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## School board considering closing Gallimore

**By Brad Kadrich**  
Staff Writer

Parents with kids attending Plymouth-Canton Community Schools who thought any potential boundary changes or school closings would wait until the district opens its new middle school in September 2015 are likely to get a surprise this week.

District administration officials are expected to recommend closing Gallimore Elementary School this year as administrators and the Board of Education wrestle

with a budget deficit approaching \$6 million for the 2014-15 school year.

The proposal, expected to be revealed at a Board of Education meeting Tuesday night, came after board President Judy Mardigian said at the board's April 29 meeting the district shouldn't wait until next year to act.

"I don't know why we're not considering closing schools for next year," Mardigian said at that April 29 meeting. "We have some schools that are pretty small in terms of enrollment. We did a study a couple

of years ago and I think we know what that tells us.

"On the closing of a building, I think we need to do it next year," she added. "It's either that, or some very real cuts that are getting closer to kids. We know what we need to do. I'd rather (save) a million dollars there than some of these other ways."

The board packet sent to trustees Friday showed, among other things, how Gallimore students might be redistributed. Enrollment at Galli-



The Plymouth-Canton Board of Trustees is considering closing Gallimore Elementary School in Canton.

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Carol Bodenmiller walks the runway during the Mother's Day Fashion Show and Tea. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## RED CARPET TREATMENT

Canton ushers in  
Mother's Day in style

**By Darrell Clem**  
Staff Writer

Forget the red carpets in those showy, iconic fashion hubs like Paris, New York, London and Hollywood.

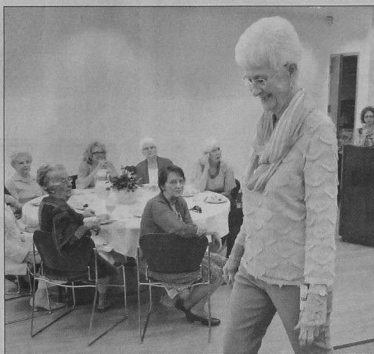
Look past the skinny, stone-faced models who rule the fashion runways.

Women whose ages stretched into their early 80s smiled and joined modeling peers as young as 29 Thursday as the Canton Senior Center rolled out its inaugural Mother's Day Fashion Show and Tea in true style at Summit on the Park.

Move over, Madrid. Pack it in, Paris. Canton resident Carol Bodenmiller, 75, embraced the moment wearing a bright pink Balli top that accentuated her black slacks and multicolored scarf.

"I like to do things like this," she said after her turn on the runway. "The more active you are, the more your brain stays active. I'm having a wonderful time."

About 60 women — some modeling clothes,



Mickey Stachurski had her first outing as a model.

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## Trial set for Canton stalking defendant

**By Darrell Clem**  
Staff Writer

Barring a plea deal, a 33-year-old stalking defendant is set for a jury trial in July on charges he stalked women he knew in Canton and had burglary tools in his possession when police arrested him.

Thomas Earl Martin Jr. is facing trial July 28 in Wayne County Circuit Judge Lawrence Talon's courtroom on charges of possession of burglary tools, stalking and aggravated stalking involving two women.

A court clerk confirmed the latest developments Thursday, the same day a Wayne County Jail officer said Martin remained in custody as he awaits trial.

Martin could face penalties ranging up to 10 years in prison if he is convicted as charged.

Canton police arrested Martin shortly before 2 a.m. March 21 after a suspicious man was seen lurking near the Children's Hospital of Michigan Specialty Center after it had closed for the night, Detective Sgt. Chad Baugh has said. The center is located on Cherry Hill, east of Canton Center.

Although the suspect was walking, authorities found his car parked near the medical facility and confiscated a locking set, binoculars, a flashlight and a Swiss Army tool kit, Baugh has said.

Further investigation revealed the suspect was accused of stalking two women he had known in the Canton area.

According to Baugh, the suspect told police at the time of his arrest that he was going to the medical facility — despite the early morning hour — be-



Martin

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## Canton ready for annual cancer relay

**By Brad Kadrich**  
Staff Writer

Abigail Stonerook, the American Cancer Society staff partner for the Canton Relay for Life, is fond of pointing out dollars raised in Canton are used in Canton.

And since the 18th annual Canton relay is perhaps the state's most successful, that often works out to a lot of dollars. With partners like the St. Joseph Mercy-Canton Cancer Center, those dollars can be

easily seen.

Already this year, a week before the event, more than 60 teams and more than 700 participants have raised nearly \$101,000.

"Canton is a very special community because here we're able to see the complete cycle of where our Relay fundraising dollars are making a difference in the lives of our neighbors," Stonerook said. "Right here is where many of us first learn of cancer — when it hits our friends and loved ones."

The 24-hour Canton Relay for Life is scheduled to start at 10 a.m. Saturday in Canton's Heritage Park. It's scheduled to include all the usual components — the Survivor Lap at 10 a.m., the luminaria ceremony at 9:45 p.m., entertainment and other activities.

This year, Stonerook said, the Relay is adding color splashing, where walkers who sign up for the activity will be "splashed" with a different

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The Canton Relay for Life starts at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 17, in Heritage Park.



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more has dwindled to 314 students and is expected to drop even more. It's part of a district-wide enrollment issue that has seen Plymouth-Canton lose some 1,700 students in the last five years, board members have said.

It's not the first time Gallimore has been considered for closure. When the district closed Fiegel Elementary School a couple of years ago, the administration's recommendation at the time was to close a second building and both Gallimore and Hoben elementaries were considered to be closed before the board backed off that decision.

The board is considering a number of cuts in trying to balance the 2014-15 budget. The board is already considering privatizing its custodial work, cut some 20 teachers and made other cuts.

Trustee Sheila Paton

## TALKING TO THE PUBLIC

**What:** Plymouth-Canton Community Schools public forum

**Where:** Discovery Middle School, 45083 Hanford, Canton

**When:** 7-9 p.m. Thursday, May 15

**Why:** The forum was originally designed to discuss potential boundary changes as the district plans for the opening of a new middle school in September 2015. However, plans to possibly close an elementary school this year are also likely to be on the agenda.

suggested selling property the district owns on Joy Road, because there's a development going in there anyway.

"There are no good things on this table," Paton said. "I would much rather sell that land and save 20 teachers or whatever (the cut) is."

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Voting on Facebook ends May 23. Staff selection will follow May 27.

In addition to a cover photo, the winner will receive a \$100 gift card.



Bev Riley and Mary Fancil enjoy lunch and the fashion show.

## FASHION

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some watching – revealed the latest spring fashions from Suzanne's Ladies Apparel of Kimball Township as Canton hosted a luncheon show with Comfort Keepers, which provides in-home care in Canton, Plymouth and Westland, and Regency at Canton, a nursing care and rehabilitation center.

"You don't have to be 20 to be fashionable," said Susan Doughty, Canton senior specialist. "You can be 95 and still be fashionable."

A smiling Mickey Stachurski walked the runway sporting a City

Girl top and Tribal brand pants. Her supporters encouraged her.

"This is my first time modeling, but they told me to just walk up there," she said. "I was a little nervous, but I really enjoyed it. I love clothes."

Joanna Darga, Comfort Keepers community liaison, said seniors enjoy fashion just as much as younger women.

"Even grandmothers can be glamorous," Darga said.

Gauging the response to the Mother's Day Fashion Show and Tea, Doughty said she might be on to something.

"I think we will do this again next year," she said. "Maybe we can make it even bigger."



Joetta Caudill takes the fashion runway. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## RELAY

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colored powder every 45 minutes or so starting around midnight.

Among activities at this year's Relay: a talent competition, performances by Plymouth-Canton Educational Park band ensembles, a silent auction hosted by the Canton Kiwanis Club, trick-or-treating, a scavenger hunt and an IKEA build-off.

Relay For Life is the signature event of the American Cancer Society. Stonerook said, and a way to celebrate cancer survivors, remem-

ber those lost to the disease and "fight back to end the disease."

"Relay is a way to bring people from every walk of life together all to accomplish one objective – finish the fight against cancer," she said.

Last year, the Canton event was the eighth-largest in Michigan.

This year's goal, counting post-Relay fundraising, is to raise at least \$200,000.

Survivors and teams or individuals can register at [www.relayforlife.org/cantonmi](http://www.relayforlife.org/cantonmi). Anyone interested in volunteering can email Stonerook at [abigail.stonerook@cancer.org](mailto:abigail.stonerook@cancer.org).

## STALKING

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cause he believed it was

an animal hospital and he allegedly wanted to obtain information for a girlfriend's dog that had suffered an injury.

Martin was ordered to

stand trial after he appeared before 35th District Judge Michael Gerou in early April for a preliminary examination. A not-guilty plea

was placed in his court file as he now awaits the outcome of the case.

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## Choir wows London during England trip

"Dreams come true," is a philosophy a group of 28 local, musically talented high school students learned first-hand when The Festival Singers, an advanced extracurricular club at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, took a dream trip to perform in and tour England over spring break.

Directed by Jennifer Kopp, director of choirs, with assistance from Valerie Said, associate director of choirs, this group of students learned and practiced eight selections over about eight weeks this spring. Each was to be performed a cappella, in venues ranging from Gothic cathedrals to a windswept village square in Shakespeare's birthplace.

"My husband and I were fortunate to be parent chaperones on the trip and see for ourselves what talent, dedication and excellent direction can achieve," P-CEP parent Susan Johnson said. "We witnessed what great ambassadors this group of students were for the United States, Michigan and P-CEP. Without exception, the students were polite, followed directions and were where they were told to be, with all the pieces of whatever outfit they were to per-

### BRINGING LONDON HOME

**What:** Plymouth-Canton Education Park Festival Singers  
**When:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 22

**Where:** Kirk in the Hills Church, 1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills

**Why:** The Festival Singers will perform a free concert of the music they performed during their trip to London.

**Contact:** More information is available by calling choir director Jennifer Kopp at 734-416-7765, emailing pcepchoirs@yahoo.com or online at www.pcepchoirs.org

form in (give or take a tie here and there, which were quickly recovered)."

The students didn't just show up, Johnson said, they "aved, sounding like professionals with years more experience," all after an exhausting eight-hour overnight plane trip and a five-hour time difference.

"It was a joy, not only to hear the goosebump-raising performances, but to hear the joyful singing on the tour bus



London Bridge wasn't falling down when the Festival Singers visited.

and the excitement that was contagious in frequent exclamations of, 'Guys, we are in London!' Johnson said. "It was also a privilege to see the reaction of the crowds at every performance and to hear the positive comments of those who came to hear the choir. One bystander told my husband, 'I tour with a choir all over Europe and this group of

kids ranks among the best I have heard."

The tour was the "stuff of dreams" for these young men and women, an experience they will remember for a lifetime. They entertained audiences in two cathedrals, a castle, on a lawn in view of the London Bridge and in the middle of a major celebration (with huge crowds) in honor of

Shakespeare's 450th birthday.

This was the first international trip for this group, but the Festival Singers also performed at Carnegie Hall in 2004 and 2010 (with composer Eric Whitacre in 2010); they have performed in Chicago, Toronto, Sandusky, Ohio, and at Disney's candlelight processional in Disney World in December 2011.

## Plymouth Rotary Club hands out annual essay awards

The Plymouth Rotary Club has handed out its annual Four-Way Test Essay Contest awards, honoring sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students.

Rotary International's Four-Way Test answers the question, "Of the things we think, say or do: Is it the truth, is it fair to all concerned, will it build goodwill and better friendships and will it be beneficial to all concerned?"

Rotary officials believe those components help young people make better decisions, using a quote from former Pioneer Middle School Principal Ellison Franklin.

"In this increasingly complex and demanding world, we are more and more aware of the challenges children face. Making positive decisions is an essential component of their character and one that will benefit each child, each family, each community and our world," Franklin once said. "The Four-Way Test provides a model that will remain with children long after the school day ends."

First-place winners received a \$100 gift certificate from Barnes & Noble, while second-place winners got \$50 certificates.

At a recent ceremony honoring the winners, Pioneer Middle School eighth-grader Chloe Bogicevic and Canton Charter Academy eighth-grader Krupa Patel served as essay readers.

Top two winners from each school were:

» All Saints Catholic School – sixth grade: Alexandra Stevens and Angelina Solis; seventh grade: Tara Leopold and Mallory Russo; eighth grade: Alexa Rybicki and Samantha Horn.

» Discovery Middle School – sixth grade: Linnea Brund and Ellen Beatty; seventh grade: Alexis Quinn and Ali-

son West; eighth grade: Justin Kinville and Sawyer Knowles.

» Central Middle School – sixth grade: Brooke Wiggins and Courtney Allen; seventh grade: Raleigh Nolan and Cassandra Lynn; eighth grade: Courtney White and Serena Issa.

» East Middle School – sixth grade: Kyle Lemieux and Jessica Sepsey; seventh grade: Laurence Yang and Vishal Nayak; eighth grade: Sophia Barkoff and Katherine Springer.

» West Middle School – sixth grade: Ryan Buckley and Bryce Moore; seventh grade: Adam Rebecca and

Leah Kahler; eighth grade: Micaela Rosas and Emily Caragay.

» Pioneer Middle School – sixth grade: Connor Moore and Ben Pritchard; seventh grade: Taral Patel and Cameron Lindsay; eighth grade: Chloe Bogicevic and Elijah Jones.

» Canton Charter Academy – sixth grade: Keshia Patel; seventh grade: Sarah Liberatoro and Pierce Wilson; eighth grade: Krupa Patel.

» Our Lady of Good Counsel – sixth grade: Chris Czaplinski and Mia Bidolli; eighth grade: Nick Thibodeau and Jonny Westemeier.

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# Plymouth Yoga Room debuts new studio space

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

A big business risk taken in the depths of the recession has paid off for the owners of the Plymouth Yoga Room—and their clients.

Sheri and Brent Rieli opened the studio on Forest in January 2009, after Brent gave up a real estate career amid the collapse of the housing market. They had each been practicing and teaching yoga, they said, and having their own studio had been a long-term dream.

Five years later, the classes were in demand, students complained about close quarters and some occasionally did their poses in the hallway outside the yoga room for lack of space.

"Plymouth has really embraced yoga as a community," Sheri Rieli said Thursday at the Yoga Room. "We did have to turn some people away because our classes were so big." That's something, her husband added, they hated to do to people who've made the effort to drop in.

## Doubling space

The Rielis, who for their part embraced Plymouth, moving to the city from Milford since opening the studio, solved the problem with a recent expansion, adding a second-floor yoga room of 1,275 square feet, more than doubling the yoga space.

The new studio space opened last month. The extra room will allow the Rielis to hold two classes at the same time and increase the Yoga Room's class offerings with such things as hav-



Plymouth Yoga Room owners Brent and Sheri Rieli, holding a "tree pose," are hosting an open house Saturday, May 17, to show off their expanded studio and thank customers for putting up with months of construction disruptions.

ing yoga for kids and their parents, in two separate rooms, at the same time.

To show off the new space to the community, the Rielis are hosting an open house 5:30-7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at the Yoga Room. There will be tours of the studio, a 15-percent discount on most merchandise and appetizers, on a second-floor deck, catered by neighboring E.G. Nick's.

The Rielis said the open house is also intended to recognize students and thank them for putting up with construction disruptions. Plymouth Yoga Room has a mailing list of about 4,000 people and about 3,000 actively taking classes.

"They've been great," Sheri Rieli said. "They've embraced yoga and it's made a difference in their lives."

## Breathing technique

Plymouth Yoga Room, which has nine instructors, including the Rielis, teaches ashtanga yoga, which is derived from classical Indian yoga. Instructors stress proper breathing as they put students through a series of postures, all flowing from the breathing.

"It all follows our breathing, connecting our movement to our breath," Brent Rieli said. Classes, he said, are taught so that students of all skill levels and body types can get something out of them, rather than with the goal of having every student achieve perfect poses that they may not all be flexible enough to do.

They can customize instruction to a student's specific needs and offer private yoga lessons.

Brent Rieli, an athlete in high school, fell in love with yoga about 20 years ago after dropping in on a class with a co-worker. Later, when they were dating, he challenged Sheri, who did kickboxing and aerobics, to try yoga and she fell in love with it, too. "You get the cardio, you get the strength-building, you get the flexibility, but you get the mind-body as well," said Sheri, who described yoga as religion, exercise and therapy all rolled into one.

Plymouth Yoga Room is at 474 Forest and can be reached at 734-259-4324. Its website is [www.plymouthyoga.com](http://www.plymouthyoga.com).

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# W-W district to interview six superintendent candidates

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

The Wayne-Westland school board has selected six candidates, including the district's two deputy superintendents, to be interviewed this week as part of its search for a new superintendent.

Board members spent last Monday evening reviewing applicants and narrowing the field to six candidates. They plan to conduct formal interviews Tuesday, May 13, and Thursday, May 15, in the school board meeting room at the district's central offices on Marquette between Wayne Road and Newburgh in Westland.

Invited to be interviewed Tuesday are:

» Josh Allison, superintendent of Beecher Community School District in

Genesee County, at 6:30 p.m.

» Deborah Piotrowski, superintendent of the Xenia Community Schools in Xenia, Ohio, at 7:45 p.m.

» Paul Salah, deputy superintendent of educational services for Wayne-Westland, at 9 p.m.

The interviews will continue Thursday with:

» Charles Muncachy, former superintendent of Mount Clemens Schools and founder of the Jalen Rose Leadership Academy, at 6:30 p.m.

» Michele Harmala, associate superintendent for instructional services and organizational leadership for Farmington Public Schools, at 7:45 p.m.

» James Larson-Shidler, deputy superintendent for administrative and business services for

Wayne-Westland, at 9 p.m.

The board is seeking a superintendent to replace Greg Baracy, who announced in December that he'll retire July 1 after 17 years as the district's top administrator. Baracy is the district's longest serving superintendent.

Following these interviews, the board will determine which candidates will be finalists and then conduct a second round of interviews Monday and Tuesday, May 19-20.

Under a plan developed by the Michigan Association of School Board Executive Search Services, the board hopes to select a new superintendent at its regular meeting June 9.

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Eddie Eadeh, Lauren Cummings and Stephen Bonello at the 2013 radio auction.

## Park station hosts radio auction

Robert Bosch LLC, Diesel Division, presents the 88.1 The Park Radio Auction from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday May 17. The auction is the student radio station's biggest fundraiser each year.

"We've always been impressed by Robert Bosch LLC and their support for the community and school programs," said Bill Keith, station manager. "Their support will help us reach our goal of raising over \$15,000 through this year's auction."

Keith said the station would also like to thank Brian Maxson of Merrill Lynch, Bank of Ann Arbor (now with a Plymouth location) and the

Plymouth Optimists for their sponsorship support for the auction.

Businesses and individuals can sponsor half-hours and hours of the auction broadcast. The station is also looking for businesses interested in serving as major sponsors and key sponsors.

"Sponsorship not only helps the station, but it is a great way to introduce your business to our listeners," Keith said. "Most importantly, your support impacts the lives of students and helps us continue serving the Plymouth-Canton community."

Anyone interested in sponsoring the auction can contact Keith at 734-416-7332 or via email

at keithb@pccs.k12.mi.us.

After 26 years, the 88.1 The Park Radio Auction has become a tradition in the Plymouth-Canton community. Listeners will be able to bid on items donated by area businesses. Every half-hour, new items will be available for bidding. There will be great items on which to bid, including autographed memorabilia, restaurant gift cards and services from local businesses.

A Dream Board with more unique items will be available for bidding all day. Listeners from around the world will be able to listen to the auction via the Internet.

Volunteers from 88.1 The Park are still contacting businesses regarding the donation of items. Businesses that would like to donate an item can contact the station at 734-416-7332. WSPD-FM is owned and operated by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. The station has been serving the community for 42 years.

### Phi Kappa Phi

Four Canton residents recently were initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines.

Canton students included **Matthew Studnicki**, initiated at Eastern Michigan University, and **Bradley Mueller, Catherine Irwin and Katrina Maynes**, all initiated at Grand Valley State University.

These residents are among approximately 32,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors, having at least 72 semester hours, are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

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"This scholarship program honors our founders and volunteers whose vision of helping members achieve their dreams is very much alive today," said Lisa Pawcett, vice president of marketing for Co-op Services. "We are proud to help these outstanding graduating high school seniors further their education and realize their dreams."

Beginning in November 2014, applications and details about the 2015 scholarship awards will be available on Co-op Services Credit Union's website, [www.cscu.org](http://www.cscu.org).

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is what I want to study," she said. "I'm also excited to have opportunities to study abroad and take part in a professional assistantship."

Bongiovanni was selected from more than 1,100 of the top high school seniors who applied to MSU and took an intensive general knowledge exam in February.

The scholarships, which are considered among the most competitive awards in the country, are valued at about \$20,000 for in-state students. They cover full tuition, room and board and a stipend for up to eight semesters of study. Bongiovanni will join MSU's Honors College along with more 500 other outstanding incoming students.

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**Brett De Bear** received a Steven Gilbert Memorial Endowed Scholarship in Education. De Bear is majoring in English education and minoring in history education, with a concentration in the Fritz Shurmur Center for Teacher Development secondary certification program. She is the daughter of Robert and Jane De Bear of Plymouth and a graduate of Salem High School.

**Leah Parker** received a Robert B. Hetter/Price-waterhouseCoopers Accounting Scholarship and a Tim Cash/Ernst & Young Endowed Accounting Scholarship. Parker is majoring in accounting with CPA emphasis and business and organizations. She is the daughter of Richard and Loren Parker of Plymouth and a graduate of Salem High School.

**Jennifer Polinski** received a Lyman S.V. Judson Endowed Award in Biological Science. Jennifer Polinski is majoring in biology and mathematics and is a member of the Prentiss M. Brown Honors Program. She is the daughter of Craig J. Polinski and Peggy A. Cummins of Plymouth and a graduate of Ladywood High School.

**University of Findlay**

**Jacob Boucher** of Canton was awarded a Merit Scholarship award for \$15,000 from the University of Findlay for the 2014-15 academic year.

Merit Scholarship awards are based on a student's final, cumulative high school grade-point average and ACT/SAT scores. Scholars are awarded beginning with the freshman year and are renewable for up to four years for a total of five years of scholarship aid. Merit scholarships for transfer students are based on the student's GPA from all previous college-level institutions.

### PUBLIC NOTICE Regular Meeting

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Treatment for Dupreyton's Contracture is unsatisfactory. Injection into a thickened tendon is excellent for a single tendon, but if the whole palm of the hand has flexure involvement this therapy becomes ineffective. Hand doctors are reluctant to intervene. The only surgery possible is to open up the palm and clean the sheath of every tendon in the palm, a difficult and long operation whose after-effect often is to cause thickened tissue to re-appear.

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Canton is hosting a Bark in the Park party for dogs and their owners at the Canton Dog Park. **HILL BREKLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

## Canton hosts pooch party at dog park

Dog owners and their pets are being encouraged to attend Bark in the Park from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, May 18, at the Canton Dog Park, off Denton Road north of Cherry Hill, on the township's west side.

The event is free for dogs and their owners. Participants along with their four-legged friends can enjoy live entertainment from Flying Aces Dog Show and purchase merchandise from local pet supply and service vendors. Dog park members and non-members are encouraged to let their dogs experience this off-leash dog park during the event. Non-members must show proof of up-to-date vaccination for rabies and

DHLPP, signed by an accredited veterinarian.

"This special event is designed to give pet owners the opportunity to learn about the Canton Dog Park, meet other pet owners and give dogs the opportunity to become more socialized," said Stephanie Pavlo, Canton recreation specialist. "We're delighted that so many dog owners have expressed interest in these dog-related types of events."

Located on Denton across from Fire Station No. 3, the off-leash dog park offers separate sections for large dogs 20 pounds or more and smaller breeds less than 20 pounds. It features an enclosed space of approximately five acres

and a double-gated entry which will be kept locked when the park is not open. Hours of operation are from dawn to dusk.

Membership applications for the Canton Dog Park will be available during this special event. The cost of membership is \$25 for residents and \$50 dollars for non-residents. These yearly membership fees cover up to three dogs per family. All dogs must be at least 4 months old, licensed and up-to-date on all required shots.

Numerous vendors will be participating in the event.

For additional information about the Canton Dog Park, call 734-394-5310 or visit [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org).

## PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### HUMAN TRAFFICKING

**Date/Time:** Thursday, May 15, 7:15-8:30 p.m.

**Location:** Koppmick Tech Center, 40525 Koppmick, Canton

**Details:** The Plymouth-Canton Branch of the American Association of University Women is hosting this program. Jane P. White, director and founder of the Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force, a nonprofit organization housed within the School of Criminal Justice at Michigan State University, will explain the work of the task force and its mission. Part of the mission includes preventing trafficking, pursuing prosecution and to help the victims. Both women and men are welcome, with free admission.

