this for (referring to the donation she made to slice my hair), to which she replied, "People like me." In the middle of a clinical trial and knowing the odds were not in her favor, Hillary gave generously not to save her own life, but hoping that her actions might save someone else's.

And they have. For the past century, thanks to the generosity of the ACS's tireless

volunteers, donors, and staff, the ACS has led the most aggressive assault on cancer—saving lives by funding ground-breaking research, establishing screening guidelines, cancer prevention, making sure cancer patients have a ride to treatment and a place to stay, banning smoking in public places across the United States, and ensuring now two out of three people survive cancer, just to name a few.

This Wednesday, May 22, the American Cancer Society's Official Sponsor of Birthdays, will recognize its 100th birthday and the progress made in those 100 years. And while two out of three people surviving cancer is certainly something worth celebrating, it is the gateway into what the American Cancer Society is calling "cancer's last century"—when three out of three people will survive cancer, or cancer will be a disease of the past—a long lesson in history.

## Fighting back

I don't know about you, but when I read or hear

"cancer's last century," my eyes fill up. Perhaps it's because cancer floods my vocabulary, my email, my conversation, my heart, my volunteers, my life (well, my job, but it's basically my life). Or because of the volunteers who say, "You knew the right words to say," or my colleague who, after Hillary's death, said, "Now we fight back." We all share this fight.

In order to make the next 100 years cancer's last century, we need your help. Boldly join me, my colleagues, and thousands of volunteers by taking up this fight we all share. Because silence won't finish the fight—only action will.

Let's finish the fight. To make noise and take action, join us for the "Moment AGAINST Silence birthday celebration" on May 22nd by signing up at [www.cancer.org/fight](http://www.cancer.org/fight).

Abigail Stonerook is an American Cancer Society Relay For Life Staff Partner in the communities of Garden City, Plymouth, Shelby Township and Westland-Wayne—working with tireless volunteers to finish the fight.

## CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2013 / 2014 PROPOSED CITY BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Monday, June 3, 2013, at 7:00 P.M. in Kellogg Park, or in the Commission Chambers of City Hall at 201 South Main Street in the event of inclement weather, for the purpose of discussing and receiving public comments on the proposed 2013 / 2014 City Budget.

### Proposed 2013 City Millage Rates

The property tax millage rates proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. The following statements are provided concerning the 2013 proposed millage levies for the City of Plymouth:

- The 2013 tax rate for City operating millage is proposed to be 11.3834 mills, which is the same as the 2012 operating tax rate. The City Commission has the authority under the City Charter to set the operating millage rate within the maximum allowed rate of 11.3834 mills, as adjusted by the Headline millage roll-back formula.
- The 2013 tax rate for debt service millage to fund debt service requirements for the 2004, 2008, and 2012 General Obligation Street Bond issues is proposed to be 3.0700 mills, which is 1000 mills higher than the 2012 tax rate.
- The 2013 tax rate for City solid waste and recycling millage is proposed to be 1.7200 mills which is the same as the 2012 tax rate.
- The total City millage for all purposes is proposed to be 16.1734 mills for 2013, which is 1000 mills higher than the 2012 total city tax rate.

### Equalization Factors

Wayne County established tentative 2013 equalization factors of 1.0389 for the residential class of property, 0.9913 for the commercial class of property and 0.8646 for the industrial class of property. Since the City has adjusted assessments for all property classes for 2013 by the proposed factors, all 2013 equalization factors will be set at 1.0000.

### 2013/2014 Proposed City Budgets

The budgets for the various funds of the City of Plymouth are proposed for 2013/14 as follows:

Revenues	Expenditures
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	
Property taxes \$4,763,438	Administration \$1,314,120
Licenses & Permits 5,100	Buildings & Grounds 375,270
Federal Grants 28,000	Police Department 3,410,670
State-shared Revenue 809,260	Fire Department 780,560
Sales of Service 677,020	Public Works Dept 645,820
Cemetery Revenue 141,000	Other Functions 114,000
Parking Revenue 80,000	Capital Outlay 81,750
Other Revenue 790,380	Debt Service 191,930
Transfer-In 630	Transfers-Out 385,670
<b>REVENUE TOTAL \$7,294,790</b>	<b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL \$7,294,790</b>
<b>MAJOR STREET FUND</b>	
Gas & Weight Tax \$ 370,520	
Contrib & Other 300	
<b>REVENUE TOTAL \$ 370,820</b>	<b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL \$ 370,820</b>
<b>LOCAL STREET FUND</b>	
Gas & Weight Tax \$ 149,030	
Contrib & Other 95,240	
<b>REVENUE TOTAL \$ 244,270</b>	<b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL \$ 244,270</b>
<b>RECREATION FUND</b>	
Contrib. From G/F \$ 200,000	
Prog. Fees & Other 853,570	
<b>REVENUE TOTAL \$1,053,570</b>	<b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL \$1,053,570</b>
<b>WASTE &amp; RECYCLING FUND</b>	
Property Taxes \$ 707,490	Operating Expenses \$1,110,570
Sales of Service 403,080	Debt Expenses -0-
<b>REVENUE TOTAL \$1,110,570</b>	<b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL \$1,110,570</b>

Revenues	Expenditures
<b>OTHER CITY FUNDS</b>	
Plym Community Youth Advisory Comm Fund \$ 1,020	\$ 1,020
Parking Fund \$ 47,210	\$ 47,210
DDA Operating Fund \$ 880,980	\$ 880,980
Building Fund \$ 385,060	\$ 385,060
Neighborhood Services Fund \$ 136,780	\$ 136,780
Brownfield Re-Development Authority Fund \$ 316,400	\$ 316,400
Brownfield Site Remediation Fund \$ 44,910	\$ 44,910
Drug Law Enforcement Fund \$ 14,000	\$ 14,000
OWI Forfeiture Fund \$ 10,080	\$ 10,080
Omnibus Forfeiture Fund \$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
2003 LTGO Debt Fund \$ 40,923	\$ 40,923
2004 GO Debt Fund \$ 432,680	\$ 432,680
2006 LTGO Debt Fund \$ 121,820	\$ 121,820
2008 GO Debt Fund \$ 500,270	\$ 500,270
2010 LTGO Debt Fund (DDA) \$ 234,050	\$ 234,050
2012 GO Bond & 02 Refunding Bond Debt Fund \$ 368,620	\$ 368,620
2012 WS Refunding Bond Debt Fund \$ 220,200	\$ 220,200
Public Improvement Fund \$ 54,550	\$ 54,550
Recreation Capital Improvement Fund \$ 4,050	\$ 4,050
DDA Capital Improvement Fund \$ 172,500	\$ 172,500
2012 GO Bond Construction Fund \$ 1,220,120	\$ 1,220,120
Water / Sewer Capital Improvement Fund \$ 735,050	\$ 735,050
Water / Sewer Operating & Maintenance Fund \$ 4,419,010	\$ 4,419,010
Equipment Fund \$ 688,620	\$ 688,620
Cemetery Trust Fund \$ 12,600	\$ 12,600

### Transfers between Appropriations

As provided in State law, the general appropriations resolution is proposed to allow the City Manager to transfer up to ten percent (10%) of each appropriation to any other appropriation within each fund, but not from Reserve Accounts nor between funds.

### Copies of Proposed Budget Available

A complete copy of the 2013 / 2014 City Budget is available for public inspection at the City Clerk's office during regular business hours, and also at the Plymouth District Library during its regular hours of operation.

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC  
City Clerk

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## Sky Zone holds benefit for fallen firefighter

Sky Zone Canton, franchise partner of the world's first indoor trampoline park, will host a fundraiser Tuesday, June 4, in support of the family of Brian Woehlke, the Wayne-Westland firefighter who died while fighting a blaze in a Westland strip mall.

Sky Zone Canton will donate up to \$7 per jumper between 4 and 9 p.m. that day to the Westland Firefighters Charity for Woehlke's wife Jennifer and Ava, their 13-month old daughter.

When we were asked by a member of the Wayne-Westland firefighter community to hold this fundraiser, it was an easy decision," said Colleen Fitzgerald, owner of Sky Zone Canton.

"Many area firehouses are pitching in to promote the event; we'll do everything we can to help this family during

this very difficult time." Individuals under 18 years of age must have their waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian. Waivers can be completed and tickets can be purchased online.

Rates will be \$10 per 30-minute jump and \$14 per 60-minute jump. Service fees may apply. Sky Zone Canton is at 42555 Executive Dr., Canton, MI 48188. For more information on fundraisers, donations or to purchase tickets, visit the Sky Zone Canton website at [www.sky-zone.com/canton](http://www.sky-zone.com/canton).

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# MADD specialist helps victims of drunken driving

By Sue Buck  
Staff Writer

Angel Harris is touched by all the real-life stories about people who have been affected by drunken driving.

Harris, a Garden City resident, is a victim services specialist for Troy-based Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

With MADD for almost a year, Harris, 31, talked about how she helps.

"My role is to provide services for victims of drunk driving crashes whether they were injured in a drunk driving crash or are bereaved by somebody they loved who was in a drunk driving crash," she said.

Harris points out that the definition of "victim" is broad. This could be someone injured in a drunken driving crash or somebody who had their property hit in such a crash.

"That could be that their car was hit or their house was hit but they weren't injured," Harris said.

If people call in and don't know what to do, MADD will provide crisis counseling, to help them figure that out.

"We go to court with them," she said. "We assist them with the crime victim's compensation paperwork so they can apply to be compensated for out-of-pocket expenses, lost wages and therapy."

Harris also acts as a general advocate and provides referrals for therapy and counseling which focuses on the victim's particular type of grief.

**'Difference in grief'**  
"There's definitely a

difference in grief, if somebody loses somebody because of an illness and losing somebody in a sudden, tragic way," Harris said. "You may not have been in the vehicle but you have this post-traumatic stress and images and dreams of what happened and what you loved ones went through."

Harris's background is in psychology and social work. She has a bachelor's degree in psychology. Prior to her position with MADD, she had eight years of social work experience working with different populations. She also has five years experience in community mental health and is versed in motivational interviewing.

Harris has also become active in the Garden City Community Coalition and volunteers her time with executive director Susan Nicholas. Harris is also working with driver's training classes.

She has a large coverage area which includes Wayne, Washtenaw, Monroe, Lenawee, Jackson and Hillsdale counties. She has served 46 victims since October.

"Some people just want us to send them information, like documents and brochures," Harris said. "Some people want referrals, and some want us to meet with them and go to court with them."

## Helping victims

MADD also assists them in writing their victim impact statements which they can read to the judge before the offender is sentenced.

Harris also reaches out to people who she



Garden City resident Angel Harris is a victim's services specialist for Mothers Against Drunk Driving. She also volunteers with the Garden City Community Coalition.

hasn't met. If she learns the name of the victim of a crash, she will reach out to them with a "We Care" card. Many people don't know that MADD does victim services which they have done for their entire 32-year existence.

Harris values working with victims at whatever level is needed.

"MADD doesn't have a time limit," she said. "We will stay connected with a victim for as long as they need us. Anybody who is affected by the loss of somebody is considered a victim with MADD. I have met some amazingly strong people who have survived a loss that I could never imagine."

All of MADD's services are free. For more information about MADD, call Harris at (248) 528-1745, ext. 2654.

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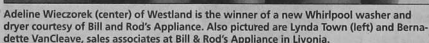
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er and dryer. "We, at Bill & Rod's Appliance, were thrilled to have so many join us at our grand opening and that we were able to give a brand new washer and dryer to such a wonderful family," said Kim and Linda Legato — owners of Bill and Rod's — and Joe Legato, general manager. The owners want all contestants to know that they "read every single

In addition to the winners, the family-owned business also awarded a refurbished washer and dryer to Tom Bedford Jr. of Detroit.

"Our hearts went out to Mr. Tom Bedford Jr., a Korean War veteran," said the Legato family.

Nearly 700 entries were received for the contest conducted in cooperation with O&E Media.

**By Rick Bloom**  
Guest Columnist

**Q:** Dear Rick: I am 75 years old and in January of each year I take my required minimum distribution. I use that along with my Social Security to cover my living expenses. This year, my minimum required distribution was about \$35,000. In my retirement accounts I have made a number of bad investments that never paid off. Most of those investments I have written off because they went into bankruptcy. Recently, one of my investments jumped in value and I'm actually going to make money. Is there anything I can do with the investments that are worthless? Can I somehow deduct those on my tax return? Do I need to take more money out than I did in January because one of the investments I had jumped dramatically in value? I want to make sure that I don't run into any problems with the IRS.

**A:** When it comes to computing required minimum distributions, the value that you use in making your computation is the fair market value of your accounts as of Dec. 31 of the previous year. Therefore, to determine your required minimum distribution



Rick Bloom

**Rick Bloom** the jump in value of this investment occurred this year, it would not enter into the computation for your 2013 required minimum distribution.

