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## CONNECTION Harmonic homes

The Michigan Philharmonic (formerly the Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestra) announced the return of the Symphony Home Tour. Participants will enjoy six unique and interesting homes including one very unique garage complete with race cars and more.

Hours for the tour are noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 21, and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 22.

Tickets for the tour are \$15 in advance and \$20 on the days of the tour and may be purchased at the Michigan Philharmonic office at 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth, as well as the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, Magnolia and Home Sweet Home in Plymouth, Showroom of Elegance in Canton and Garden Views in Northville.

For online tickets and home tour information, visit [www.michiganphil.org](http://www.michiganphil.org)

## League meeting

The public is invited to a meeting hosted by the League of Women Voters of NW Wayne County Saturday, May 7, at the Livonia Civic Center Library beginning at 1 p.m.

Donna Matteis, the director for Justice and Advocacy Concerns for the SE Michigan Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, will narrate a slide show about her recent trip to East Jerusalem. Matteis traveled with a program established by the World Council of Churches in 2002 that annually sends teams to live in different areas in Israel and Palestine.

For more information, contact Paula Bowman, president of the League of Women Voters, at (734) 455-4726.

## Studio series

Smokin' Sled Dog Records presents the second round of "Duos & Duets" as part of The Village Theater at Cherry Hill's First Friday Studio Series 8 p.m. Friday, May 6. This popular concert made its debut in



Seal

Canton last November featuring Detroit musicians Jill Jack and Billy Brandt, as well as The Potter's

Field and was hosted by Mid-Michigan favorites Jamie-Sue Seal and John Latini.

On Friday, "Duos & Duets" will once again take center stage, with Seal and Latini hosting an evening of music featuring vintage blues covers by Jo Serrapere and her long-time partner and band mate John Devine. Also on the bill is guitarist extraordinaire Jason Dennie, who will perform original and bluegrass covers along with his duo partner, Diana Ladio, a violinist from southeast Michigan.

The Village Theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton. Tickets are \$12; call (734) 394-5460 or visit [www.cantonvillagetheater.org](http://www.cantonvillagetheater.org).



PHOTOS BY THOMAS BEAUDOIN

Team work gets this jacuzzi moved by this Home Depot crew at a Christmas in Action home on Prestbury.

## Christmas comes early

Volunteers make life easier for those who need help

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As she battles multiple sclerosis, 38-year-old Canton resident Michele Harned's back yard — a place where she longs to spend warm spring days — seemed a world away.

She has a wheelchair, relatives and a home care aide to help her, but she didn't have a ramp to get from a backyard deck to a yard that beckoned her.

Her situation changed Saturday, when Christmas came early. A small army of volunteers built a ramp and made other repairs that she and her 69-year-old mother, Dottie Harned, couldn't afford, especially after her mother, who also has health problems, quit work to care for her.

"This is just great. I need to get outside and get some sun," Michele Harned said, smiling as she sat up in her bed as workers arrived to build the ramp, replace a dilapidated back door, spruce up the yard with new bushes and insulate the home's attic, among other chores.

### FANNING OUT

The Harned home, near Warren and Canton Center, was one of 10 houses to receive extensive repairs as



Fifteen-year-old Scott Kardel and 16-year-old Alex Loveland, Canton residents who are Youth Advisory Volunteers, help with a new flower bed in front of this Memorial Street house.

nearly 300 volunteers fanned out across town during the seventh annual Christmas in Action program, which occurs the last Saturday in April. It helps elderly and disabled residents who can't do the repairs themselves and who can't afford to hire workers.

Sharon Morris, Michele Harned's home care aide, said the new ramp will provide easy access to the back yard and a new escape route in case of fire. Morris said it had been difficult to push Michele Harned's wheelchair from a front-door ramp to the back yard, "so she hasn't been getting outside much."

Michele Harned's sister, Tracy Rodriguez, said the attic insulation also will greatly improve the family home.

"In the summertime it's boiling hot in here, and in the winter it's freezing," she said.

Outside, Christmas in Action board member Craig Manser and other volunteers huddled to plan their day's work.

Using corporate and private donations of materials, money and labor, volunteers have fixed up 71 homes in seven years, and Christmas

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## Bin Laden's gone, 'still work to do'

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After President Barack Obama's dramatic Sunday night announcement U.S. forces had not only found, but killed, Osama bin Laden, reaction flooded in from all corners, praising the effort and cheering bin Laden's death as a victory for the war on terror.

Though Terry Blumberg counts himself among those glad the architect of the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade

Center has been dealt with, he sounded a warning note Monday in the aftermath of bin Laden's death.

And he thinks his son, Canton Sgt. Trevor Blumberg, a member of the 1st Battalion of the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment with the 82nd Airborne Division who died in Iraq in September 2004, would agree with him.

"There's still work to do," Terry Blumberg said. "(bin Laden) was their leader, and I'm glad they got him. But if you kill one of our generals,

the war goes on. I think the war will go on for (terrorists), too."

Trevor Blumberg died Sept. 14, 2004, when a roadside bomb hit a convoy and destroyed the Humvee occupied by Blumberg and three other soldiers. His unit had been deployed to Iraq just three days earlier.

He's one of several local soldiers who gave their lives in either Iraq or Afghanistan. Among the others:

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## Smoking ban has had up-and-down effect in Canton

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A year-old smoking ban in Michigan workplaces has devastated some Canton bars, raising fears they may not survive, while others have adopted customer-luring initiatives and shifted their focus to food sales.

"It's almost like the one-year anniversary of my death," said Michael Mazza, owner of The Shark Club, off Ford Road between Haggerty and Lilley. "My sales are down easily 45 percent since last May."

Mazza, 53, hopes to survive a sharp downturn that began when the economy tanked and then worsened after the smoking ban took effect last May.

"It makes everybody struggle," he said. "I can't grow money. It has been over a year and nothing has stabilized. It's scary for bar owners."

Carol Pellegrino, a bartender at The Rusty Nail Lounge on Ford east of Sheldon, said business fell off last year but has rebounded amid efforts to lure customers with new activities.

"It hurt us at first, but we've added a few things in the evenings like trivia games and karaoke,"

Pellegrino said. "That has helped. For the most part, I don't really think it has affected us too badly. At first, we were kind of sweating it out, but with trivia and karaoke and more food specials, it's not as bad as it was."