**Contact:** For more information, call 734-453-5009

### FOLK FUNDRAISER

**Date/Time:** Saturday, May 17, 7-9:30 p.m.

**Location:** Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

**Details:** The BaseLine Folk Society hosts its final "open mic" night of its ninth season, this one a fundraiser for all proceeds being donated to the Plymouth Community Arts Council. BaseLine Folk Society is a group of musicians promoting and preserving the fine art of traditional acoustic folk music. "Open mic" welcomes performers, who can sign up between 6:15-6:45 p.m. The May 17 event features a return visit from Judy Insley & Almost Perfect, providing original and cover music from other well-

known artists. Tickets are \$5 at the door, including performers.

**Contact:** Email President Scott Ludwig at [8f5president@aol.com](mailto:8f5president@aol.com)

### ALLEN AUCTION

**Date/Time:** Friday, May 16, 5:30-8 p.m.

**Location:** Allen Elementary School, 11100 Haggerty, Plymouth

**Details:** The Allen Elementary PTO sponsors the school's Silent Auction and Ice Cream Social. Proceeds will be used to fund field trips, classroom enhancements and in-school assemblies. The event is open to all members of the Allen community free of charge. The event will include a mini-fair with carnival games and a dunk tank (tickets available for purchase for games). The event will also celebrate Allen's 60th anniversary.

**Contact:** Call Allen Elementary at 734-416-0100 for more details.

### MAKING LACE

**Date/Time:** Saturday, May 17, 1-4 p.m.

**Location:** Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth

**Details:** The Plymouth Historical Museum hosts lace-making demonstrations by members of the Great Lakes Lace Group. Various styles of lace-making will be represented, including needle lace, knitted lace and tatting. The mission of the Great Lakes Lace Group is to stimulate and foster a public interest in and appreciation for all phases and facets of lace and lace-making, including but

not limited to its history, collection and expertise regarding this time-honored, decorative art and craft and to promote and develop the skillful making of lace by way of demonstration, instruction, teaching or otherwise. Demonstrations will take place in the Museum's Sanford Burr Meeting Room on the lower level. Admission to the museum is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children 6-17 years old.

### HEISE HOURS

**Date:** Monday, May 12

### Times/Locations:

• 10-11 a.m., Parthenon Coney Island, 39910 Ford Road, Canton

• Noon to 1 p.m., Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady, Northville

• 3-4 p.m., Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth

**Details:** State Rep. Kurt Heise invites local residents to meet with him to share their perspectives and ask questions. Heise is also available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or at his Lansing office.

**Contact:** Residents are invited to call toll free 855-REP/KURT or e-mail [kurtheise@house.mi.gov](mailto:kurtheise@house.mi.gov) to schedule an appointment.

### PRICE HOURS

**Date:** Monday, May 12

### Times/Locations:

• 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main

• 1:30-3 p.m., Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center

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# Canton Farmers Market to open May 18 for new season

It's a sure sign spring is finally here. Canton Farmers Market is set to begin its new season from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, May 18, at Preservation Park, located at 500 N. Ridge, north of Cherry Hill. It will be open every Sunday, rain or shine, through Oct. 19, except for July 6.

On opening day, Chef Paul Penney returns from 10:30 a.m. to noon to cook up recipes featuring seasonal produce. Canton's annual perennial exchange is back May 18 and May 25. Visitors are encouraged to divide their crowded perennials and bring them to exchange for other plants they might want as a way to diversify a garden or landscape.

Participants are asked to label plants, including type and color of bloom if known. A special seedling project will be available for kids to get

hands-on at the market. Musician Mark Reitenga is also set to perform on the Bartlett-Travis porch from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. opening day.

A few new vendors are being added to the lineup this season, including Paw-la's Pantry dog treats, Garlilly garlic sauce, Argicola soft pretzels and baked goods, Lush Paws body scrubs, Simple Threads apparel and Xiong's fresh Asian produce.

"The Canton Farmers Market provides the community with the opportunity to support Michigan farmers and vendors so that they can buy fresh, buy local and buy in season," market manager Tina Lloyd said. "Remember, we are a local market; no pine-apples or lemons are available at the Canton Farmers Market, since that type of produce isn't grown here."

Market-goers are reminded that cooler temperatures so far this spring have pushed back the harvest season, so produce may be slow making its way to the market.

In May, visitors can expect the farmers to bring a variety of greens, spinach, asparagus, arugula, carrots, herbs and potted flowers. In June, the berries will be ready. In July, a bounty of produce should start arriving.

Visitors can get seasonal gardening information each week from a master gardener. There also will be cooking at the market and Bartlett-Travis House tours will be available on select weeks, as well as entertainment on the porch and children's activities.

Market-goers can check out the historic Canton farming displays in the Canton Historical



Canton Farmers Market returns May 18 to Preservation Park.

Society's pole barn to get a glimpse of Canton's farming past.

The market has free admission. For more,

join the weekly newsletter at [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org) — it's under the community events tab — or "like" the

Canton Farmers Market on Facebook for market updates. The market manager may be reached at 734-394-5375.

## Cycling enthusiasts prepare for 23rd annual Michigander Bike Tour

The 23rd annual Michigander Bike Tour is fast approaching and the Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance wants to help participants prepare for the upcoming ride at the 2014 Michigander Expo, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, May 18, at Maybury State Park.

Along with Michigander coordinator Barry Culham, who will highlight the 2014 Michigander stops on this year's "True North" tour, bicycle experts and outdoor gear enthusiasts will be on hand to provide information about the latest bicycle gear and resources.

For newcomers to the Michigander bicycle tour, experienced riders will be sharing their

experiences about touring the state on a bicycle seat.

Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance executive director Nancy Krupiarz will update attendees about the newest trail and greenway information and a light lunch will be served during the expo.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their bicycles to experience Maybury's mountain bike and paved trails to get a jump start on their Michigander training.

The Michigander, a bicycle tour showcasing the trails and beauty of Northern Michigan, takes off July 12-18. The two-, six- or seven-day ride is a summer tradition for hundreds and will carry riders through

picturesque towns, including Leland, voted the second "Best Place to Watch a Sunset" by USA Today, and Sleeping Bear Dunes, winner of Good Morning America's "The Most Beautiful Place in America."

The family-friendly two-day tour takes off in Farwell on the paved Pere Marquette State Trail, while the six-day ride continues to the Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park, the Besiege Valley Rail Trail, Leelanau Trail and TART Trail.

Admission to the expo is free, but registration is required. A state park sticker is necessary to enter Maybury State Park by vehicle.

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# Hindu Temple free health fair draws hundreds

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

Hindu Temple of Canton leaders, inspired after their spring health fair delivered free care to hundreds of people, already have indicated they will offer a similar event next year.

"We want to help people change their lifestyle for the better so they can be healthier," said Jatin Desai, a health fair organizer.

The latest numbers are in and Hindu Temple officials said more than 300 patients received free medical consultations April 30 - the second phase of the 12th annual fair - from 67 volunteer doctors from the Michigan Association of Physicians of Indian Origin, or MAPI, along with Oakwood Hospital-Wayne health care volunteers.

Patients saw primary care physicians, cardiologists, dentists, pharmacists, nutritionists and other specialists as the Hindu Temple, MAPI and Oakwood finished an effort to help people who might otherwise delay health care they often can't afford.

"Everything went very well," Desai said.

The second phase came three weeks after nearly 250 people attended the first round of the free fair, which involved blood tests to detect potentially high cholesterol, blood sugar levels and other possible health concerns. Patients got their results April 30 at the Hindu Temple, on Cherry Hill east of Canton Center, along with advice for addressing any problems they might be facing.

Hindu Temple officials have continued to offer the fair even as the health care landscape is



Health care professionals work with residents during the Hindu Temple of Canton health fair. PHOTOS BY SUMAN RAVAL



Democratic gubernatorial candidate Mark Schauer (fourth from left) was greeted at the Hindu Temple of Canton health fair by volunteers and board of trustees members (from left) Kalpesh Unadkat, Keshav Raizada, Dhaval Vaishnav, Jatin Desai, Manoj Sachdeva, Dalip Guglani, Nitin Desai and Rev. Martin.

changing rapidly in Michigan and, indeed, across the nation due to the Affordable Care Act, which has drawn its share of supporters and critics alike.

Statistics have indicated more than 260,000 Michigan residents have chosen health care plans under federal reforms. According to Census Bureau estimates, 1.1 million Michigan residents lacked health insurance in 2012.

Officials such as Don Hazaert, director of Michigan Consumers for Healthcare, a coalition of health-related organizations, have said even with changes in health care,

efforts such as that of the Hindu Temple still are needed to help local communities address gaps in care.

It appears Canton has done just that, considering hundreds of people showed up for this year's fair, along with visitors such as Democratic gubernatorial candidate Mark Schauer.

In coming years, the Hindu Temple hopes to place even more emphasis on helping area residents get the education they need to pursue a healthy lifestyle, Desai said.

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The Hindu Temple of Canton's 12th annual community health fair drew hundreds of people.



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**A:** Generating income is one of the more difficult dilemmas that investors face. Unfortunately, with U.S. treasuries and CDs paying such low rates of return, they generally are not viable alternatives when it



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comes to investing for current income. After all, CDs aren't even paying 1 percent and, unfortunately, it doesn't appear that rates will increase anytime soon.

In today's world, the only time I recommend CDs is for emergency funds or to hold money for the short run.

In reviewing your situation, the investments I recommend are

commission-free, which means that 100 percent of your money goes to work for you at all times. The first suggestion is T. Rowe Price Spectrum Income Fund ([www.troweprice.com](http://www.troweprice.com)). This is a fund that invests in a variety of income-type funds managed by T. Rowe Price. The fund provides you with a diversified income portfolio — domestic bonds, international bonds, as well as some preferred stocks and income-producing stocks. This is a very good fund with a good long-term track record that would fit

your needs for producing income.

Another alternative to consider is Vanguard, a great company that offers the best customer service and low investment costs. I would consider taking the \$20,000 and dividing it equally into Vanguard Wellesley Income and Vanguard Total Bond Market index. This will give you diversification within the income areas.

Generating income from investments has become more difficult over the last few years. With the Federal Reserve artificially keeping in-

terest rates low, it has adversely affected income investors. That is why in today's low interest rate environment, investors who need to produce income need to think out of the box and not automatically invest in the traditional income-producing investments such as CDs and U.S. treasuries.

I recognize the risk level is different when you invest in mutual funds; however, it's not like things such as CDs and U.S. treasuries are risk-free.

Yes, if you purchase a CD or U.S. treasury, your

principal is guaranteed and you will get your money. However, that doesn't mean it is risk-free.

I wish I could recommend an income investment that is totally risk-free, but there are none. Every investment has risk and the key is to manage that risk.

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, email [rick@bloomassetmanagement.com](mailto:rick@bloomassetmanagement.com).*

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## Democrats gather for annual gala

Following what club officials called a "smash hit" last year, the Democrats' fifth annual Spring Gala 2014 is set for 7 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at the Meadowbrook Country Club.

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Mark Schauer will be the keynote speaker and U.S. Sen. Carl Levin will be an honored guest and speaker.

Levin's appearance commemorates his 36 years of service to the citizens of Michigan and the nation. He was keynote speaker at the first Democratic Spring Gala in 2010.

The Democratic Spring Gala is hosted by



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Schauer

Democratic clubs in Northville, Plymouth, Canton and West Oakland County.

The previous four galas were "highly successful," club officials said, and provided funding for promotion of Democratic candidates.

Other highlights of the evening include a ban-

quet buffet orchestrated by Meadowbrook's Executive Chef Michael O'Leary, a cash bar and music and dancing to Steve King and the Ditties.

Tickets are still available by contacting the Canton Democratic Club at [CantonDems.com](mailto:CantonDems.com) or via email at [cantondemclub@gmail.com](mailto:cantondemclub@gmail.com).

## Canton library collecting items for veterans

To commemorate Memorial Day, the Canton Public Library will accept donations to benefit the Veterans Hospital in Ann Arbor.

The hospital has requested packages of new men's T-shirts and un-

derwear, in any size but with a special need for sizes XXL and larger, as well as donations of gift cards for stores like Meijer, Walmart and gas stations.

Donations may be dropped off May 18-31 at

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"Thank you for supporting our veterans," Laurie Golden, the library's community relations department head, said in a press release.

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# Friends of the Rouge fighting for future existence

By Kurt Kuban  
Staff Writer

For more than 25 years, the nonprofit Friends of the Rouge (FOTR) has been the main catalyst in changing perceptions about the Rouge River, which was once one of the most polluted waterways in the United States due to the area's heavy industry and poor storm water planning.

The group, which founded the annual Rouge Rescue in 1986, has been promoting the restoration and stewardship of the Rouge ever since. With the help of the federal Rouge River Wet Weather Demonstration Project, which has granted millions of dollars to local communities for projects that have eliminated sewage discharges, restored habitat and increased recreational opportunities, FOTR has been a driving force in getting the public to take ownership of the river again.

Ironically, just as the river is in the midst of a huge comeback, the survival of Friends of the Rouge is very much in doubt.

## Changes in perception

The Rouge River has four main branches that flow primarily through Wayne and Oakland counties, with some of the headwaters in Washtenaw County. The watershed drains 438 square miles of some of the most urban landscape in the state (or anywhere for that matter).

Many of the 48 communities within the watershed have in recent years embraced the river again, seeing it as providing residents with recreation such as fishing, nature walks and even canoeing. A quarter century ago those same communities were warn-



A Friends of the Rouge fish survey team checks a net for a sample on Johnson Creek in Northville Township. From left are Nick Lavigne, Sally Petrella, Deborah Hochberg, Kristina Blott, and Philip Kukulski (at bottom). JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

ing residents to stay away from the river.

Friends of the Rouge has played a huge role in this transformation, through not only the annual Rouge Rescue event in which thousands of volunteers remove trash from the river and also restore habitat, but also their highly successful Rouge Education Project that works with schools throughout the watershed to allow students to conduct hands-on water quality monitoring. Both of the programs have connected thousands of people with the river.

Plymouth resident Frank Walker, who is a retired Wayne-Westland teacher, implemented the Rouge Education Project into his curriculum for years at Franklin Middle School. He said the kids loved being able to go

down to the river and learn in a real-world situation.

"We did the water quality monitoring the entire time I was at Franklin. We did every single test there was. I did that with hundreds and hundreds of kids over the years," Walker said. "A lot of those students wanted to go into science after that, and also get more involved in cleaning up the river. For a lot of my kids it was their only chance to get out into nature. And they loved it."

## Finding new funding

Due to great improvements in water quality, the EPA is phasing out the Rouge River Wet Weather Demonstration Project. It is a big blow to FOTR because the organization has re-



The Rouge Education Project has been embraced by schools around the Rouge River watershed and allows students to conduct water quality monitoring. FILE PHOTO

ceived annual funding from the program for years. In fact, it has provided about a third of the group's overall budget, which this year is about \$474,000. The grant will expire at the end of May, which has left the group looking at a budget deficit and scrambling to figure out how it will offset the lost funds.

The first major change is going to be Rouge Rescue. Since the very first event back in 1986, Rouge Rescue has always been held on the first Saturday in June. However, due to the fact that FOTR gets federal funding based on the number of volunteer hours it coordinates for the event, they will be holding the main event on Saturday, May 17 this year. Most of the Rouge Rescue events will take place that day, while others will be held May 3, May 10 and June 7 (Birmingham, Northville and Novi). For a complete list, visit the FOTR website at [www.therouge.org](http://www.therouge.org).

Friends of the Rouge is pretty much a bare bones operation that relies on its extensive network of volunteers. It has six full-time and one part-time employee. The FOTR board recently hired Aimee LaLonde-Norman as the group's new executive director. While she doesn't have much experience with environmental groups like FOTR, she does have an extensive experience in the nonprofit field—and especially with fundraising. She realizes the group's future is dependent upon how successful she and the staff will be with finding new funding sources.

She said the focus will be on three areas: connecting with corporations and other non-profits for potential grants; figuring out what are the key programs the group provides (and can afford); and improving public relations. She said FOTR is suffering a bit

from its success, in the sense that many in the public think the battle may be won.

"We need to do whatever it takes to reconnect to the public," LaLonde-Norman said.

She is hoping she doesn't have to eliminate staff, because there are so few staff members all with many responsibilities.

"We're still working through that. We'll rely on what little reserves we have for now, but there's no doubt that we're going to have to embrace creativity to survive," she said. "I'm excited because we have a lot of great partners, whether they are financial backers or our many, many volunteers. It is scary, but it's a unique situation. This is giving us a chance to really reexamine what we do as an organization."

## Increasing membership

Despite the challenging landscape in front of them, LaLonde-Norman doesn't think FOTR will cease to exist. There are too many people that have seen the good the organization has done.

"I have a lot of faith and hope the community won't let that happen," she said. "I think the community will rally around us once they figure out how dire the situation is."

One of the goals is increasing membership. The group currently has about 400 paying members. In a watershed of more than 1.5 million people, the group thinks it can do a better job of attracting members. They are expecting about 3,000 people to get involved with Rouge Rescue this year alone. Membership dues are as little as \$35 annually.

Kelly Cave, director of Wayne County's water quality management division, is one person who believes in Friends of the Rouge. Since its inception in 1992, the

## ROUGE RESCUE

The Friends of the Rouge's annual river cleanup takes place in May and June. The main event is May 17. Volunteers of all ages and backgrounds are invited to participate in hands-on activities to care for the Rouge River.

Following are the dates and locations for events:

**May 17:** Douglas Evans Nature Preserve, Beverly Hills; Flodin Park, Canton Township; Meadows of Canton, Canton Township; Workman Elementary Habitat, Canton Township; Ford Field Greenway Trail, Dearborn; Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn; Henry Ford Estate-Garlic Mustard Removal, Dearborn; University of Michigan Environmental Interpretive Center, Dearborn; Parkland Park, Dearborn Heights; Greenway Park, Detroit; St. Paul of the Cross Retreat, Detroit; Shiloh-Silas Park, Farmington; Botsford Commons Community, Farmington Hills; Heritage Park, Farmington Hills; Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge Campus, Farmington Hills; Coventry Gardens Park, Livonia; Allen Drive Park, Northville; Linear Park, Northville; Township Mead's Mill, Northville Township; Smith Elementary School-Byron Creek, Plymouth; Plymouth Township Park, Plymouth Township; Lola Valley Park, Redford Township; Beech Woods Recreation Center, Southfield; Berthier Woods, Southfield; Kosh-Hoodwaters Preserve, Superl Township; Woodside Village Subdivision, Superl Township; Goudy Park, Wayne; Jane 7-South Park, Birmingham; Mill Race Village, Northville; Rotary Park, Novi. Event details are provided on the Friends website at [www.therouge.org](http://www.therouge.org).

Rouge River Wet Weather Demonstration Project grant has been funneled through her office. She has seen the major improvements in the health of the river since that time. Sewage, which used to flow into the river every time it rained, has largely been eliminated, along with other forms of pollution. Habitat has also been improved, including several dam removal projects. Newburgh Lake has been cleaned up. Fish and other wildlife are coming back. The list goes on and on.

"The results have been staggering any way you look at it," Cave said. "We are close to realizing our dream, which is a complete restoration of the Rouge River so people can use it for recreation."

"Friends of the Rouge have played a integral role in this effort. You need a variety of partners in an effort like this, and they have been wonderful in getting the message out and connecting people to the river."

For more information about Friends of the Rouge, and how you can help, visit [www.therouge.org](http://www.therouge.org).

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Registration will be open from May 9-23, 2014 at Webster Elementary School, 32401 Pembroke, Livonia, MI 48152 from 8:00a.m. - 4:00p.m. Monday - Friday.

All candidates MUST meet the ACAT selection testing criteria.

For complete information on the application process, visit [www.livoniaschools.org](http://www.livoniaschools.org) or contact Webster School at 734-744-2795.



# CALENDAR

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**Details:** Wayne County Commissioner Shannon Price, R-District 10, allowing constituents the opportunity to discuss matters of concern within the community.

**Contact:** For more information, contact Mike Mitchell, staff aide to Price, at 313-224-0882.

## CHURCH CONCERT

**Date/Time:** Saturday, May 31, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

**Location:** Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 Sheldon, Plymouth

**Details:** Friend of Unity, a Plymouth Unity church, hosts a concert featuring Karen Taylor Good and Stacey Dawley Shockey, who organizes say are noted for performing "positive thought/spiritual message" music. Tickets are \$20 in advance and at the door.

**Contact:** Email Margaret Asenmacher at [mas4000@bcglo.net](mailto:mas4000@bcglo.net) for more information or for tickets.

## BLUES @ THE ELKS

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, May 13, 7:10 p.m.

**Location:** Plymouth Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

**Details:** Blues @ the Elks features RJ's Kansas City Six presents The Great Blues Shouters of the Southwest. RJ Spangler on drums, Dan Devins does vocals and plays harmonica, Alicia Marie on guitar, Gwen MacPhee on string bass, James O'Donnell on trumpet and vocals and Ella Campbell on tenor sax. Blues @ the Elks takes place the second Tuesday of the month. There's a \$5 donation at the door.

**Contact:** For more information, call 734-453-1780 or visit [www.plymouthelks1780.com](http://www.plymouthelks1780.com).

## JAZZ @ THE ELKS

**Date/Time:** May 27, 7-10 p.m.

**Location:** Plymouth Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

**Details:** The May 27 event features Dennis Tini Trio with April Tini on vocals. Dennis plays keyboard, Ray Tini on bass and Dave Taylor on drums. Jazz @ The Elks is \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres.

**Contact:** For more information, call 734-453-1780 or visit [www.plymouthelks1780.com](http://www.plymouthelks1780.com).

## MEDICARE/MEDICAID COUNSELING

**Date/Time:** June 4, 1-3 p.m.



Barefoot on stage Barefoot Productions presents "Motherhood Out Loud," opening May 16. It's collection of monologues and scenes, directed by Craig A. Hane and Dana Naughton. Barefoot Productions is offering a Mother's Day gift: two tickets to "Motherhood Out Loud," a personalized greeting card and a surprise gift. The production runs at 8 p.m. May 16-17 and at 2 p.m. May 18. Gift packages are \$40 and individual tickets are \$15. Visit [www.justgobarefoot.com](http://www.justgobarefoot.com) for more information.

**Location:** United Home Health Services, 2200 N. Canton Center Road, Ste. 250, Canton

**Details:** United Home Health Services offers free individual counseling with a certified MMAP (Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program) counselor who will help you understand: Medicare/Medicaid eligibility, transitioning from employer coverage to Medicare, plan options, assistance programs, drug insurance, and Medicare/Medicaid fraud and abuse identification and reporting. Medicare plan enrollment and subsidy application assistance also provided.

**Contact:** Heather Pinage at 734-727-2063. Please specify you are requesting an appointment for the United Home Health location. For MMAP.org/page/about.html

## CRAFTERS WANTED

**Date/Time:** Sept. 5-7

**Location:** Downtown Plymouth's Fall Festival

**Details:** The Plymouth Fall Festival has openings in the Craft Show. Applications are available on the Craft Show page at [www.plymouthfallfestival.com](http://www.plymouthfallfestival.com). Deadline for Jewelry booth applications is June 30. Deadline for all other craft applications is July 15.

**Contact:** More information can be found on the web site or email Colleen Brown at [craftshow@plymouthfallfestival.com](mailto:craftshow@plymouthfallfestival.com).

## HEARING SCREENINGS

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, May 21, 1-4 p.m.

**Location:** Hug Center for

Hearing, 705 S. Main, Plymouth

**Details:** Hug Center for Hearing hosts an open house celebrating "May is Better Hearing and Speech Month." Free hearing screenings, free hearing aid consultations and demonstrations of the latest hearing technology, including assisted listening devices will be part of the celebration. Refreshments, raffle prizes and giveaways will also be provided.

**Contact:** For more information, or to RSVP, call 734-451-0800.

## FOURTH ART EXHIBIT

**Date/Time:** Through May 31; champagne and desserts reception 2-4 p.m. Sunday, May 11

**Location:** D&M Art Studio, Canton

**Details:** The fourth annual Ladies Dillenbeck Art Exhibition takes place at D&M Art Studio and features original artwork of women artists. Sharon Lee Dillenbeck, owner/operator of D&M Art Studio, has once again assembled recent works of art including her work, those of her daughters Erin and Kristin, her sister Donna Knight and some of Dillenbeck's award-winning students, including Marilyn Meredith, Vivian Hewitt, Elizabeth Gullison, Deana Sahoney and Kay Masini.

**Contact:** For further information about this event or D&M Art Studio, contact Sharon Lee Dillenbeck at 734-453-3710 or email her at [starnet1@aol.com](mailto:starnet1@aol.com).