Unfortunately, you cannot deduct losses when they occur in a retirement account. The reason is with a typical retirement account like an IRA or a 401(k), your cost basis is zero. In order to deduct losses on a tax return, the cost basis would have to exceed the sales price. When you have a zero basis, technically, under tax law, it wouldn't matter what the sales price is because with the basis being zero there are no losses to deduct.

I know this sounds a little crazy because, of course, you paid for the investment. However, we always have to remember that when it comes to retirement accounts such

as an IRA or 401(k), you are investing pre-tax dollars; thus, you have never paid tax on the money contributed into those plans. That is why other than in a Roth IRA, whatever is distributed to you from an IRA is taxed to you. The fact that you had losses in that account only means that there is less money that you have available to withdraw and also, what goes hand in hand with that is if there is less money to withdraw, there's actually less money to pay taxes on.

It is important when you look at your portfolio that there is an overall strategy as to what type of investments go into a retirement account and which ones go into a non-retirement account. For example, since IRAs and retirement accounts grow tax deferred, I generally want ordinary income-producing investments in those accounts. On the other hand, with investments that produce capital gains, I prefer those outside the retirement account. The reason for this is that I would rather defer ordinary income which is taxed at a higher bracket than capital gains which are taxed at a much lower rate.

Good luck!

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



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# SPORTS

## Canton Cup's slice of new Americana

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Baseball long has been considered America's pastime.

But in 2013, youth soccer could be a contender for that title — especially as the 31st annual Canton Cup tournament gears up to take over the township over Memorial Day weekend.

With a new all-American, red-white-and-blue tourney logo, 577 boys and girls teams from Michigan and across the Midwest will convene at Independence Park and three other Canton venues for soccer, soccer and more soccer.



or.

The tourney gets going at 5 p.m. Friday and continues through Sunday, May 26, with Memorial Day as a fall-back rain date as usual.

"There's just an amazing

growth of soccer in this area," said Canton Soccer Club's Darryl Noel, in his third year as tournament director.

### Tradition counts

Noel noted that although the logo is retroed from time to time the Canton Cup "experience" remains the same as it's always been.

"Nice, simple, red-white-and-blue, staying with the tradition," said Noel, about the logo. "We have the two different things that make up the Canton Cup itself. We have the high-level, quality soccer tournament

itself. And we also have the Canton Cup experience that we use around that.

"The inflatables, the (Michigan) Bucks game, a lot of the food vendors, different things we have at our parks to be able to have a family-friendly, high-quality event."

Although the popularity of soccer remains strong, Noel did say several factors contributed to a drop in the number of registered teams from last year's 690 to 577.

He cited bad spring weather along with Memorial Day weekend falling one week earlier on the schedule as reasons.

"A lot of the recreational teams in the area in general were down (in membership)," Noel explained. "The problem with the recreational side is, teams don't form until the beginning of April, so they don't really get to understand what teams they get to have and if they want to do a tournament."

Also, more tournament options are slicing into the Canton Cup pie.

"There's a lot more options, teams are traveling further," Noel said. "That's why the Canton Cup is still relevant."

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### REGIONAL TRACK & FIELD MEET

## 'Cats win regional crown

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

It looks like Jon Mikosz will get to keep his beard for a while.

The head coach of Plymouth's varsity boys track and field team grew the facial hair during the off-season but pledged not to shave it off if the team went on to have success.

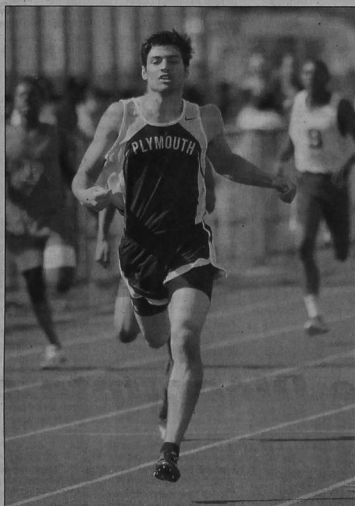
"We kind of had a thing that if we would keep winning the division and moving on I wouldn't shave it," Mikosz said. "So we kind of let it go."

Mikosz will have to keep it because the Wildcats Friday won the Division 1 boys regional with 107 points on a sun-splashed day at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

The Wildcats automatically qualified as a team for the June 1 state finals in East Kentwood.

Also qualifying was second-place Dearborn (86.50) along with individual qualifiers from Observeland teams such as Salem (fourth, 67), Livonia Churchill (fifth, 60), Livonia Franklin (sixth, 49.50), Canton (seventh, 47), Westland John Glenn (ninth, 29), Garden City (10th, 27.50) and Wayne Memorial (15th, 11).

"We won it four years ago, my first year as coach, this is second in school history so it's good for these guys," Mikosz said. "It was a total team effort. I think we scored in every event except



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Plymouth senior Lucas Bunting maintains his lead in the 400-meter dash during Friday's Division 1 regional.

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By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

A turbulent season for Plymouth High School athletics continued with Friday's announcement by district co-athletic director Tom Willette that Wildcats' varsity baseball coach Bryan Boyd resigned due to "personal reasons."

Willette announced in a letter to team players and parents that Boyd's assistant coaches, Brett Wells and Pat Durocher, also stepped down and that Mike George will assume coaching responsibilities for the remainder of this season.

George took over for Friday's practice and will guide the Wildcats Monday as they play in the KLA A Kensington Conference tournament.

"The focus for the remainder of the season is simple: unite the team, have fun, and play competitive baseball," said Willette in his letter. "We appreciate your support as we move forward, and sincerely appreciate Coach George and his staff for leading the team."

The move came at the end of an investigation of several parent complaints. Attorney Rick Convertino, one of

the parents eager to see a change, said the group was "looking forward to the resurrection" of the program.

"We're looking forward to moving ahead with a new coaching staff that reinvigorates the program," Convertino said. "The main message is that this is about the boys, and it's about moving forward in a positive light."

Assisting George will be former Wildcats player Brad Lineberry with Madonna University assistant baseball coaches Stu Rose and Ted Faulkner joining the staff.

Willette said the current junior varsity and freshman coaches will remain in their respective capacities until the season concludes and that JV coach James O'Connor also will help George with varsity duties.

Plymouth sported a record of 12-8 overall and 10-6 in the KLA A South Division as of Friday, according to the KLA A web site.

Boyd was put on administrative paid leave the week beginning May 6 for reasons undisclosed by Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

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## Family man Tomasso taking a coaching break

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

With a new wife and baby boy on the way, it was time for Canton varsity boys soccer coach George Tomasso to leave the program he has been instrumental in building over the past decade.

Yet one gets the feeling Tomasso will be back sometime in the future to coach his beloved Chiefs, a team he helped to compile a 142-25-19 record at the helm from 2003-12 (not including his record coaching Canton's girls team).

His strong connection to Canton soccer goes back into the mid-1990s, when he played goalkeeper for the Chiefs under then-coach Don Smith and helped win a state title in 1994. Several years followed

Salem soccer coach Ed McCarthy also stepping down, B3

as an assistant coach and he started racking up numerous titles shortly after taking over as head coach in 2003 — right up to the 2011 state championship.

"It was a really tough decision, probably one of the toughest decisions I ever had to make," said Tomasso recently. "Because when you fall in love with a job, or you fall in love with what you're doing it's truly hard to let it go."

"We're (he and wife Kristy) having a baby boy in late June and kind of had to balance everything out. There's just not enough energy to go around."

Tomasso married Kristy in December and needed several

months to decide whether he would be able to juggle his growing responsibilities as a family man with coaching (he also is a goal-keeper coach for young players in the Canton Soccer Club) and his day job building hardware systems.

"The beginning of April, end of March, I just kind of went back and forth with how much I can do and how much I can't do and spreading the energy out," Tomasso said. "It wouldn't have been fair to the high school boys, it wouldn't have been fair to my family or my career."

From his own high school career, he has been more than fair putting in all he has into soccer at his alma mater.

Now, however, it was time to take a breather.

"That's why it's so hard," Tomasso said.

so said. "It's something I was passionate about, something that educated me, something that's pushed me to be a better human being and I really felt like I was doing good by giving back to that program. But the future is untold, it's unwritten. I just got to focus on my family and my career and see if things work out."

Canton last week announced that Tomasso's assistant coach, Mark Zemanski, would be taking over as varsity head coach. Tomasso gave shout-outs to Zemanski for his valuable help and also cited Smith and co-athletic director Sue Heinzman "for giving me every opportunity to be part of the program over the past 18 years."

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# Vets help 'Cats tee off on Chiefs

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Whenever Plymouth and Canton meet for a varsity boys golf match-up, both teams give it a little extra for campus bragging rights.

Such was the case again Wednesday, with the Wildcats posting a 142-160 victory over the Chiefs at the par-35 Hills Course at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center near Plymouth.

To that end, consider Plymouth seniors Kyle Rodas and Ryan Rieckhoff instrumental in the Wildcats' victory.

"Today really was all about the seniors," Plymouth first-year head coach Nick Brandon said. "I'm so proud of the way Rodas and Rieckhoff competed in their final match against Canton."

"... their play today proved today that they not only wanted to win this match as seniors, but to play their very best, and I thought they did."

Rodas was match medalist with a 3-under round of 32 while Rieckhoff tallied a 34 as Plymouth improved to 7-0 in the KLAFA South Division. Juniors Kyle Melnick and Chris Kozler each scored

38s for the afternoon. The Wildcats followed up Thursday with a 149-168 win against Livonia Franklin to claim a share of the title with two matches this week to try and take the crown outright.

For Canton (5-2), Donnie Trosper and Tyler McMahan each registered 38s with Carter Schenk and Noah Lindlbauer chipping in with 41 each.

"Obviously Plymouth has a very talented team with a great deal of depth in their lineup," Chiefs head coach Tom Alles said. "We would need our very best team effort to be able to defeat them."

Alles noted that Canton will "need to play solidly as a team to be able to compete well in the conference meet and at the MHSAA district competition later this month. If we can hit our individual averages at the district tournament, I feel very good about our chances to advance to the regional."

Several others (Canton's Alex Champagne and Brent Perry; Plymouth's John Tatti and Evan Chipman) also played well although their scores did not count for the team totals.

According to Brandon, however, the victory belonged to the efforts of Rodas and Rieckhoff.

"Rodas was simply brilliant," Brandon said. "He had a couple par saves that kept his round in low numbers and he made an eagle too, on No. 7 (par-4) after driving the green."

"Ryan is a leader on this team and his play means everything in terms of our results. Usually when he's on our game we're very successful."

## Picking it up

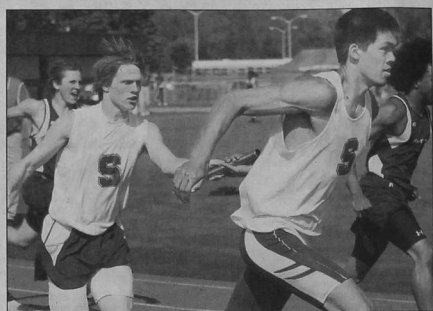
On Thursday, the Wildcats kept it up in their win against the Patriots at Idyl Wyld Golf Course in Livonia to clinch the division co-championship.

Rieckhoff was medalist with a 33 (2-under par) with Melnick (37), Chipman (39) and Jack Marencic (40) having solid rounds.

Tatti scored a 41 and Alex Decker a 43, but their scores did not count.

"He (Rieckhoff) is starting to pick it up at the perfect time of the season," Brandon said. "The last two weeks he's taken a monumental jump towards his potential."

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Salem's Chris Dierker (right) takes the handoff from teammate Steven Homrich during Friday's 400-meter relay, which the Rocks finished second to qualify for the state finals. The relay team, including Drake Jordan and Sean Davis, set a new school record.

## REGIONALS

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maybe the discuss.

"They tried from the start to the end and they put out a huge effort."

Indicative of such effort, Mikosz said, was the way the 1,600-meter relay of Max Rogowski, Blerin Mema, Jonny Dalton and Lucas Bunting hustled it to edge out Westland John Glenn in the final race of the day — even though Plymouth already had the regional pretty much locked up.

That quarter won the relay with a time of 3:30.01, ahead of John Glenn's 3:31.79.

Bunting also won the 400 dash (50:03) while Mikosz said Rogowski "sacrificed" for the team today. He ran four events and we only wanted him to run three, but he wanted to run four events so the team could win."

## Leading the field

Others stepping up for the Wildcats included Alex Rogers (third, 200 dash), Brent Pilgrian (third, long jump) and senior Jared Davis in the 100.

Field events were crucial to the Wildcats rolling to the regional championship, keeping the title in Plymouth-Canton Educational Park (Salem won in 2012).

"Our field events throughout the season have been okay but haven't been great," Mikosz continued. "Today they just completely dominated, they stepped up huge and that's where we got a huge amount of points."