### FREEDOM TO CHOOSE

Like many bars, The Rusty Nail placed a bench and ashtray outside for smokers, though some bar managers say many patrons left and simply didn't come back.

"My alcohol sales are down 55 to 60 percent," said Deana Brotherton, general manager of 4 Friends Bar & Grill, on Warren east of Sheldon. "It's devastating to us. Most of our profit is in alcohol. We have a good volume for the restaurant side. It may have increased 20 percent."

But that's not enough, she said, to offset declining alcohol sales. Brotherton said the bar smells better without the cigarette smoke, but she said the law needs amending.

"This is America, and the freedom to choose has always been our motto," Brotherton said. "It seems more and more the government is taking our choices away from us. I'm a small,

Please see **SMOKING, A6**



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John Johnson, owner of the Rusty Nail in Canton, enjoys a puff of a Hoya de Monterrey, a fine Honduran cigar. Officials at the popular bar said the smoking ban "hurt us at first, but we've added a few things in the evenings like trivia games and karaoke."

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# Royal kiss the highlight of wedding trip

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton mom Christine Wofford and daughter Olivia stood near the gate to Buckingham Palace as newlyweds Prince William and Kate Middleton, smiling and waving from a balcony, paused for a fairy-tale kiss watched by television viewers around the world.

Standing near the front of a cheering throng of people, the Woffords snapped pictures and filmed video as the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, followed by other royalty, walked onto the balcony for their first public kiss after their wedding at Westminster Abbey.

"We saw the famous kiss," Christine Wofford said.

Earlier, she and her 22-year-old daughter stood a mere 60 feet from a wedding procession that made its way along The Mall to Buckingham Palace. Even though the Woffords didn't get to attend last Friday's marriage ceremony, they brought home memories to cherish a lifetime.

"I loved it. It was so much fun," Olivia Wofford said.

## MEDIA DARLINGS

The media-savvy pair garnered attention of their own during their week-long trip. They had brief interviews with



Christine Wofford (left) and her daughter, Olivia, show off the corrugated plastic letters they took with them to London in honor of the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton.

MSNBC and Robin Roberts of ABC's "Good Morning America." Other media outlets, including the British Broadcasting Corp., spoke with them or filmed footage of them as cameras panned the crowds.

It wasn't difficult to spot the Woffords. They took from their Canton home to London two large, yellow letters made of corrugated plastic — a "W" for William and a "K" for Kate — that they packed in a suitcase.

"We were interviewed by media from all over the world," Christine Wofford said. "Everybody loved our signs."

"We carried them almost everywhere we went," Olivia Wofford said.

Indulging in the royal hoopla, Olivia Wofford also made a sign asking the younger Prince Harry to marry her, though she admittedly hasn't received a formal proposal.

Kate Middleton's family stayed in a hotel near The Grosvenor, where the Woffords resided. Though the Woffords



Olivia Wofford (left) and her mom, Christine, of Canton are interviewed by 'Good Morning America' personality Robin Roberts during their trip to London for the royal wedding.

didn't meet the duchess, they dropped off for her a letter and a copy of the *Canton Observer* that earlier detailed their plans to go to London to celebrate the royal wedding.

## CAMPING OUT

While in London, the Woffords dropped in the mail a University of Michigan Christmas tree ornament and a copy of the *Observer* for Prince William, along with a box of chocolates for Claudia Holloway, a royal family staffer who had earlier replied to a letter the Woffords mailed

from Canton to England asking to attend the wedding.

Although Holloway's letter didn't include an invitation, Christine Wofford said she was pleasantly surprised even to get a response.

On the day before the wedding, the Woffords began camping out 24 hours before the actual ceremony so they could secure a place close to Buckingham Palace. They took turns returning to their hotel, and they also made friends who saved their spot.

"It was nothing but a love-fest. People were having

barbecues and singing and having champagne," Christine Wofford said.

She has long been a fan of the royal family and movies about the British aristocracy, though she grew up locally and attended Livonia Franklin High School along with seven Jonasz family siblings.

As Friday's wedding drew nearer, crowds near the London tourist spots swelled.

"We got to see the bride and her father leave for Westminster Abbey," Christine Wofford said. "After the wedding, we saw Prince William and Kate go by in their carriage. We were about 60 feet away. It was just beautiful. Everybody was just so happy and smiling and waving flags. It was a great feeling."

The Woffords spent their time shopping, dining out and touring places such as the London Eye, a huge Ferris wheel and tourist attraction, Covent Garden, and Westminster Abbey.

"It was spectacular," Christine Wofford said. "I'm just so glad we went. It was the trip of a lifetime."

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# School district eyes shared-time plan

BY BRAD KADRICH  
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Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials figure they might be able to take a \$700,000 bite out of the \$18 million budget deficit they face by extending their reach into private/parochial schools with a Shared Time teaching program.

Under the shared-time program, Plymouth-Canton could pay teachers in parochial schools to teach noncore subjects not otherwise available. The district would then benefit by collecting state foundation-grant money for those students. Plymouth-Canton

administrators estimate they could reach at least 200 students and generate some \$715,000 in additional revenue under the program.

State policy gives jurisdiction over the shared-time program with parochial and private schools to the district within whose boundaries those schools sit. Plymouth-Canton has declined to participate in the past, allowing Livonia Public Schools to do shared-time with four schools.

Plymouth-Canton hired Jack Pelon of School Financial Solutions to coordinate the program for the 2011-12 school year, and notified Livonia officials they were taking over.

"A shared-time program is a win-win situation for everyone," said Pelon. "The private schools save money, Plymouth-Canton makes money and the program also has the potential for generating additional part-time teaching positions for any displaced teachers."

According to Pelon, Livonia had done the shared-time program with Plymouth Christian Academy, Our Lady of Good Counsel School, All Saints and St. Peter Lutheran. Pelon said there are seven other private schools within Plymouth-Canton boundaries, and he's been in touch with all of them to gauge their interest.

"Once (schools) see how

it works, it will develop into more and more," Pelon said. "I believe all it can do is grow year after year."

Pelon said he believes a contract with Plymouth Christian Academy alone could generate as much as \$400,000. He said the program could be fully implemented by the fall.