## BLOOD DRIVES

**Dates/Times/Locations:**

» Friday, May 16, 1-6:45 p.m. Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton

» Monday, May 19, 1:30-7:15 p.m. Trinity Presbyterian Church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

» Thursday, May 22, 2-7:45 p.m. Farrand Elementary School, 41620 Greenbriar, Plymouth

» Thursday, May 22, 1-6:45 p.m.

First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth.

» Thursday, May 22, 4-7:45 p.m. West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth

**Details:** The American Red Cross hosts blood drives at the above locations. Appointments can be made, and walk-ins are welcome.

**Contact:** To make an appointment, call Diane Risko at 313-549-7052 or email Diane Risko at [drisko@redcross.org](mailto:drisko@redcross.org).

## FOOD PANTRY

**Date/Time:** Open every Tuesday, registration 2-3 p.m.

**Location:** Abundant Life Church of God, 2100 Hannan, Canton

**Details:** Abundant Life Church of God hosts New Dimension Outreach Food Bank for anyone who needs food. The pantry is run by people who love and care. Registration is 2-3 p.m., free referrals are at 3 p.m. and food distribution follows the raffles. The pantry serves more than 100 families per week. Users will need a photo ID and proof of address.

**Contact:** For more information, contact Donna at 734-383-5658, Pastor Dan Smitherman at 734-664-6484 or the church at 734-722-7688.

## DRIVE 4 UR SCHOOL

**Date/Time:** Thursday, May 22,

11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**Location:** Blackwell Ford, 41001 Plymouth Road, Plymouth

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**Contact:** For additional information, contact Blackwell Ford at 734-453-1100.

## BNI MEETING

**Date/Time:** Each Thursday, 7-8:30 a.m.

**Location:** Red Olive Restaurant, 1051 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

**Details:** The BNI Northville \$1 million Referral Chapter meets every Thursday morning.

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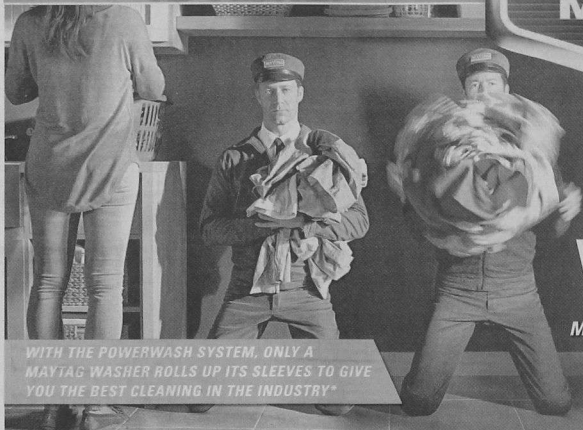
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## PREP SOFTBALL

# Chiefs seize control of division

Canton's dramatic win over Plymouth in Game 2 puts Chiefs in KLA South driver's seat

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Al White knew all about the storied softball rivalry between Canton and Plymouth, even while coaching at Madonna University.

On Thursday, White got his first taste of that rivalry and it was pretty sweet as his Chiefs swept a doubleheader from visiting Plymouth to take a firm hold of the KLA South Division lead.

The Chiefs scored six runs in the bottom of the fifth to earn a 7-2 win in the opener and followed that up with a 4-3 victory in nine innings to all but

clinch the division. Canton (18-3 overall, 12-1 in the division) must sweep visiting Wayne Memorial on Wednesday to wrap up the title.

In Game 2, Hanna Warren was safe on an infield error in the bottom of the ninth, with Nicole Clark scoring the winning run. Clark doubled over the head of Plymouth center fielder Rachel Zeronia with one out and moved to third on a ground out.

"I've always known about it (Canton-Plymouth rivalry), but I've never been a part of it," said White, in his first season as head coach of the Chiefs after retiring from the Crusaders in 2013.

And in two weeks or so, the teams will renew acquaintances in a Division 1 pre-district game. That was the scenario last season, when the Chiefs upset the association champion Wildcats.

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Canton's Elizabeth Yager (No. 1) eludes the attempted tag of Plymouth catcher Brooke Senkbeil to score a run during Thursday's opening game. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

## GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

# Breakthrough

Plymouth wins first-ever division championship

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

No matter what the rest of this season brings for Plymouth's varsity girls track and field team, this has been a year to remember for head coach Ricky Styes and the Wildcats.

Styes' team defeated Livonia Churchill 75-62 Tuesday to clinch the KLA South Division championship — the first in Plymouth program history. The Wildcats improved to 5-0 in the division, besting the Chargers (4-1).

"Winning the division was one of our main goals this year," Styes said. "As I stated at the beginning of the year, I felt we had a pretty balanced and deep team, one that could be a serious contender for the division."

"We knew that in order to win this first division title, we would have to go through Churchill. They have a top-notch program. We told the team that in order to beat Churchill, we would have to do some very special things on the track and that is exactly what the girls did."

Three individual school records were broken in the process:

» Tionne Johnson threw the discus a record distance of 123 feet even.

"She has been steadily improving and could have a good shot of doing something great at the regional meet," Styes said.

» The 800-meter relay team (Jewel Davis, Katie Salanga, Anna Lukens and Ryan Draper) established a new standard with a time of 1 minute, 45.71 seconds.

"This was totally unexpected, but shows the depth of our team and the hard work that they have put in," he

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Aleah Rogalski is one of many contributors to Plymouth's success this year. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

## PREP BOYS LACROSSE



Plymouth's Zach Gallaher (right) gains a step against Salem defender Vince Troher. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# CAN'T FIGHT LIGHTNING

Plug pulled at halftime on Plymouth, Salem boys lacrosse teams

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

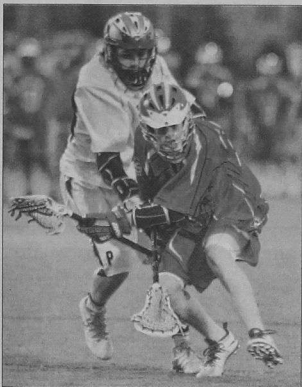
For 24 minutes Wednesday night, the action was fierce and fast as Plymouth and Salem battled each other in a varsity boys lacrosse match-up, playing to a 3-3 halftime tie.

Then came Senior Night festivities for Plymouth players Evan Bridge, Connor Browne, Cam Smith, Jordan Edwards, Philip Avramoski and Shane Parks, escorted by their parents onto the varsity turf field at Plymouth Canton Educational Park while bios were read over the loudspeakers.

But as soon as the teams returned for a highly anticipated second half, *piff!* Action was halted due to lightning flashes in the distant skies, well north of the Park. Several more lightning sightings followed before the contest was postponed with the second half pending.

Friday came word that the KLA Kensington Conference match-up would continue at 4:30 p.m. Saturday. The game could determine the winner of this season's Park

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An example of the physical play during the first half Wednesday pitted Plymouth's Hunter Linderman (top) and Salem's Nathan Homrich. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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## PREP GIRLS LACROSSE

# Salem girls make history

Despite loss to Novi, Rocks claim share of first conference title

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Salem's varsity girls lacrosse team will go into the record books as the first from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park to win a KLAAs Kensington Conference championship.

Albeit, the Rocks share that honor with South Lyon United after Wednesday's 7-3 loss to the Lions.

"We are very proud to be able to represent the Plymouth-Canton school district and our community by bringing home this first high school lacrosse title," Salem head coach Dave Medley



Two of the key players for Salem's conference champion girls lacrosse team, seniors Jenna Carter (No. 11) and Rose Krasofsky (No. 96), compete during a recent game against Canton. **JEFF CARTER**

said. Salem (12-2, 8-2), went to win the conference title outright. But the Rocks could not crank up the offense, managing single goals by Leah Tardiff, Joslyn

Longe and Bridget Kerwin.

The contest was halted early in the second half due to lightning. Monday against Novi, the Rocks stormed out to an 11-3 halftime lead and went on to bombard the

Wildcats, 19-7.

Sparkling Salem with eight goals (six in the first half) was senior Rose Krasofsky, while senior Jenna Carter contributed five tallies (three in the first half).

Longe and Kerwin chipped in with three and two goals, respectively, while Tardiff added one more.

"We had some offensive players that really pushed it up a notch in this game," Medley said. "The last time facing them, we won by their first loss of the season."

"We came out from the onset and never looked back. This was a game our players wanted to show they are in the conference race to win it."

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## BOYS GOLF RESULTS

**DUAL MATCH RESULTS**  
**LIVONIA CHURCHILL 155**  
**CANTON 162**  
May 8 at Whispering Willows  
Churchill scorers: Sam Spauld, 17;  
Chad Mackendrick, 38; Alec Konradh, 39;  
Luka Onis, 41; Evan Thompson and Chris

Mason, 44 each.  
Canton scorers: Donnie Tresser, 35  
(medalist); Noah Lindbauer, 41; Carter  
Schickel, 44; Chris Dooley and Brian Olden,  
44; Hunter Schomay, 46.  
Dual match records: Churchill, 4-1  
overall, 4-0 KLAAs South Division, Canton,

2-3 overall, 2-2 KLAAs South.  
**LIVONIA STEVENSON 150**  
**LIVONIA FRANKLIN 157**  
May 7 at Ivy Hill G.C.  
Stevenson scorers: Eric Akst, 33  
(medalist); Eric March and Noah Pappalardo,  
38 each; Connor McCarthy, 41; Dominic

Rea, 42; Ray Charlie, 44.  
Franklin scorers: Matt Wiselhauser,  
38; Greg Bos, 39; Josh Douds and Alex  
Rogers, 40 each; Tyler Gerhart, 41; Alex  
Nagel, 45.  
Dual match records: Stevenson, 1-1  
overall, Franklin, 3-2 overall.

## LIGHTNING

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championship, Canton defeated Plymouth on May 2 and the Chiefs were slated to face the Rocks Friday night.

If Salem defeats Canton, the Park title would be determined by the outcome of the rest of the Salem-Plymouth contest.

"We're rooting for Salem to go out and beat Canton and hopefully we can score some more goals and try and win on the tie-breaker," Plymouth head coach Brian Walsh said. "I know that's not the prettiest way to win, but winning the trophy would be winning the

trophy."

### Waiting game

Both Walsh and Salem counterpart Paul Nemzek said all their respective teams can do is wait to finish the game and hope for the best.

"We have to keep them focused," Nemzek said, conceding that the unexpected delay in Wednesday's proceedings was frustrating. "We have to play Canton on Friday and I don't know if we're going to make this game up before that or after that and the playoffs are upon us, too."

"So we just got to maintain our focus. We've faced some adversity this year and we've faced worse stuff than this. I

think they'll be all right."

Getting Senior Night off to a good start for Plymouth was Nolan Ouellette, receiving a feed from Zach Gallaher and moving in front before flipping a high shot behind Salem goalkeeper Mack Baker with 9:13 left in the opening quarter.

The Rocks answered quickly, however.

About two minutes after Ouellette's goal, Dillon Farmer scooped up a ground ball in his own end of the field, dashed into the Plymouth zone and dished the ball to Lucas Martin, who slammed a short-range shot past Wildcats goalie Trevor McManus.

Plymouth (4-9, 0-4) subsequently took a 2-1

edge with 30 seconds to go in the first on a nifty goal by Kyle Robertson.

Salem (4-8, 1-3) came out more determined on offense to open the second half, controlling the ball via sharp passes around the perimeter of the goal — resembling a power play in hockey.

Doing yeoman's work during the extended sequence was Joey Krause, along with Austin McKee and Noah Willer.

"We want to possess the ball," Nemzek said. "As long as we have the ball, the other team can't score and eventually their defense gets tired and makes a mistake and we look to capitalize on that."

McManus made a sweet stop on a point-blank attempt by McKee, but the Rocks kept up the pressure and cashed in with 8:43 left in the half to make it 2-2.

### No stopping him

Willer muscled his way toward the Plymouth goal and sent a short pass in front to Martin, who buried the one-timer for his second of the night.

Continuing to trade goals, the Wildcats went up 3-2 with 3:42 left on Robertson's second goal. Robertson collected a loose ball in front of Baker and jammed it inside

## COLLEGE BASEBALL

## Indiana Tech ends MU's season, 4-3

Madonna University ran out of gas in Wednesday's elimination-round game of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference baseball playoffs.

Playing their fifth game in three days, the Crusaders fell one run short as host Indiana Tech held on for a 4-3 victory to advance to Wednesday night's championship final at Warriors Stadium in Fort Wayne.

But it was top seed and WHAC regular-season champion Davenport University (41-15) that walked away with its first-ever title. Thanks to Ryan Manning's walk-off two-run double in a 3-2 victory over the Warriors (34-23-1).

The Panthers now advance to the NAIA National Tournament. Madonna, meanwhile, ends its season at 29-24 overall. Ryan Lambrecht went 3-for-4, while

Donny Holland (RBI) and Ryan Lech each went 2-for-4 in MU's setback.

The Warriors were paced offensively by Bryan Brudi (3-for-3, three runs) and Jacob Dunninghach (2-for-2, RBI).

Winning pitcher Jared Harvey (3-3) went the first 6½ innings, allowing two earned runs on five hits. Reliever Connor McLaughlin worked the final 2½ innings to pick up his second save.

MU starter Adam Prashad, on just 36 hours rest after throwing 96 pitches in Monday's loss to Davenport, went the first 4½ innings, but couldn't get out of the fifth.

Reliever Dylan Cooper (4-5), who was charged with the loss, allowed two earned runs on one hit and three walks in 1½ innings before senior Travis Schuba pitched two scoreless innings.

## ANOTHER GAME HALTED

Canton and Salem were scheduled to play Friday night in yet another Park boys lacrosse matchup.

But, just like Wednesday night, stormy weather — or the threat of it — stopped the proceedings.

On Friday, Salem had a quick 3-0 lead with 4:29 to go in the first quarter when rain and lightning reconvened over Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. Scoring two of the goals was Noah Willer, with Joey Krause netting the other marker.

After waiting for nearly an hour, the decision was made to postpone the contest. No date had been set to finish the contest, which will have a bearing on the Park championship.

the far post.

"I thought Kyle Robertson really came in and picked us up in the second quarter and scored a couple really clutch goals," Walsh said.

Just over a minute after Robertson's marker, however, the Rocks evened things up at 3-3 on Willer's one-man effort.



Salem's David Lee (No. 5) looks to send the ball to a teammate while Plymouth's Austin Currier defends. **ILL BRESLER (STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER)**

Willer warded off three Plymouth defenders in the right corner in the Wildcats' zone and carried the ball in front, where he slung it past McManus, who Walsh said played a solid first half.

"Willer's a great player and he just made a couple great plays there," Walsh said. "We're going to have to take this time here (before the game is resumed) to figure out better ways to defend Willer."

Despite the game being stopped, Walsh said he didn't think the intensity would suffer whenever the game gets re-started. "It's a Park rivalry game, (so) you really don't have to say it too much."

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## YOUTH BASEBALL

# Motor City Riversharks deliver 'chomp' ionship

13U Plymouth-Canton team rallies for title in 16-team Ohio tourney

Just when it appeared the Motor City Riversharks' chances of winning last weekend's 16-team Mavericks May Classic in Sylvania, Ohio, were dead in the water, the 13U Plymouth-Canton travel baseball team started playing with the tenacity of the sharp-toothed star of *Jaws*.

Seeded No. 12 following Saturday's two-game preliminary round, the Riversharks earned a 5-0 fifth-inning deficit in their first elimination-round game before surging to win their first tournament title of the young season.

and Indiana.

After storming back to defeat Maumee X-Treme, 8-5, Saturday night, the Riversharks ousted BTS Monster Baseball, 7-6, Sunday morning before taking care of the No. 1-seeded Anthony Wayne Jr. Generals, 9-0, in a semifinal contest.

In Sunday afternoon's championship match-up, the Riversharks redeemed a Saturday loss to the Indiana Bandits by hanging on to defeat the No. 2 seed, 6-5, and earn their first tournament title of the young season.



The 13U Motor City Riversharks captured the 16-team Mavericks May Classic title last weekend in Sylvania, Ohio. Team members include (front, from left) Jack Savage, Ben Albin, Joe Watson, Robbie Laird and Brandon Boyd and (back, from left) head coach Bill Boyd, Adam Pitcock, Liam Radomski, Jeremy Armstead, Justin Kuhn, Ben Wright, Andrew Clarke and assistant coach Geoff Albin. STEVE RADOMSKI

## PREP SOFTBALL

## Salem in the hunt for division

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Salem is still in the hunt for the KLAAs Central Division softball crown thanks to Wednesday's sweep of visiting Novi.

The Rocks now have won 12 games in a row to improve to 16-4 entering Saturday's Ann Arbor Skyline Tournament.

"That was the appetizer to this week's main course, however. After going up Monday against Canton and Tuesday against Plymouth, the Rocks and South Lyon East square off Wednesday in a doubleheader that likely will deter-

mine the division title.

"First place is certainly within reach in our division," Salem head coach Bonnie Southland said. "We've got the talent to take it over and we are playing so well right now, that's for sure. We have no plans to let up."

What makes the team's stretch run so special is the Rocks opened the season with a 0-3 record.

"There is so much talent on this team, it's great to see all the pieces falling into place," Southland said.

Following is a rundown of the wins over Novi:

» **Game 1:** The Rocks nipped Novi 5-4 in Wednes-

day's first game, coming back from a 3-0 deficit in the first inning.

Salem scored two runs in the sixth to even the game at 4-4 on run-scoring hits by Emily Stewart and Kristin Mihalic and the Rocks won in the bottom of the seventh with a two-out rally.

Mel Anderson and Katie Hiltz singled and Gabbi Zott's base hit brought in Anderson with the winning run.

Earning the win with a gutsy pitching performance was Kristi Zink, who bounced back from her early woes.

» **Game 2:** Starting the nightcap and pitching a strong game for the win was Marissa

Hunley, who held off the pesky Wildcats for a 4-3 victory.

Salem went up 3-0 in the first, but — following a lengthy rain delay — Novi scored two runs in the sixth to cut the Rocks' lead to a run.

The Rocks got an important insurance run in the bottom half, however. Hiltz opened the inning with a double. Zott and Zink (3-for-3) followed with hits to bring in the run.

Southland credited a great catch by Zink in deep center field to deny Novi on what have been a grand slam in the fifth.

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## CONTROL

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"I think that they'll look at reconfiguring that, because every year it comes down to the two best teams, which are usually us and Canton," Plymouth coach Bev McManus said. "One of us has got to win and one of us has to lose. That's unfortunate that it turns out that way."

### Changing gears

The Wildcats entered Thursday's makeup twinbill undefeated in the KLAAs South Division and went to earn the division title. With the disappointing doubleheader loss, however, Plymouth (12-2 overall, 10-2 in the KLAAs South) will focus on that upcoming state tourney.

"It's very difficult to accomplish what we did last year," McManus said, referring to the 2013 KLAAs championship. "We had an amazing year. But we've got a great team, we're not done."

"Maybe they got division, but that doesn't matter; we're going to districts. We're going to districts; that's our goal."

Chances are pretty good that the state tournament won't pack as much of a dramatic wallop as Thursday's back-and-forth, high-stakes nightcap.

Plymouth trailed 2-1 after six innings and kept the Chiefs from padding that lead thanks to a diving catch by right fielder Ashley Piepsney (up from the junior varsity) to rob Haylee Warren of a potential RBI hit.

That sparked the Wildcats, who scored two runs to go up 3-2 in the top of the seventh against Game 2 starter Hannah Shuler and reliever Warren.

Plymouth's Mikayela Marciniak — who pitched 15 of 16 innings in the twinbill — drew a walk. At that point, Warren took over from Shuler and gave up a single to Celeste Miller.

Following a sacrifice punt by Victoria Urcuhart, pinch-hitter Caylin Waters ripped a smash down the third base line to bring home Marciniak with the tying run. Next up was Rachel Ring, who laid down another perfect bunt, scoring Waters to give Plymouth a one-run edge.

With two outs, Zeronova was safe on a bunt to load the bas-

es, but Lindsay Lutton's hot shot toward right field was flagged down by second baseman Kendyl Richter to momentarily keep the contest 3-2.

### Highlights galore

The drama really heated up after that.

For starters, Plymouth center fielder Zeronova fielded Clark's base hit up the middle in the bottom of the seventh — which scored Bryn Birlcher (3-for-4, two runs) to make it 3-3 — and threw a strike to catcher Brooke Senkbeil to nail Elizabeth Yager trying to score the winning run.

Then in the eighth, Val Lentine walked and went to second on a sacrifice bunt and attempted to score on a line single to left by Birlcher.

This time, Wildcats left fielder Alex Rakovitis gunned down the runner at the plate.

"There's three mistakes I made, sending them," White said, chucking. "But hey, a great throw (by Rakovitis) and the center fielder would have cut the other one down, too, if I hadn't got her to stop. They're a good team."

It looked as though the game would continue into the 10th, but the Chiefs finally ended the contest on the booted grounder.

Warren, who gave up just five hits and struck out six in her complete-game victory in the opener, said she still had gas in the tank had the game continued.

She is still nursing a sore right ankle, which was taped for the twinbill to help her push off the slab, White said.

"It's just sore, it's still tender," Warren said. "The sprain's cleared up but the chip fracture on the top, it hurts when I'm running. Everything else is just fine."

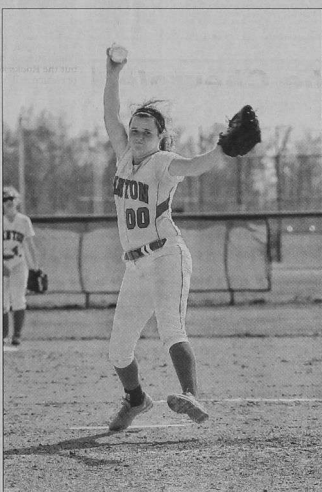
Pitching-wise, I'm fine. It doesn't hurt at all, so I was ready to go a few more innings. Luckily, we didn't have to."

### Sparkplugs

Canton took a 1-0 lead in the third when Birlcher, Yager (3-for-4) and Richter (3-for-4, RBI) strung hits together.

"Did they play outstanding, or what?" White said about that trio. "And (Birlcher) bats in the nine-spot and she probably leads the team in hitting, by far. These girls, they just kept fighting, they kept fighting."

Plymouth earned the score at 1-1 in the fourth. Brittney Miller walked and scored on



Sending the pitch toward home plate in Thursday's Game 1 is Canton's Hanna Warren. JOHN KENSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Marciniak's opposite-field double to left.

The Chiefs quickly regained the lead in the fourth, when Lentine laced a triple to left-center, bringing home Olivia Grant (running for catcher Kaitlin Keys, who singled).

That's where the game stood until the frantic seventh and beyond.

"That's a tough one," Senkbeil said. "We just did it to South Lyon (East) the other day, to watch them (Cougars) lose like that. It hurts. It's a tough loss, especially going to extra innings like that."

"Our goal is to win districts and go beyond, so our goal is still within reach, so just practice hard every day and work towards that goal."

White tipped his cap to Shuler for her strong clutch pitching.

"She pitched great, she pitched outstanding and that's what we're going to need going forward," White said. "And she's capable of it."

Pacing the Chiefs on offense in the opener were Yager (2-for-4, run, RBI), Shuler (two doubles in three at-bats), Richter (1-for-4, run, two RBIs) and Birlcher (1-for-3, run, two RBIs).

Going 2-for-2 for Plymouth was Waters, with Rakovitis (1-for-2) scoring one run and driving in the other.

"We've got some amazing athletes on our team this year. We've got five girls that are going to be playing college ball and we brought a couple girls up from our junior varsity team that are coming through for us (Gina Barber, Piepsney)," McManus said.

"So having said that, we didn't string our hits together and our defense today, we made more errors than we have our entire season. It killed us. But we never stopped fighting the fight."

"It's always tough to lose on an error, but they did a lot of good things."

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## Eagles shake off rust, win two of three

By Tim Smith  
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Plymouth Christian Academy went three weeks between baseball games because of bad weather and spring break.

But now the action is full-speed ahead, with the Eagles splitting Saturday's twinbill against Lenawee Christian and following up with Tuesday and Thursday contests against Southfield Christian.

Last Saturday, PCA edged Lenawee 6-5 only to drop a 12-4 score in the nightcap.

In the opener, Michael Slater went the distance for the win, giving up five runs but striking out 13.

Daniel Jipping's power hitting continued with a first-inning homer as PCA jumped out to a 3-0 lead, but the Eagles fell behind 5-4 going into the bottom of the seventh.

Undaunted, PCA staged a winning two-run rally. Johnny Lauch singled, Jipping drew his third intentional walk of the game and Josh Slater reached on an error Lauch scored on the play to make it 5-4.

After an intentional walk to A.J. Greuber loaded the bases, Matt Cusumano's perfect suicide squeeze bunt brought home Jipping for the winning run.

In Game 2, Lenawee jumped out to an 8-0 lead and PCA had trouble mounting much of a comeback. The Eagles did score three in the third after two outs, thanks to a Reuben Galang single, doubles by Lauch and Jipping and a base hit by Michael Slater.