He cited Alex Teasdale winning the pole vault (12-10.10) in his first compete-

tion since suffering a hamstring injury at the Observerland Relays on May 4.

Taking second in the pole vault, and also qualifying for the state finals, was Livonia Churchill's Jacob Hage (12-10).

Chargers head coach Rick Austin pointed to Hage and others on his team, such as senior Zach Zuckowski (first in 110 and 300 hurdles with respective marks of 15.22 and 40.72) for being rewarded for their efforts.

"We're making the most with the talent we have," Austin said. "We've got a bunch of hard-working kids that have worked hard to put themselves in a position to do as best as they can today."

## Salem standouts

Although Salem could not duplicate last year's regional championship, the Rocks did have some standout showings, including a race to the finish in the 3,200-mile run by teammates Chaz Jeffress and Steven McEvilly for second place — and an automatic ticket to the state finals.

Jeffress, a freshman, came on strong in the final leg to edge senior McEvilly (9:54.13 to 9:54.49), behind first-place J'hairst Johnson of Garden City, Johnson won with a time of 9:50.04.

"Last Friday the conference meet it's all about running for your team," Salem head coach Steve Aspinall said. "But regionals it's running for you, it's high stakes and it's tough. They both feel bad for different reasons."

Jeffress noted that McEvilly's "my teammate so I really didn't want to kick him down, but that's what it came to. At the end of the

race we're fighting for our own spots."

The Rocks also qualified two sprint relay teams, comprised of the same lineup (Drake Jordan, Sean Davis, Steven Homrich, Chris Dierker).

"They broke school records again today in both events," said Aspinall, referring to their first-place finishes at the conference meet in the 400 and 800 relays. "And Sean was runner-up in the 200 so that was pretty good."

Aspinall mentioned a couple others, including Colin McCormack (third, 400) and Michael Hoover (third in the shot put).

"He (Hoover) had been injured for a couple weeks so him coming back was pretty good," Aspinall said.

## Finally

Canton qualified Colby Morris in the 200 dash, Akil Wade in the high jump and Jamal Dixon in the high jump and long jump.

"We had PRs all day, and this is a tough regional," Chiefs coach Bob Richardson said. "Our guys gave everything they could and I'm just glad they didn't give up or back away."

Wade couldn't keep from smiling about making the state finals in his last chance to do so before graduating. His jump of 6-3.10 nipped Dixon's 6-3.

"It means a lot to me," Wade said. "I'm a senior now and all four years of high school I've been trying to make it to states and it's coming true."

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Canton's Donnie Trosper tees off, watched by (from left) Plymouth's Kyle Rodas, Canton's Ty McMahan, and Plymouth's Ryan Rieckhoff.



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\*Denotes additional state qualifier

### FINAL EVENT RESULTS

**Shot put:** 1. Alex Hatter (Ply), 49 feet, 75 inches; 2. Bearooz Yacobi (D), 48-8.5; 3. \*Michael Hoover (Salem), 45-10.75; 4. Kyle McMillan (Ply), 45-2.5; 5. Kamau Daajira (D), 42-7.5; 6. LeQuin Robinson (D), 42-6.5; 7. Byron Evans (Ply), 42-5; 8. Tony Vella (Ply), 41-10.25.

**Discus:** 1. Bearooz Yacobi (D), 142-1.2; 2. Kamau Daajira (D), 137-10; 3. \*Byron Evans (Ply), 136-1.4; 4. Demarco McKinney (D), 124-11; 5. Robinson (D), 124-10; 6. Vella (Ply), 124-7; 7. Moash Shaffari (D), 119-11; 8. Tom Emma (Ply), 119-7.

**High jump:** 1. Robert Atwater (Ply), 6-5.2; 2. Jonas Williams (D), 6-3.2; 3. \*Akil Wade (Cn), 6-3.10; 4. \*Jamal Dixon (Cn), 6-3; 5. \*Joe Decker (Ply), 6-2.6; 6. \*Nathan Harris (Ply), 6-1.7; 7. \*Chris Dierker (Salm), 6-1; 8. \*Albert Ferris (D), 5-11.

**Long jump:** 1. Eli-Kevin Phillips (D), 19-11.75; 2. Dixon (Cn), 19-11.3; 3. Brent Pilgrian (Ply), 19-10; 4. Jordan Bickham (Ply), 19-9.5; 5. Brett Gutowski (Ply), 19-8; 6. Andrew Stephens (Cn), 19-8; 7. Brandon Harris (Ply), 19-1; 8. Drake Jordan (Salm), 18-11.

**Pole vault:** 1. Alex Teasdale (Ply), 12-10.10; 2. Jacob Hage (Cn), 12-6; 3. \*Robert Atwater (Ply), 12-6; 4. \*Neal Warren (D), 12-6; 5. \*Stephen Fedak (Cn), 12-6; 6. Jeff Pattison (Ply), 11-6; 7. Ryan Jimenez (Cn), 11-6; 8. Justin Larkins (Ply), 11-6.

**3,200-meter relay:** 1. Plymouth (Blerin Mema, Jonny Dalton, Brandon Dalton, Max Rogowski), 8:10.78; 2. Dearborn (Ross Hunter, Samuel Mousigian, Jeffrey Norwood, Ahmed Abogialil), 8:16.21; 3. Churchill, 8:21.48; 4. John Glenn, 8:39.18; 5. Salem, 8:39.93; 6. Wayne, 8:42.51; 7. Canton, 8:56.45; 8. Crestwood, 9:02.02.

**110 hurdles:** 1. Zachary Zuckowski (Cn), 15.22; 2. Richard Gamble (AP), 15.67; 3. Kenzel Jefferson (Cn), 16.06; 4. Anthony Evans (E), 16.5; 5. Alexandru Iles (D), 16.22; 6. James Hildreth (Cn), 16.57; 7. Zachary Benavides (D), 16.58; 8. Mitlin Rickett (UG), 17.04.

**100 dash:** 1. Eli Minor (D), 11.15; 2. Eddie Flucker (D), 11.16; 3. Kenyon Bell (Cn), 11.36; 4. Ricardo Brown (D), 11.42; 5. Steven Homrich (Salm), 11.44; 6. Jared Davis (Ply), 11.56; 7. Joe Chalmers (D), 11.57; 8. Kenneth Lawless (Cn), 11.7.

**800 relay:** 1. Cody (Brandon Rutland, Kenyon Bell, Kevin Phillips, Eddie Flucker), 1:29.73; 2. Salem, 1:30:26.3; Franklin, 1:31:24.3; Plymouth, 1:31:24.5; Canton, 1:32:51; 5. John Glenn, 1:32:17; 6. Churchill, 1:34:14; 8. Dearborn, 1:35:06.

**1,600 run:** 1. J'hairst Johnson (Cn), 4:22.01; 2. Keenan Jones (E), 4:25.23; 3. Ahmed Abogialil (D), 4:29.97; 4. Zneabed Nassar (E), 4:35.57; 5. Max Rogowski (Ply), 4:38.76; 6. Brandon Dalton (Ply), 4:39.75; 7. Sahal Saleh (D), 4:40.49; 8. Micah Orr (D), 4:41.45.

**400 relay:** 1. Cody (Rutland, Bell, Phillips, Flucker), 4:34.24; 2. Salem, 4:36.8; 3. Franklin, 4:42.7; 4. Dearborn, 4:49.5; 5. Churchill, 4:50.6; 6. (tie) Plymouth and Edsel Ford, 4:57; 8. Inkster, 4:55.3.

**400 dash:** 1. Lucas Bunting (Ply), 50.03; 2. Montel Hood (WM), 50.97; 3. Colin McCormack (Salm), 51.01; 4. Michael Sollars (UG), 51.83; 5. Samir Johnson (UG), 51.64; 6. Hilbert Banks (Ply), 52.68; 7. (tie) Andrew Burke (Cn) and Brett Gutowski (Ply), 53.09.

**300 int. hurdles:** 1. Zachary Zuckowski (Cn), 40.72; 2. Richard Gamble (AP), 40.98; 3. Michael Pelic (Crest), 41.02; 4. Joseph Berry (D), 41.37; 5. Kevin Brown-Bay (Cn), 41.48; 6. James Hildreth (Cn), 42.07; 7. Jon Miller (AP), 42.29; 8. Jeff Pattison (Ply), 42.70.

**800 run:** 1. Mema (Ply), 1:59.79; 2. Ahmed Abogialil (D), 2:00.38; 3. Rogowski (Ply), 2:00.83; 4. Hunter (D), 2:01.64; 5. Matthew Cohen (Cn), 2:01.98; 6. Keenan Jones (Ply), 2:02.02; 7. Jewell Jones (UG), 2:02.10; 8. Ibrahim Humasir (E), 2:02.21.

**200 dash:** 1. Phillips (D), 22.41; 2. Sean Davis (Salm), 22.42; 3. Alexander Rogers (Ply), 22.52; 4. Colby Morris (Cn), 22.58; 5. Minor (D), 22.64; 6. Rutland (D), 23.02; 7. Jacob Mallard (Cn), 23.3; 8. Brown (D), 24.16.

**3,200 run:** 1. Johnson (Cn), 9:50.04; 2. Chaz Jeffress (Dn), 9:54.13; 3. Steven McEvilly (Salm), 9:54.49; 4. Daniel Garza (E), 9:56.51; 5. Zane Berlangier (Ply), 9:56.97; 6. Brandon Dalton (Ply), 10:15.5; 7. Michael Dixon (D), 10:23.67; 8. Malik (D), 10:24.22.

**1,600 relay:** 1. Plymouth (Rogowski, Mema, Jonny Dalton, Bunting), 3:30.01; 2. John Glenn (Salm), 3:31.79; 3. Salem (E31.98); 4. Dearborn, 3:36.21; 5. Canton, 3:36.64; 6. Cn, 3:38.07; 7. Garden City, 3:38.64; 8. Franklin, 3:39.95.



# Chargers, Rocks 1-2 at regional

By Brad Emmons  
Observer Staff Writer

Pat Daugherty paced nervously on the back stretch of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park track waiting for the final event of Friday's Division 1 regional to unfold.

The Livonia Churchill girls track and field coach knew his 4 x 400-meter relay team finished at a least a fourth-place finish to secure its ninth straight regional championship.

Salem won the race in 4:05.54, the foursome of Lyndsey Terberg, Julia Szuba, Courtney Strong and Natalie Spala caught through in the clutch with runner-up finish, while posting a season-best 4:12.04 to help the Chargers narrowly out-point the Rocks for the team title, 143-138.

"We gave Sydney Anderson a chance to qualify in two individual races, so we had to take her out of that to run the open 800 where she took second," said Daugherty, who has guided Churchill to six of those nine regional titles.

Plymouth also made a strong showing in third place with 112 points. Canton (50), Livonia Franklin (49) and Westland John Glenn (46) rounded out the top six in the 16-school field.



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Focusing on the finish line during the 100-meter dash Friday is Salem's Khyli Ray, who finished first in the event.

## Big day for Rocks

Once again, Salem was led by junior Kayla Kavulich who swept the 800 and 1,600 events in 2:17.64 and 5:03.2, respectively.

She also anchored the Rocks to a first in the 1,600 relay (4:05.54) along with Khyli Ray, Shekinah Johnson and Alexandra Davis.

"I think it's a huge day for us and a huge day for the program," Salem first-year coach Dave Gerlach said. "The (Kensington) conference meet is for the team and that's always been our approach. You want to win the conference as a team and regional is about getting as many kids to the state finals."

Other Salem first-placer finishers included Ray, 100 (12:53); Johnson, 200 (25:86); Anya Cho, 3,200 (11:26.85); and Shara Long, discus (120-2).

"Yes, a bonus is trying to win the regional, but we got all four of our relays, which is a huge accomplishment, going to the state finals," Gerlach said. "We had some great performances. Overall, a tremendous showing from the team, and that I'm very proud of them."

Plymouth captured three of the five field events, led by Taylor Rieckhoff, long jump (16-8.75); Jane McCurry, pole vault (11-2); and Tionne Johnson, shot put (36-8.5).

"The strength of our team at Plymouth all year has been hurdles and field events," coach Ricky Styes said. "We qualified a girl in both hurdle events and qualified a girl in every field event. We're pretty happy with that. We got more girls out than we thought we would. We scored 66 points in the field today, which is what we've been doing all year."

## CANTON CUP

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ton Cup has to be on our game with quality. We just can't sit there and rest on 'Yes, we're a large tournament.'

"We still have to be that large tournament with the small tournament feel, giving the high quality experience to the guests."

Noel said those visitors will enjoy the estimated 700 new parking spaces on the south end of Independence Park, thus eliminating the need for shuttles from area schools.

Fields are all plush and ready for action, thanks to the dedication and efforts of Canton Leisure Services (partners with Canton Soccer Club for the tourney).