The district's Board of Education obviously likes any idea that generates revenue without any real expense.

"This is intriguing because it makes us money and doesn't cost us anything," board Vice President Dianne Gonzalez said.

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Jim Cisek (left), president of Christmas in Action. Michele Harned (right) is happy about work being done on her house, especially the ramp in the back off the deck.

# CHRISTMAS

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in Action President Jim Cisek, a Canton resident of 19 years, still hopes to expand the program to communities such as Plymouth and Westland.

The program draws skilled and unskilled volunteers such as carpenters, electricians, high school students, church members and Canton Township employees. Cisek initiated Christmas in Action of Wayne County as a way to help his community and inspire people such as his son Zack who, now 19, has been involved from the beginning.

## GIVING BACK

Every year, organizers sift through applications and choose recipients who most need help.

"My feeling is that everybody needs to give back in every way they can," Cisek said.

This year, volunteers replaced roofing and carpeting, broke up old driveways and put in new ones, installed new doors, hauled away debris, painted rooms, repaired a chimney, replaced a kitchen sink and planted flowers and bushes, among numerous other chores.

Volunteers came from Plymouth Community United Way, Home Depot,

Canton's Calvary Baptist Church, Best Buy, the Canton Youth Advisory Council and Shakespeare Services of Garden City, a landscaping and maintenance company — among other places.

"I think this is a neat opportunity to help," 15-year-old Canton resident Scott Kardel said, shoveling dirt outside a home where volunteers prepared to put in new landscaping.

Canton Waste Recycling brought trash receptacles to the work sites, and employees from three Home Depot stores adopted as their own a home near Saltz and Canton Center for repairs. They installed a new roof, sanded and stained an aging deck, painted patio furniture and hauled away an old hot tub.

Home Depot employee Gary Berry said the work would have cost thousands of dollars — money Christmas in Action recipients simply don't have.

"This is a very good cause," he said.

The smiles inside the Harned home attest to that. Michele Harned sat up in her bed as volunteers prepared to install the backyard ramp. Soon, she would no longer have to settle for rays of sunlight coming through her window. She could be outside.

"I can't wait," she said.

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# Clawson, Buckalew win seats on W-W board

BY SUE MASON  
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The Wayne-Westland school board will have two new members come July 1, after voters in the district overwhelmingly supported retired high school teacher Thomas Buckalew and stay-at-home mom Andrea Clawson to fill the two four-year terms.

Clawson, a Westland resident, and Buckalew, a Wayne resident, finisher one-two in Tuesday's school election. Clawson received 1,288 votes, followed closely by Buckalew, who garnered 1,195 votes in the unofficial results. The two had run together in the election which saw just 6.14 percent of registered voters go to the polls.

"Thank you for all of your support, encouragement and your votes," Clawson posted on the Elect Thomas Buckalew and Andrea Clawson to Wayne-Westland School Board Facebook page. "This has been quite an experience and could not have done this without the support of my family."

She added that she was "so glad to have had the opportunity to campaign" with Buckalew.

"I am very happy that I was



Clawson

Buckalew

chosen a trustee this year," Buckalew said in a prepared statement. "I look forward to working with the five current board members and with Dr. (Greg) Baracy on both budget issues and developing policies that improve student performance."

"All of the candidates in this year's election were qualified and would have done an excellent job, if they had been given the opportunity," Buckalew added. "I expect one or more of them will eventually be

elected."

The two candidates and their supporters launched a massive door-to-door campaign to get out the vote, and remained connected with supporters through the Facebook page.

Clawson is a member of the PTA, the school improvement team and parent liaison at P.D. Graham Elementary. Married, she has two children in the school district. Buckalew spent his entire teaching career at John Glenn High School where he was an assistant and head wrestling coach, class sponsor, Social Studies Department chair and co-chair of the North Central Accreditation. Married, he has two adult children.

Finishing third in the election was former Westland mayor and city council-

man Charles "Trav" Griffin with 978 votes, followed by Scott Davis with 426 votes and perennial candidate Harold Dunn with 182 votes. Appointed incumbent Jeffrey Hayton finished last with 170 votes.

Carolyn Byndas, who had withdrawn from the race but not in time to have her name removed from the ballot, received 462 votes.

The election filled two four-year terms on the school board, one held by school board President Skip Monit, who was disqualified after he failed to file the required number of nominating signatures, and Martha Pitsenbarger, who resigned from the board in January due to her husband's illness.

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# Trial ordered in vehicle break-ins

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Two defendants accused of breaking into vehicles outside a Canton fitness center, stealing bank cards and buying merchandise at a local retailer are facing trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Gualberto Morales Barbosa, 38, and Wandalee Figueroa, 35, both of Detroit, could face five years in prison if they are convicted of multiple felony charges including breaking and entering a vehicle, larceny from a vehicle, identity theft and using financial transaction devices to make purchases they weren't authorized to make.

Barbosa and Figueroa are facing trial after they volun-



Barbosa



Figueroa

tarily waived their preliminary examinations Friday in 35th District Court.

Canton police arrested the pair April 13 following allegations they broke into parked cars at Lifetime Fitness, on Haggerty south of Ford, stole personal property including bank cards and made illegal purchases.

Canton police Sgt. Mark Gajeski, community relations coordinator, said the

case should serve as a warning to motorists not to tempt potential criminals by leaving belongings where they can see in vehicles.

During any given week, Canton police receive numerous reports of larcenies from autos.

"Don't leave anything in your car that you wouldn't mind letting someone else have," Gajeski said. "Always be cognizant and be aware of what you're leaving in your car."

At a minimum, he said, put valuables in a trunk or somewhere they can't be seen.

"It only takes 10 seconds for someone to smash out a window and take a purse from the front seat," Gajeski said.

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# Fundraiser to benefit stroke victim, family

The Chicks 4 Charity of Canton hold a spaghetti dinner fundraiser to assist the family of Joe Allard, a young stroke victim in the local community.

The silent auction and benefit fundraiser takes place 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, at the Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, in Plymouth. The Chicks 4 Charity aims to raise funds to help Allard and his family with the extensive medical expenses as a result of the stroke.

Chicks 4 Charity, Linda Robin of The Showroom of Elegance in Canton, Women's

Life Chapter 827 and Fat Chef In A Little Coat Catering are sponsoring the event.