Over the first five time in three weeks that we were able to get a game in and the guys were a little rusty," PCA coach Joe Bottorff said.

On May 24, Southfield Christian intentionally walked Jipping four times, but the rest of the Eagles stepped up for the clutch 8-7 home victory.

Lauch started and went five innings for the victory, with strong relief help from Michael Slater as Southfield Christian tried to rally.

PCA built an 8-2 lead, with Lauch helping his own cause with two hits and three RBIs.

Lucas Albrecht chipped in with two hits and three runs, with other hits registered by Jordan Talbot, Jack Cook, Austin Andres and Michael Slater.

"This was a total team effort," Bottorff said. "We let them back in late, probably should have lifted Johnny (Lauch) a batter or two earlier, but it worked out."

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## PREP GIRLS TENNIS

## Canton captures division title

Canton's varsity girls tennis team is basking in the glow of winning the KLAAs South Division championship, said coach Barb Lehmann, said there are other challenges on the horizon.

This weekend, for example, is the Kensington Conference 'A' tournament at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

And the Chiefs, 6-3 overall and 5-0 in the division, are coming off Tuesday's tough 9-0 loss to KLAAs Central champion Northville.

"Barb Lehmann said, 'The division title was a great accomplishment for the girls team which hasn't won in a few years. We lost to Northville, but we had the opportunity to win a state title.'

"Every match and practice proves that the girls that play on Canton tennis value hard work, great sportsmanship and a great outlook," she added. "I am proud of the team and their team and individual accomplishments this year. The conference tournament is usually one of our best, a chance to defeat someone who beat us in dual matches."

Leading the Chiefs were co-captains Maddison Johnson and Anna Scheppels, the Nos. 1 and 2 singles players.

Other team members include Jasmine Njam-Henry, Alexis Madadi, Niamh O'Connell, Julie Stevenson, Abby Wampler, Sarah Kalasky, Amy Dalton, Angie Distelrath, Olivia Turbaro, Melissa Carlson, Kaylee Rivers and Lila Pita.

# GIRLS SOCCER ROUNDUP

# Goodbye to the old, hello to the new

## Chiefs, Wildcats blank KLAAS South Division rivals

Goalkeeper Kylie Good-fellow made six saves, including a penalty kick in the final minute to preserve the shutout Thursday as Lutheran High Westland blanked host Livonia Clarenceville, 3-0, in a non-conference girls soccer encounter.

The Warriors, who improved to 7-2, led 1-0 at halftime on Bethany Hoehne's goal off a corner kick from Sadie Schuler.

In the second half, Julia Yancy made it 2-0 off an assist from Mara McMahon and Samantha Benner converted Schuler's corner kick to complete the scoring.

"We lost the intensity and fight where it led to scoring opportunities for Lutheran Westland," said Clarenceville coach Amanda Moody, whose team slipped to 4-7 overall. "We had a few scoring opportu-

nities, a couple just kicking the inside post, but couldn't finish them. We had solid control in the middle tonight from Brianna Truco-Cesarz and Samantha Franco."

Clarenceville goalkeeper Jillian Bunker made nine saves.

**CANTON 2, FRANKLIN 0** On Thursday, the Chiefs (4-4) beat the Wildcats (0-4) 2-0 in a road subplot Livonia Football (1-0-2-1-1) in a 25-minute match.

Canton Rachel Winters got what proved to be the game-winner on a free kick from 25 yards out at the 25-minute mark. Hannah Lapke added a rebound goal in the second half to give the Franklin goalkeeper Katea Elliott had a breakout game. She had four saves, including a penalty kick. "Sophomore Riley Burnette battled injury for 80 minutes to give our team a chance to win," said Coach Megan Roberts. "Sophomore Abby Dillen notched two goals, while Olivia Jaeger and Kathryn Jones (1-0-2-1-1) in a KLAAS South Division match. The Wildcats (0-4) defeated Westland High (0-4) 2-0 in a KLAAS South Division match. The Wildcats (0-4) led 3-0 at halftime, also got assists from goalkeeper Kelly Roth and Lauren Bunker. Glenn goalkeeper Courtney Schaber made nine

saves.

**LUTHERAN NORTHWEST 4, PCA 3** Martha O'Brien scored two goals and tallied three assists in wasn't enough for Plymouth Christian (1-3) in the MAC.

Other PCA goals were netted by Sarah Durham and Kathryn Barker with freshman Mike Mullett registering two assists.

**PCA, SOUTHEAST CHRISTIAN 2** Two minutes after Kamen Barker scored the first goal, 10 minutes remaining, host Plymouth Christian (1-3) won a tie-a-hug conference win May 2, also scoring for the Eagles was Martha Mullett.

**REGINA 2, LADYWOOD 1** Goalkeeper Sarah Hochman made eight saves to shut the Show Down (1-3) as state-ranked Warren Region (1-5, 3-5-1) edged host Lynn Livonia (0-2-5, 4-1-3) 3-1.

Chronic head injuries scored the Saddles in their 18th and 43rd minutes, while Karmel Budd stepped in a rebound off an Emily Huddleston shot just 30 seconds later.

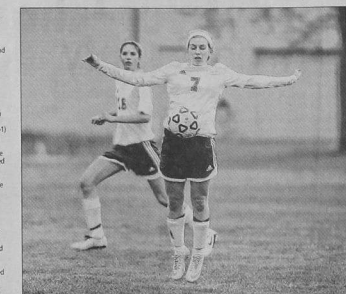
"I'm proud of the effort considering we played the game with only one healthy player," said Ladywood coach Ken Shingdeh, whose team outlasted the Saddles, 14-9. "Regina's goal was fantastic."

Ladywood keeper Whitney Bauman made five saves.

**CHURCHILL 4, FRANKLIN 0** As KLAAS South scored a pair of goals Wednesday at Livonia School Division Field Livonia Church (1-0-1, 1-0) downed host Livonia Franklin (0-2-5, 1-4-1).

Franklin's first goal came from a half-time advantage as Lauren Wynns and Sarah Truco dropped in a goal and the second came from a rebound off a header by Britany Hayes, who played the first 50 minutes.

"We played with the first half and scored some nice goals," said Coach Red Huddleston. "The girls played well defensively and overall did a pretty good job."



Maintaining her balance while trying to control the ball during a recent game is Plymouth Christian Academy's Martha Mullett (No. 10). In the background is teammate Jess Paulson. (JOHN KENSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO)

## GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

10:09.7 Erica Swanki (SL), 102.03. B. Bridges (ALMA), 102.03.  
**400** 1. Rachel Coleman (NV), 215.862. Kayla Kunkin (SL), 215.872. 2. Erin Werner (NV), 222.71. 3. Alison Robinson (NV), 223.88. 4. Kaitlyn Kunkin (SL), 223.88. 5. Kaitlyn Kunkin (SL), 223.88. 6. Kaitlyn Kunkin (SL), 223.88. 7. Kaitlyn Kunkin (SL), 223.88. 8. Kaitlyn Kunkin (SL), 223.88. 9. Kaitlyn Kunkin (SL), 223.88. 10. Kaitlyn Kunkin (SL), 223.88. 11. Kaitlyn Kunkin (SL), 223.88. 12. Kaitlyn Kunkin (SL), 223.88. 13. Kaitlyn Kunkin (SL), 223.88. 14. Kaitlyn Kunkin (SL), 223.88. 15. Kaitlyn Kunkin (SL), 223.88. 16. Kaitlyn Kunkin (SL), 223.88. 17. Kaitlyn Kunkin (SL), 223.88. 18. Kaitlyn Kunkin (SL), 223.88. 19. Kaitlyn Kunkin (SL), 223.88. 20. Kaitlyn Kunkin (SL), 223.88. 21. Kaitlyn Kunkin (SL), 223.88. 22. Kaitlyn Kunkin (SL), 223.88. 23. Kaitlyn Kunkin (SL), 223.88. 24. Kaitlyn Kunkin (SL), 223.88. 25. Kaitlyn Kunkin (SL), 223.88. 26. Kaitlyn Kunkin (SL), 223.88. 27. Kaitlyn Kunkin (SL), 223.88. 28. Kaitlyn Kunkin (SL), 223.88. 29. Kaitlyn Kunkin (SL), 223.88. 30. 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# Giving ways: Farmington Hills mom runs free supply closet for foster parents

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Michelle Austin is making life a little easier for foster parents and their children by offering free clothing, toys, books, and other items through a local branch of Foster Closet of Michigan.

Austin is president of the nonprofit organization, which has eight locations statewide, including the Oakland County branch in her Farmington Hills home.

She and her domestic partner, Tammy Gabourie, are parents to three children, ages 11, 12 and 16, and currently care for three foster children, ages 20 months, 3 and 13.

"We originally started out wanting to adopt," said Austin, a stay-at-home mom. "There are 13,000 children in foster care and a tremendous need for foster families. It was a natural segue for us. We found we're helping a lot more children by fostering than we would by adoption."

The couple has fostered 15 youngsters. Gabourie works as a foster navigator at the Justin Center in Royal Oak, serving as a liaison between foster parents, the Michigan Department of Human Services and private agencies that have been contracted by the state to offer foster care.

## Helping children

Foster parents offer a safe, nurturing, family environment for youngsters, who have been taken from their homes



Michelle Austin runs the Oakland County branch of Foster Closet out of her Farmington Hills home. PHOTOS BY JOHN STORME AND STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

because of abuse or neglect. The goal is to reunite children with their families and if that's not feasible, to find a permanent adoptive home. Children can stay with foster parents anywhere from a few days to a year or more.

"Our family motto is we love them as long as God needs us to," Austin said. "We try to make sure that while they are here they feel safe, loved and that the things they were doing before they are still doing."

"We have a child in our home now who is extremely athletic. We are getting him involved in athletics as much as we can. We live in Farmington Hills, but he's still in the Wayne-West-

land school district. It can be challenging. We have five kids in five different schools in four districts. I've always been a very organized person. I love what I do and I couldn't see doing anything else.

"And I have a passion for Foster Closet. It benefits not only my kids but kids throughout Michigan," she said. "When we got our first few (foster) kids, they came with a garbage bag of their belongings. One came with a box. That was all of their belongings. The state does subsidize you, but when they come with a bag, a box or nothing... we felt a need from the beginning. We're creating a network to fill that need."

Foster children are eligible for Medicaid, which pays for medical, dental and mental health care. Foster parents also receive a semiannual clothing allowance, as well as twice-monthly payments based on the age and needs of the foster child.

But that may not be enough to cover all clothing costs for fast-growing youngsters, sports equipment, car seats and cribs.

## Getting involved

Austin began collecting gently-used clothing soon after she became a foster parent. She discovered Foster Closet of Michigan and decided to become a member, rather than create her



Foster Closet offers clothing, books, toys and other items for free to foster parents.



Toys await youngsters at Foster Closet.

The Oakland County site is open to Wayne County residents.

Donations to Foster Closet consist mostly of clothing, but Austin has received everything from bedding to car seats, toys to books. She also obtains grants to pay for enrichment items, through One Simple Wish, a New Jersey nonprofit.

"We're getting things like Zoo memberships, lap toys, bikes, tablets. We had a kid that needed specialized medical equipment. It's 100 percent free to us and to foster families. We don't have the ability to buy bikes for kids, but we have this organization to go through. It's another way of networking."

Foster parents can make an appointment to visit the Oakland County site by calling 800-554-4966, Ext. 206. Or by emailing Oakland@fosterclosetofmichigan.org. Volunteers interested in helping out at the site, leading a fundraising drive or donating items may also call or email.

"We're looking to expand into any county and all they have to do is to contact me and we'll get the process rolling. We'd like to have a Closet in all of the counties. I'm desperately working on Wayne County," she said.



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# Kenya trip helps Canton church members serve God, others

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Lisa DeGroot of Canton is Kenya-bound. She is among six, including the pastor of Geneva Presbyterian Church of Canton, who will take a mission trip to Limuru in Kenya, about 40 miles north of Nairobi, in the mountains. Her husband, Art, can't get away from work for the trip.

"I think at this time in my life I needed to see what life is like in other countries," said Lisa DeGroot, who's visited such places as Mexico and the U.K. but never done a mission trip. "In other areas where there is such poverty."

DeGroot, who works in culinary arts at the Wayne-Westland school district's William D. Ford Career Technical Center, stood before the congregation Sunday, May 4 and asked, "When I say pilgrim what thoughts come to you?"

The Geneva pilgrims have studied author Trevor Hudson's *A Mile in My Shoes: Cultivating Compassion* to prepare for their June 21 through July 6 trip. They will leave behind toys and some supplies in Kenya. Toys will include the new popular Rainbow Looms, invented by a man who calls metro Detroit home, as well as spinner toys, scissors and craft paper. Church members plan a special offering to help buy supplies, with leaders noting they're limited in what they can carry to Africa.

"I'm excited," said



Beth and Keith McBain of Canton are among the six members of Geneva Presbyterian Church who'll visit Kenya for mission work soon. PHOTOS BY JULIE BROWN

DeGroot, "I guess what the apprehension is seeing life in such a different framework than what I'm used to. Will I serve in the way God wants? In serving God, it's serving the people that are there. How will I best help them?"

The missionaries don't have their specific assignments yet. Some will be at the Nazareth Hospital, and some at a K-3 school tutoring and possibly doing some science projects. There's a Joy Village orphanage.

"To love the kids," she

said. "To hug them. It's that listener and learner component I spoke of" in church. The pilgrims will be conscious of how they spend their time and not too rigid on that, she explained.

## First mission trip

Also among pilgrims are Beth and Keith McBain of Canton, he a Ford Motor Co. retiree and she a retiree of Tower Automotive.

"We both always wanted to do a mission trip," Beth McBain said. "Initially, I wanted to be a missionary."



Lisa DeGroot of Canton is looking forward to the mission trip to Kenya with the others from Geneva Presbyterian.

This is their first time overseas. "It's more of a pilgrimage," explained Keith McBain. "It's more about interpersonal, showing the kids we care."

Many children throughout Africa have been orphaned by AIDS. "The kids live in pods with eight kids in a pod," he said, adding each has an assigned "mother" for care.

They'll make home visits in the nearby countryside to pray for doctors and nurses there. "It's very sobering to see that type of poverty," he said.

"We all expect to be changed. It's through that suffering that God will be working in our lives. Soften our hearts and make us more aware of suffering in the world."

Beth McBain noted the very low wages the Kenyan workers in tea fields receive for their long days. "We don't want to go in and be seen as a savior," she said. "Basically it is just to have a presence."

## Online updates

When their pastor, the Rev. Bryan Smith of

Canton, visited the Kenyan site last year, he was the first white man many there had seen. Beth McBain recalled how impressed locals were with the postage stamps he brought.

"It's a very different experience for us, just something new and exciting," she said.

Additional information is available, and online donations welcome, at [www.treeoflives.org](http://www.treeoflives.org). There is also a Facebook page. If you like the Facebook page, you'll see updates posted during the Geneva trip.

When Smith visited Kenya in June-July 2013, he took school supplies and provided other help to orphans and victims of AIDS/HIV. Smith had met the Rev. Jim Wood of the First Presbyterian Church of Norfolk, Va. Wood's congregation visits Kenya for mission work regularly, and Smith went along last year.

Smith, who has been away on a backpacking trip, recently emailed his congregation: "I also ask that you keep the six of us in prayer as we draw closer to departing. Our team is deeply committed to being used by God, knowing that this trip will be a true pilgrimage for all of us. We go not only to share and bless, but to learn and to be changed by the experience. What a joy to share in the ministry of Christ with you all!"

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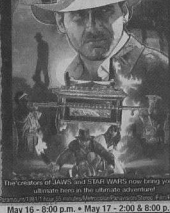
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# MILESTONES

## ANNIVERSARY

Beatrice and Donald Hooper of Livonia

### CELEBRATING 60 YEARS

Beatrice and Donald Hooper will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on May 17.

They were married in 1954 in Detroit, and have lived in Livonia since 1967.

The Hoopers have two children, Elizabeth Haack of Waterford, and Donald B. Hooper of Livonia and five grandchildren.



Donald and Beatrice Hooper on their wedding day in 1954

## ANNIVERSARY

### CELEBRATING 60 YEARS

Edward and Violette Dely of Plymouth celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on April 3, 2014.

Some of their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren took them to dinner at Outback Steakhouse to mark the occasion. After dinner, the family returned to the couple's home for cake, ice cream and an enjoyable evening.



Edward and Violette Dely of Plymouth

## ENGAGEMENT



Jacob Trithart and Kelly Behr

### BEHR-TRITHART

John and Nancy Behr of Canton are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly, to Jacob Trithart, son of James Trithart and Carolyn Schoeing of Ann Arbor.

Kelly graduated from Salem High School in 2007, and received a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. She is pursuing a law degree at The George Washington University Law School in Washington, D.C.

Jacob graduated from Ann Arbor Pioneer High School in 2006, and earned bachelor's and master's degrees in naval architecture and marine engineering from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He is employed as a civilian engineer with the U.S. Navy in Washington, D.C.

Kelly and Jacob will be married in August, 2014 at Resurrection Parish in Canton. The reception will be held in the Student Union on the University of Michigan campus.

## MAY ASCENSION SERVICE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday, May 29

**Location:** Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kenick, Redford  
**Details:** A free ice cream social will follow the service at 8 p.m.  
**Contact:** 734-968-3523 or 313-532-8655

## BETHANY

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, May 31

**Location:** Don Hubert VFW Hall, 27345 Schoolcraft, Redford

**Details:** Admission, \$13, includes beer, wine, soft drinks and snacks. Dance lesson from 7:30-8 p.m. is extra. Business casual.

**Contact:** bethanyemi.org

## BREAKFAST

**Time/Date:** 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, May 18

**Location:** St. Theodore School, 2200 N. Wayne, Westland

**Details:** All-you-can-eat pancakes, French toast, sausage, scrambled eggs, ham, apple-sauce, coffee, tea, milk and juice; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children, 2-10

**Contact:** 734-572-4421

## DINNER DANCE

**Time/Date:** Social hour at 5 p.m., buffet dinner, 6 p.m., May 18

**Location:** St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church, 26375 W. Chicago Road, Redford

**Details:** "Spring Celebration" dinner dance is sponsored by the Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit to benefit retire Orthodox priests and priests' widows. \$40 per person, children, 12, and under free

**Contact:** Mihaela Charlier at 313-595-7640 or cced@vahoo.com

## RUMMAGE SALE

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 17

**Location:** St. Valentine School, 23875 Hope, Redford

**Details:** The church will accept donations for the sale from 7

## RELIGION CALENDAR

a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, May 16. No computers, monitors or televisions will be accepted.

**Contact:** 313-533-7149

## RUMMAGE SALE

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 16 and 10 a.m. to noon May 17

**Location:** Antioch Lutheran Church, 33300 Livonia, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Bags sale and half-off prices on Saturday. The church also will accept ink and toner, fridges, eye glasses and cell phones for recycling

**Contact:** Judy Glass at 248-626-7906; antiochla@antiochla.org

## SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. Friday, May 16

**Location:** St. Matthew Lutheran School, 5885 Wensy, Westland

**Details:** Open house for students interested in pre-school through eighth grade. St. Matthew also will begin a day care June 9 for children, 2½-5 1/2

**Contact:** Tara Herzberg at 734-578-7427

## JUNE DAY CAMP

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 16-20

**Location:** Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 W. Six Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Holy Cross and Emmanuel Lutheran churches sponsor the camp for children, ages 5 through sixth grade. A typical day will include music, worship, games, arts and crafts, nature study, snacks and more. Get registration forms and information packets at Emmanuel, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia or from the church's website: www.emmanuel-livonia.org

Early-bird registration is \$55. For the first child in the family, \$50 for the second child, and \$45 for each additional child. After May 25, registration is \$60 per child

**Contact:** Judy Cook at 248-442-8822

## REUNIONS

Send school reunion information to Sharon Dargatz at sdargatz@hometownlife.com

## CODY HIGH SCHOOL

**CLASS OF 1964**

50-year reunion runs 6 p.m. to midnight Friday, Sept. 19, at the Sheraton Detroit Motor Hotel, 21111 Haggerty, Nov. For more information, contact Mike and Barb Kirby, 734-525-0546, kirby68damm.com

## DEARBORN FORDSON HIGH SCHOOL

**CLASSES OF 1952**

62nd reunion set for both January and June classes, Saturday, Sept. 13, at Park Place in Dearborn. Contact Al Offord at offord@aol.com or 734-432-9308; or Marvin Smyth at mmsmyth@comcast.net or 313-562-4378 for more information.

## CLASS OF 1984

A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 2, at Roma Hall Banquet Center in Garden City.

Cost is \$45 per person for buffet dinner, open bar and dancing. Contact Michele (Tonna) Belzak at michelebel@icgbl.net, visit the class Facebook page, Fordson Class of 1984 or www.paytjqure.com/collect-page33028.

## EDSEL FORD HIGH SCHOOL

**CLASS OF 1964**

50-year reunion is planned 5-11 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 11, at Wayne Township, 21400 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. Ticket purchase deadline is Aug. 25. Email Judy (Berly) Back at jberly@icgbl.net or rekvipshelp@yahoo.com for more details.

## FRASER HIGH SCHOOL

**CLASS OF 1964**

50-year reunion from 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Aug. 9, at the Sterling Inn, 34911 Van Dyke, Sterling Heights. Contact Rich Whipple, 734-757-2292, rekvipshelp@yahoo.com for more information.

## LIVONIA BENTLEY CLUB

**CLASS OF 1974**

40th class reunion set for 6 p.m. Saturday, June 28, One Under Bar and Grill in Livonia. \$40 per person. Visit www.bentley74.com for more details and to buy tickets.

## LIVONIA STEVENSON

**CLASS OF 1974**

40-year reunion, planned by Linda Armstrong, Kim Gajda and Jack Karbowksi, 7 p.m. to

## ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

**Men's Bible study**  
**Time/Date:** Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.

**Location:** Kirby's Conely Island, 21233 Haggerty, Northville Township

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

## Our Lady of Loreto

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

**Location:** Six Mile and Beech Day, Redford Township

**Details:** Scripture study

**St. Michael the Archangel**  
**Time/Date:** 7:30-8 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday

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

**Details:** Catholic author Gary Michuta leads a study of Acts of the Apostles.

**Contact:** 313-246-1455, Ext. 230; www.invalastmichael.org

## Word Presbyterian

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Mondays

**Location:** Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville Township

**Details:** Learner's Bible study is held

**Contact:** 248-734-5920

## FAMILY COMMUNITY MEAL

**Time/Date:** 4-6 p.m. every Thursday

**Location:** Salvation Army, 27500 Shawwassee, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Free meal

**Contact:** 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

## MOMS

**Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church**

**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May

**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners

**Contact:** Ethnie Defoe at 248-227-6617

## REUNIONS

midnight, Nov. 29, Cori's Restaurant, 27910 Seven Mile, Livonia. Includes dinner, photo booth, silent auction, pizza, cash bar. Reservations and payment with Karbowksi, 313-530-9634; karlbis1@yahoo.com

## PURDUE ALUMNI CLUB OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

A spring banquet is planned for Tuesday, Aug. 20, at The Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile, Plymouth. Cost is \$20 per person. It will begin with social time, a silent auction, followed by dinner and short program featuring coach Darrell Hazell head football coach, who will discuss Bollemaier football and life lessons that Hazell teaches his players. RSVP by Tuesday.

For more information, contact semc@hewlett.com or semc@hewlett.com. Email Laura Hunter at L.Hunter18@gmail.com

## ROMULUS HIGH SCHOOL

**CLASS OF 1979**

A 35-year reunion is planned for Aug. 16 at Best Western Gateway, 3612 Elizabeth, Wayne. Cost is \$35 per person. For more information, contact Duane Heston at 248-6501 or waynephilmspectrum2@gmail.com

## WAYNE MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

**CLASS OF 1964**

50-year class reunion with All-Class Reunion Banquet, 5 p.m. Friday, May 16, at Wayne Township, 21400 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. Ticket purchase deadline is Aug. 25. Email Judy (Berly) Back at jberly@icgbl.net or rekvipshelp@yahoo.com for more details.