And there will be plenty of high-quality soccer brought to these fields. "We have teams coming in from Vardar, the Wolves, Ohio," he said. "Our Black (upper-level) brackets are pretty well-laden with good teams."

Games will be played at Independence Park, Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, Heritage Park and (for overflow purposes) Griffin Park.

A number of Canton Soccer Club and Plymouth Reign teams will be among those competing in boys brackets (U8-U19) and girls brackets (U8-U15). Older girls are not permitted to participate due to the concurrent high school season.

## Bucks are back

As usual, one of the highlights will be the annual Michigan Bucks semi-professional soccer game (noon Saturday at Independence Park, Field 3). The Bucks will face the River City Rovers from Kentucky in a game that is free to anyone at Independence Park — including those youth teams taking a break between their own contests.

"It allows our younger teams to be able to see how really high-level soccer is played," Noel said. "It's a great example for them to be able to see how quick they are, how talented they are, see the pace of play that the professionals do... It's just really unique for them."

Close to 700 spectators stopped by at some point to check out last year's

## SPOTLIGHT ON SOCCER

**What:** 31st Annual Canton Cup soccer tournament.

**When:** 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday, May 26.

**Where:** Independence Park, south of Cherry Hill, west of Denton roads, Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, Heritage Park and Griffin Park in Canton.

**Who:** It is expected that 577 teams comprised of about 9,000 players will converge on Canton Township for what is considered the Great Lakes region's largest soccer tournament. Teams of all levels and ages will compete. Boys teams will include those in the U8-U15 brackets with girls teams in U8-U15 brackets.

**Free parking:** Available at the four venues.

**Bucks:** The Michigan Bucks semipro team faces the River City Rovers at 12 noon Saturday at Independence Park with opening ceremonies celebrating Memorial Day weekend from Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy, the original tourney director.

**Info:** Go to [www.cantontcup.net](http://www.cantontcup.net).

Bucks game and Noel expects at least as many this time around.

Before the Bucks game begins, current Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy — the original Canton Cup tournament director — will provide opening comments.

What LaJoy might say is just how much soccer has become ingrained in American life over the past three decades.

And under Noel's watch, with numerous volunteers devoted year-round to the tournament's ongoing success, that isn't about to change.

"We — like a family — a tight-knit group of people," Noel stressed. "Everybody's hanging out with each other, but we're also putting on a high-quality product."

For more information about the 31st annual Canton Cup, go to [www.cantontcup.net](http://www.cantontcup.net).

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## MHSAA REGION 4 - GIRLS TRACK MEET RESULTS

### Track 17 at P-CEP

**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Livonia Churchill, 143 points; 2. Salem, 138; 3. Plymouth, 112; 4. Canton, 50; 5. Livonia Franklin, 49; 6. Westland John Glenn, 46; 7. Dearborn, 38; 8. Allen Park, 31; 9. Garden City, 23; 10. Wayne Memorial, 20; 11. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 5; 13. Dearborn Fordson, 3; 14. Inkster; 2. Detroit Cody and Lincoln Park did not score.

\*Denotes additional state qualifier

### FINAL EVENT RESULTS

**Shot put:** 1. Tionne Johnson (Pl.), 36 feet, 8.5 inches; 2. Quay Nichols (WM), 36.0; 3. Amber Warren (Cn.), 36.0; 4. Shara Long (LC), 34.0; 5. Emily Meier (Cn.), 34.0; 6. Emily Meier (Cn.), 34.0; 7. Megan Wileoff (Pl.), 33.0; 8. Sophia Models (LP), 32.9; 9. **Discus:** 1. Shara Long (Slm.), 120-2; 2. Emily Norscia (LC), 118-9; 3. Rebecca Falzon (Slm.), 116-9; 4. Tionne Johnson (Pl.), 114-7; 5. Dana Blankenship (Slm.), 111-8; 6. Alexandra George (Cn.), 107-2; 7. Emily Norscia (Cn.), 96-2; 8. Hannah Pummell (LC), 93.0.

**Long jump:** 1. Taylor Rieckhoff (Pl.), 16-8.75; 2. Kyle Mann (D), 16-4; 3. Autumn Starn (EF),

16-1.5; 4. Natalie Modes (LP), 15-10.5; 5. Deija Collet (GC), 15-1.5; 6. Ashley Cochran (LC), 15-5; 7. Fayonah Jackson (WM), 15-4.5; 8. Natalie Spala (LC), 15-3.5; 9. **High jump:** 1. Ashley Cochran (LC), 55-2; 2. Katherine Harris (NP), 54-3; 3. Katelyn Yaccik (AP), 51-4; 4. Rieckhoff (Pl.), 51-1; 5. Jocelyn Moraw (Cn.), 49-9; 6. Juliet Hope (LC), 49-7; 7. Taelor Phillips (UG), 49-9; 8. **Pole vault:** 1. Jane McCurry (Pl.), 11-2; 2. Rieckhoff (Pl.), 11-0; 3. "Manny Krutty (Slm.), 10-10; 4. Sarah Unihan (Pl.), 10-10; 5. "Emily Lang (Cn.), 10-6; 6. "Shelia McKinley (LP), 9-10; 7. "Megan McKeenhan (Pl.), 9-10; 8. Kayla Janewski (Pl.), 9-6; 9. **3,200-meter relay:** 1. Churchill (Sydney Anderson, Julia Szuba, Kerigan Riley, Michelle Azar), 9

minutes, 47.66 seconds; 2. Salem (Alexandra Davis, Kati Binsfield, Elizabeth Tripp, Shannon Flynn), 9:58.70; 3. Plymouth, 10:17.62; 4. Canton, 10:19.81; 5. **100 hurdles:** 1. Kirsten Smith (UG), 15.49; 2. Holly Starck (Pl.), 16.0; 3. Abby Williams (Cn.), 16.87; 4. Natalie Puckett (Pl.), 17.25; 5. **100 dash:** 1. Kyla Ray (Slm.), 12.53; 2. Asia Gardner (UG), 12.59; 3. Katie Salanga (Pl.), 13.59; 4. **800 relay:** 1. Churchill (Chanel Gardner, Sydney Anderson, Molly Jarvis, Elyssa Hofmann), 14:57.2; 2. Salem (Alexandra Davis, Kelly Whalen, Khyli Ray, Shekinah Johnson), 1:48.68; 3. Plymouth, 1:50.97; 4. Canton, 4:13.06.

**1,600 run:** 1. Kayla Kavulich (Slm.), 5:03.2; 2. Sabrina Williams (AP), 5:05.61; 3. Anya Cho (Slm.), 5:19.02; 6. Olivia McInnes (Pl.), 5:32.79; 8. Marina DelBail (Pl.), 5:34.44; 9. **400 relay:** 1. Churchill (Crossman, Chanel Gardner, Jarvis, Hope), 50:23; 2. Salem (Sarah Martin, Johnson, Krutty, Ray), 50:47; 5. Canton, 52:53; 6. Plymouth, 53.46; 7. **400 dash:** 1. Sydney Anderson (LC), 59.84; 2. Julie Wond (LP), 1:00.7; 3. Sam McGrath (Cn.), 1:03.64; 8. Jacka Woody (Pl.), 1:04.13; 9. **300 low hurdles:** 1. Kirsten Smith (UG), 45-17; 2. Molly Jarvis (LC), 47-10; 3. Puckett (Pl.), 47-27; 5. Krutty (Slm.), 48-16; 6. Williams (Cn.), 48-16; 7. **800 run:** 1. Kayla Kavulich (Slm.), 2:17.64; 2. Sydney Anderson (LC), 2:24.03; 4. Beltran (Slm.), 2:28.06; 5. Jessica Singer (Cn.), 2:32.84; 7. Sophia Stephan (Pl.), 2:33.94; 200 dash: 1. Johnson (Slm.), 25.86; 2. Gardner (UG), 25.87; 3. Anna Lukens (Pl.), 27.74; 3,200 run: 1. Anya Cho (Slm.), 11:26.85; 2. Sabrina Williams (AP), 11:40.66; 3. Brianna Lax (Pl.), 12:26.27; 7. Shannon Flynn (Slm.), 12:33.33; 1,600 relay: 1. Salem (Davis, Johnson, Ray, Kavulich), 4:05.54; 2. Churchill (Anderson, Szuba, Brown, Spala), 4:12.06; 3. Plymouth, 4:12.99; 4. Canton, 4:13.06.

# Salem coaching vet McCarthy opts to stop

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

The soccer coaching landscape at the Park is getting quite a makeover.

Not only is George Tomas-so leaving the sidelines since last season, long-time Salem varsity boys coach Ed McCarthy won't return for the 2013 season.

Actually, McCarthy knew months before Tomas-so's decision that he would be resigning after 17 seasons. He just didn't make a fuss about it.

"I no longer have the time to properly prepare and commit to the team," stressed McCarthy, in a recent e-mail to the Observer. "The commute from my job at Chrysler in Auburn Hills (is) more than one hour. This, combined with family commitments to my wife and 2-year-old daughter, resulted in too much of a challenge."

McCarthy estimated that he'd leave for work

at 6 a.m. and often not return until after 9 p.m. Still, he leaves what should be a longstanding legacy. In his 17-year career at Salem, he posted a record of 260-80-59 including eight district titles, four regional championships and three trips to the state finals.

Under his watch, the program yielded three runners-up for "Mr. Soccer," Brett Koonen (1997), Scott Dubl (1999) and Brian Popeney (2005). Dubl currently is coaching Salem's varsity girls team. "The district, school, administration, families and players have always been extremely supportive and I will miss this interaction," McCarthy added. "I completely enjoyed every practice and game. I specifically thrived on seeing the athletic and personal development of each player throughout his high school years."

Although he is leaving the Rocks, he isn't totally getting out of coaching. He said he expects to continue coaching with the Michigan Wolves, where he currently helps the U17s.

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# Splitz gymnasts earn national kudos

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

On and at all levels, Splitz Gymnastics in Canton is producing some award-winning talent.

At the top of the list are National All-Around Champions Alyssa Schiller and Sophia Bochenek, not to mention Vania Bradley — who qualified into the elite level and will compete in July at the U.S. Classics in Chicago.

Schiller is a Canton High School freshman who currently is a Level 9 gymnast at Splitz, where she has been attending since the age of 2.

"Alyssa Schiller has been with me her whole career," said Splitz owner and head coach Eileen Spicher, who is assisted at the gym by former University of Michigan gymnast Justin Laury. "Seeing that she's a freshman in high school right now she's had some injuries to work through.

"But she worked her way back and had a great season. Being a national champ is quite an accomplishment."

The injuries referred to by Spicher was a broken lower leg.

Yet Schiller continues to excel. At the 2013 Junior Olympic Level 9 Eastern National Championships in Battle Creek earlier this month, she was national champ in her age group on vault (9.5), balance beam (9.5) and in the all-around (a career-best 37.85).



Meanwhile, Bochenek, an eighth grader in her fifth year at Splitz, placed second on vault in addition to being a national champ in the all-around (in a different age bracket than Schiller).

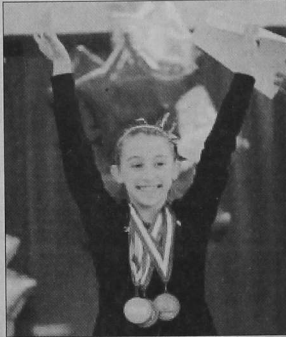
In order for Schiller and Bochenek to qualify for Eastern Nationals, each had to finish among the top-six gymnasts in their age group in Region 5 (comprised of Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky). "Sophie has just been working her way through all the levels and had a great season," said Spicher, adding that the youngster does not attend the Plymouth-Canton district. "Both of these girls (Schiller

and Bochenek) have been invited to a special camp since they won national all-around titles.... That's a nice reward for them."

The reward is for the dedication and hard work it takes for these young athletes to continue climbing the charts.

"They train 20-to-22 hours a week year-round," Spicher said. "They don't take any time off. These girls are working at becoming Level 10 gymnasts."

**Standouts from Splitz**  
Others are making an impact, including Bradley, an eighth grader at East Middle School who will compete at the "very prestigious" U.S. Classics this July.



Proudly displaying her Junior Olympic Level 9 Eastern National Championship medals earlier this month in Battle Creek is Canton's Alyssa Schiller, out of Splitz Gymnastics. She is a freshman at Canton High School.

Sophia Bochenek of Splitz Gymnastics in Canton recently won a national championship at Level 9.

"That's a really big step for her," Spicher said.

• Splitz Level 10 gymnast, Isabella Hutchins, just 14, was regional champion on vault bars, floor exercise and all-around with a 38.525 and qualified for the Level 10 nationals (which took place in Minneapolis, Minn.).