Linda Robin, a sponsor of the benefit says, "Julie and her husband are great caring people who are always there to lend a hand when needed," Showroom of Elegance owner Linda Robin said. "Now in their need, we are striving to give them the help they so desperately need."

The spaghetti dinner will include all-you-can-eat spaghetti, choice of meat or marinara sauce, salad, bread sticks, soft drink or coffee and dessert

for \$8 per person (\$5 for children). Donate \$10 or more and receive entry to win a 40-inch Toshiba LCD HDTV 1080p Television.

Individuals or businesses interested in donating, contact Robin, (734) 207-1906. All contributions will be donated to the family of Joe Allard to help with extensive medical bills. Chicks 4 Charity, Women's Life Chapter 827 will match the first \$500 in donations. Please make donations payable to: Joseph Allard C/O Joseph Allard Fund, 24 Brandi Street, Belleville, MI 48111

## Mustang madness

Canton police issued tickets to two Mustang drivers following accusations they were racing along a stretch of northbound Canton Center Road shortly after 6 p.m. Saturday.

A police officer saw the cars racing near Canton Center and Saltz after he heard loud engines revving as they drivers moved along at speeds estimated at 70 mph in a 45 mph zone.

The officer pursued both drivers and stopped them near Canton Center and Saltz. One of the drivers apologized and said the two started racing at Canton Center and Cherry Hill. The other driver also apologized for "a stupid mistake" that occurred while he had his wife and children in his car, according to a police report.

Police ticketed both drivers for drag-racing along Canton Center and released them at the scene.

## Caterpillar theft

Bold thieves used a Caterpillar construction vehicle to tow a piece of lawn-mowing equipment from a construction site on Canton Center south of Palmer to the nearby Lower Rouge Recreation Trail, where police believe the mower was loaded onto a truck and stolen.

The incident happened between 2 p.m. Saturday and 7:30 a.m. Sunday.

A foreman for a contracting firm contacted police to report that the mowing equipment had been stolen. He said the thieves removed a bucket off the Caterpillar, attached the mower, somehow started the Caterpillar and drove it to a locked gate to the trail.

The thieves cut through padlocks that blocked off the trail, drove the equipment onto the trail and across two pedestrian bridges, according to a police report.

The perpetrators then disconnected the mower from the Caterpillar, apparently loaded it onto another vehicle and stole it.

## Home invasion

A man contacted police after he said an assailant broke into his home northeast of Mott and Ridge, in the Wagon Wheel mobile home park, and assaulted him for having sex with the attacker's girlfriend, according to a police report.

The incident happened about 9:10 a.m. Friday, and the assailant brought his girlfriend with him when he confronted the resident.

The resident told police he heard a loud noise at his door and then heard someone stomping down the hallway to his bedroom. He said a man he knew came in, accused him of having sex with his girlfriend, punched him, knocked him to the floor and then kicked him.

The resident admitted to police he had sex with the assailant's girlfriend.

After the assailant and girlfriend left, the resident contacted police, who said the victim had

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abrasions under his eye and on his forehead. He planned to pursue charges for home invasion and assault.

## Friend not friendly

A man who lives at The Crossings, an apartment complex southeast of I-275 and Joy Road, reported that a friend who had been visiting him overnight from Toledo was suspected of stealing from his vehicle and his apartment.

The problem occurred about 4 p.m. Sunday after the two got into an argument, causing the visitor to leave.

The Canton resident told police his camera was missing from his vehicle along with a GPS unit and an in-dash CD player and radio. He also said an MP3 player was missing from his residence.

The resident said his visitor took the items, but he told police he didn't want to prosecute. Rather, he only filed a police report to document the incident.

## Probation violation

A woman contacted Canton police after she said her ex-boyfriend violated the terms of his probation by contacting her and demanding a ring he had earlier given to her.

She said the incident happened shortly before 8 p.m. Saturday when she received text messages at her residence on Wakefield, northeast of Beck and Geddes.

She also said a woman, described as her ex-boyfriend's cousin, also had stopped by her house while she was at work.

The complainant told police the ex-boyfriend has been sending texts for a month, though he is under a court order not to contact her after he was placed on probation for a marijuana offense.

Canton police contacted Wayne County Circuit Court about the alleged probation violation.

- Compiled by Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.

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# Green Street Fair

## Recycle, build a 'canjo,' and take in free music

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Singer-songwriter Crystal Bowersox, the runner-up last May during the ninth season of American Idol, will be the headline performer at downtown Plymouth's 2011 Green Street Fair, which opens on Friday and runs through Sunday, May 8.

Bowersox, who plays in a variety of styles, including rock, folk and gospel, released her debut album, *Farmer's Daughter*, in December.

Her free concert will be 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at the Eco-Beats Stage, at Union and Penniman. The free fair, in its fourth year, brings together a variety of companies, exhibitions and organizations that promote ecology-conscious products and practices and healthy living.

"We're very excited to have somebody of her caliber join us," said Raychel Rork, the Green Street Fair organizer, said of Bowersox's appearance. "It's going to be a great lineup, really, all three days."

This year's fair, the fourth, begins at noon Friday in Kellogg Park and nearby streets and continues through 5 p.m. Sunday. There are more than 240 participating exhibitors — businesses, individuals and organizations — making this year's fair the largest yet, said Rork.

"We're really proud of how far it's grown in only four years," she said, adding that 100,000 people are expected to attend over the course of the weekend. "It's going to be big."

The lineup will include many returning exhibitions as well as some new ones, and some exhibitors are traveling long distances to attend, Rork said.

"This is becoming a very enticing event for them," she said. "It's free to the public. It's direct to the consumers."

Crafters who use repurposed raw materials will be on hand with, for example, jewelry, or purses made from burlap coffee sacks. There will be organic cotton clothing, easy-on-the-energy transportation, and demonstrations of organic cooking.

The food offerings will include organic chocolate truffles, organic vegan cupcakes and organic kettle corn. "Organic doesn't mean

it has to taste like cardboard," Rork joked.

Other highlights of the Green Street Fair will include a Mother's Day parade at noon on May 8, a Mother's Day craft activity for kids, organic cooking demonstrations, sponsored by Meijer and the Art Institute of Michigan, and the opportunity to recycle electronic waste — everything from computers to car batteries and vacuum cleaners — on Saturday and Sunday at Penniman and Harvey.