## WESTLAND JOHN GLENN

**CLASS OF 1979**

35th reunion starts with an informal get-together, 7:30 p.m. to midnight Friday, Oct. 24, at Doc Sports Retreat, 19265 Victor Parkway, Livonia. The reunion runs 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 25, at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy Road, Westland. Cost of \$65 per person includes dinner, open bar, dancing and DJ. Make checks payable to JGHS Class of 79 and send to JGHS Class of 79, 887 East Ct., South Lyon, MI 48178

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## ARO, NORMA JEAN

Passed away May 1, 2014, peacefully at the Oregon Nursing Home under the care of Agnes Hospice and in the presence of family after a long illness. Norma was born November 21, 1938 in London, Kentucky but spent the majority of her life in the Detroit area before moving first to Monona, Wisconsin then to Wayne Memorial High School in 1956, and went on to receive a teaching degree from Eastern Michigan University. She taught physical education until the birth of her children. Later in life she went back to school for X-Ray Technology and finished her working career in that field. Norma had a passion for music, and enjoyed playing her guitar and singing; she also was an avid softball player for many years. Norma also enjoyed being and visiting to the casino later in life. She always wanted to be "on the go" and enjoyed visiting her siblings when she was able to travel. Norma adored her grandchildren, attending their sporting events as she was able. Norma had a positive impact on many people in her life and will be remembered for her sense of humor and giving nature. Norma is survived by her sons, David (Joy) Aro and Nequane, MI and Matthew (Melissa) Aro of Monona, WI along with grandchildren, Logan and Warren, as well as step-grandchildren, Jordan and Michael Hemmila. She is survived by her sister, Betty Taylor, Ruth Tenorio, and Lynn (Tom) Ward, along with a number of nieces and nephews. In addition to family, Norma has many special friends who will all mourn her passing. Norma was preceded in death by her parents, Logan and Bernice Taylor; brother Charles Taylor; and sister Mary Durlian. Pursuant to Norma's wishes, there will be no funeral services, but a family and friend celebration will be held in the summer being planned. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Agnes Hospice Foundation, or your local hospice foundation.

## BORSVOLD, REV. NORMAN G.

February 10, 1929 - March 10, 2014. A memorial service will be held at 2:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 17, at St. John Lutheran Church, 23223 Gill Road, Farmington Hills, 48335 MI.

May you find comfort in family and friends

## COREY, (HOKANSON) BARBARA RUTH

Age 83, of Saline died on May 7, 2014. She is survived by her loving children, Brian Corey (Cheryl) of Saline and Cheryl Bradetich of Ann Arbor and grandchildren Amanda Corey and Morgan Bradetich. Mrs. Corey was preceded in death by Dean O. Corey, her childhood friend and loving husband of 51 years. Mrs. Corey was born April 19, 1931 in Chicago. She graduated in 1949 from the New Troy High School and in 1953 from Western Michigan University with a Bachelor of Music Degree. She taught elementary and secondary vocal and instrumental music in East Clare, MI from 1953-1956 and was an elementary vocal music consultant in the Farmington Public Schools from 1956-1961 and 1975-1993. The Corey's moved to Ann Arbor Area in 1997 to be near their children. A memorial will be held at 11:00 a.m. on May 21, 2014 at the First Presbyterian Church of Saline. The Rev. Jennifer Clark will officiate. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Saline, 143 E. Michigan Ave., Saline, MI 48176 or to The First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48334.

## GILLISPIE, KATHLEEN M.

Age 55, of Livonia, died May 8, 2014. She is survived by her daughter, Kristin and Kurt (Hannah); beloved daughter of Carol Power, dear sister of Jeanine Price, Becky Wunch and Lisa Moore; loving aunt to Jennifer, Joan, Breanne and Brooke; and great-aunt to Gaige, Liam, Holly and Blake. Preceded in death by her father, Sidney Kleiber. Funeral Service Monday, May 12, 10:30 a.m. at the Heeneys-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (I-96, 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-2200). Visitation: Tuesday, May 12, 8 p.m., and Monday 9:30 a.m. until the 10:30 a.m. ceremony. Memorial gifts suggested to the Assembly of Yahweh.

## HEENEY-SUNDQUIST FUNERAL HOME

## GUIDO (WOLFE) HEATHER JEAN ELIZABETH

Age 94, a gentle giant God's care on May 01, 2014. Preceded in death by her husband John Anthony Guido and parents, Richard I. and Angie E. Wolfe. Beloved sister of Maria (Bryan) Lang, Pam Willoughby, and James Willoughby. Loving niece of James (Laura), Thomas (Elizabeth), and Mark (Pam) Wolfe. Survived by Ayden, Evan and Ardie. Fondly remembered by her many cousins and grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband John on May 10, 1972 at the U of M Hospital in Ann Arbor MI. She was a long-time resident of Canton and graduated from Canton High School in 1950. There will be a private family memorial later this month. In her memory, donations may be made to the Multiple Myeloma Foundation (www.themmmf.org)

## MULLIN, D.D.S. PAUL DOUGLAS

Born February 11, 1937 to Marjorie Jane (Watson) Mullin and George W. Mullin. Paul graduated from Birmingham High School, Mount Union College and University of Detroit Dental School before establishing his own dental practice in Franklin, Michigan, where he enjoyed building relationships with his patients until he retired in 2008. Active in a variety of organizations, his dedication to community service included working with the Franklin-Bingham Volunteer Fire Department for more than four decades. After retiring, Paul relocated from West Bloomfield to East Jordan, Michigan, where he could be found fishing, boating, and gardening. Not one to sit around, he was known as someone who could fix anything from a broken molar to a broken septic field. Paul is survived by his wife of 53 years, Jane McKenzie Mullin. 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## At risk for diabetes? These classes aim to help boost health

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan and Priority Health will offer an informational session at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 13, on the My Choice ... My Health program designed to help individuals who are at high risk for developing type 2 diabetes.

The informational session and the My Choice ... My Health classes will be held at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan in Livonia. The My Choice ... My Health classes begin Tuesday, May 20, and will be held at 7 p.m. weekly for 16 weeks. Meetings are one hour long and take place in a

classroom setting where a trained lifestyle coach helps participants learn about behavior changes, including eating properly and increasing physical activity. After the 16 sessions, participants will meet monthly for one year for additional support.

To qualify, participants must be overweight and at a high risk for developing diabetes, or overweight and diagnosed with pre-diabetes. Potential participants have the option of attending the informational session to learn if they are at risk, or they can talk with Leigh Vogelsong at the National Kidney Foundation of

Michigan to find out if they qualify. Vogelsong will walk callers through the pre-diabetes risk test with interested individuals, which takes about five minutes.

The program is free to Priority Health members. A limited number of free spaces, which are funded by St. Mary Mercy Hospital, are available to nonmembers. Register for the informational session or ask for a risk assessment by calling Vogelsong at 800-482-1455 or by emailing preventdiabetes@nkfm.org. For more information, visit [www.nkfm.org/dpp](http://www.nkfm.org/dpp).

## Senior Helpers offers dementia seminar

Teepra Snow, a dementia care and education specialist with more than 30 years of experience in geriatrics, will speak at free seminars, Monday-Tuesday, May 12-13, in Southfield and West Bloomfield.

The sessions, sponsored by Senior Helpers of Southeast Michigan, will help families and health care profession-

als gain a better understanding of Alzheimer's disease and dementia. During the three-hour accredited presentations, Snow will talk about the links between brain activity and new behaviors, changes in reactions and responses, different language comprehension and speech patterns, and more.

The seminars will run 1-4 p.m. or 6-9 p.m. Monday, May 12 at Evergreen Health & Living Center, 19933 W. 13 Mile, Southfield, and 8-11 a.m. or 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, May 13, at West Bloomfield Nursing Center, 6445 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. Register at 248-865-1000.

## Best nurses



The St. Mary Mercy Livonia Senior Emergency Department is among the national winners in the annual Best Nursing Team award and the award for best team in the Mid-Atlantic and Lower Great Lakes region from *Advance for Nurses*, a website and magazine. The award recognizes the team for improving the transition of care for older adults who live in care facilities. The team partners with nursing facilities, home health care professionals, hospice and emergency medical service to improve care quality.

## Study links regular doctor visits with fewer skin cancer deaths

The risk of dying from the most dangerous type of skin cancer is significantly reduced with regular doctor visits, according to a new study.



Melody Eide, M.D.

Researchers found that deaths from melanoma dropped 70 percent in patients who had at least one visit to their family doctor or to a specialist in the five years prior to their diagnosis. When factoring in age, gender, socioeconomic and comorbidities, mortality decreased by 90 percent in patients who visited a specialist.

Researchers also found substantial reductions in mortality in patients who underwent preventive screenings like a fasting blood test or colonoscopy.

The study was presented Friday, May 9, at the Society of Investigative Dermatology's annual meeting in New Mexico.

"This study is important because it's not about having health insurance or having access to care. It's about tapping into that care," said Melody Eide, M.D., MPH, a Henry Ford Hospital dermatologist and the study's lead author.

"We know that people are always going to have struggles in their lives. They're going to have unreliable transportation, children that they're caring for, co-pays that are too expensive to pay. What this study suggests is that these types of barriers may impact your prognosis for cancer if they impede your ability to make your

medical care a priority."

While all cancer deaths declined 1.5 percent annually from 2002-11, the number of melanoma deaths increased 5 percent in the early to mid-1990s but have since leveled off, according to the National Institutes of Health.

However, disparities and poor outcomes exist in melanoma patients who are older, male and from ethnic and lower socioeconomic backgrounds. Researchers sought to examine whether these disparities, when coupled with patients who have insurance and access to care, could be predictors of melanoma mortality.

### Seeking care

Researchers reviewed melanoma cases of 251 Caucasian patients from 2001-07, of which 158 were men. The patients all had health insurance and were eligible for care in a health maintenance organization during the study period. The patients' average age was 60, the age at which patients are typically diagnosed with melanoma.

Surprisingly, researchers found that visiting a specialist prior to melanoma diagnosis may reduce their risk of dying by 90 percent.

"This suggests that these patients who do better may be more engaged in their care or have less outside demands distracting from their care," Eide said. "It's not just about having insurance and having a doctor you see, it may be about being invested and an advocate for your own health. We found that regardless of their cancer stage at diagnosis, these patients who

saw more specialists and had compliance with their fasting lipid panels and other screenings had a better prognosis. This may suggest a role for the patient in improving their health by being engaged and prioritizing their care."

With health care under transformation from the Affordable Care Act, more patients than ever before will have access to care covered by insurance including preventive services without copays. However, having access to care is not the same as using the care available in the community.

In 2012, the percentage of people who had a usual place to go for medical care was 85.8 percent compared to 86.8 percent in 2011, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's 2012 National Health Interview Survey. The survey also found that 6.2 percent of the population failed to obtain medical care because of cost.

"As we have more and more patients becoming insured through opportunities with the Affordable Care Act," Eide said, "we now have the burden going from not having insurance, to not using the insurance, to not seeking care. The patients in our study all had insurance and in theory all had the same equal opportunities for care. But they received different degrees of care. Some of that may have been at their direction. That is important, perhaps, with cancer prognosis."

The study was funded by Henry Ford Hospital, Henry Ford Medical Group and Dermatology Foundation.

## Endocrinology?

Oh, I know what that is ...I think.

### Ask A Garden City Hospital Health Expert



Dr. Alzohali  
Endocrinology

While many of us have heard the term endocrinology, if you haven't dealt with an endocrine issue, you probably don't know much about this important area of our bodies or the physicians who specialize in it. Endocrinologist and GCH Health Expert, Dr. Opada Alzohaili, treats patients with issues from hormone imbalance to thyroid disease, and provides insight on several of the more common health conditions he sees everyday.

Q: What is the endocrine system?

A: It's a collection of glands, each of which secretes different hormones that regulate metabolism, growth and development, tissue function, sexual function, reproduction, sleep and mood, and more. The endocrine system gets some help from organs such as the kidney, liver, heart and gonads, which provide us with secondary endocrine functions.

Q: As an endocrinologist, what are some of the medical issues you deal with?

A: Because hormone and chemical balance is so important to proper metabolic function and good health, I see patients for a wide range of issues, including:

- **Diabetes** – a rapidly growing problem on both a national and local level, and the most common endocrine disease in this country. It's a condition that occurs when the body does not properly process glucose. This is due to the lack of insulin or, if the body is producing insulin, it is not working effectively.
- **Hormone Imbalances** – which can have a significant impact on the reproductive system, particularly in women. Endocrinologists treat patients with fertility issues and assess and treat patients with health concerns surrounding menstruation and menopause. Hormone imbalances can even impact our bones. Osteoporosis and osteomalacia (rickets), which causes bones to soften, come under the guise of endocrinologists.
- **Hypothyroidism** – occurs when the thyroid gland does not produce enough thyroid hormone to meet the body's needs. Insufficient thyroid hormone can cause many of the body's functions to slow or shut down completely.
- **Metabolic Disorders** – which occur when there is an imbalance of substances needed to keep the body functioning – hormone levels may be too high or low, or when some organs, such as your liver or pancreas, become diseased or do not function normally.

Q: When should I see an endocrinologist?

A: Like most specialists, your primary care physician will usually decide when to consult an endocrinologist. However, if you're dealing with any issues related to those we discuss in this article and wish to see an endocrinologist, talk to your doctor.

Read more about Thyroid Activity from Dr. Alzohaili in the Spring Issue of GCH's Healthy Generations Magazine, available online at [GCH.org](http://GCH.org). Make an appointment with Dr. Alzohaili today by calling his office at 313.914.5591.

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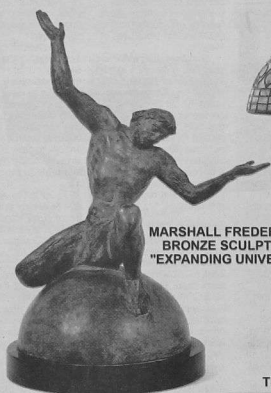
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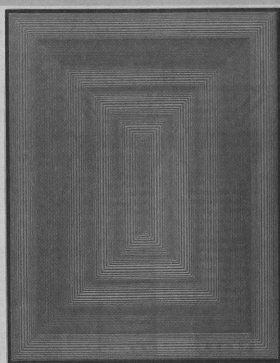
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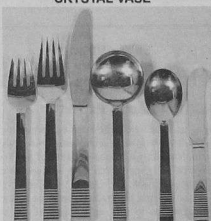
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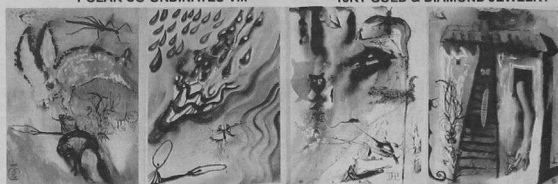
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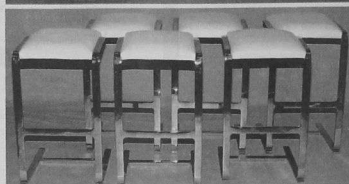
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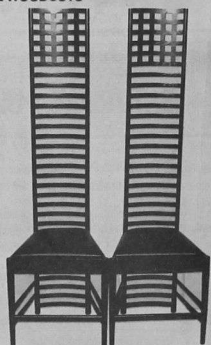
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## How to find the most out of a recruiter

### By Kelly Services

Using the industry knowledge and networks of recruiters can be a critical component of any job search. A professional recruiter can offer career advice, insider knowledge of your target industry or company, compensation guidance and "cultural fit" insight on prospective employers.

### The right can make a difference

**Avoid the general inbox:** Recruiters have relationships with human resources and hiring managers, so your resume goes directly to them, not a "job response inbox" containing hundreds of resumes.

Access unadvertised opportunities: Recruiters often know about and fill positions well before they are advertised.

**Gain valuable insight regarding company culture:** A good recruiter should be able to tell you about the company culture and what to expect from individual interviewers on your schedule.

**Get your own advocate:** As an advocate, a recruiter can present you in the best way, provide feedback and follow-up, and provide assistance through the negotiation and hiring process.

### Different types of recruiters

Staffing recruiters work for staffing firms to provide a wide range of candidates to customers. Staffing recruiters may place administrative, professional or technical candidates, ranging from entry level to senior level, in temporary contract or permanent jobs.

Corporate recruiters handle most aspects of the employee recruitment process for their own organization. Corporate

recruiters are typically in the human resources division. Executive contingent recruiters work for search firms that are engaged by clients to perform a specific search for a range of mid- and senior-level positions. Contingent recruiters receive a fee only upon the successful placement of a candidate.

Executive retained recruiters work for search firms that are engaged by clients to perform a specific search for a senior executive position. Retained recruiters receive a retainer (up-front fee) to execute a search.

### Make a recruiter shortlist

There are many types of recruiters, and each may have a specific industry or area of expertise. Ideally, you should focus on building relationships with the recruiters that can best help you with your career aspirations.

### Don't just engage a recruiter, build a relationship

The best recruiter-job seeker relationships are mutually beneficial. A candidate receives access to unadvertised career opportunities and gains an advocate. A recruiter will appreciate reciprocal access to their network of potential referrals as well as specific company or industry insight.

A common job-seeker mistake is to engage with a recruiter only when actively searching for a new job. A strictly transactional relationship candidate needs a job, recruiter needs a candidate to fill a job is less valuable for you, the recruiter and ultimately the hiring organization. Be prepared to invest time in building and maintaining a long-term relationship.



### Consider these guidelines to strengthen a good working relationship with recruiters:

**Make a good first impression:** Approach a recruiter as you would a prospective employer, and send an email with a professional cover letter or social media message.

**Make an introduction:** Introduce yourself during the first conversation, just as you would in an interview. A recruiter will need to be comfortable with you before advocating for you as a candidate to a prospective employer.

**Provide information:** Let recruiters know how you found them and if you're interested in working for a specific company or targeted industry.

**Think longer term:** Be prepared to stay in touch over the short, medium and long term to find the right opportunity.

**Keep your information cur-**

**rent:** Ensure they never have an out-of-date resume on file, and update your recruiter when things change.

**Be open to constructive feedback:** A recruiter can share a great deal of information about the company, job requirements and even specific interviewer characteristics before an interview. After the interview, ask for and be open to constructive feedback.

**Share insights:** What did you learn in the interview that would help both you and your recruiter? Was the job as described by the recruiter or has it changed? Was there a new interviewer in the process? Is this the right role for you based on your career goals?

**Keep the communication open:** Maintain a positive relationship for the future, even if you secure another job.

**Become a resource:** Share

your industry knowledge and network of contacts who may be interested in learning more about an opportunity.

**Consider all kinds of work:** Short- or long-term project and contract work can often be a steppingstone to a permanent job and allows you an opportunity to evaluate the job and company.

**Be clear:** An open dialogue regarding your work experience, career goals and salary requirements will increase the chances of a successful placement.

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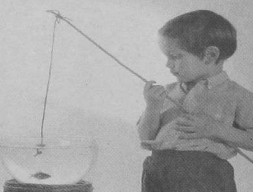
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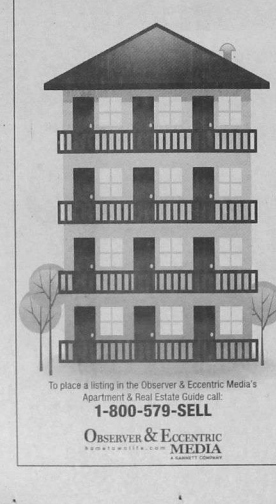
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### ACROSS

- 1 Model airplane sets
- 5 Tyrann
- 9 College stat
- 12 Good dirt
- 13 Thailand neighbor
- 14 Pool length
- 15 Changed significantly
- 17 Battery terminal
- 19 Oedipus —
- 20 Find fault
- 21 "Cape Fear" star
- 24 Domestic pigeons
- 27 Pension acct's.
- 28 Bellow in the library?
- 29 Mai — (rum drink)
- 30 Yellowstone sight
- 31 First modern chemist

- 32 Disposed of
- 33 Miser
- 34 Felt sorry about
- 35 Large handbag
- 36 Trap
- 38 Hands, stangily
- 39 Pianist Dame
- 40 Myra —
- 41 City transport
- 41 Mutt
- 43 Excuses oneself (2 wds.)
- 47 Tinseltale abbr.
- 48 Be worthy of
- 50 Mo. expense
- 51 Sock filler
- 52 Not often seen
- 53 Noled lava spewer

### DOWN

- 1 JFK lander
- 2 Promise to pay
- 3 Make lace
- 4 Brainpower
- 5 "Jeopardy!" host Trebek

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

TOM	LAMP	JEEP			
OLE	ALAI	AURA			
WINGS	SPAN	PRAM			
SODAS	MESA				
	LOS	SNOBS			
ISLE	TENT	MEAT			
RAIN	MMI	FOAL			
ABS	STUN	LOUT			
QUARK	EPAL				
YOGI	HORN	TIMEE			
		IRMS			
MIEN	IHAD	RIP			
ALTO	ALMA	ARN			

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- 6 Terhune collie
- 7 Suffice
- 8 Generally (3 wds.)
- 9 Travel far and wide (hyph.) — Holman
- 10 Launching platform
- 11 Gotta
- 16 Jeans go-with
- 18 Caper
- 20 Was able to
- 21 Reunion attendee
- 22 Synthetic fabric
- 23 Kind of property
- 24 Check endorser
- 25 "Nick of Time" singer — Bonnie
- 26 Agrees with
- 28 Curdles
- 31 Pushier
- 35 Sneezers' need
- 37 Toshiba rival
- 38 Make faces
- 40 Singer — King
- 41 Overly glib
- 42 El Dorado loot
- 43 Wintny cry
- 44 Hall-of-Famer Mel —
- 45 Radiator part
- 46 Gulf st.
- 49 Battery size

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4	9	7	8	6	1	2	2	3

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# Car Report

## Nissan Altima Keeps Surprising Consumers, As 'Ride of Your Life' Campaign Illustrates



By Dale Buss

In its new 'Ride of Your Life' campaign for Altima, Nissan is raising an answer to questions such as: Do American consumers really care about "performance" anymore? In a market increasingly focused on fuel efficiency, "green" chips, digital connectivity and occasionally stylish design, do enough mainstream buyers still focus on "vroom" to make it an effective pitch?

Beginning with a new TV commercial on cable and a volley of social-media efforts, Nissan launched



Here's how the Nissan Altima looked to participants in the ad.



"Ride of Your Life" campaign takes consumers on a race-track thrill ride.

the campaign for its flagship four-door family sedan on Monday around a time-honored advertising device: fooling consumers into singing the brand's praises.

In this case, Nissan got a few dozen actual consumers to a race track, geeked them up about the brand's performance credentials and convinced them that they were getting a ride around the Horse Thill Mile at Willow Springs Raceway in a race-spec Altima. Only when their thrill ride in the Altima "racer" was over did Nissan strip away the decals and other track accessories—and reveal to these people they actually had been passengers in a stock Altima that they could purchase not too far from the Rossmore, Calif., racetrack.

"I would never imagine a four-door car could do any of that," one white-knuckled "race-car" passenger said in the Nissan video after her thrill ride.

That's exactly the kind of response Nissan wanted. "Performance is still

very relevant to the audience for Altima," Jon Brancheau, Nissan's U.S. CMO, told me. "In this case, we're trying to show that in an entertaining fashion with consumers who are genuinely surprised."

Altima was redesigned last year and remains what Edmunds.com called "one of the best choices available for a midsize sedan." The model always has looked sharp—styling long has been a big advantage for Nissan—and also presents a markedly upscale look and feel inside the car, with high-quality materials and above-segment workmanship.

When it comes to the experience of driving Altima, its advantages include well-tuned ride and handling that take maximum advantage of a standard 2.5-liter, four-cylinder engine that generates 182 horsepower and 180 pound-feet of torque, transmitted by a continuously variable transmission.

The racer version of Altima features a 3.5-liter V6 engine good for 270 horsepower and 251 pound-feet of torque, accelerating from zero to 60 mph in just 6.2 seconds—good enough, apparently, to impress at the Horse Thill Mile.

Meanwhile, Nissan is performing like a race car these days as it attempts to jockey seriously with Honda for the place as the No. 2 Japanese brand in the U.S. market, to Toyota.

The Nissan brand's April sales were up 19 percent over a year ago, and for the year to date, they rose more than 13



Here's an Altima in real life.

percent over 2013. Altima sales already were riding along at a 5-percent-better clip than the first four months of 2013.

"It's kind of a boring segment," Brancheau allowed. "It's big in rental cars. But some mid-size sedans are more expressive than others. So part of this campaign was trying to take a sleepy but large segment and shake it up a bit with the notion of performance, to differentiate" Altima.

Millennials' relative lack of enthusiasm about horsepower really isn't an issue here. Altima is squarely aimed at Gen X and older consumers, mostly with families. "When you create the kind of excitement the consumers in these ads are exhibiting, even boomers can appreciate it," Brancheau said. "And of course we tend to shoot younger in our communications but than the people you're actually selling to."

Indeed, the average age of the U.S. Nissan buyer is 50.1 years old, according to new research by J.D.S. That placed Nissan No. 8 among non-luxury brands

in the study, but it still ranked younger than main rivals Honda, Ford, Hyundai, Toyota and Chevrolet.

Another new aspect of the initiative is that it's solely focused on Altima, whereas Nissan—and rivals—typically use their late-spring marketing platforms to draw interest to the closest deal possibilities for a range of their models.