• Level 7's were state champions in late March. First were recorded by Hannah DeMers (first in all-around, 38.475), Paige Sander (first on vault), Rachel Robertelli (first on bars and floor and all-around,

37.575), Destiny Johnson (first on vault and bars), Olivia Cousins (first on vault and beam), Maleah Marshall and Alexa Rybicki.

Those girls are between ages 11-14 and each placed in at least two events.

• Also at the Eastern Nationals, Makenna Watt placed third on vault, fourth on uneven parallel bars and sixth in the all-around.

"We've had a lot of milestones this year," Spicher noted.

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## PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a proposal for **Natural Gas Supply Services and Electric Choice Supply Services**. Specifications of the Request for Proposals (RFP) and bid forms are available by contacting Tiffany Brindley, Purchasing and General Ledger Associate, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools at tiffany.brindley@pcscmail.net or (734) 416-2975. Technical questions should also be directed to Brodie Killian, Executive Director of Business Services at brodie.killian@pcscmail.net or (734) 416-2740. Proposals will be accepted as specified in the Request for Proposals in person at PCCS - E.J. McClendon Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI or may be submitted via email to tiffany.brindley@pcscmail.net or fax to (734) 416-4898 on or before **11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 22, 2013**. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education  
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools  
Adrienne Davis, Secretary

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## NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS Project No. 2013.0122.00 Lighting Retrofit - Issued for Bids May 9, 2013

### SECTION: 00010 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

**Project:** Northville Public Schools  
Thornton Creek Elementary School - Lighting Retrofits

**Owner:** Northville Public Schools

**Scope of Proposals:** Sealed proposals from Prime Electrical Contractors for the construction of all Trades Construction Work are requested.

**Due Date and Place:** A Walk-through will take place at 3:30 P.M., on May 22, 2013 at Thornton Creek Elementary School. All contractor or subcontractor representatives shall meet at the Front Reception Desk. The purpose of the walk-through is to clarify the procedures, scope of work, and to identify any omissions or inconsistencies in Bidding Documents which may impede preparation and submission of representative competitive bids.

Attendance by Representative(s) of bidders of record is mandatory.

Any contractor who missed previous walk-through must contact Greg Ziegler by 3:00 P.M., on May 23, 2013 to arrange a time to visit project site on May 24, 2013. Contact Greg Ziegler at the following phone number (248) 879-5666 or email gziegler@pbnet.com.

All contractors have until 3:00 P.M. on May 28, 2013 to submit a Request For Information (RFI). All RFIs shall be directed to Greg Ziegler.

All modifications, corrections, or clarifications prior to receipt of the proposal will be made by an Addendum issued by the Owner to all bidders of record.

Sealed proposals shall be received until 1:00 P.M. on May 30, 2013 at:

ATTN: Michael Zopf, Administration Building  
Northville Public Schools  
501 West Main Street  
Northville, MI 48167

At which time all bids will be opened and read out loud.

All proposals submitted shall remain firm for a period of 45 days after the date specified for receipt of proposals.

**Bid Documents:** Copies of the proposed Contract Documents may be obtained from: Northville Public Schools, under the Business Office, Bid Information Tab: http://northville.k12.mi.us  
PlanWell via http://www.e-ar.com/ (formerly dunnblue), Phone: (248) 288-5600  
Bid4Michigan via http://bid4michigan.com

**Rejection:** Proposals not received by the time and date specified in this notice, will be returned to the Contractor unopened. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities and/or informalities and to make award in any manner deemed for the best interest of the School District.

**Assurance:** Assurance of Compliance with Federal and Michigan State Fair Employment Practices Acts: The Contractor and any of his subcontractors will agree not to discriminate against any employee of applicant for employment, to be employed in the performance of the contract, with respect to his hire, tenure, terms, conditions or privileges of employment, or any matter directly or indirectly related to employment, because of race, color, religion, national origin, age or sex.

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## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN (734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, June 6, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following:

Z 13-05 416 Pacific  
Non-Use Variance Requested  
Setback from House to existing Detached Garage  
Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential  
Applicant: Marilyn Yee

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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Maureen Brodie, ADA Coordinator  
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**NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
Silver Springs, Meadows Mill & Winchester Schools  
Boiler Replacement

**PETER BASSO ASSOCIATES, INC.**  
PBA Project No. 2013.0107.00  
Issued for Bids  
May 9, 2013

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS 00010 - 1

**SECTION: 00010 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

**Project:** Northville Public Schools  
Silver Springs, Meadows Mill & Winchester Schools Boiler Replacement

**Owner:** Northville Public Schools

**Scope of Proposals:** Sealed proposals from Prime Mechanical Contractors for the construction of all Trades Construction Work are requested.

**Due Date and Place:** A Walk-through will take place at 3:30 P.M., on May 23, 2013 at Silver Springs Elementary School. All contractor or subcontractor representatives shall meet at the Front Reception Desk. The purpose of the walk-through is to clarify the procedures, scope of work, and to identify any omissions or inconsistencies in Bidding Documents which may impede preparation and submission of representative competitive bids.

Attendance by Representative(s) of bidders of record is mandatory.

Any contractor who missed previous walk-through must contact Bob Roop by 3:00 P.M., on May 20, 2013 to arrange a time to visit project site on May 24, 2013. Contact Bob Roop at the following phone number (248) 879-5666 or email broop@pbnet.com.

All contractors have until 3:00 P.M. on May 28, 2013 to submit a Request For Information (RFI). All RFIs shall be directed to Bob Roop.

All modifications, corrections, or clarifications prior to receipt of the proposal will be made by an Addendum issued by the Owner to all bidders of record.

Sealed proposals shall be received until 2:00 P.M. on May 30, 2013 at:

ATTN: Michael Zopf, Administration Building  
Northville Public Schools  
501 West Main Street  
Northville, MI 48167

At which time all bids will be opened and read out loud.

All proposals submitted shall remain firm for a period of 45 days after the date specified for receipt of proposals.

**Bid Documents:** Copies of the proposed Contract Documents may be obtained from: Northville Public Schools, under the Business Office, Bid Information Tab: http://northville.k12.mi.us  
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# Slugging Wildcats sweep Pats, clinch division

Livonia Franklin tried to play spoiler Wednesday, but visiting Plymouth walked away with a sweep of a double-header and the KLAAS South Division girls softball title.

After Plymouth rolled in the opener thanks to four homers, 11-2, the Wildcats were faced with the tying run on base in the bottom of the seventh while clinging to an 7-6 lead.

Franklin's Morgan Larkin made a bid for a walk-off homer on a 2-2 pitch, but her long fly ball was tracked down at the warning track by Plymouth outfielder Elaine Gerou to end the game.

Plymouth, now 24-4-1 overall and 15-1 in the KLAAS South, advance to Monday's championship game to face the KLAAS Central Division champion on the road. (Game time is 4 p.m.)

Mikayela Marciniak, who came on in relief of starter Gerou in the nightcap, notched her second win of the day and 13th of the season.

Brittney Miller went 3-for-3, including a homer, while Celeste Miller also went 3-for-3 to pace the Wildcats' attack.

Brooke Senkbeil, Kayla Rebaun and Rachel Zerona also chipped in with two hits apiece.

Megan Chapman started and went the first three innings for Franklin before giving way to Courtney Garbarino (12-7), who suffered the loss.

In the opener, Marciniak scattered nine hits, struck out four and did not allow a walk in seven innings to pick up the win.

The Wildcats got homers from Bri Giordano, Marciniak, Lindsay Lutton (2-for-4) and Brittney Miller



Plymouth's Lindsay Lutton hits a home run Wednesday against Livonia Franklin. The Wildcats swept their doubleheader with the Patriots and clinched the KLAAS South Division.

er (2-for-4, three RBI). Celeste Miller also went 3-for-4 to pace Plymouth's 15-hit attack.

Mackenzie Lukas and Afton DeWyse each had two hits and an RBI, while Cramton also collected two hits in the setback.

Garbarino, the losing pitcher, and Chapman each gave up five runs.

**MILLER TIME:** In Thursday's Observer, a story about how the Plymouth softball team won the Canton Invitational should have credited several key hits in the tourney to Brittney Miller.

## PREP BASEBALL

# Hot-hitting Chiefs clinch division

Canton poured on the offense Wednesday in a varsity baseball double-header against Wayne Memorial and ultimately clinched the KLAAS South Division with a sweep of the Zebras.

Jacob Miller, who recently signed to play at Henry Ford Community College, was the winning pitcher in the Chiefs' 20-0 mercy rout in the opener.

Hitting heroes included Weston Price (triple, two runs) and Tom Kiddle (single, double, two runs).

In Game 2 it was more of the same, as Canton (18-6 overall, 11-5 in the KLAAS South) kept pounding away for a 12-0 victory.

Nick Hazegrian singled, homered and drove in three runs while Jake Boucher ripped two triples and collected four runs.

**PLYMOUTH 8-0, FRANKLIN 7-1:** Adam Carver threw a complete-game shutout and drove in the game-winning RBI on a sacrifice fly in the bottom of the seventh as Livonia Franklin (11-13, 6-9) earned a split of a KLAAS South Division double-header Wednesday with the visiting Wildcats (12-8, 10-6).

Garrett Fether reached base on an error and Tyler Camp singled to set up the game-winning run as Franklin won the nightcap, 1-0.

Carver allowed just five hits and three walks, while outdueling Plymouth's Kevin Anthony, who took the loss.

Anthony gave up just five hits and walked one.

In the opener, Brandon Waack hit a one-out single and Casey Sudz followed with a RBI double as the Wildcats prevailed in 10 innings, 8-7.

Brian Schmid had an RBI double in the third inning and added a 3-run homer in the fourth to lead Plymouth's 11-hit attack.

Alex DeYonker, Fether and Camp each collected three hits, while Kevin Nisun went 2-for-5 and added three RBI for the Patriots. Carver also collected two hits.

Conner Stella, who came on in relief of Schmid, the Plymouth starter, earned the victory.

Alex DeYonker went nine innings for the Patriots, allowing nine hits and six walks while fanning seven. Nisun, in relief, took the loss.

**PCA 12, MACOMB CHRISTIAN 1:** Plymouth Christian Academy backed the strong pitching of Johnny Lauch and Tanner Hay with an extra-base assault Tuesday at Macomb Christian Academy.

Lauch pitched five innings, allowing just one run on three hits and striking out six for the win. Pitching a scoreless sixth and fanning two was Hay.

At the plate, Daniel Jipping was a catalyst, slamming a towering home run and singling twice in three at bats for the Eagles.

Michael Slater and Matt Summer each added doubles with Josh Slater singling twice and striking out 13 batters as the Chiefs (15-6) earned this KLAAS crossover varsity baseball win.

The Chiefs were led at the plate by Weston Price, who went 3-for-3, scored a run and drove one in against Salem pitcher Colin Pierson.

Salem trailed 2-0 going into the fifth and cut the lead to a run when Aaron Moore drove in Brandon Gillen.

Canton tacked on an insurance run against Pietron, who pitched a strong game despite suffering his first loss of the season after two wins.

## MC Madness revs it up



The Motor City Madness 12 Red girls softball team recently won the Spring Thaw tournament, reeling off four consecutive wins to do so. MC Madness — including players from Plymouth and Canton — earned a 10-9 win in the thrilling final over Pride. Pictured are (from left) Lizzie Kemp, Megan Medendorp, Maria Gustitus, Molly Padrock, Dayton White, Ashley Wilson, Jaime Gustitus, Madison Rosiewicz, Caroline Miller, Jenna Taylor and Allison Purcell.

## Dunlap's grand slams trip up 'Cats

What a grand day it was for Salem senior center-fielder Demetrius Dunlap.

He hit grand slammers in each of two games Saturday, May 11 against Plymouth in the annual "Strike Out Prostate Cancer" doubleheader as the Rocks posted 7-1 and 11-8 victories.

Dunlap's feat was the first time that ever took place in the history of Salem baseball.

The Rocks led from the start of the opener, scoring two runs in the first on a wild pitch and a sacrifice fly by Josh Penn.

Those runs were more than enough for starting (and winning) pitcher Tyler Brooks, who improved to 5-0 on the season.

But for good measure, Salem broke loose for five more runs in the fifth. Jack Driscoll's single made it 3-0 and Dun-

lap then drilled his first grand slam of the day.

Driscoll and Kyle Penn each had two hits to augment Brooks' pitching and Dunlap's slugging.

Game 2 was a back-and-forth affair, with the Wildcats scoring single runs in the first three innings to go up 3-1. But Salem took a 5-3 lead in the fifth on Dunlap's second grand slam.

The lead didn't hold up, as the Wildcats tied the game 8-8. That merely set the stage until Driscoll doubled home three runs in the 10th for the margin of victory.

Another big hit was freshman Alex Nicholson's bases-loaded double to right in the seventh, scoring a pair.

Earning the victory for Salem (13-8) with three innings of stellar relief was Brandon Gillen. It was his first win of the season.