Proceeds from the resale of electronic waste will benefit the scholarship fund for pedi-

atric speech and language disorders at Beaumont Children's Hospital.

The popular Fort Box, in which children decorate repurposed corrugated boxes to build a kid-sized cityscape, will also return to Kellogg Park. This year's Fort Box will include replicas of some of the world's landmark bridges, built with recycled materials by students at New Morning School. Other Fort Box sponsors are *The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* and IKEA.

IKEA will also host an exhibit, Green Living, featuring home displays and the

chance to win a mountain bicycle or a \$500 IKEA gift card, at The Gathering on Penniman.

Other entertainment during the Green Street Fair will include:

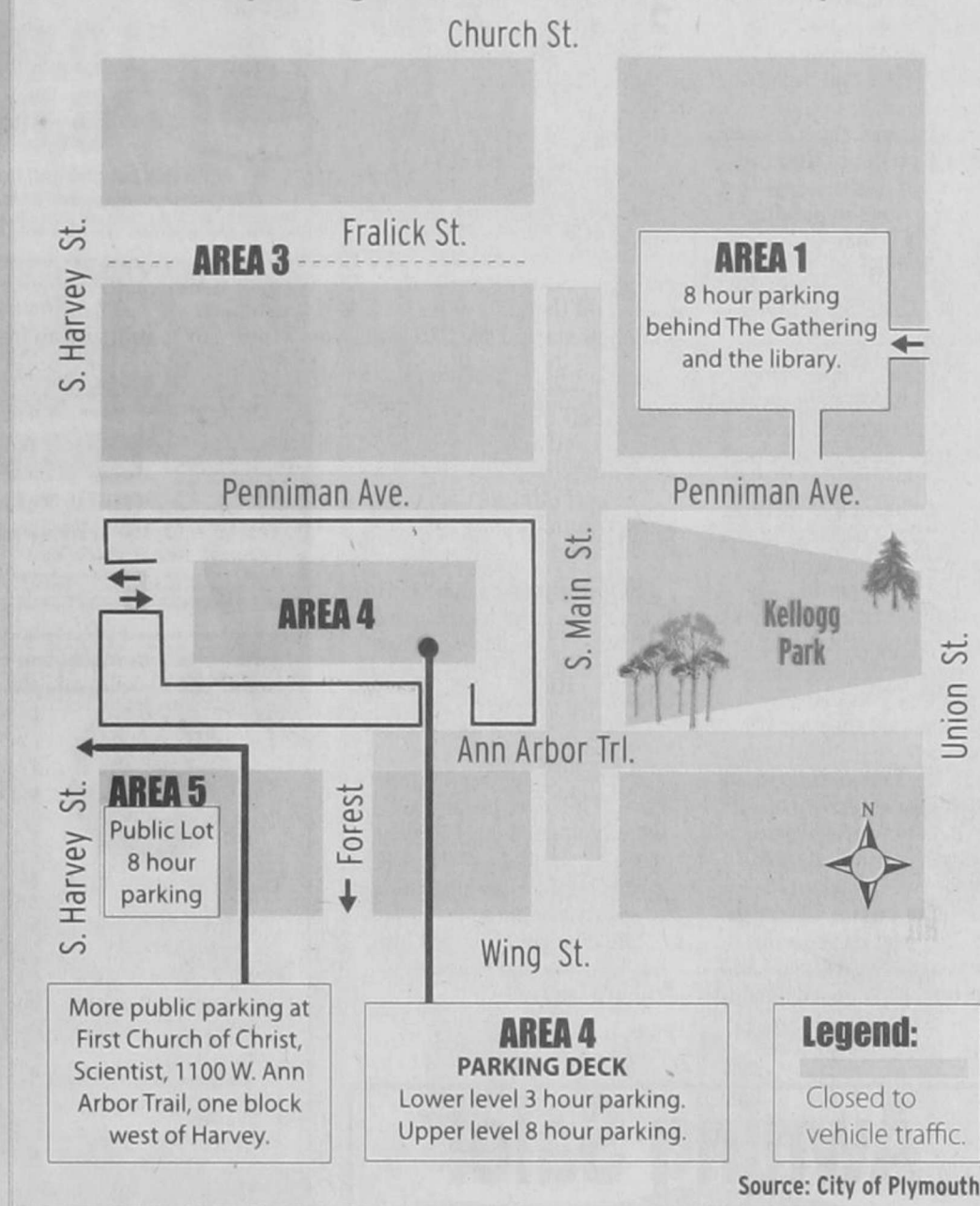
- Abigail Stauffer, an Ann Arbor singer-songwriter, 1:15-2:30 p.m. Friday.
- The Sugar People, rock, pop and soul, 3:15-4:15 p.m. Friday.
- In Custody, a rock cover band, 4:45-6:30 p.m. Friday.
- The Mister Laurence Experience, fun rock for kids, 10:30-11:15 a.m. Saturday.
- The Deep Fried Pickle Project, a "junk band" that

### WHY A FAIR?

Green Street Fair Inc. was founded to help educate and inform people of all ages about the benefits of green, organic, and eco-friendly products and services. To promote global interest and personal well-being, the Green Street Fair blends companies, artisans, entertainers, workshops and speakers together in a friendly and family-oriented outdoor environment. Consumers who attend the Green Street Fair will be encouraged to learn the advantages of taking strides, large or small, toward living a healthier and greener life.

## Public parking for 2011 Green Street Fair

On street parking is limited to 2 hours in most places.



Bob Mayes and Oak Electric offered wind power, solar panel, and backup generator systems at Plymouth's Green Street Fair last year.

plays bluegrass, metal and honky-tonk, noon-1 p.m. Saturday and 12:30-1:30 p.m. Sunday.

- Timothy Monger State Park, folk rock, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Saturday.
- Sista Otis, rock and gospel, 3-4:15 p.m. Saturday.
- Gemini, a duo playing acoustic music for children and families, 2-3 p.m. Sunday.
- Tracy Kash Thomas, a jazz performer, 3:15-4:15 p.m. Sunday.

All concerts will take place at the Eco-Beats Stage at Union and Penniman.