One more dimension of the new campaign: a heavy outreach to Hispanic consumers. There's a Spanish-language version of the TV ad that tells the story of how a cohort of Hispanic consumers enjoyed their race-track rides in Altima. Nissan, like other Japanese brands, over-indexes heavily with Hispanics compared with non-Hispanic U.S. consumers.

"We're the No. 1 brand in Mexico," Brancheau said, "with a 25-percent market share. They have a great image of the Nissan brand in Mexico. To some degree that also benefits us in the U.S."

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# 2014 Academic ALL-STAR

## PROGRAM HONORS TOP STUDENTS

The 2014 Academic All-Star Team represents the most accomplished students from public, private and parochial schools in Oakland and western Wayne counties.

This year's team is composed of 32 students, seven of whom posted perfect high school records and/or perfect test (SAT or ACT) scores.

Another 39 students are honorable mention and their scores are separated in most cases by a mere fraction of a point. All of the students profiled here are examples of academic excellence.

The 2014 team represents the 29th consecutive year that the *Observer & Eccentric* has honored and celebrated academic excellence in our readership area.

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This year's all-star judges were Carolyn Witte, principal of Mercy High School in Farmington Hills, and Franklin High School in Farmington Hills. Both Witte and Willenborg have been part of the program for more than a decade. The principals met in March to review 71 applications. The All-Star Team



Franklin High Principal Dan Willenborg and Carolyn Witte, principal of Mercy High School.



time spent by other principals and counselors who nominate the students."

For the third consecutive year, one all-star will receive a \$500 scholarship awarded by Parkside Credit Union of Livonia for an essay on financial responsibility.

The scholarship winner will be announced at the awards breakfast later this month.

The 2014 All-Star Team (in order of ranking): Seven students tied for the No. 1 ranking. They are Anshu Chen of Bloomfield Hills High School, Collin Chow of North Farmington Hills High School, Benjamin Drews of Harrison High School, Rashmika Goswami of Harrison High School, Elbert Han of Detroit Country Day, Rohan Sinha of Bloomfield Hills High School and Katherine Yung of Detroit Country Day.

Next is Arkady Frasnich of the International Academy in Bloomfield Hills.

Academy in Bloomfield Hills.

Ten students tied for No. 3: Riley Dankovich of Marian High School, Madhurima Das of Plymouth High School, Jonathan Greenberger of Seaholm High School, Neha Hafeez of Canton High School, Tapan Naik of Farmington High School, Kevin Ni of Plymouth High School, Ian O'Rourke of Seaholm High School, Nitin Ram of Salem High School, Savannah Sikorski of Stevenson High School and Alex Yue of Canton High School.

Next are Joo Yung Park of Cranbrook Kingswood (fourth), Vinayak Bhatia of Farmington School (fifth), Shannon Stork of Marian High School (sixth), Stephanie Liu of Cranbrook Kingswood (seventh), Barbara Supholm of Stevenson High School (eighth), Hemant Chittala of Salem High School (ninth), Aditya Vemulapati of Churchill High School (10th) and Siba Alzohali of the International Academy (11th).

Tied for 12th are Bradley Smith of Groves High School and Steven Spens of Clarenceville High School.

Next are William Markey III of Brother Rice High School, Hanna Pfershy of Groves High School and Sammy Stevens of Brother Rice High School.

Rounding out the outstanding team is Stephen Fedak of Churchill High School.

Read more about the students (all-stars and runners-up), their college choices and career dreams and the teachers who influenced them in today's special section.

### ANSHU CHEN

Bloomfield Hills High School

Anshu Chen of Bloomfield Hills is considering the University of Michigan, the University of Rochester and the University of Pennsylvania. She plans to major in economics or finance and minor in French. As far as a career, Chen plans to pursue economics, law or academia.

Her academic honors include AP scholar with distinction, Presidential Scholars program candidate, National Merit Finalist, Ball State Best News Story Award, University of Rochester Rush Rhees Scholarship recipient and Michigan State University professional assistant.

Chen is editor of the school newspaper, president of the History Club, a member of the National Honor Society, Science Olympiad, played J.V. golf, A-CT teacher for 11th grade, after-school tutor, quiz bowl.

Chen said her most influential teacher was Susan Feigenbaum in British literature. "Ms. Feigenbaum taught me to question scholarly authority and trust my own analysis. She was always honest when my work was below par, pushing me to convey my ideas logically and concisely. She shared her wonder and passion for literature with me, for which I am extremely grateful."

Her father is Hongbing Chen and her mother is Xiaowen Jiang.

### COLLIN CHOW

North Farmington High School

Collin Chow of Farmington Hills will attend Northwestern University this fall, with a goal of becoming either a medical researcher or physician. His major will likely be chemistry.

Chow is a member of the Chemistry Club, Health Occupational Students of America, North Farmington Brothers and Sisters in Christ and Chinese Bible Church, where he is in the Salt and Light Youth Group, on the Praise Night planning committee and is a music leader and guitar player.

Also, he plays trumpet with the North Farmington Symphony Band, North Farmington Jazz Band and Zenith Brass Ensemble. He holds a second-degree black belt in Choi kwang do, is instructor and member of the Farmington Martial Arts Demonstration Team and trains in jiu-jitsu and bo-jitsu.

Chow's academic honors include National Merit Finalist, Presidential Scholar Candidate, Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award and AP Scholar.

He credits Susan Szegedi as his most influential teacher. "She has been my teacher for both honors chemistry and advanced chemistry, as well as being the adviser for Chemistry Club. Mrs. Szegedi's teaching is able to make even the

dullest topics fun and interesting to learn," Chow said.

"Mrs. Szegedi has encouraged my interest in

chemistry and the sciences and that support has continued up until the present. After taking AP chemistry this year, I hope to take the knowledge she has given me and continue to pursue chemistry in college," he added.

Chow is the son of Christopher and Hannah Chow and the brother of Carolyn, 14.

### BENJAMIN F. DREWS

Harrison High School

Benjamin F. Drews of Farmington Hills will attend Williams College, Swarthmore College or the University of Michigan. His areas of study will be computer engineering, mathematics and economics.

"It is my goal to major in computer science and engineering prior to working professionally in the field of game and virtual design," Drews said.

He is a member of RoboHawks (robotics) Science Olympiad and DECA and has served as a Hawk Help tutor and Civitan Literacy Program volunteer.

Drews' academic honors include AP Scholar with Distinction, Commended Student National Merit Scholarship, National Honor Society, Phi Beta Kappa and Harrison High School Academic Hall of Fame.

He considers Jeremy Robinson, AP world history teacher, his most influential instructor. "Mr. Robinson encouraged me to actively participate in class discussion and debate. He also directed me to interesting outside resources," Drews said.

Drews is the son of Martin and MiSuk Drews.

### RASHMIKA GOSWAMI

Harrison High School

Rashmika Goswami of Farmington Hills is considering attending the University of Michigan, to major in engineering, computer science and/or applied math.

"I would like to pursue an engineering or math-related career," she said.

Goswami is a member of rhythmic gymnastics, National Honor Society, Robotics Club and plays viola in the Detroit Metropolitan Youth Symphony. She scored 24th position in the Michigan Math Prize 2013-14 competition and qualified for the American Invitational Math Exam for 2013 and 2014.

Her academic honors include National Merit finalist, Presidential Scholars Program candidate and AP Scholar with distinction. She credits math teacher Cheryl Golden, chemistry teacher Kevin Meisner, physics teacher Steve Dail and history teachers Jeremy Robinson and Dan Gardner for being the most influential, due to "enthusiasm and for encouraging questions."

Goswami is the daughter of Partha Goswami and Sreela Datta and the sister of Rahul Goswami, 14.

### ELBERT HAN

Detroit Country Day

Elbert Han of Troy has been accepted to the University of Michigan School of Engineering. He intends to study engineering and business with the future goal of opening a jewelry and watch business using advanced additive manufacturing.

His academic honors include National Merit Scholar, Presidential Scholar Award candidate, four years summa cum laude, Cum Laude Society and top 200 in the Michigan Math Prize Competition. Han also won the national silver medal at the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards for his jewelry portfolio and the 3D Systems Future New award, one of three given in the nation.

Han is a member of the cross country team, FRC Robotics team co-captain, a volunteer at the Troy Library, a Brooksie Way Half Marathon volunteer and a volunteer at the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards.

Han said his most influential teacher was Jiro Masuda, who teaches metals and AP Art History. "Mr. Masuda had been instrumental in my development as an artist and critical thinker," Han said. "He stood beside me as I began my journey into CAD and encouraged me to explore 3D printing and additive manufacturing. His enthusiasm for my projects inspired me to push myself to design the most innovative jewelry. Mr. Masuda has been and will always be an inspiration to me and every student who has ever had the honor of having him as a teacher."

Han's parents are Hueymei Jou and Hengchu Han.

### ROHAN SINHA

Bloomfield Hills High School

Rohan Sinha of Bloomfield Hills is deciding among Washington University, Vanderbilt University and the University of Michigan. He intends to study business/engineering and entrepreneurship. Sinha wants to own his own business someday, be a consultant and high-level thinker.

His academic honors include National Merit Scholar finalist, AP Scholar with Distinction, OAA Scholar-Athlete and Presidential Scholar Award candidate.

Sinha is captain of the varsity tennis team, captain of the Model United Nations, plays varsity lacrosse and is founder of the Money One Financial Literacy organization.

His most influential teacher, Sinha said, is Matthew Macleod, who teaches AP history. "He teachers with immense passion and introduced me to the value of a strong humanities education," Sinha said.

Sinha's parents are Sanjay and Rajani Sinha he is brother to Varun, 11.



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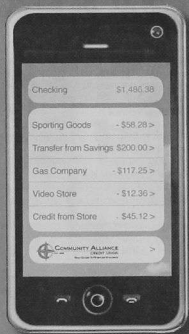
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# 2014 ACADEMIC ALL-STARS

## KATHERINE YOUNG

Detroit Country Day



Katherine Young of Bloomfield Hills will attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Young said she is undecided on a major, but is leaning toward physics or biology, with a minor in one of the humanities. She is considering neurosurgery and dermatology as possible career paths.

Her academic honors include National AP Scholar with Distinction, National Merit finalist, High School Honors Science Program, University of Chicago Book Award, Blue and Gold Scholar Athlete, eighth place in the National Brain Bee, summa cum Laude, Cum Laude Society and the Mabel Peng Memorial Scholarship.

Young is concertmaster and president of her school orchestra, plays first violin in the Detroit Civic Orchestra, was a member of the Michigan All State Orchestra, earned 12 first division ratings at Solo and Ensemble Festival, is a varsity member of track and field and cross country, is a member of her school's Peer Tutorial Service Board and is captain of the Science Olympiad team.

She said her most influential teacher was Donald Corwin, who teaches AP U.S. history and AP government. "His class was the first history class I truly enjoyed," she said. "Without him, I would not have understood how studying the past and politics could be so fascinating."

Young's parents are Li Wang and Tao Yang and she is sister to Chris, 14.

## ARKADIY FRASINICH

International Academy, Bloomfield Hills



Arkadiy Frasinich of Oak Park has been admitted to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and is still waiting to hear from Princeton University, the University of Chicago and the University of Michigan. He plans to pursue graduate school in mathematics and possibly academia as a career.

His academic honors include taking 19th place in the Michigan Math Prize Competition and scoring a 36 on the ACT test.

Frasinich is a member of the National Honor Society, German Honor Society, Science Olympiad, played French horn in band and was president of the school math club.

Frasinich said his most influential teacher was Robert Uleski. "My history teacher, Robert Uleski, has helped me expand my interest in history and as an intricate subject with many incredible stories," he said.

Frasinich's parents are Viktoriya and Vyacheslav Frasinich.

## RILEY DANKOVICH

Marian High School



Riley Dankovich of Royal Oak hasn't selected a college yet, but her short list includes the universities of Georgetown, Vanderbilt, Princeton and Wake Forest. She plans to study linguistics and international studies, with a goal of entering the publishing field.

"No matter what my profession, I want to bring awareness to the necessity of becoming global citizens through cultural understanding and communication," Dankovich wrote in her all-star application.

Her academic honors include National Merit finalist, Scholastic All-Catholic Award and Marian 1st Honors Honor Roll. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Marian Melodies and Marian Liturgical Choir.

Dankovich said history teacher Dante Melotti helped her immensely. "He influenced me greatly because of his enthusiasm for teaching, his high expectations for students and his role as a mentor to me," she said.

Dankovich is the daughter of David and Lynn Dankovich and is sister to Logan, 19.

## MADHURIMA DAS

Plymouth High School



Madhurima Das knows she wants to major in engineering. Now she just has to figure out where.

Das, a Canton resident, is considering the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the University of Michigan and Cal Tech.

"I want to become an engineer, most likely working with nanotechnology's applications in biomedical engineering," she said.

Among her academic honors, Das is a National Merit Scholarship finalist, a semifinalist in the Siemens Science Competition, earned the Madame Curie Medal for Achievements in Science and Mathematics from the Society of Women Engineers, Rensselaer Medal winner (with \$15,000 scholarships each for four years of college), a National AP Scholar with distinction, first-place winner with an invitation to Intel ISEF, special

award from Mu Alpha Theta (Mathematics Honor Society), Science and Engineering Fair of Michigan, Lawrence Technological University Excellence in Science and Math award, a \$40,000 University of Michigan Engineering College Scholarship, a \$20,000 scholarship from Kettering University and various awards at Science Olympiad regionals.

Das is part of the Science and Research Fair, a senior captain of the Science Olympiad team, on the leadership board for Math Olympiad; she's part of the leadership for buildOn, an international organization that provides education to third-world countries; she's on the varsity diving team; National Honor Society; she plays piano; part of Everyone is Beautiful, a website that promotes positive self-esteem in teenagers; and a contributor of humor articles to Sparklife (the community portion of the Sparknotes website).

Among her most influential teachers, Das names AP calculus teacher Karen Ludema, AP biology teacher Sharon Caldwell, AP English literature teacher Gretchen Miller, AP chemistry teacher Scott Milam and AP computer science teacher Phil Sands.

"(Ludema) was a wonderful math teacher and coach for Math Olympiad and she was very enthusiastic about the math research I was doing... which made me love it even more," Das said. "(Caldwell) was so passionate about her subject and held her students to such high standards that it was impossible not to love the subject by the end of the year."

Das is the daughter of Shuvra Das and Mitali Chakrabarti.

## JONATHAN GREENBERGER

Birmingham Seaholm High School



Jonathan Greenberger of Birmingham has been accepted to the University of Chicago and the University of Michigan and is waiting to hear from a few other colleges. He hasn't declared a major, but is interested in biology, mathematics and economics. As for a career choice, Greenberger is not yet sure what he'd like to do. "I want to have a career that is enjoyable, challenging and meaningful," he said.

His academic honors include National Merit finalist, Harvard College Book Award, MHSA Scholar-Athlete nominee, Oakland County Scholar-Athlete, Michigan Math Prize Competition Finalist and AP Scholar with Honors.

Greenberger is a member of the National Honor Society, the Seaholm swim team, was vice president in charge of membership at Temple Beth El Young Persons Society, a lifeguard at Pine Lake Club and co-president of the Seaholm chess club.

Greenberger said his most influential teacher was Michael Wicker. "Mr. Wicker always made subjects like economics and western civilization both interesting and relevant to me. He showed me what it means to be professional," he said.

Greenberger is the son of Marc Greenberger and Julie Buch. He is brother to Erin, 21, Alexa, 11, and Mitchell, 9.

## NEHA HAFEEZ

Canton High School



While Neha Hafeez isn't completely sure which college she'll be attending, she knows she wants to be a doctor.

So that's the career path she'll choose after completing college at one of the schools she's considering - the University of Michigan, University of Pittsburgh or the MedStart program at Wayne State University.

"I am extremely passionate about the medical field and academically driven, making being a doctor the ideal profession for me," she said. "For me, one of the particularly attractive aspects of medicine is the potential to form close and meaningful relationships with a wide array of patients."

Hafeez accumulated a variety of academic honors during her scholastic career. She was a National Merit Finalist, a National AP Scholar (with all 5s on eight AP exams), actively participated and been recognized in various mathematics competitions including Michigan Math Prize Competition, AMC 10/12, Fryer, Mandelbrot and Michigan Math League, was a state finalist in the Economics Challenge, was an AP Scholar with Distinction and won Special Recognition for Student Government Service.

She was board secretary for the Canton Congress, which she said "taught me many valuable skills in leadership." She was the business sponsor coordinator for the Feed My Starving Children program, during which she helped pack more than 112,000 meals for hungry children around the world. She was a researcher for the Henry Ford Hospital Research Program, where she observed autopsies and surgeries.

Hafeez said her AP biology teacher, Sharon Caldwell, had the greatest influence on her because "she was the first teacher I had for a formal biology course. She made me fall in love with the topic, making medicine an even more viable profession for me. Besides this, she is a fantastic teacher. She teaches with a lot of energy, making the class entertaining as well as informative."

Hafeez is the daughter of Mohammed and Yasmeen Hafeez. She is a sister to Aadeeb, 15.

## TAPAN NAIK

Farmington High School



Tapan Naik is planning to attend the University of Michigan's College of Engineering this fall, but is still unsure of a specific major - either biomedical, chemical or mechanical engineering.

"As of right now for my career goals, I have absolutely no idea," the Farmington Hills resident said. "One thing that I'm sure of is that my education won't end with undergraduate studies. I hope to make an impact on the lives of at least a few people."

Naik is involved with the Farmington Run for the Hills for the Special Olympics, National Honor Society, Relay for Life, serves as an after-school tutor and participates in the after-school recycling program.

He is secretary for the Farmington Hills Mayor's Youth Council, a board member of the Health Occupations Students of America, a Varsity Quiz Bowl member and Michigan Math League participant.

Naik is an AP Scholar with Distinction, a regional finalist and state competition qualifier for HO-SA-Future Health Professionals. He has also qualified for the second round of the Michigan Math Prize Competition.

Naik credits two teachers as most influential. Jeremy Gold, who teaches advanced placement U.S. history, helped his transition to high school. "Mr. Gold's passionate and enthusiastic lectures helped me transition into my new school. His love for history helped me develop my own passion for learning," he said.

Naik credits Mark Azeez, who teaches advanced placement calculus, with showing him how much fun learning can be.

"Mr. Azeez's class was a combination of fun and learning," he said. "Many jokes were thrown around in class, along with anti-derivatives. He showed that learning and fun aren't two separate entities."

Naik is the son of Girish and Sangeeta Naik. He is a brother to Rohan, 15.

## KEVIN NI

Plymouth High School



Kevin Ni of Canton wants to be a computer programmer and plans to major in computer science at the University of Michigan.

"I plan on becoming a software engineer for a leading tech company such as Google or Microsoft," Ni said.

Ni is a National Merit finalist and a National AP Scholar.

Among his extracurricular activities, Ni has volunteered for the Feed My Starving Children program, he's a board member of the Math Olympiad, he's part of the Science Olympiad team and he volunteers with the National Honor Society.

He calls computer science teacher Phil Sands his most influential teacher. "He turned computer science from an interest to something I want to do throughout my life - computer programming," Ni said.

Ni is the son of Ben and Jun Ni. His is a brother to Kelly, 14.

## IAN O'ROURKE

Seaholm High School



Ian O'Rourke of Birmingham plans to attend the University of Michigan School of Engineering to study aerospace engineering. "I would like to be a part of the upcoming developments in the manned spacecraft field, like the SpaceX Dragon capsule that could soon take Americans astronauts into low Earth orbit and beyond NASA's Orion spacecraft, which will take astronauts into deep space for the first time since the Apollo era," he said.

His academic honors include National Merit Scholarship finalist and Michigan Math Prize part two qualification. O'Rourke plays alto saxophone in the Seaholm marching band, symphony and jazz band and is a Fellow in the Institute of Innovation in Education at the University of Michigan-Flint. He also developed the Seaholm Highlander Mobile Application.

O'Rourke said his most influential teacher has been Eric Burns. "Mr. Burns really cares about his students," he said. "He wants them to succeed and strive in society. His teaching style for AP calculus BC was one of the most intriguing and effective styles that I have witnessed. His classroom is never a serious place and pranks are often played in good humor."

O'Rourke's parents are Beth and Michael Shawn O'Rourke. He is a brother to Connor, 14.

# 2014 ACADEMIC ALL-STARS

## NITIN RAM

Salem High School

Nitin Ram of Canton said he'll "most likely" attend the University of Michigan and will study engineering.

"I am interested in pursuing a career in engineering, particularly in computer science," he said.

Ram counts among his academic honors being a National Merit finalist; qualifying for the American Invitational Mathematics Exam; scoring in the top 50 on the Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition; qualifying for the Quiz Bowl national finals; leading Salem's Science Olympiad team to the state competition at Michigan State University; and qualifying for and participating in the six-week Ross Mathematics Program at Ohio State University.

He led the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Math Club, captained the Salem Science Olympiad team, participated in Quiz Bowl, was involved in an independent service project through the National Honor Society and helped found the STEM club at Levey Middle School in Southfield.

He's also a third dan black belt in taekwon do and served as an instructor.

He names programming AP statistics and AP computer science teacher Phil Sands, AP calculus teacher Karen Ludema and AP Spanish teacher Alicia Maturen as his most influential teachers.

"(Sands) sparked my interest in computer science. His way of integrating current events and technology into the course content made the subject very interesting to me," he said. "(Ludema) has been immensely supportive throughout my high school career, both as a teacher and as the teacher-sponsor of Math Club. (Maturen's) classes were among the toughest I've ever taken, but they were always engaging and relevant."

Ram is the son of Ram Chilkunda and Mrdula Ram.



into a passion," she said. "That is why dealing with the brain interests me. I hope to develop a new technology to make things better for anybody with a disability or injury."

She is captain of the varsity pom team, a junior coach for the Livonia Falcons, a member of the Mid American All Star Pom Pon team, a volunteer at North Ridge Church in the special-needs ministry, special-needs counselor for Spring Hill Day Camps and a math and science tutor.

Her academic honors include being a member of the National Honor Society, a Scholar-Athlete, AP Scholar with Distinction and summa cum laude.

She credits teachers Paula Nowell and Scott Sherburne with having the most influence on her. Nowell, who taught Sikorski's accelerated analysis and AP calculus classes, made seemingly dull subjects interesting, she said. "She is deeply invested in my academic skill, but even more so in my success," Sikorski said. "She genuinely cares about me — as a student and as a person."

Sherburne's biology class was the highlight of Sikorski's day. "His teaching was incredible and he gave me many new methods of learning and studying science that still aid me three years later," she said.

Sikorski is the daughter of Kelly and Gary Sikorski. She is a sister to Shaylyn, 22.

## ALEX YUE

Canton High School

Alex Yue of Canton wants a career in the software industry when he gets out of college.

Yue has already been accepted into Princeton University. He plans to major in computer science, specializing in software engineering and artificial intelligence/machine learning.

"I aim to work in the software industry and, hopefully, launch a successful start-up company," he said. "I truly believe computer science will revolutionize the world with creations such as self-driving cars and intelligent voice assistants. I hope to participate in the countless innovations that are emerging from this industry."

Yue was a National Merit finalist, was first place in the Robofest VRC World Championship, took sixth place in robot arm and 10th place with a gravity vehicle at the Science Olympiad, was a state finalist in the MCEE Economics Challenge and was a National AP Scholar.

He finished fourth at the Robofest R2K World Championship and placed in robot arm, gravity vehicle and thermodynamics at the Science Olympiad.



piad state tournament. He was fourth at the Robofest BTOS World Championship and finished first in the Robofest Intelligent Ground Vehicle Competition.

Yue was captain and team member of Canton Robofest Robotics; captained the Canton Science Olympiad team; is president and founder of the Computer Applications Club at Canton High School; attends the Ford Motor Co. High School Science and Technology Program; and is the junior varsity leader of the PCEP Quiz Bowl.

He has volunteered at the Canton Public Library, the Plymouth-Canton Chinese Learning Center and has done volunteer work with the National Honor Society.

Yue said AP computer science teacher Phil Sands had the biggest influence on him. "He introduced me to the world of computer science and the countless real-world applications of computer science," he said. "He encouraged me to always do my best even in times of failure and to be the person who I am today."

Yue is the son of Junping Yue and Yulie Liu.

## JOO YUNG PARK

Cranbrook Kingswood

Joo Yung Park will attend the University of Michigan or the University of Western Ontario to study biology. He is planning a career as a physician or a dentist.

His academic honors include cum laude. Park has been active as president of Horizons-Upward Bound, a group which connects Cranbrook students working as tutors with inner-city Detroit youth. He is also president of the French Club, editor of the yearbook and member of the Science and Engineering Club.

Park is vice president of the Chamber Ensemble and member of the golf team and soccer club. He worked as a full-time intern in the National Assembly of South Korea. He also worked as a student volunteer in the emergency room at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital in Pontiac.