### 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:

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A view of the famous Potala Palace in Lhasa, Tibet. Once regarded as the tallest building in the world because of its location at 12,000 feet, it was the home of the exiled Dalai Lama.

## Lhasa to Hong Kong

### Canton couple wraps up their tour to China

Editor's note: This is the final installment in a series about Jay and Linnea Young's trip to China.

By Jay Young  
Correspondent

If there ever was a study in contrasts — life-style, climate, culture, language — the difference between Lhasa and Hong Kong certainly would top any list. Lhasa, the capital city of Tibet, is one of the highest cities in the world at 12,000 feet above sea level on a high plateau of the Himalaya Mountains. Getting off the plane, the first thing we noticed was bright sunshine. The city enjoys nearly 3,000 hours of sunlight annual-

ly and is called the "City of the Sun" by Tibetans. The next thing we experienced was a tightness in our chests due to the high altitude. The air contains only 68 percent of oxygen compared to sea level. Lhasa, which literally means "place of the gods," has been at the political and economic center of Tibet for 350 years. The country has existed since the 7th century as a remote mountain theocracy based on the mystical tenets of Lamaism, a form of Tantar Indian Buddhism, coupled with Tibetan shamanism.

Feudal lamas ruled the rural population for many years. The auton-

omy of the lamas waxed and waned during various Chinese dynasties, with almost complete independence enjoyed during the first half of the 20th century.

All of that changed during China's Cultural Revolution in the 1950s. In 1951, through military action and a pressured negotiation, China re-established its sovereignty over the country. Thousands of monks and nuns were sent to labor camps and hundreds of ancient monasteries were destroyed. This increased persecution resulted in a revolt in 1959, at which time the Dalai Lama was forced to flee to India.

His former resi-

dence, the Potala Palace, remains as one of the grandest monuments in Asia. Prior to modern day skyscrapers, it was the tallest building in the world, boasting 1,000 rooms and 10,000 chapels.

#### Pilgrims, sky burial

The 1,300-year-old Jokhang Temple located near the Barkhor Bazaar in one of the oldest sections of the city. We witnessed pilgrims from all over the country making clockwise circuits, some on their hands and knees, in reverence to one of Tibet's most sacred temples. Inside, yak butter candles smoldered and mixed with clouds of fragrant incense as pilgrims



Jay and Linnea Young pose at the Three Gorges Dam during a stop on a Yangtze River cruise. The controversial project was completed last year to prevent recurring flooding along the river and has resulted in the displacement of 1.3 million people.

left offerings of money and white silk scarves beneath the enlightened gaze of the 7th century statue of the Buddha this temple was built to house.

We concluded our stay in Lhasa with a visit to the Papungka Monastery high on a mountainside overlooking the city. While shaggy haired yaks grazed nearby, we learned this

was a "sky burial" site, where bodies of deceased are left on the hillsides to be devoured by vultures who soar among the peaks overhead. As gruesome as this seems to Western sensibilities, it follows the Buddhist belief in reincarnation that teaches the body is now an empty vessel and

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A night view of Hong Kong harbor taken from Victoria Peak, the highest point in the city and location of some of the highest real estate prices on the planet.

## CHINA

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need not be preserved.

### River cruise

We flew to Chongqing, one of the largest cities in China and the embarkation port for a cruise down the Yangtze River. During our three-day voyage, we visited the controversial Three Gorges Dam, the largest in the world at 65 feet high and 6,500 feet long. The Chinese government argued the dam was needed to control seasonal flooding, provide much needed "green" hydroelectric power, allow increased shipping of 10,000-ton ships and provide irrigation water for farmers. However, in addition to flooding some of the world's most spectacular scenic areas, the rising waters of the dam submerged 35 notable historic sites, 1,300 archaeological sites, 13 cities, 140 towns, 1,352 villages, and dislocated 1.3 million people, forcing them to move to new towns and cities above the high water mark, some without compensation.

Some of the people who were forcibly relocated from their ancestral farms are the people of Badong, who now make their living as guides, taking tourists up the Shennong Stream, a tributary of the Yangtze. Rowing in "peapod" boats these men and women told us that for generations these boats navigated this fast-flowing stream by

means of dozens of naked trackers harnessed to bamboo ropes pulling the boats upstream along the rocky and treacherous shoreline. We were told the trackers shed their clothes so the ropes did not chaff their bodies through their wet clothing.

It was while boating through the gorges that we saw mysterious hanging coffins. Placed high above the river in clefts in the rock face, we spied a long coffin, fashioned from a single piece of wood and balanced by poles protruding from the rock. Why the ancient people of this area buried their dead this way remains a mystery.

Our last stop, Hong Kong, was a British protectorate until June 1997 and is a world financial center today. It's home to more than 2,300 multinational firms. With a population of 7 million packed into 426 square miles, it is one of the most densely-populated areas in the world. Allowed to practice a one-country, two-systems approach to capitalism, residents enjoy one of the highest per capita incomes in the world, and remarkably the highest life expectancy in the world in 2012.

We visited the excellent Hong Kong Museum of History, explored bustling Ladder Street which boasts the world's longest covered outdoor escalator and boated among sampans moored in Kowloon harbor.

But most of all, we luxuriated in this "little English enclave" which brought us one step closer to home.

# Positive and negative comments on washing machines' innards

By Joe Gagnon  
Guest Columnist

Following up on my last column about washing machines, I received more e-mails on subject.

Carol wrote: "I read your article about how people complain about their washers and I was afraid you were getting a skewed view because most people write to you only when they have a problem."



Appliance Doctor  
Joe Gagnon

Well, here is one satisfied customer. I have a Maytag Neptune front loader and I love it. It cleans well and is easy on my clothes and the environment. I did go through a recall, but they came out and fixed it preemptively. I don't have the odor problem that you have mentioned. Just wanted you to know that not all new ideas are bad. My washer is 15 years old and going strong."

Now folks, Carol is right, my mind is probably all skewed up. I went through many years of talking with homeowners who were so happy with their appliances and about 10 years ago my brain was jolted with a sudden thrust of negativism. Are people just about complaining or have they been given reason by the lack of quality in some of our major appliances? I feel good when hearing a message such as Carol's and it shows that not every model has a problem. Carol is also correct to state that most people complain when writing me but isn't that what this column is all about. I'm here to help people when they have a problem but it sure is nice to once in a while get an e-mail like Carol's. Thank you, Carol.

The following day after receiving Carol's note I received another e-mail from Jim. Jim wrote: "After reading your article in the *Livonia Observer* on Sunday I am more confused than ever. It is given that consumers now pay more for an appliance and get less quality and longevity. It sounds like the front-load HE

washers still have problems and the new top-load HE washers have created their own set of problems. What do you suggest, should consumers stay with an older-style agitator washing machine and forget the hype about energy savings? Regardless of which type of machine do you recommend? Is one brand better than another? Consumer magazines seem to recommend LG washers and dryers, but I would prefer to stay with something made in the USA if possible. As a note, I now have a 13-year-old Kenmore washer and gas dryer. The moisture sensing and timer are acting up on the dryer and I have read that if an appliance is over 10 years old and needs repair it is more cost effective to replace. Thanks for any information you can pass on."

Well, Jim, it's quite clear to me that you are not married to Carol. If you are, you must fight like cats and dogs. These e-mails might give you and Carol an idea that the only thing hard about this column is always trying to keep a fair balance. I can't use it as an advertising forum so certain answers I can only give in my private reply to your questions. I can say that I am a big believer in the agitator system and not a big advocate of *Consumer Reports*. Your problem with the dryer may have nothing to do with the product, but might be caused solely by a restriction in the vent line. If the air movement in a vent line is restricted, the first thing affected is the timer and sensors. Please pull off the vent line and clean it and don't throw away the dryer. It could run for another 13 years.

This column is like the movies I used to go to in the mid 1940s. There was a serial you would see where someone was falling over a cliff and you had to come back the following week to see how someone was saved. My next column will follow up this one with the secret to using a washer successfully. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can email your problems and questions to appliances@

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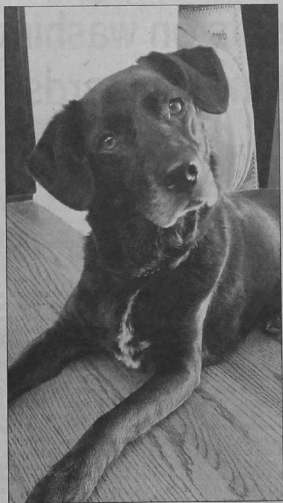
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## Reduce likelihood of being a dog bite victim

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

This is a good week to put the American Veterinary Medical Association's (AVMA) tips on avoiding dog bites into practice as National Dog Bite Prevention Week gets under way.

Their top suggestion is in sync with one of my personal beefs when runners and dogs share the same path.

The organization's tip — Don't run past a dog. Dogs naturally love to chase and catch things.

My added advice — That tip also extends to runners passing dogs on leash.

I've stopped counting the number of times I've been surprised by a runner who suddenly comes from behind and doesn't break stride as he or she passes closely by me and my two dogs, Hunter and Lola. Startled, the dogs are likely to jump toward the runner.

My advice — and this goes for bicyclists, too — let pedestrians with dogs know that you are coming up from behind and plan to pass. A simple "On your left" or "Coming up on your right" will do and will give walkers time to give you a wide berth. You'll feel safer, not seeing dogs jump toward you, because you'll avoid startling them.

While I'm on the topic of common courtesy, I've noticed the little warning signs have popped up on lawns faster than lilacs have come into bloom this spring. You know the ones. They warn individuals to keep their kids and pets off grass that has been chemically treated with potentially toxic chemicals.

I take those warnings seriously and keep my furry kids on the cement. But increasingly I've discovered little white pellets — presumably the lawn chemicals and possibly fertilizer — have been applied to the walk, too, leaving no where for us to go, but the street.

Homeowners, take the time and have the courtesy to sweep fertilizer and other lawn chemicals off the sidewalk.

Michigan already ranks sixth in the 2012 U.S. Postal Service Dog Attack City Rankings. We don't want earn a ranking for most toxic sidewalks for dogs, too.

About that U.S. Postal Service ranking, it noted 33 dog attacks on postal workers in Detroit last year.



If you see a loose dog in your neighborhood, don't run past it.



State Farm Insurance also ranked Michigan as number six on a list of cities with the most dog bite insurance claims. According to State Farm, there were

151 claims worth \$4.6 million.

Here are more tips on avoiding dog bites from the AVMA:

- Never disturb a dog that is caring for puppies, sleeping or eating.
- If a dog approaches to sniff you, stay still. In most cases, the dog will go away when it determines you are not a threat.
- If you are threatened by a dog, remain calm. Don't scream or yell. If you say anything, speak calmly and firmly. Avoid eye contact. Try to stay still until the dog leaves, or back away slowly until the dog is out of sight. Don't turn and run.
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### Dormitorio-Ambrosio

Jennifer Lee Dormitorio and Ryan David Ambrosio announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Laurel and Lily Dormitorio of Plymouth, is a nurse at Oakwood in Annapolis in Wayne, and plans to begin working

soon at Henry Ford Hospital West Bloomfield.

Her fiancé, son of Lily Ambrosio-Ylen of Sterling Heights and the late Henry Ambrosio, is an IT and business consultant for Accenture.

A June 2013 wedding is planned at St. Thomas A Becket Catholic Church in Canton.

### 60th wedding anniversary

Don and Edna Venturino of Westland will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on May 23. The couple married in 1953 at Greenfield Methodist Church in Detroit.

Don served in the Navy for four years and is a Korean War veteran. He retired from General Motors after 31 years.

Edna worked at the C&O Railroad in Detroit.

The couple has four children: John in Nebraska, Cheryl in Minnesota, Donna in Arizona and Lorie and her husband, Barry, in Westland. They also have 12 grandchildren.

Don has sung with the Harmony Town Barber-shop Chorus for 15 years.

Edna has volunteered at the Westland Friendship Center with "Angel Wings," where women knit and crochet baby items for hospitals.

Don and Edna have been residents of Westland since 1956, since it was Nankin Township.



Don and Edna Venturino on their wedding day.

They plan to celebrate with a trip to Frankmunth and a dinner at the Bavarian Inn.



Don and Edna Venturino of Westland

### 60th anniversary

Soichiro "Patrick" and Cynthia Marie (Monroe) Hiram marked their 60th anniversary May 2. The couple wed in 1953 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Denver, Colo.

The Hiramias have lived in Livonia for 54 years.

Pat is a native of Los Angeles, Calif., is a 1944 high school graduate of the Manzanar (California) Concentration Camp. He is a delayed, 2006 graduate from his family's neighborhood school at North Hollywood High School in California. He graduated in 1949 from the University of Colorado and later from Columbia University. Patrick

was employed as a social worker for the Denver, Colo. Department of Welfare, Wayne County, and the Michigan Department of Social Services. He retired in 1989.