The Deep Fried Pickle Project will also host an

instrument-making workshop — visitors can build a "canjo," a kazoo or maracas — from 10-11:45 a.m. Sunday in Kellogg Park. The workshop is just ahead of the Mother's Day parade, and participants will be encouraged to join the parade with their new home-made instrument.

The Green Street Fair hours are noon-7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, visit the fair's website, [www.greenstreetfair.com](http://www.greenstreetfair.com).

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## GREEN STREET FAIR HIGHLIGHTS

### Eco-Beats stage line-up

Featuring American Idol's Crystal Bowersox and top notch entertainment from around Michigan, the weekend will be filled with a broad range of eco-beats.

#### FRIDAY, MAY 6

Abigail Stauffer 1:15-2:30 p.m.  
The Sugar People 3:15-4:15 p.m.  
In Custody 4:45-6:30 p.m.

#### SATURDAY, MAY 7

The Mister Laurence Experience 10:30-11:15 a.m.  
Deep Fried Pickle Project noon to 1 p.m.  
Timothy Monger State Park 1:30-2:30 p.m.  
Sista Otis 3-4:15 p.m.  
Crystal Bowersox 5-6:15 p.m.

#### SUNDAY, MAY 8

Deep Fried Pickle Project 12:30-1:30 p.m.  
Gemini 2-3 p.m.  
Tracy Kash Thomas 3:15-4:15 p.m.

### Other Highlights

#### •IKEA EXHIBIT

Visit the IKEA Canton exhibit in The Gathering, located off of Penniman between Main Street and Union to see an interactive sustainable home display and enter to win a \$500 IKEA Gift Card to help you live a sustainable life at home or a new mountain bike to help reduce your carbon footprint.

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#### •FORT BOX

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#### •THE PICKLED PINK MOTHER'S DAY PARADE AND INSTRUMENT BUILDING PLAYSHOP

Green Street Fair will celebrate Mother Earth

all weekend and will also be pulling out the stops to celebrate all moms on Mother's Day on Sunday. To kick off the Mothers Day festivities, Green Street Fair welcomes Deep Fried Pickle Project, a junk band from southwest Michigan that blends bluegrass, metal, jug band and honky-tonk tunes into their performances that embrace fans of all ages. In conjunction with their performances on Saturday and Sunday, "The Pickle Boys" are dedicated to music education and will bring with them an instrument play shop to teach kids (known to The Pickle Boys as "gherkins") and adults how to make homemade instruments out of recyclable materials. Children of all ages will be encouraged to craft a canjo, make a mom's day maraca, construct a kazoo, or a silly singing straw. The Pickles will demonstrate how to build and play these zany, multicolored music-makers to lead the Mother's Day parade on Sunday at noon. Event attendees are also invited to bring their own noisemakers such as pots, pans, bells, drums and the like. Decorated tricycles and bikes are also encouraged.

#### •MOTHERS DAY CRAFT STATION

Yelp will have a kid's craft table where the little ones can make mom an earth friendly surprise for Mother's Day.

#### •THE YELLOW JUG FOR OLD DRUGS

In lieu of flushing drugs down the toilet or throwing them into the garbage which can contaminate water supplies, event attendees can bring their medications to the Green Street Fair to properly dispose of unused, unwanted and expired drugs.

#### •CELL PHONE RECYCLING

Looking to recycle your old cell phones? Feel

free to bring them to Green Street Fair to make sure that they are recycled properly.

#### •E-CLUTTER FOR KIDS

A recycle-a-thon to help children with speech and language disorders. If you're tired of that old computer monitor sitting in your garage or have a drawer full of extra cables, toner cartridges or cameras, this is your opportunity to safely recycle these items and raise money for treatment scholarships at the Center for Speech and Language Disorders at Beaumont Children's Hospital.

Some 65 percent of all proceeds will benefit the Pediatric Speech and Language Disorders Scholarship Fund at Beaumont Children's Hospital affiliated with Children's Miracle Network.

Drop off your equipment at the Statewide Recycling Station at Green Street Fair on from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Go to [www.greenstreetfair.com](http://www.greenstreetfair.com) for a list of items accepted.

#### •ORGANIC COOKING DEMONSTRATION

Sponsored by Meijer and The Art Institute of Michigan: Discover how to create your own organic masterpiece in the kitchen. Live cooking demonstrations all weekend.

#### •FLIP YOUR LID

Flip Your Lid returns to Green Street Fair. Students at Smith Elementary School in Plymouth collected plastic lids of all colors, shapes and sizes to create oversized bugs that will be scattered around Kellogg Park throughout the weekend. Attendees of the event will also be encouraged to help construct the Flip Your Lid Mural which will be donated following the event.



# SMOKING

FROM PAGE A1

independent bar trying to make it in a neighborhood place where people go to mingle with friends and have a drink and a cigarette.”

Places that sell more food than drinks may have benefited from the smoking ban. Rob Trueman, general manager of Buffalo Wild Wings on Ford between Haggerty and Lilley, said his sales are up about 7 percent from a year ago.

“Buffalo Wild Wings caters to families with children, and I think that has gone a long way,” Trueman said. “At first our business slowed down on the bar side a little bit. Last summer I think we had a little down time, but the bar people are coming back in.”

**NEGATIVE IMPACT?**

Mazza, Brotherton and some other bar owners and managers say the smoking ban needs amending. State Sen. Rick Jones, R-Grand Ledge, has proposed a bill that would allow bars to offer separate smoking rooms where employ-

ees could choose not to enter.

“The smoking ban has had a massively negative impact on small businesses, Michigan Lottery sales and the state budget,” Jones said in a statement on his website.

Under his Senate Bill 352, employees could choose not to go inside the smoking rooms.

“My measure does not overturn the smoking ban,” Jones said. “It simply allows business owners to have a separate room for smokers that is ventilated or has double doors. This is a solution to help our small businesses but also ensure that we are protecting our residents.”

Jones pointed to a study by the Michigan Licensed Beverage Association that cited a 28 percent drop in alcohol sales and a 20 percent decline in food sales from May through July of last year.

Moreover, Jones said the Michigan Lottery has lost money. He said Keno sales are down 15 percent since the ban took effect, resulting, he said, in \$17 million less in school funding and smaller profits for business owners who receive 6 percent of Keno sales.