He plays the alto saxophone in the symphony band and has received honors at State and Solo Ensemble festivals.

Park named Debra Viles (AP U.S. history) and Bruce Kohn (AP chemistry) as the teachers who most influenced his academic career.

Park is the son of Soo Hyun Park and Min Sun Song of Ontario, Canada. He is the brother of Eugene Park, 14.



## SAVANNAH SIKORSKI

Stevenson High School

Savannah Sikorski of Livonia will attend the University of Notre Dame or the University of Michigan, where she will study engineering and possibly neuroscience.

"I have worked with special-needs children since I was in elementary school and it has turned



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## MADONNA FORENSIC SCIENCE RESEARCH GETS FEDERAL FUNDING

A bloody fingerprint found at the scene of a crime could be the evidence police detectives need to solve the case, but often the process for lifting and enhancing the print can destroy the crucial and delicate evidence.

This obstacle led Jessica Zarate, a forensic science faculty member at Madonna University, to develop and patent Zar-Pro lifting strips; a less complicated way to lift, enhance, and preserve bloody impressions.

The Forensic Science program at Madonna recently was awarded a \$250,000, two-year grant from the National Institute of Justice to further research in this area. The faculty members hope to develop a spray that offers a simple, timely, cost effective and non-toxic method to aid in the collection of bloody impression evidence.

"This is the first major research grant for Madonna," said Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, president. "It is a testament to the depth of our faculty's experience in forensic science, as well as our state-of-the-art science labs. The results of this research have the potential to significantly enhance how crime scene evidence is collected, and that's exciting."

## GRANT HELPS LAUNCH PROGRAM FOR TEACHERS OF DEAF CHILDREN

Madonna University has been awarded a \$30,000 grant from the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan to create a master's degree program to prepare teachers to educate Deaf children.

The first program in Michigan to offer this level of specialized instruction, the Deaf Education program will qualify students for teacher certification with a graduate-level endorsement in teaching the hearing impaired. A distinctive feature of the program is its foundation in a bilingual and bicultural approach based on fluency in American Sign Language.

With its history as an educational leader in the deaf community, and a reputation for excellence in teacher preparation, Madonna University is well-positioned to develop a program that meets Michigan requirements and the unique needs of this very special population.

The College of Education offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in early childhood, elementary and secondary education, educational leadership, autism spectrum disorders and more. The College received an exemplary rating from the State of Michigan, on the Educator Preparation Institution Performance Scores for 2011-2012.



▲ Jessica Zarate, a faculty member and researcher at Madonna University, uses a fluorescent light to look at an impression of a human hand that was lifted and enhanced using a method she developed.

## STUDENTS LEARN AND SERVE IN COSTA RICA

During Spring Break in March, Costa Rica became the classroom for students enrolled in either humane studies or biology, as part of Madonna University's Study Abroad and Service-Learning programs.

Andrew Domzalaki, humane studies professor, along with Veronica Riha, biology professor, planned the trip for their respective courses. "Humane studies is about protection of the environment, along with social justice for the local people and protection of animals," said Domzalaki. "That is what really happens in Costa Rica. They are known for their preservation of the rainforest and biodiversity."

Chemistry major Stephanie Mackley, described her trip to Costa Rica as an educational adventure and found it difficult to select the most memorable aspect of her journey. "We captured sea turtles, went snorkeling, toured an organic farm, and so much more!"

For students who wish to enroll in this course in the future, Mackley advised, "If you can get past the bugs, sign up!"





# 2014 ACADEMIC ALL-STARS

## VINAYAK BHATIA

Farmington High School

Vinayak Bhatia of Farmington Hills plans to study biology and mathematics, likely at the University of Michigan, with the long-term goal of becoming a physician.

"I love helping people and want to do that for the rest of my life," he wrote in his all-star application. Bhatia has been honored as an AP Scholar, a state finalist for Business Professionals of America and Health Occupation Students of American and a semi-finalist in the Michigan Math Prize Competition.

He is vice president on the Mayor's Youth Council, a member of the National Honor Society, as well as the Health Occupation Students of America and Business Professionals of America. Bhatia is a cello player and has earned first chair in the high school orchestra. He also volunteers at the Farmington Community Library.

He named Mark Azeez, who teaches math, Steve Dail in physics and Peg Convery, who teaches chemistry, as his most influential teachers.

Bhatia is the son of Naresh and Gori Bhatia. He is a brother to Roma, 23.



and creative teacher and driven scientist." She described Zidasek "as enthusiastic and challenging."

"She encouraged thinking outside the box," Stork added.

Stork is the daughter of Mary Coffey and Gary Stork.

## STEPHANIE LIU

Cranbrook Kingswood

Stephanie Liu of Bloomfield Hills plans on studying math and physics or electrical engineering in college. She is undecided about what university she will attend.

She is planning a career in electrical engineering.

Her academic honors include cum laude (top 10 percent of her class), Dean's List and Cranbrook Academic Honors.

Liu is president of Model United Nations, news editor-in-chief of the newspaper, vice president of the Math Club and president of Gold Key Club.

Herbert Snitz (math/pre-calculus), David Watson (Spanish) and Frank Norton (AP physics) are the teachers who most influenced her learning career.

Liu is the daughter of Youyi Le and Gordon Liu and the sister of Justin, 11.



bell ringer for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign.

Her academic honors include being a National Merit finalist and AP Scholar.

Teacher Paula Nowell's sense of humor and personal connections to students made Scuphulm enjoy going to AP calculus and accelerated analysis. "She also taught me many life lessons that are valuable beyond the classroom," Scuphulm said.

Teacher Tim Gabel inspired Scuphulm to pursue a business-related degree. "Mr. Gabel taught AP micro-economics and AP macro-economics in an interesting, relatable way," she said.

Scuphulm is the daughter of Lois and Jeff Scuphulm and sister of Beth, 15.

## HEMANTH CHITTELA

Salem High School

Hemant Chittela of Canton plans to attend the University of Pennsylvania in its Artificial Intelligence dual-degree program, majoring in computer science and cognitive science. He wants to work as a software engineer in the field of robotics and says his career goal is to develop "machine learning and artificial intelligence to revolutionize interactions both between humans and machines and among machines."

He is a National Merit Scholarship finalist, an AP Scholar with Distinction and a Presidential Scholars Program nominee and scored a perfect 36 on his ACT test.

He was captain of Salem's Science Olympiad team, captain of its National Science Bowl team, public relations officer for the Android Applications Club and mentored the Science Olympiad team of East Middle School. He has helped underprivileged students apply for college and prepare for their ACT tests, has volunteered at the Canton Public Library and both practices and instructs in Isshinryu karate.

Chittela named Scott Milam as the teacher who had the greatest influence on him, saying Milam's AP chemistry class was one of his favorites. "Mr. Milam's engaging teaching style and fun, spontaneous sidetracks fueled my interest in chemistry," he said.

Chittela is the son of Arun and Padma Chittela is brother to Nikitha, 12.



## SHANNON STORK

Marian High School

Shannon Stork of Farmington Hills plans to attend Case Western Reserve University or Wooster College. She will double major in biochemistry and music.

Her career goals include that of a college professor and researcher in the field of behavioral genetics.

Stork's academic honors include National Merit finalist, salutatorian, Honor Roll (First Honors), Honors French II, Honors Precalculus Certificates of Achievement, National Honor Society and National French Exam Award.

Stork was a member of the Marian-Rice Players (cast and crew and dance lifts co-captain), Marian Melodies (audition vocal choir producer) and Marian Liturgical Choir. She is also a member of the Our Lady of Sorrows Adult Vocal Choir and takes private voice lessons.

She cited Barbara Webb (chemistry) and Jan Zidasek (algebra) as the teachers who influenced her the most.

Webb because she is a "challenging, passionate



## BARBARA SCUPHOLM

Stevenson High School

Barbara Scuphulm of Livonia plans to attend the Central Michigan University Honors Program to study accounting and French. Her goal is to attain a master's degree in accounting and to become a certified public accountant at a large international public accounting firm.

She is captain of varsity cross country and varsity track and a member of the National Honor Society and French Honor Society. She also is a peer mentor and after-school tutor.

Her volunteer activities have included working as a junior counselor for church day camp, participating in the Livonia Relay for Life, packing food boxes for the Redford Goodfellows and being a



## FORD COMMUNITY CORPS STUDENTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

As members of the Ford Community Corps, Madonna University students were matched with local non-profit organizations that fit with their interests, skills and academic majors, which included: biology, education, dietetics, communications and social work.

Through this service-learning experience they gained skills in leadership and mentoring, while working with faculty and such organizations as First Step, Adult Autism Spectrum Disorders, Livonia Seedlings Braille Books for Children, and The Education Experience of Detroit. This year 17 students and seven faculty mentors worked with eight community partners to design, develop, plan, implement and evaluate a project for the non-profit.

Ford Community Corps scholars gain valuable insight in career options and are exposed to the significant roles and responsibilities of corporations in civic life. They also see firsthand the commitment of Ford Motor Company to sustainable communities, and are able to demonstrate how their own participation is making a difference in the community.



► Mike Schmidt, director of education programs for Ford Motor Company Fund talked with students about their projects.

## BCA STUDENTS PRODUCE ASL MUSIC VIDEOS

Students from Madonna's broadcast and cinema arts (BCA) and sign language studies programs worked together to produce four American Sign Language (ASL) music videos. The students masterfully incorporated the creative requirements of the class with the aesthetic expectations of members of the Deaf community.

As the student teams developed creative interpretations of popular songs, they were coached by actor Daniel Durant, who plays Matthew on ABC Family's *Switched at Birth*.

This year's music videos interpreted these songs:

*Unconditionally* by Katy Perry  
*Pompeii* by Bastille  
*Anything* by Hedley  
*Wings* by Little Mix

See all the videos at [www.madonnasls.com/musicvideos](http://www.madonnasls.com/musicvideos). They also are posted on YouTube; search Dan McDougall sign language.

▼ Daniel Durant, pictured here with the "Unconditionally" team, flew in to surprise the students for their music video premiere. (L-R: Durant, Natalie Sanborn, Marissa Winn, Laurie Kuhlman)



## MADONNA OFFERS ONLINE CERTIFICATES RELATED TO AGING

Thanks to a \$30,000 grant from Felician Services Inc, Madonna University is offering three online certificates for professionals and family caregivers of aging adults. "People 65 and older are among the fastest growing segment of the population, and these certificates will prepare caregivers to better serve this group," said Sue-Anne Sweeney, chair of Madonna's Gerontology program.

Beginning in Spring/Summer semester 2014, the following certificates are offered on a credit and non-credit basis:

Certificate in Aging and Older Adults (3 courses, 9 credits)  
Certificate in Dementia Care (5 courses, 11 credits)  
Essentials in End-of-Life Care Certificate (5 courses, 15 credits)

Those who will benefit from the end-of-life care certificate include: "Social workers, chaplains, nurses, nurse's aides, grief counselors and other staff in palliative care settings," said Kelly Rhoades, chair of Madonna's Hospice and Palliative Studies program.

These certificates provide access to professional development, credentials and enhanced educational resources for those people involved in day-to-day service with patients and families.



▲ For the past three summers, Madonna nursing students have travelled to Lourdes, France, where they assisted the sick and disabled who were making the pilgrimage to the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes. Madonna President Sister Rose Marie Kujawa and nursing faculty members are pictured with the students who made the trip in 2013.

## 2014 ACADEMIC ALL-STARS

ADITYA  
VEMULAPATI

Churchill High School

Aditya Vemulapati of Westland has decided to attend the University of Michigan, where he plans to major in neuroscience and minor in psychology. He plans to go to medical school and become a doctor and wants to do medical research.

He is a member of Churchill's National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society chapters, won an academic letter and a scholar-athlete award. He is also a National Merit Scholarship finalist, an AP Scholar with distinction and was a finalist in the Michigan Math Prize competition.

He is president of the Success Strategies Club, mentoring and tutoring group; co-founder of the Young Liberals Club and its vice president; a Quiz Bowl team member and captain; and was a representative on the Student Council. He played on the Churchill tennis team and was a student teacher in Balavihar, a program to educate people about Hinduism.

Vemulapati's volunteer work includes helping out at Relay For Life; co-chairing an American Red Cross blood drive, tutoring struggling students in various subjects; and working at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital.

He named three influential teachers: Frost Middle School science teacher Carim Calkins, Churchill advanced biology teacher Joel Meloche and Churchill language arts teacher Andrew Wood.

Vemulapati is the son of Satyanarayana and Padmaja Vemulapati and is a brother of Anoshia, 12.

STEVEN  
SPENS

Clarenceville High School

Steven Spens of Livonia will attend University of Michigan, where he plans to double major in economics and Chinese and possibly minor in physics or biochemistry.

He wants to be an economist, investment banker, researcher or work in public service "to fix America's problems through holding an important public post such as being a U.S. diplomat to China."

He has been on the soccer, wrestling and track teams and plays saxophone in the marching band. He was treasurer and then vice president of chapter activities for the school's Business Professionals of America group. In recent BPA competitions, he took second place nationally for insurance concepts and first place in the state for banking and finance.

His academic honors include the Departmental Math Award and the Leadership Award from the Kiwanis Club.

Chinese teacher Grace Philson pushed Spens and almost single-handedly taught him her language. "She forced me to use Chinese, not just translate words back into English. Now we don't even speak in English to each other anymore," he said.

Spens is the son of Laura and Richard Spens and is brother to Elijah, 15; Kimberly, 12 and Paul, 10.

SAMMY  
STEVENS

Brother Rice High School

Sammy Stevens of Beverly Hills will be attending Georgetown University on a baseball scholarship, where he will study business management and economics.

"I want to get my MBA, then pursue corporate management, as well as study start-up companies and entrepreneurship," he said.

He ranks first in his class at Brother Rice High School and is a National Merit Semifinalist. He was captain of the Brother Rice Band of Brothers, a spokesperson at high school award ceremonies and a mentor group captain.

Stevens was a member of Brother Rice's Division I state finalist baseball team and was all-league and all-state as a junior. He has also participated on travel baseball clubs that won a national championship while being named to the all-tournament team. He is a finalist for Michigan High School Athlete of the Year.

He has volunteered with St. Regis Olympics for inner-city children, been a Kairos Retreat leader and been a tutor for Brother Rice Junior Band of Brothers.

Stevens named two teachers as having influenced him: Bob Barnes "because he had an expansive understanding of physics" and Donna Johnson "because she challenged me more than any other teacher in English."

He is the son of Theresa Rizer and Derek Stevens and brother to Sera Stevens, 16, Deaglan McGreevy, 9, and Emir McGreevy, 9.

SIBA  
ALZOHAILI

International Academy

Siba Alzohaili of Bloomfield Hills will study neuroscience and Spanish at Wayne State University or the University of Michigan.

"I want to be a psychiatrist or social worker," Alzohaili wrote in her all-star application. "I would like to work directly with people to help them be happier and healthier."

Alzohaili's academic awards include Spanish Honor Society, French Honor Society, National Honor Society and summa cum laude. She is also a National Merit finalist.

Alzohaili was editor of the Literary Magazine and a contributing author. She is a member of the Students for Human Equality and the Muslim Student Association. She also tutors at Alcott Elementary School in Pontiac.

Robert Uhelski (history) is the teacher who most influenced her: "He taught me to always strive for excellence," she said. "He also taught me more than I ever needed to know about Stalin."

Alzohaili is the daughter of Hala Alkhatib and Opada Akzhaili. She is sister to Weibhe, 15, Dana, 12, and Mohamed, 8.

BRADLEY E.  
SMITH

Groves High School

Bradley Smith of Beverly Hills is deciding between the University of Pennsylvania and Northwestern University. His career goals include a master's degree in education and a job as a high school or college mathematics instructor.

Smith is a National Merit finalist, a member of the National Honor Society, a Groves Scholar, a member of Phi Beta Kappa, an AP Scholar with Distinction and has won the Silver Key in Persuasive Writing in the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards and was a Round II competitor in the Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition.

Smith's extracurricular activities include serving as treasurer of the Groves Performing Arts Company executive board; member of the International Theatrical Society; awards in scenic design and group musical from the Michigan Educational Theatre Association; and roles in performances of *Shrek the Musical*, *Radium Girls*, *Sherlock Holmes* and *Once On This Island*.

He was also team captain on the varsity forensic team, a ballet student and performer, an executive board member and participant in the Groves Big Brother/Big Sister Mentoring Program and a summer camp counselor at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center.

Smith named AP Spanish teacher Jennifer Hoinka as his most influential: "(She) created such an efficient, yet warm and welcoming environment and pushed me to learn and love a new language and culture."

Smith is the son of Miryam and Thomas Smith and brother to Thierry, 23.

WILLIAM  
MARKLEY III

Brother Rice High School

William Markley III of Bloomfield Hills plans to study science or engineering and will attend the University of Notre Dame.

Markley plans to pursue a career in science, medicine or business.

He is a National Merit Scholar, a member of the National Honor Society, ran on the cross country team (earning all-Catholic League honors) and is a DECA letter winner. He has participated in the BEAM&R Club, was a student government representative, a Kairos Retreat leader, member of the Latin Honor Society and member of the Model United Nations.

Markley's community work included involvement with Christ Child Society and as a student volunteer with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Michigan, Holy Name Catholic Church and Brother Rice High School.

He named two teachers as most influential: Leslie DeSimone, honors chemistry. "Her passion for the subject helped fuel my interest in the sciences" - and Daniel Bumpus, AP U.S. history. "He was very energetic and made the classroom interesting."

Markley is the son of Molly and William Markley Jr. and brother to Claire, 16, and Catherine, 15.

HANNA  
PFERSHY

Groves High School

Hanna Pfershy of Southfield plans on attending the University of Michigan, where she will major in cellular and molecular biology.

She plans on making a career out of medicine. "I will be entering the medical field, possibly in research in tissue engineering," she said.

Pfershy's academic honors include being a member of both the National Honor Society and Phi Beta Kappa, as well as being a Groves Scholar and scholar-athlete.

Pfershy was director of curriculum for the Groves Student Congress; a team captain of the Groves Big Brother/Big Sister Mentor Program; and team captain for both the Groves swim and dive team and water polo team.

She named Christina Marentette, honors and AP physics, as her most influential teacher. "(She) had the greatest influence on me because she taught me the importance of having a passion for what you do in life. In every aspect of your life, if you truly enjoy what you are doing, then you will be happy."

Pfershy is the daughter of Lori and Jeff Pfershy and sister to Taylor, 19.

STEPHEN  
FEDAK

Churchill High School

Stephen Fedak of Livonia plans to attend University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, where he will major in biomedical engineering.

"I would like to pursue research into developing new techniques for the diagnosis and treatment of genetic and auto-immune diseases and to use my training as an engineer to improve the lives of others," he said.

Fedak plays snare drum in the drum line and percussion in the wind ensemble. He is a pole vaulter for varsity track and field and a member of the Inversion Vault Club. He has been a fourth/fifth grade small group leader, junior counselor at Ward Kids Kamp and a cast member in Ward FX. He volunteered on a summer mission in Detroit.

His academic honors include being a KLAA Scholar Athlete, AP Scholar with Distinction and receiving MSC certificates of merit in AP calculus BC, AP physics and AP biology.

The teachers who influenced him the most are Doug Coates, Joel Meloche and Sean Senecal.

"Mr. Coates, in addition to accomplishing the difficult task of making calculus not all that daunting, grew my appreciation for math and challenged me to think critically," he said. "Additionally, the care he shows for all of his students outside the classroom is a great example to me," he said.

Meloche's AP biology class is responsible for Fedak's choosing the major he did. "The questions he posed concerning the interactions and relationships of biological systems drove me to go far beyond the scope of the course and consider how I could harness those relationships to create something meaningful," Fedak said.

Senecal, who taught world and U.S. history to Fedak in middle school, showed him "how important attention to details is in analyzing historical events and why keeping up with current events is so important in producing a good understanding of the world."

Fedak is the son of Taras (Terry) and Michele Fedak and the brother of Andrew, 15.



## 2014 HONORABLE MENTION

ANJALI  
ALANGANDEN

## Mercy High School

College: Will likely attend the University of Michigan.

**Academic honors:** National Honor Society; National Merit Commendation; Spartan Award, Michigan Interscholastic Press Association editor's class; Creative Communications Contest poetry contest.

**Extracurricular activities:** Editor, student newspaper; senior member, Human Relations Council; senior member and instructor, Nadanta Dance Troupe; secretary-general, Model UN Club; volunteer, Summer in the City; University of Detroit-Jesuit stage crew; student assistant, Henry Ford Hospital microbiology lab; piano student.

**Career goals:** "I cannot honestly say that I know what I want to do. I enjoy science, especially biology, but I also like studying languages and writing. Ideally, I'd find a way to combine all of those things. I think I'd one day really like to travel with a program like Doctors Without Borders."

**Influential teacher:** Mike Gruber, English: "I've only been in his class for a single semester, but he is also the moderator for the Human Relations Council and has been an inspiration for me. His dedication to his students, love for teaching and passion for justice and race relations is so incredible to witness."

Alanganden of Dearborn Heights is the daughter of George Alanganden and Nelia Afonso and sister to Keith Alanganden, 21.



## SARAH BRADEN

## Lutheran High School Westland

College: Selecting among the University of Michigan, University of Michigan-Dearborn and Hillsdale College to study art and creative writing with an eye toward computer-based graphic design.

**Academic honors:** National Honor Society, National Merit Scholarship finalist.

**Extracurricular activities:** National Honor Society, vice president of the International Thespian Society, Chambers Choir, equipment manager and member of Honors Choir, Craft Club.

**Career goals:** "To excel professionally in a field involving art and creative writing."

**Influential teachers:** Mike Unger, math: "Because he taught me a lot and helped me to enjoy learning." Kate Ulrey, English: "She helped me to appreciate great literature and to enjoy Shakespeare and drama."

Braden of Dearborn is the daughter of the Rev. Mark and Patricia Braden.

JAMES  
BROWN

## Huron Valley Lutheran High School

College: Planning to attend the University of Michigan to study clinical psychology.

**Academic honors:** Highest Honors; Voice of Democracy Essay Contest; Scholar/Athlete recognition.

**Extracurricular activities:** Varsity soccer, baseball and basketball; Student Council secretary/treasurer and president; Honors Choir (captain); volunteer at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church.

**Career goals:** "Become a clinical psychologist and make enough money to comfortably support a medium-sized family."

**Influential teachers:** Peter Baganz, world and American history, computer essentials and web page design: "Mr. Baganz has always been a fun teacher. He likes sports and makes jokes that the class (especially me) can appreciate." Grace Mattek, English, speech, American government, English and British literature: "Ms. Mattek has always kept things interesting for any class. She's the most experienced teacher at my high school and it really shows."

Brown of Ways is the son of James Brown Jr. and Wendy Brown. He is the brother of Rachel Luke, 33, Andrew Luke, 32, Matthew Luke, 30, Sam Luke, 28, and Katherine Tykoski, 27.

SARAH GRACE  
BAKER

## Redford Thurston High School

College: Undecided.

**Academic honors:** Joyce Ivy Scholar.

**Extracurricular activities:** Youth trustee for the Redford Board of Trustees, treasurer of the National Honor Society, captain of the varsity volleyball team, nursery work and volunteer at church, varsity softball.

**Career goals:** "I plan on attending law school and then pursuing a job as a public prosecutor. I plan on being involved in different programs of advocacy."

**Influential teachers:** Jason Brater (advanced history): "Mr. Brater taught me what it is to be a better student and how to take my interests and explore them academically."

Baker of Redford is the daughter of Steve and Michelle Baker and the sister of Timothy, 23, and Ben, 21.

EMILY  
BAUER

## Garden City High School

College: Deciding between Kalamazoo College, Whitman College and Hamilton College.

**Extracurricular activities:** National Honor Society, Key Club, set crew chief (theater), blood drive, musical (principal role).

**Career goals:** A career as a neuroscience researcher.

**Influential teachers:** Keith Penski, calculus: "Mr. Penski has pushed me more than any other teacher. He has shown me that learning is more important than your grade. He has devoted his life to helping his students."

Bauer is the daughter of April Bauer of Garden City and the sister of April Costello, 23, Kiana Bauer, 15, and Daniel Price, 8.

ERIC  
BELANGER

## Franklin High School

College: Will enter Ohio Northern University's PharmD program, to study pharmacology.

**Academic honors:** National Honor Society; LPS Founder's Day honoree; honor roll.

**Extracurricular activities:** Student Congress president; School Promotions Committee; Livonia Youth Philharmonic violinist; Senior Council member; Patriots Relate member; AIDS Walk Detroit team member; SADD/SLs member; summer school volunteer; Special Olympics; Livonia Passport to Safety.

**Career goals:** "I plan to pursue a career in pharmacy and am mainly interested in pharmaceutical research or retail pharmacy."