Cynthia is a Detroit native and a 1947 graduate of St. Alphonsus High School in Dearborn and a 1950 graduate of Mt. Carmel Nursing School in Detroit. She has worked



Soichiro "Patrick" and Cynthia Marie (Monroe) Hiram of Livonia on their wedding day.

as a registered nurse in medical care centers, for Detroit Diesel Corporation and at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in its emergency and recovery departments. She retired in 1992.

Patrick and Cynthia are the parents of Gregory Hiram of Plymouth, Eileen Hiram of Seattle, Wash., Brian Hiram of Chicago, Ill., Ann-Nora Hiram of Plymouth and Timothy Hiram. They also have three grandchildren.

A Mass was said for

their special intention at Gesu Catholic Church in Detroit. Another Mass will be said Sunday, May 26, at St. Edith Church in Livonia. The couple also celebrated their milestone anniversary at a surprise party with family and friends at their daughter's home in Plymouth. Donations in honor of the couple were given to Southern Poverty Law Center, Friends of Manzanar, and National Association of Free Clinics, in lieu of gifts.

### 75th anniversary

Donald and Thelma (Johnson) Sprague marked their 75th wedding anniversary May 17. They were married in 1938 in Detroit and have lived in Livonia for 49 years.

They both have been retired for 30

years. Donald worked for Detroit Edison and Thelma was employed by Livonia Public Schools.

They are the parents of Robin Sprague of Livonia and have five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

They plan to celebrate their milestone anniversary later this month.

# Passages

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**ALOE, LEONIDA G.**  
May 10, 2013, age 95. Visitation Friday 3pm-5pm at the Schrader Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Eulogy and Rosary Service 7pm. Committal Service Saturday, 10am at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, 25800 West Nine Mile Road, Southfield.



**ELWELL, DENNIS MICHAEL**  
Age 57, passed away May 9, 2013. He was born on March 1, 1956, the son of the late James and Betty Elwell. Dennis called Livonia home, it was where he lived and worked. He was the kind of guy that would give you the shirt off his back, had a great sense of humor and always made friends easily. He was a Detroit sports fan, whether it was the Tigers, Red Wings or Lions, you would always find him watching and rooting them on, occasionally there might be a friendly wager. Dennis was missed greatly by his family and friends. He is survived by his eight siblings: Jim (May) Elwell, John (Ellen) Elwell, Fred (Linda) Elwell, Frank (Patricia) Elwell, June (Laura) Elwell, Bette Jo Whitaker (Earl) Barry (Debbie) Elwell, Carol Grochovitch (Barry), and 23 nieces and nephews, in addition to many great-nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held Saturday, May 25, 2013 at 1:00 pm at Harry J. Van Funeral Home, 37000 W. Six Mile Rd., Livonia, MI. Friends and family will begin gathering at 11am, casual attire.



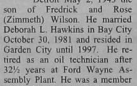
**HEIN, ROY M., JR.**  
Age 66, May 11, 2013 of Canton. Beloved husband of the late Joan. Loving father of Cindy (Kevin) Klein, James Hein, Lori (Ray) Wright, Tina L. (Justin) Labadie and Michael Hein. Proud grandfather of seven grandchildren. Visitation Thursday 2-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Rd (between Ford and Cherry Hill) Westland. Funeral Service Friday 11 AM at the funeral home. Interment Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park.

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

**HODGES, RICHARD ALLEN**  
Age 78, passed away May 11, 2013. Beloved husband of the late Thelma. Dear father of Mike (Cheri) and Steve (Kim). Grandfather of Brad, Bryan and Emily. A wonderful husband, father, grandfather and friend. He will be greatly missed. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

**KELLY, KAREN ANN**  
Age 51, of Farmington Hills. Passed away May 11, 2013. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home.

**KELSO, GERALD "JERRY" ANTHONY**  
May 10, formerly of Garden City, died May 17, 2013. Jerry was born in Detroit May 2, 1943 the son of Fredrick and Rose (Zimmet) Wilson. He married Deborah L. Hawkins in Bay City October 30, 1981 and resided in Garden City until 1990. He retired as an oil technician after 32½ years at Ford Wayne Assembly Plant. He was a member of the Lions and American Legion Post 0225. He served in the U.S. Marines Corps during the Vietnam War. He enjoyed motorcycles, boating, swimming, exercising, weightlifting, snorkeling, golf and travel. Survived by his wife, Debbie; children, Tina Kelso of Monroe, Michelle (Jim) Butczyk of South Lyon, Vicki (Steve Karas) Kelso of Garden City, Gina (Ken) Bryson of Dexter, Tenn (Judy) Keith of Westland and Tony (Mary) Kelso of Canton; 14 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Preceding him in death were his parents and a brother, Buddy Wilson. Arrangements by Walsh Funeral Home (989) 275-3600. Visitation 12-2PM Monday with a 7PM Vigil Service. Funeral Tuesday 11AM at St. Michael Catholic Church. Memorial to Grayling House, 7970 S. Grayling Rd., Grandville, MI 49431 or Heartworn Hospice, PO Box 667, West Branch, MI 48861



**MURPHY, SONJAE**  
Age 98, born in Batavia, Illinois on 8-20-1914, long term resident of Detroit, MI, died in her home on 5-13-2013. Member of the Eastern Star modeled for J.L. Hudson. Was an avid sports fan of the Detroit Tigers and Red Wings. Beloved wife of Francis Vincent (deceased) and Henry Murphy (deceased). Loving Mother of Joy Ann Roberts (deceased) and Marlene Strang (deceased). Sister of Peggy Neenan, Wendy Roberts, Daniel Busch, Christopher Busch and Rose Busch. Great Grandmother of 11 Memorial Service to be held on 6-5-13 in Oakview Cemetery of Royal Oak @ 12 noon.

**PAXTON, ANN C.**  
Beloved mother, sister and grandmother, passed away on January 17, 2013 at home in Austin, TX from complications related to Multiple Myeloma. She was born in 1941 to Michael and Gertrude Cascino in Chicago, IL. She is preceded in death by her parents, brothers Sam and Robert Cascino, and husband William G. Paxton. Family and friends were her life's passion and delight, she loved deeply and was loved deeply. She is survived by her daughters, Pamela (Paul von Hippel) and Debra (Adam Dodd) Paxton, sister Arlene (David Mitchell), granddaughter Cassandra von Hippel, nieces, nephews and friends.



**STROMBECK, LOWELL R. "BUD"**  
81, of North Webster, IN passed away May 12, 2013. [www.familyfuneralhome.com](http://www.familyfuneralhome.com).

View Online [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com)

**PEEL, GERALD D.**  
May 11, 2013 age 66 of Grayling. Loving father of Lisa (Al) Kotzler and Nancy (Erik) Sheehan. Beloved son of Patricia Peel. Brother of Patsy Peel. Proud Grandpa of Chris, Kyle, Zach, Graham, and Rony. Private services were arranged by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth. To share a memory, please visit [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com)



**ROBERTSON, JACK**  
May 13, 2013 Age 86. Beloved husband of Concetta for 13 years, the late Jane A. (Schultz) Robertson (d.1983) and the late Patricia A. (Steinberger) Burke Robertson (d.1995). Loving father of Deborah (Paul) Johnson, Brian (Kathy), Sally (Bill) Nygren, Kelly, Jan (Bob) Bishop and John (Linda) Robertson (d.1971). Stepfather of Tom Natoci, Marie (Jim) Gilman, Anita (Matt) Gray and John (Sharon) Natoci. Dear grandpa of 17 and great-grandpa of 30. Survived by a large extended family, many dear friends and golf buddies. Funeral Mass 10:00am Sat. May 18, 2013 (in-State 9:30am) at St. Clothe Church 17600 Newburgh, Livonia MI 48152. In lieu of flowers memorials to Angela Hospice. For more information please visit [www.harryjvanfuneralhome.com](http://www.harryjvanfuneralhome.com)



**SADDINGTON, GEORGE W.**  
84, of Farmington Hills, Michigan. A 43 year employee of Ford Motor Company, died May 14, 2013. Mr. Saddington was a Korean War Veteran, Cryptographer for the Army Signal Corps, served as a citizen representative (1960-62) on the National Defense Executive Reserve during the Reagan Administration. He was a avid painter. George was preceded in death by his loving wife of 54 years, Jean. He is the devoted father of Bill (Michelle), Janice (Dan) Bonello and David, cherished grandfather of Daniel, Corey, Jenna, Luke, Jacob, Zach and Mackenzie, fond brother-in-law of Josephine Saddington, Bob (Susan) Wargo, Carol Weaver, and uncle of many loving nieces and nephews. George was preceded in death by his brothers, Thomas and Edward. Funeral Mass Saturday, May 18, 9:30 am (in-State 9:00 am) at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, 23615 Power Road, Farmington, Visitation 11:00am-12:00pm at the Mercy-Sundquist Funeral Home, 248-474-2200.

Memorial tributes suggested to the Salvation Army, [salvationarmyusa.org](http://salvationarmyusa.org), or [www.salvationarmyusa.org](http://www.salvationarmyusa.org). [www.heeney-sundquistfuneralhome.com](http://www.heeney-sundquistfuneralhome.com)

Send information to Sharon Dargay at [sdargay@hometownlife.com](mailto:sdargay@hometownlife.com)

### BELEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

#### CLASS OF 1963

50th reunion will be held Sept. 28. Contact Kathy (Toth) Hay at [kay@reinhadreal.com](mailto:kay@reinhadreal.com) or Dianna (Basnaw) McDaniel at [djmcDaniel45@comcast.net](mailto:djmcDaniel45@comcast.net).

#### CLASS OF 1973

40th reunion will be held Sept. 28. Send inquiries to [BelevilleMI1973@aol.com](mailto:BelevilleMI1973@aol.com). net or call Laura (Kingsley) Delish at (734) 485-2744 or Sterling at (734) 265-6132.

#### DETROIT CODY

#### CLASS OF 1963

The 50th reunion is set for Friday, Aug. 16, at the Joy Manor, 28999 Joy Road, Westland. Tickets are \$40. Contact Jerry Marszalek at (313) 532-0134. [jmarsars@sbcbglobe.net](mailto:jmarsars@sbcbglobe.net), Phil Varilone at (313) 562-3579, [Pvarilone@wowway.com](mailto:Pvarilone@wowway.com)

### CLASSES FROM 50S AND 60S

Annual picnic, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 18, at Edward Hines Park, Nankin Mills Pavilion, at Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive, will include music, memorabilia, door prizes, hot dogs, chips, bottled water, baseball hats, T-shirts, tassels, and more. Special parking will be available for classic cars along with plenty of parking for non-classic cars. Bring chairs and pop-ups. No need to register to just show. Questions? Call Phil Varilone at (313) 562-3579, [Pvarilone@wowway.com](mailto:Pvarilone@wowway.com) or Jerry Marszalek at (313) 532-0134, [jmarsars@sbcbglobe.net](mailto:jmarsars@sbcbglobe.net).

### DETROIT GESU CATHOLIC SCHOOL

#### CLASS OF 1956

A reunion is planned for Aug. 17. Call

Jack Sayed at (810) 231-9230.

### LIVONIA BENTLEY

#### CLASSES OF 1965-66

A birthday reunion will be held Friday, Oct. 11 at Detroit Marriott Hotel, 17100 North Laurel Park Drive, Livonia; (734) 462-3100. Check in and cash bar at 6 p.m., buffet dinner at 7 p.m., followed by dancing and DJ. Cost is \$65 per person. E-mail to Kathy Sindon Shinn at [theshinns2@att.net](mailto:theshinns2@att.net).

#### CLASS OF 1973

A reunion is set for 6 p.m.-midnight, Sept. 13, at Livonia Marriott, Six Mile and Newburgh. Tickets are \$60 for alumni and \$50 for teachers. The event is open to other classes. Contact Marcia Elliott at (269) 327-0657 or e-mail to [mickey55@charter.net](mailto:mickey55@charter.net).

### MERCY HIGH SCHOOL

#### CLASS OF 1963

50-year reunion luncheon is planned for Saturday, Oct. 5, at the Sheraton Novus. Contact merics.1963@gmail.com or call J. Quinte at (734) 776-2561.

### PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

#### CLASS OF 1963

A 50th class reunion is set for Saturday, Aug. 10 with dinner at Fox Hills Country Club. Other reunion activities will include a mixer on Friday, Aug. 9. Bennigan's, a tour of the "old school" followed by lunch at a popular "up-town" bar on Saturday, and a picnic on Sunday, Aug. 11 at Plymouth Township Park. For more information call Nancy Richard Earle at (734) 624-8974 or e-mail to [nancyearle@comcast.net](mailto:nancyearle@comcast.net).



## Get facts about ticks, protect your family

It's National Lyme Awareness Month, the perfect time to brush up deer ticks — which carry the disease — and how to deal with them.