Pro-ban forces have long

said a price can’t be put on health and that less smoking reduces health care costs. They have said employees and nonsmoking patrons who want to visit a bar or restaurant for drinks and food shouldn’t have to put their health at risk.

**RESPIRATORY RISK**

Moreover, pro-ban forces have said a study by the Michigan Department of Community Health found a significant decrease in six reported respiratory symptoms after the state’s smoking ban went into effect.

“As we approach the one-year anniversary of Michigan’s smoke-free air law, we can also celebrate evidence of the almost immediate positive effect on the health of Michigan workers as a result of this historic law,” said Judy Stewart, spokeswoman for the Michigan Campaign for Smokefree Air and director of state government relations for the American Cancer Society. “There is no doubt that the objective of health advocates and lawmakers in passing Michigan’s smoke-free air law was accomplished: Michigan workers are now healthier

than they were a year ago.”

Yet, Mazza, Brotherton and other smoking ban critics say bar owners and patrons should be allowed to choose between smoking and nonsmoking establishments. At a minimum, they say, smoking rooms should be permitted.

Sen. Jones said his measure doesn’t overturn the smoking ban. Rather, he said, “it simply allows business owners to have a separate room for smokers that is ventilated or has double doors. This is a solution to help our small businesses but also ensure that we are protecting our residents.”

Some bars have tried to increase their customer base by appealing to anti-smoking forces.

The Crow’s Nest, on Canton Center north of Ford, last Saturday night had a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society’s Cancer Action Network and donated a portion of proceeds from 6 p.m. to midnight to the organization.

The Crow’s Nest hosted a similar fundraiser last year, just as the smoking ban went into effect.

# BIN LADEN

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• Marine Sgt. Bryan K. Burgess died Nov. 9, 2006, while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to Marine Forces Reserve’s 1st Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, Perrysburg, Ohio.

• Marine Cpl. Jacob H. Turbett died Feb. 13, 2010, in Helmand Province, Afghanistan, while on active duty supporting combat operations during Operation Enduring Freedom. He was assigned to the 2nd Combat Engineer Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

In addition, Meredith Whalen, a 1996 Salem High School graduate, died in the attacks Bin Laden ordered on



Terry Blumberg, the father of slain soldier Trevor Blumberg, said the fight against terrorism isn’t over even though U.S. forces have killed Osama bin Laden.

9/11. Whalen, who was 23 at the time, was working on the 93rd floor of the north tower when the first plane hit. Her body was never found.

Canton Township Trustee Todd Caccamo, a former U.S. Marine reservist who served in Iraq, agreed with Blumberg and urged Americans to continue the fight.

“While eliminating bin Laden was certainly the right thing to do, and it felt great to

hear the news, I hope America uses this success as motivation and encouragement for ever increasing the pressure on Al Qaeda and on those who would dare to do harm to Americans or her allies,” Caccamo said. “This was a collective effort from our president to the private with his rifle in the field. Congratulations and thanks to our warriors of every stripe.”

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter said the country should rejoice in the elimination of bin Laden, then move ahead against terrorists.

“We do not revel over the death of bin Laden ‘the Butcher,’ we rejoice in the triumph of justice,” McCotter said. “Now let us press our efforts against Al Qaeda and their terrorist cohorts, includ-

ing Hamas, Hezbollah, and the tyrannical Iranian regime. For while our world has witnessed justice, our world remains dangerous and we must be ever vigilant against such clear and present threats to our liberty and security.”

Blumberg said his son returned from a tour in Afghanistan and told him, “I have one of the best jobs in the world. I go get the bad guys and I make them pay.”

“My son was in the military before 9/11 ... he knew what he was there for,” Terry Blumberg said. “The more he learned what happened (on 9/11), the more he wanted a piece of this guy. He didn’t live long enough to see that happen.”

“He’d be glad they got him, but he’d be smart enough to know it isn’t over.”



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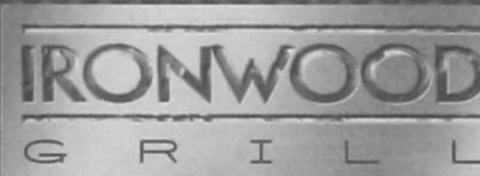
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Children practice using therabands to strengthen their arms during 'Take your children to work day' at United Home Health Services in Canton.

## Home-care firm brings children to work

United Home Health Services, a local home care agency located in Canton, invited employees' children to participate in Take Your Child To Work Day on Thursday, April 28. Company officials called it "a fun-filled, energetic day of learning as children of various ages explored what it is like to be a home care nurse or therapist."

Children learned the importance of handwashing, how to bandage cuts and scrapes, various strengthening and balance exercises, and even how to set up a pill box using colorful jelly beans.

The children had the chance to try out medical equipment such as wheelchairs and walkers.

The day ended with children making get well cards for

United's home care patients. The pizza lunch was a big hit, too.

United Home Health Services is a not-for-profit Medicare-certified home care company that has been serving this community for 28 years. They provide skilled nursing, therapy, home health aide, social work, and registered dietitian services in the comfort of home. They also

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## CHAMBER CHAT

### First Friday

The Canton Chamber of Commerce sponsors the latest First Friday Club gathering 8:30 a.m. Friday, May 6.

It's an opportunity for one-on-one networking in a small group setting. This networking event is limited to 10 separate businesses plus the two sponsors. Participants should bring business cards, flyers, etc., to share with the group. Sponsors are Showroom of Elegance and Molly Maid.

To make reservations, call (734) 453-4040 or e-mail [admin@cantonchamber.com](mailto:admin@cantonchamber.com).

### Chamber luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce luncheon takes place 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 11 at Fellows Creek Golf Club of Canton, 2936 Lotz in Canton.

Guest speaker is Mike Mosallam, director of film initiative for Wayne County.

Cost is \$20 per member pre-registration, \$25 for member walk-ins, and \$30 for non-members. Reservations are required, and can be

made by calling the Canton Chamber, (734) 453-4040. Sponsor of the luncheon is PNC Bank.

### Canton Cup

The 29th annual Canton Cup Soccer Tournament returns to the soccer fields of Canton for Memorial Day Weekend.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce offers local businesses the opportunity to highlight their business in the tournament program book. More than 10,000 books will be distributed.