**Influential teachers:** Jennifer Esparza, language arts, student activities director: "I've known (her) since I was in seventh grade. These five years spent with her have helped me grow so much as a leader and I will forever be grateful for that." Teresa Ciriha, orchestra: "Her lessons taught us a lot about confidence, personal responsibility, mental math and even a bit of Italian. I can't think of one class that I haven't been able to apply the musical knowledge she's provided us. Plus, I've never had a more caring and reliable teacher."

Belanger of Livonia is the son of Candace and Russell Belanger and brother to Zachary, 22.

KALEN  
COBB

## Academy of the Sacred Heart

College: Picking from among Harvard University, the University of Rochester,

Washington (Mo.) University, Case Western Reserve University, Duke University and the University of Michigan to study neuroscience, psychology, women's studies or international relations.

**Academic honors:** National Honor Society; Academic High Honors, Harvard Prize Book Award; Lawrence Technological University Award; University of Rochester, George Eastman



Young Leaders Award; Wansboro Merit Scholarship.

**Extracurricular activities:** Class president; co-leader, Black Awareness Society for Education; Praise Team choir; student publications; tutor; performing arts, theater and music; community service at Heartland Georgian Bloomfield, Summer in the City and St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

**Career goals:** "I want to travel the world and use my talents to help those in need. My career goal is to become a pediatrician and travel to third-world countries to aid in their development. Before that, I want to have a clinic in the city of Detroit to help at-risk children."

**Influential teacher:** Kyalamboka Brown, mathematics: "Her dedication to students inside and outside the classroom is incredible and I admire her with the deepest and utmost respect."

Cobb of Canton is the daughter of Bradley Cobb and Bernadine Irby-Cobb and sister to Shaneka, 10.

JENNIFER  
CUSHMAN

## Ladywood High School

College: University of Michigan-Ann Arbor; University of Miami; University of Chicago for pre-med biology and chemistry.

**Academic honors:** All-Catholic Scholastic Award and Principal's Honor Roll.

**Extracurricular activities:** captain varsity tennis team; lifeguard and swim instructor at Lifetime Fitness; volunteer work at the elderly nuns' infirmary; National Honor Society; National Art Honors Society; Yellow Ribbon Club, KIVA Club; volunteer as elementary school teacher's aide.

**Career goals:** "My dream is to become a doctor. I am not sure specifically what kind, but dermatology sounds interesting to me right now."

**Influential teachers:** Conrad Vanderveer (English/literature), Paul Stuligross (theology), Erin Petrica (biology/anatomy) and Kristena Stachura (history).

Cushman of Commerce is the daughter of Nancy and Phil Cushman and sister to Philip, 24, and Kristin, 19.

AMELIA  
DENISON

## Southfield Christian High School

College: Bethel College, Rochester College or Sweet Narrene University, to study nursing.

**Academic honors:** High honors; National Honor Society.

**Extracurricular activities:** Captain, varsity basketball team; National Honor Society; mission trip in Detroit; classroom helper, Howard Elementary; Million Meals preparation, North Ridge Church.

**Career goals:** "My goal is to obtain a nursing degree. I hope to use nursing overseas or in a low-income area of the United States."

**Influential teachers:** Nancy Horlings (English): "Mrs. Horlings challenges me to improve my writing and gave me a love of literature."

Denison of Dearborn is the daughter of Andrew and Colleen Denison and sister to Ryan, 19, and Seth, 15.

ALYSSA  
EREBOR

## Southfield-Lathrup High School

College: Either the University of Michigan or Princeton, to study arts and sciences.

**Academic honors:** National Honor Society, vice president; Society of Women Engineers; honor roll.

**Extracurricular activities:** Interact Rotary Club, secretary; Salvation Army Ring the Bell.

**Career goals:** "I'm not sure what I want a career in, but I'd like to do something in the arts and social sciences."

**Influential teacher:** Erin Humphrey, fourth-grade teacher: "She was the most caring, patient and loving teacher I've ever had."

Erebtor of Southfield is the daughter of Samuel and Phyllis Erebtor and sister to Alexander, 23, and Anthony, 15.

JOSHUA  
FITZPATRICK

## Plymouth Christian Academy

College: University of Michigan or Case Western Reserve University, to study engineering, medicine and biomedical engineering.

**Academic honors:** National Honor Society; National Merit Scholarship Commended Scholar; honor roll, high honors.

**Extracurricular activities:** ABCs in the D tutoring; robotics team; baseball, tennis (co-captain); NorthRidge Church facilities team volunteer.

**Career goals:** Biomedical engineer or medical researcher.

**Influential teachers:** Wes Sherman, science, "created interest in medicine and science in general" and David Murray, math, "generated interest in engineering and made me look at math in new ways."

Fitzpatrick of Canton is the son of Thomas and Irene Fitzpatrick and brother to Caley, 13.





## 2014 HONORABLE MENTION

BAXTER  
GROVES

**Redford Union High School**  
College: University of Michigan-Dearborn to study biomedicine.

**Academic honors:** Honor roll, perfect attendance.

**Extracurricular activities:** National Honor Society; mentoring; student council representative; theater crew captain.

**Career goals:** "Attend medical school after attending U-M and become a doctor."

**Influential teachers:** English teacher Steve Beaulieu, because he "helped me see my potential." Psychology teacher Robert Reese because he "gave me an open mind to new ideas." Groves of Redford is the son of Daniel and Deborah Groves and brother to Jessica Lennox, 25, Sabryna Groves, 19, and Amanda Groves, 15.

HOLLY  
GUBACHY

**Redford Union High School**  
College: Boston College to study political science.

**Academic honors:** Honor roll.

**Extracurricular activities:** National Honor Society, vice president; student council, treasurer; mentor at an elementary school; Irish dance team.

**Career goals:** Work as a lawyer "to represent people who are less fortunate and to give them a fair chance at living the life they deserve."

**Influential teachers:** Spanish teacher Kimberly Cuevas and world history teacher Karen Caparra: "Their passion for their subjects brought me to love learning and to see the world more open-minded and through a brighter perspective."

Gubachy of Redford is the daughter of Lisa and John Gubachy and sister to Sheila, 12.

REDJON  
HASIMILLARI

**Garden City High School**

College: Wayne State University for pre-medicine.

**Extracurricular activities:** Vice president of Class of 2014; Student Council; Key Club; National Honor Society, member and vice president; DECA.

**Career goals:** "I plan on attending medical school and pursuing a career in cardiology."

**Influential teachers:** Denise Bills (science), Keith Denske (calculus), Chad Davis (art) and Nicholas Timmerman (history) - "They have all encouraged me to succeed and have inspired me."

Hasimillari of Garden City is the son of Lumturi and Edmond Hasimillari and brother to Deona, 17.

EMMA  
HOLCOMB

**Royal Oak High School**

College: Looking at the University of North Carolina to major in public health or University of Michigan to dual major in biology and statistics.

**Academic honors:** National Merit Scholar finalist; honor roll.

**Extracurricular activities:** Secretary for the Royal Oak Model United Nations; president of Interact Club; took service trip to Guatemala for Interact Club; leadership intern at Camp Invention; section leader for baritone in marching band; played euphonium in symphony band; plays piano.

**Career goals:** "I hope to earn a master's degree in epidemiology and work as an epidemiologist for a city, state or the federal government, tracking trends in disease and health. I would like to do research in infant and maternal health, hopefully finding ways to improve infant health in the United States. Eventually, I hope to work for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention."

**Influential teachers:** "Steve Chisnell, AP literature, and Alec Snyder, AP world history: 'They have taught me so much about debate and international issues and how I can make an impact in my community and the world. They have provided me with so many opportunities as a delegate and leader. Mr. Chisnell is also the Interact adviser and has provided me with incredible opportunities to lead and serve.'"

Holcomb of Royal Oak is the daughter of Erin and Dennis Holcomb and is sister to Grace, 15.

BRIGID  
JACOB

**Ladywood High School**

College: Will select from among Wayne State, Michigan State University and the University of Michigan to study biology/chemistry.

**Academic honors:** National Honor Society; Tri-M Music Honor Society; Scholar-Athlete Award; awards in mathematics, science, choir, foreign language, social studies, literature and college writing.

**Extracurricular activities:** Student Council, executive president; church children/youth choir director; church children's activities director; church pianist; Red Cross volunteer; St. Mary Mercy Hospital volunteer; field hockey; catechism teacher.

**Career goals:** "I would like to be a medical doc-



tor that travels the world, practicing medicine as part of my missionary work."

**Influential teachers:** Andrea Cole, biology and chemistry: "She is a great role model of a woman in the science field." Juanita Jeffries, chorus/ensemble: "She inspired me to develop my own musical talent."

Jacob of Livonia is the daughter of Sunny and Jessy Jacob and sister to Mary, 29, and John, 25.

MATTHEW  
KARPIUK

**John Glenn High School**

College: Has applied to Stanford, Harvard, Georgetown, Princeton, USC, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor and John Hopkins to study medicine.

**Academic honors:** Academic Letter Award.

**Extracurricular activities:** Student Council; National Honor Society, vice president; co-lead mentor, Class Council; co-captain of the Relay for Life team.

**Career goals:** "Attend medical school and move into a residency."

**Influential teachers:** Daniel Danic, chemistry: "He possesses a great blend of social and educational knowledge. It is a pleasant way to learn and not many other teachers are like this."

Karpiuk of Westland is the son of Rebecca and Henry Karpiuk.

JACOB  
KEMPPAINEN

**Huron Valley Lutheran High School**

College: Trine University or Norwich University to study civil engineering.

**Academic honors:** Salutatorian, highest honors.

**Extracurricular activities:** Varsity soccer; varsity basketball; varsity baseball; lifeguard and swim instructor, Livonia YMCA; Sea Cadets honor guard, color guard and honor cadet.

**Career goals:** "Civil engineering with service in the U.S. Navy."

**Influential teacher:** Jean MacKenzie, math: "Math was my hardest subject. Ms. MacKenzie was patient and yet demanding. She had high expectations for us and helped us to achieve those expectations. She was always there for us."

Kemppainen of Livonia is the son of Bruce and Dorothy Kemppainen and brother to Matthew, 22, and Nathaniel 20.

ABHAY  
KOMMANA

**John Glenn High School**

College: Plans to attend Michigan State University.

**Academic honors:** Perfect 4.0

grade-point average, two years.

**Extracurricular activities:** JV and varsity soccer; Student Council; Class Council; mentoring; public library volunteer; art contest winner; track events.

**Career goals:** Computer science.

**Influential teachers:** Kristin Drews, accelerated Biology, forensic science: "She helped me in developing a positive attitude and to aspire high."

Kommana of Westland is the son of Suneel and Shalaja Kommana and brother to Akshay, 17.

MARLA  
KRASNICK

**Berkley High School**

College: Looking to study pre-med at the University of Michigan or Tulane University.

**Academic honors:** Advanced Placement scholar with distinction; honor roll; valedictorian

**Extracurricular activities:** President of the Friendship Circle; president of the Berkley Volunteer Service Club; varsity cross country, captain; varsity tennis, captain.

**Career goals:** "Do important medical research and have a profession within the medical field or in health sciences."

**Influential teachers:** Mike Skowronski, anatomy and physiology: "He sparked my interest in the human body and challenged my thinking skills."

Krasnick of Huntington Woods is the daughter of Jodie and Steve Krasnick and sister to Ellie, 19, and Evan, 13.

COLLIN  
MALCOLM

**Wayne Memorial High School**

College: Applied to Cornell University, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor and Kettering University to study chemical engineering.

**Academic honors:** Outstanding achievement in AP chemistry; outstanding achievement in AP U.S. history.

**Extracurricular activities:** Varsity track and field, swimming and cross country; plays trumpet in Jazz Band and Symphony Band and at Solo and Ensemble, received 1 at regionals and 2 at states; National Honor Society; Easter and Christmas



Choir at Church.

**Career goals:** "I wish to pursue a career in which I can use the basic building blocks of matter to benefit society."

**Influential teachers:** Shannon Pypu, AP U.S. history and AP political science, "taught reasonable tolerance." Robin Thomas, AP chemistry, "got me excited about chemistry applications." Malcolm of Canton is the son of Robert and Laura Malcolm and brother to Douglas, 21, Daniel, 19, and Olya, 14.

GOHAR  
MELKONYAN

**A.G.B.U. Manoogian School**

College: University of Michigan-Ann Arbor to study business, health care administration.

**Academic honors:** N/A.

**Extracurricular activities:** Armenian dance; National Honor Society, vice president; peer mediation; St. John Providence volunteer; Sunday School student; church youth group.

**Career goals:** "To become the CEO of a hospital."

**Influential teachers:** Judith Kadri: "She is a very good influence on me and has helped me greatly throughout high school."

Melkonyan of Southfield is the daughter of Rita Khachatryan and Armen Melkonyan and the sister to Arsen, 22.

JULIANA  
MEZNAR

**Southfield Christian High School**

College: Covenant College to major in community development.

**Academic honors:** High honors.

**Extracurricular activities:** Executive Council, president; volunteer at Central Detroit Christian, National Honor Society.

**Career goals:** "I am planning on working in the field of community development to empower low-income areas."

**Influential teachers:** Nancy Horlings, English, "cares about me as a person, has a bold and independent personality, is a woman of character."

Meznar of Lathrup Village is the daughter of Anita and Marc Meznar and the sister to Claire, 20.

IAN  
MILLER

**Berkley High School**

College: Drake University to study actuarial science.

**Academic honors:** Advanced Placement scholar with distinction; salutatorian.

**Extracurricular activities:** Varsity cross country, captain; all-academic OAA; organization supervisor for the Huntington Woods Teen Council; SAFARI rescue volunteer; math committee leader for National Honor Society; student body treasurer; lifeguard and swim instructor for the city of Troy; private tutor.

**Career goals:** "I would like to become an actuary. I hope to graduate college as an associate of the Society of Actuaries and become a fellow before the age of 30. After some time in the field, I would potentially like to become a professor at a university. In the ideal situation, I would use this alternative way of thinking and skill set to allow me the opportunity to work in the front office of a professional sports team."

**Influential teachers:** Todd Fadoir, math: "He was the first one to advise me to become an actuary... I can also always rely on Mr. Fadoir for conversation or assistance with anything. Finally, he is the staff adviser for our Math Honor Society and urged us to become a chapter of the national math honor society, Mu Alpha Theta, which we have since accomplished."

Miller of Huntington Woods is the son of Sheri-Aaron and Keith Miller and brother to Shelby, 18.

NIKITA  
MUNGARWADI

**Livonia Clarenceville High School**

College: Either the University of Michigan or USC for film directing.

**Academic honors:** Diplomat, statesman and Ambassador, BPA Torch Awards; Final Cut Pro X certification.

**Extracurricular activities:** Business President of America, state executive vice president; co-founder and director of Middle School Initiative bullying program; varsity track and field; treasurer of Farmington Mayor's Youth Council; student teacher of Chinnaya Mission Bala Vihar for fifth- and sixth-graders; wrote and directed *Bad Luck Bella*, a short film that premiered at the Michigan Theatre; played flute in symphony and marching bands; dance at Dancing Feats Dance Centre.

**Career goals:** "Direct and produce major motion pictures in the Hollywood system."

**Influential teachers:** Computer teacher Judy Bargerstock and AP literature teacher Megan Kutz: "They both worked with me individually and with complete devotion, whether it was to place in BPA or improve my essays."

Mungarwadi is the daughter of Sanjeev and Sunita Mungarwadi and sister to Manjira, 18.





## 2014 HONORABLE MENTION

### KOLE NIEMI

#### Lutheran High School Westland

College: Deciding between the University of Michigan and Grand Valley State University to take a pre-med course and most likely major in biology.

**Academic honors:** National Honor Society; AP history award for excellence; Lawrence Tech award for excellence in science and mathematics.

**Extracurricular activities:** Involved in ALIVE, a student-led religious group; president of the Student Council; drama; football, wrestling and track; volunteer at Habitat for Humanity; tutoring grade schoolers.

**Career goals:** "I am striving to be a cardiac specialist and with the knowledge I gain in my studies, I want to help as many patients as I can. I would also like to travel to third-world countries as a doctor and care for the suffering people in those countries."

**Influential teachers:** Linda Switzer, third grade: "Mrs. Switzer was the first teacher who showed me how joy learning can be. Prior to being in her class, I dreaded going to school, but once in her class, I was excited and have been since. She developed a love for learning in me that has led to my great interest in knowledge and how to apply my knowledge to the world around me."

Niemi of Garden City is the son of Brian and Jennifer Niemi and brother to Kameron and Kristin.



### JACK POIRIER

#### Royal Oak High School

College: Oakland University to study computer science to possibly be a software engineer.

**Academic honors:** Honor roll.

**Extracurricular activities:** High school co-op employment at Subway.

**Career goals:** "To keep an open mind in dealing with the exponentially changing world by not keeping all eggs in one basket and being adaptable."

**Influential teachers:** "Clyde Ewell, calculus, 'taught me that there is always a place for fun in seriousness and that change needs to happen, if you can't find it.'"

Poirier of Royal Oak is the son of Lee and Sandi Poirier and brother to Kari, 21.



### JAYME PUTNEY

#### Plymouth Christian Academy

College: Olivet Nazarene University in Kankakee, Ill., for electrical engineering.

**Academic honors:** Top student in pre-calculus; high honors; class valedictorian; received application for the National Society of High School Scholars.

**Extracurricular activities:** President of the senior class; National Honor Society, president; varsity soccer, captain; led worship at weekly school chapel (vocals/acoustic guitar); plays the electric guitar for the Plymouth Church of the Nazarene praise team; Eastern Michigan District student representative for Nazarene Youth International; captain of the electrical team for PCA's robotics team 4405 "The Atom's Family."

**Career goals:** "I don't know exactly what I want to do, but I hope to find a job in the electronics industry which is always evolving and developing, so I can be continuously learning new things about technology."

**Influential teachers:** David Murray, AP calculus, "is one of the most influential teachers to me because he is involved with my life outside of math class. He is also the teacher/mentor that helps with the school praise team. We can talk about real things in his class like faith and hope and he reaches out to us with wisdom beyond mathematics. He has really become a mentor to me and I appreciate how he has been involved in my life on a personal and spiritual level."

Putney of Livonia is the son of Phil and Debi Putney and brother to Brent, 30, and Breanne, 20.



### ANNE O'DONNELL

#### Shrine Catholic High School

College: Selecting from among Hope College, Villanova University, Miami University, Oakland University and Carnegie Mellon University.

**Academic honors:** National Honor Society member; Shrine Knight Award; Jacqueline Callanan Tribute Scholarship; Shrine Catholic High School Excellence Awards; Principal's List Award; Diane Kushler Powers '50 Memorial Art Scholarship; Catholic Schools Week Service Award; Gold Key Art Portfolio Winner for the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards.

**Extracurricular activities:** National Honor Society; tutor and coordinator of a group of Academy and grade school students; Shrine Service Council; Eucharistic minister and lector.

**Career goals:** "I am undecided on my career goals, but I am looking at majoring in English or physics with the intention of becoming a professor in either field."

**Influential teachers:** "Mr. Phillip Chisholm, Mr. Vince Tocco and Mrs. Maggie George have all helped me become the writer, student and individual I am proud to be and opened my eyes to potential career paths for my future."

O'Donnell of Royal Oak is the daughter of Mary and Patrick O'Donnell and sister to Megan, 15.



### DAVID PEGOUSKE

#### Redford Thurston High School

College: University of Michigan-Ann Arbor or Michigan State University for biochemistry.

**Academic honors:** N/A.

**Extracurricular activities:** Drum major in marching band; president of National Honor Society; Link Crew leader; varsity baseball; French horn player in band and president of the Band Council.

**Career goals:** "I plan to become a dermatologist and open my own business to help as many people as possible."

**Influential teachers:** Kevin Sanker, math, "has developed my sense of dedication and continued to give me work that challenged me to reach my maximum potential in the field of mathematics." Victor Chen, chemistry, "taught me how to manage both time and resources as well as how to work with others to complete lab work and other tasks in preparation for the AP exam. This has let me become able to take people of different ideas and backgrounds and work with them to a common goal."

Pegouske of Redford is the son of Angela Southworth and David Pegouske and the stepson of Patrick Southworth and Meen Moosavi and brother to Rachel Pegouske, 16, Ryan Southworth, 8, Audrey Pegouske, 8, Dylan Southworth, 6, Alex Pegouske, 6, and Lydia Pegouske, 3.



### LENA PIVETTA

#### Mercy High School

College: Selecting from among Michigan State, University of Michigan, Wayne State, Albion College and Hope College, to study mathematics or computer science.

**Academic honors:** National Honor Society; National Merit Commended Student; Michigan State University Alumni Distinguished Scholarship; commended semifinalist; honor roll.

**Extracurricular activities:** Boys and Girls Club, volunteer tutor; working on a novel.

**Career goals:** "Ideally, I'll find some way to combine my passion for writing with my more technical college studies and maybe even to use foreign language, another interest of mine."

**Influential teacher:** Patricia Perry, geometry and pre-calculus: "She showed me such sincere support in my studies and her classes played a role in my decision to follow a career path in a mathematical field."

Pivetta of Royal Oak is the daughter of Anthony and Donna Pivetta.



### SUDHARSAN SRINIVASAN

#### North Farmington High School

College: University of Michigan, to study biomedical engineering.

**Academic honors:** AP Scholar with distinction; President's Volunteer Service Award (gold); honorable mention at University of Michigan Model UN.

**Extracurricular activities:** President, chess club; state qualifier, HOSA club; regional champion, tennis; state champion and national qualifier DECA; award winner, Michigan Model UN.



**Career goals:** "I hope to attend medical school and eventually become a neurosurgeon."

**Influential teacher:** Jeffrey Simpson, mathematics: "He influenced my education and life through the methods he uses to teach and coach track."

Srinivasan of Farmington Hills is the son of Srinivasan Muthuswamy and Latha Srinivasan and brother to Srihari, 12.

### GRACE TOROSSIAN

#### A.G.B.U. Manoogian School

College: University of Michigan, to study biology or business.

**Academic honors:** National Honor Society, president.

**Extracurricular activities:** Student Council, vice president; Royal Conservatory of Music, piano; basketball; volleyball; Henry Ford Hospital-West Bloomfield, volunteer; church school aide.

**Career goals:** "Hope to do medical research."

**Influential teacher:** Amanda Clark, biology: "(She) introduced my to biology and sparked my interest in the field."

Torossian of Farmington Hills is the daughter of Shelly and Hovsep Torossian and sister to Galine, 27, and Garek, 24.



### TA'LISA TURNER-PITTS

#### Southfield-Lathrup High School

College: Will attend Howard University, to study civil engineering.

**Academic honors:** National Honor Society; Howard Legacy Scholarship.

**Extracurricular activities:** Scholars Plus member; Oakland County Parks volunteer; Junior Library Book member.

**Influential teachers:** Alma Deane, eighth-grade English: "(She) taught me how to express myself." David LeClerc, biology: "(He) sparked my love for biology."

Turner-Pitts of Southfield is the daughter of Tamika Turner-Graydon and sister to Gabriel Graydon, 12, Wyatt Graydon, 9, and Ross Graydon, 6.



### JOSEPH VETULA

#### Livonia Franklin High School

College: University of Michigan-Dearborn to study German and physics or history.

**Academic honors:** Honor roll; student of the month honors.

**Extracurricular activities:** Varsity tennis, captain; school mascot at various events.

**Career goals:** "German and physics are definite possible career choices for me. Whatever I end up doing as my career, I want it to be something that I enjoy doing every day. I want to have an interesting job that enables me to live a comfortable, but thought-provoking life."

**Influential teachers:** Jennifer Esparza, seventh-grade English: "Mrs. Esparza always pushed me to try my hardest in class and also in life. She always reminded me the importance of being the best person I possibly could be." Anastasia Mckorwin, German: "Frau Mckorwin instilled a very thorough work effort within me and really opened my mind to not only German culture, but to appreciate learning a foreign language as a way to connect with others."

Vetula of Livonia is the son of John Vetula and Renetta Jacob and brother to Mary Vetula, 23, and John Vetula, 20.



### STEPHENIE WORTHY

#### Wayne Memorial High School

College: University of Kentucky or Lawrence Technological University to study mechanical engineering.

**Academic honors:** Academic Achievement Award; National Honor Society Award.

**Extracurricular activities:** National Honor Society; fifth-grade camp cabin leader; soccer; worked part-time at Canton Pools.

**Career goals:** "To earn a degree in mechanical engineering and pursue a career in motorsports engineering."

**Influential teachers:** "David Brinkerhoff has been my art and computer automated drafting teacher throughout high school. He has shown me that I had the potential to be an engineer because I exhibit outstanding achievement in math and design courses."

Worthy of Wayne is the daughter of Teresa and Stephen Worthy.





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