According to the Lyme Disease Association, Inc., Lyme is found in 65 countries worldwide and is endemic in many areas.

If not diagnosed and treated early, Lyme can affect every system in the body, including cardiac and central nervous systems. Mental confusion, memory problems, weakness, arthritis, and gastrointestinal problems may occur.

Here's what TickEncounter Resource Center says to keep in mind as the weather warms and you head out into the woods or tall grass:

- Ticks crawl up. They don't jump, fly, or drop from trees onto your head and back. If you find one attached there, it most likely latched onto your foot or leg and crawled up over your entire body.

- All ticks (including deer ticks) come in small, medium and large sizes.
- Ticks can be active even in the winter.

- Ticks carry disease-causing microbes. Tick-transmitted infections are more common these days than in past decades. With explosive increases in deer populations, extending even into semi-urban areas in the eastern and western U.S., the trend is for increasing abundance and geographic spread of deer ticks; and scientists are finding an ever-increasing list of disease-causing microbes transmitted by these ticks: Lyme disease bacteria, Babesia protozoa, Anaplasma, Ehrlichia, and other rickettsia, even encephalitis-causing viruses, and possibly Bartonella bacteria. Back in the day, tick bites were more of an annoyance but now a bite is much more likely to make you sick.

- Only deer ticks transmit Lyme disease bacteria. The only way to get Lyme disease is by being bitten by a deer tick or one of its "cousins" found around the world.

- For most tick-borne diseases, you have at least 24 hours to find and remove a feeding tick before it transmits an infection. Even a quick daily tick check at bath or shower time can be helpful in finding and removing



Ticks can cause Lyme disease.

attached ticks before they can transmit an infection. Lyme disease bacteria take at least 24 hours to invade the tick's saliva.

- Deer tick nymphs look like a poppy seed on your skin. And with about one out of four nymphal deer ticks carrying the Lyme disease spirochete and other nasty germs in the northeastern, mid-Atlantic, and upper mid-western U.S., it's important to know what you're really looking for. They're easy to miss, their bites are generally painless, and they have a habit of climbing up (under clothing) and biting in hard-to-see places.

- The easiest and safest way to remove a tick is with a pointy tweezer. Using really pointy tweezers, it's possible to grab even the poppy-seed sized nymphs right down next to the skin. The next step is to simply pull the tick out like a splinter.

- Clothing with built-in tick repellent is one of the best ways to prevent tick bites. An easy way to avoid tick bites and disease is to wear clothing (shoes, socks, shorts or pants, and shirt) with tick repellent built-in.

- Tick bites and tick-borne diseases are completely preventable. There's really only one way you get a tick-transmitted disease and that's from a tick bite. Reducing tick abundance in your yard, wearing tick repellent clothing, treating pets every month and getting into a habit of doing a quick body scan are all great actions for preventing tick bites.

Visit [tickencounter.org](http://tickencounter.org).

## May

### IMMUNIZATIONS

Learn what vaccinations are recommended for older adults at a free presentation, 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, May 21, at Providence Hospital, located on Nine Mile, west of Greenfield. Dr. Vilma Drelichman, an infectious disease specialist, on staff at Providence and Providence Park Hospital will give the lecture. Pre-register by calling (888) 751-5465.

## June

### BLOOD DRIVES

- A blood drive, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday, June 6, at the Costco Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster Road in Farmington Hills, is intended to honor those injured or killed in the Boston Marathon bombings and to raise awareness of the need for blood when emergencies or disasters happen. To make an appointment to donate, call (248) 473-1800 or register online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). Enter the sponsor code costcenter and follow the instructions to set up an appointment time for the blood drive.

- Blood donations will be accepted 7:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Friday, June 7, in the Community Room inside the Administration & Education Center located on the campus of Botsford Hospital, at 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington. Donors may visit [www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org) and enter "Botsford" as the sponsor code to register for this blood drive. Or, donors may contact Amy Bowes, Botsford's Employee Services Department, at (248) 888-2610.

### DIABETES MYTHS

A physician will debunk the common myths about diabetes in this session, 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, June 1, at Botsford Hospital's Administration & Education Building, 28050 Grand River Ave., across from the Emergency Room entrance on the east side of the hospital. Open to people with diabetes and their loved ones. Check-in and breakfast: is at 8:45 a.m. the hospital. Cost: \$5. Registration required. Call (248) 477-6100, Ext. 204.

**PERIPHERAL ARTERIAL DISEASE** St. Mary Mercy Hospital will present a free educational seminar about Peripheral Arterial Disease (P.A.D.) from 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, June 12 in the hospital's North Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. The program is open to the public and is one of the Diabetes Support Group's events. John Ilias, D.O., Chair, Department of Surgery, will discuss early detection, treatment and how to reduce your risk for heart attack and stroke.

## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

P.A.D. occurs when plaque narrows or clogs the arteries in your legs, reducing blood flow throughout your legs and feet. Painful cramping in the lower body after an activity and having sores on legs and feet that are slow to heal are common symptoms. For more information call (734) 655-8961.

## Ongoing

### AQUATIC CLASSES

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis. Classes are held 11 a.m.-noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch, 1:15 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch; and 2 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, at the Birmingham branch. All classes are offered to members and nonmembers of every age and participants do not need to know how to swim to participate. To join or for more information, interested individuals can contact their local YMCA branch or visit [www.ymcadeloit.org](http://www.ymcadeloit.org).

### ARTHRITIS SUPPORT

2-3:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Krieger Center, DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Clark Drive, Commerce. Enter the building via the South Garden entrance. Registration not required.

### BLOOD PRESSURE

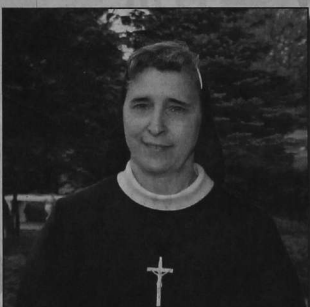
Garden City Hospital offers free blood pressure testing, cholesterol (\$5), and lipid panel (\$10) testing, 10 a.m.-noon, the first Tuesday of every month in the main lobby of the hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. No registration is required.

Senior citizens can have their blood pressure tested monthly, free of charge, at 8:30 a.m. the first and third Tuesday and second and fourth Thursday of the month at Westland Mall, 35000 Warren Road, Westland; 9 a.m. the second and fourth Monday at the Berwyn Senior Center, 26155 Richardson, Dearborn Heights; and 10:15 a.m. every other Wednesday at Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City, and every second Tuesday at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemmingway, Redford Township. For information, call (734) 458-4330.

### BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Meets 6:30-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan Road). Livonia. Call (734) 655-1100, or visit [www.stmarymercy.org](http://www.stmarymercy.org).

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## Treating Bug Bites & Stings

### Ask A Garden City Hospital Health Expert



Dr. Kay  
Family Practice

Bug bites and stings usually are just nuisances. They bring momentary alarm, temporary discomfort, but no serious or lasting health problems. But on occasion, they can cause infections requiring treatment and allergic reactions which can be serious, even fatal. GCH Health Expert and Family Practice Physician, Dr. Randy Kay, scratches the surface on these pesky situations.

**Q:** My husband and I take our family into the country every chance we get. Mosquito bites and bee stings are a common occurrence. My husband says not to worry, but I do. Should I be concerned and what can I do to protect my family?

**A:** First of all, a family trip is meant to be relaxing. Try not to worry about your encounters with nature's pests, but be prepared to deal with them when you do. Here is a list of the more common creatures you will encounter in Michigan and what to do when they attack.

- Fleas - Some people are very sensitive to flea bites and scratching can cause a wound or infection. Get rid of fleas on pets and in your home. Keep pets out of your bed and be sure to vacuum rugs daily. Spray insecticides on infested areas.

- Ticks - Once a tick latches onto the skin, it often moves to the armpits and groin - feeding on blood and passing on any disease it carries. A tick bite can also trigger an allergic reaction. If you have a tick, it is important to remove it properly. To prevent tick bites, keep your arms, legs, and head covered when outdoors. Use tick repellent with DEET on skin or clothing. Check for ticks after spending time in grassy or wooded areas.

Ticks can carry Lyme disease bacteria, but infected ticks usually don't spread the disease until they've been attached for at least 36 hours. Early symptoms are a circular skin rash, fever, headache and fatigue. Most cases of Lyme disease can be treated successfully with antibiotics. See your doctor if you're concerned.

- Mosquitoes - Scratching an annoying mosquito bite can cause a skin infection. Also, mosquitoes can carry West Nile virus, dengue fever virus, and other diseases. To protect yourself, apply insect repellent and cover up when you go outdoors. At home, use window screens and get rid of standing water in your yard and around your house.

- Bees & Hornets - If you don't have an allergic reaction to a bee or hornet sting, simply remove the stinger, clean the sting site, apply ice, take oral antihistamine for itching, and take something for pain relief. If you have a severe anaphylactic reaction, use an EpiPen (epinephrine) if you have one. Call for emergency care.

Join Garden City Hospital every month at Westland Mall for their wellness lecture series. At 1:00 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month, a GCH Health Expert will provide helpful and in-depth information on a variety of issues that impact our health every day. The next lecture, "Summer Safety", is June 8.

Do you have a health or medical question for one of the GCH Health Experts? Visit [GCH.org](http://GCH.org) or call 877.717.WELL.

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The \$69,000-and-up F-Type introduces a new sports-car design language for Jaguar, incorporating bold, clean lines accented by what the company calls "the discreet use of technology," including a deployable rear spoiler and hidden door handles.

The vehicle is the first official sports car that Jaguar has offered in more than 50 years. With front-engine, lightweight-aluminum architecture and rear-wheel drive, F-Type is engineered to be a true high-performance sports car.

It will be available in three models: F-Type, F-Type S and F-Type V8 S.

Jaguar is trying to use the ad to help emerge from its musty past and zoom into direct competition with Porsche and other high-end makers that have remained relevant while Jaguar has faded over the last several years.

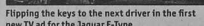
Featuring partners ranging from San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick to Playboy Jaguar is pulling

out all the stops in its "Your Turn" campaign to attempt to get America's young and upscale buyers to embrace a marque that has struggled in the U.S. for a decade, since Ford owned Jaguar and was working hard to revive it as part of its Premier Automotive Group of luxury brands.

"It's not creating a brand from scratch; [Jaguar] has a storied history," Rob Filipovic, general manager of product planning for Jaguar North America, told me. "It's more about reconnecting with the performance and design attributes that Jaguar used to stand for, and bringing them to the forefront for a new generation that isn't necessarily familiar with our brand or cars."

By coming out with this campaign behind a substantial all-new vehicle, Jaguar already has reached a high-water mark under its ownership by Tata. The India-based industrial conglomerate bought Jaguar and Land Rover brands nearly five years ago from Ford, which was battering down the hatches for the tough global economy at the time.

Since that purchase, Tata has brought the brands through the subsequent financial collapse and Great Recession, fought through its own unfamiliarity with luxury auto brands and suffered from the continuing recession in Europe even as it finally



began to bring out new hardware.

Now Jaguar plans three more new models over the next several months: the \$99,000 XFR-S sedan; the XKR-S GT coupe, stickered at \$174,000; and the XJR sports sedan with prices beginning at \$116,000.

Jaguar has been building up to this moment with a brand campaign that began a couple of years ago touting its existing vehicles as "alive" with excitement, then with its recently released short film starring Damian Lewis, and featuring the F-Type, that drew mixed reviews even by the standards of branded film content.

Upcoming elements of the campaign certainly will play to a sort of "bad boy" vibe that Jaguar has been trying to create for the F-Type that appears in U.S. showrooms this month. There's a season-long partnership and integration with USA Network's series *Covert Affairs* as well as a promotion with a faux June cover of *Playboy*. Also, Jaguar will exclusively sponsor an episode of ESPN SportsCenter featuring Kaepernick and other "notable athletes."

The "Your Turn" campaign targets the F-Type sports car's target audience of 25-to-54-year-olds, comprised of consumers with varied interests and lifestyles. "We're appealing with F-Type to a young, active lifestyle that age doesn't dictate," Filipovic said.

At the same time, Filipovic was clear about F-Type's competitive targets: other two-seat (but smaller) sports cars such as the BMW Z-4, Mercedes-Benz SLK and



This campaign is Jaguar's most important in many years.

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"The whole concept behind this car," Filipovic said, "was to be able to provide what some of the larger sports cars do but at a price more palatable to a much broader audience."

Jaguar said that F-Type already is "one of the most highly anticipated vehicles to launch this year," with more than 50,000 people already expressing interest in the yet-to-be-launched car.

Jaguar's media agency, Mindshare, created a marketing program touching on a variety of outlets including activation in broadcast, cinema, high-impact digital, and connected-TV platforms that will appeal to "early adopters."

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