The Canton Marketing Partners (DDA, Canton Chamber of Commerce, and Canton Township) strongly support the Tournament. More than 45,000 people come to Canton to enjoy an outstanding weekend of youth soccer. Please contact Darryl Noel, Tournament Director at [TD@cantoncup.net](mailto:TD@cantoncup.net) for further information on how you and your business can be involved.

For more information, visit [http://www.shopcanton.org/1/Canton\\_MI/files/CantonSoccerClublettertogoout.pdf](http://www.shopcanton.org/1/Canton_MI/files/CantonSoccerClublettertogoout.pdf).



Multiple soccer games, recreational vehicles, parents, kids and vendors will turn Canton's Independence Park into a bustling town of its own for the Canton Cup soccer tournament Memorial Day weekend.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Credit union controller

Co-op Services Credit Union recently announced Steve Diuble of Canton was hired to fill the position of controller.

Diuble has worked in the financial services industry for approximately 25 years. He earned his bachelor of science degree from Easter Michigan University.

Diuble shared that he is also very impressed with how team oriented Co-op Services is and the high level of service to members.

In his position as controller, Diuble will report to Wolfe and is responsible for the

preparation of financial statements and reporting.

Headquartered in Livonia, Co-op Services Credit Union has more than 52,000 members and maintains eight full-service branch offices in the Detroit metro area. Members also have access to more than 3,000 shared branches and 28,000 ATMs nationwide.

For more information about Co-op Services, visit the credit union web site at [www.cscu.org](http://www.cscu.org) or call 800.321.8570.

### Relay fundraiser

RepairClinic.com Outreach is hosting a "Bowling for a Cure" fundraiser for Relay for Life of Canton.

It will be held on Saturday, May 7, from 6-9 p.m. at Vision Lanes in Westland. For a generous donation of \$20 each, one will receive three games of bowling, shoe rental, and pizza and pop. There will be lots of door prizes, raffles, and a 50/50 drawing.

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### Free dentistry

Doctors Pinckney, Greenbaum, MacFarland and Timpner, DDS, open their doors to the community, offering a gift of free dental services 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, May 6.

The offer is intended for people who have dental needs but who are unable to afford the cost of treatment. No advance appointments will be made. Patients will be given a time for treatment when they arrive and will be seen on a first-come, first-served basis. Doctors are asking people to arrive early to be guaranteed an appointment.

Doctors will see the first 100 people (more if time allows).

Patients must be at least 12 years old in order to be seen, and they must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian if under the age of 18. Free treatment will include exams, X-rays, cleanings, fillings, extractions and pain control.

For more information, visit [www.CantonDentists.com](http://www.CantonDentists.com) or call (734) 981-4040.

### Twisted Rooster

A new Michigan-owned eatery coming to greater Detroit plans to put a new twist on some old, familiar favorites like mac & cheese, BBQ pulled pork sandwiches, tater tots, burgers and seafood.

Detroit native Mark Nosedo II, corporate executive chef with Grand Rapids-based Meritage Hospitality Group, will open the second and third editions of a new independent restaurant concept called Twisted Rooster in Chesterfield Township and Belleville this April and May.

The "twist" on the menu comes from mixing local ingredients with bold flavors and classic American comfort foods for simply twisted results. It also features a 20-seat bar area, "The Roo," stocked with more than 40 Michigan-made wines, spirits and craft beers, plus other regional favorites.

"As a mid-sized independent operator, we have significant advantages that include the flexibility to support local vendors, freedom of creativity in developing our menus and atmosphere, and the ability to design a restaurant that reflects the interests and demographics of the community. Supporting local vendors and suppliers drives their business and in turn helps them grow along with us. Twisted Rooster is thrilled to include local food and drink vendors and suppliers," says Erik East, director of operations for Meritage.

Twisted Rooster is open Monday-Thursday 11 a.m. to midnight, Friday-Saturday 11 a.m. to 1 a.m., and Sunday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. For more information, visit Twisted Rooster's web site [www.twisted-rooster.com](http://www.twisted-rooster.com) or Twisted Rooster's Facebook page [www.facebook.com/twistedrooster](http://www.facebook.com/twistedrooster).

### Bagel fundraiser

Big Apple Bagels will be participating in a national 65 Roses campaign with the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The campaign continues through May 31.

As "proud members of the Canton community," Big Apple Bagels owners Dennis Griffin and Glenn Nenninger said they're "proud to help find a cure for CF."

"At Big Apple Bagels in Canton, we want to give back to our community which has embraced our business, by helping the search for a cure to this terrible disease," they said. "The children who battle cystic fibrosis are so brave and we are happy to help in any way that we can."

The phrase "65 Roses" was adopted by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation because it is what "Cystic Fibrosis" sounds like to a small child and has historically been used by children of all ages to describe their disease. Fundraising efforts in select Big Apple Bagels and My Favorite Muffin restaurants will include sales of \$1 pin-ups and 65 Roses-themed coffee travel mugs.

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# Students write their own ticket in Players' production

BY BRAD KADRICH  
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During his career, Johnathan Rase has garnered a good deal of experience creating comedy, and it was experience he wanted to pass on to the members of the Park Players when he agreed to direct this weekend's production of "Oh, the Places You'll Stay."

That's why the play, a compilation of some 20 sketches written entirely by students, will be special for him when it opens tonight (Thursday).

"It was such a fun experience I wanted to give it to the kids," said Rase. "The kids came up with everything. It's incredible to see how much ownership they took of everything — set design, marketing, the script — for this play."

The premise is a kind of satirical take on the Dr. Seuss classic, "Oh, the Places You'll Go," Rase said, which is about

young people moving into the future. Instead, "Oh, the Places You'll Stay" is about "those kids who don't graduate."

"It's about people who don't move on," Rase said. "It's about finding your identity, finding your place."

The cast and crew of some 28 kids is entirely responsible for just about everything, with Rase providing direction and guidance, and that started with the writing. The writing team was made up primarily of about seven teenagers who put their heads together and came up with some 40 sketches.

Working together, he said, they whittled it down to some 20 sketches which made the final cut.

One of the hard parts about putting the comedy together, according to Plymouth High School senior Sam Phillips, one of several writers, was making sure the comedy they

were writing was "actually funny."

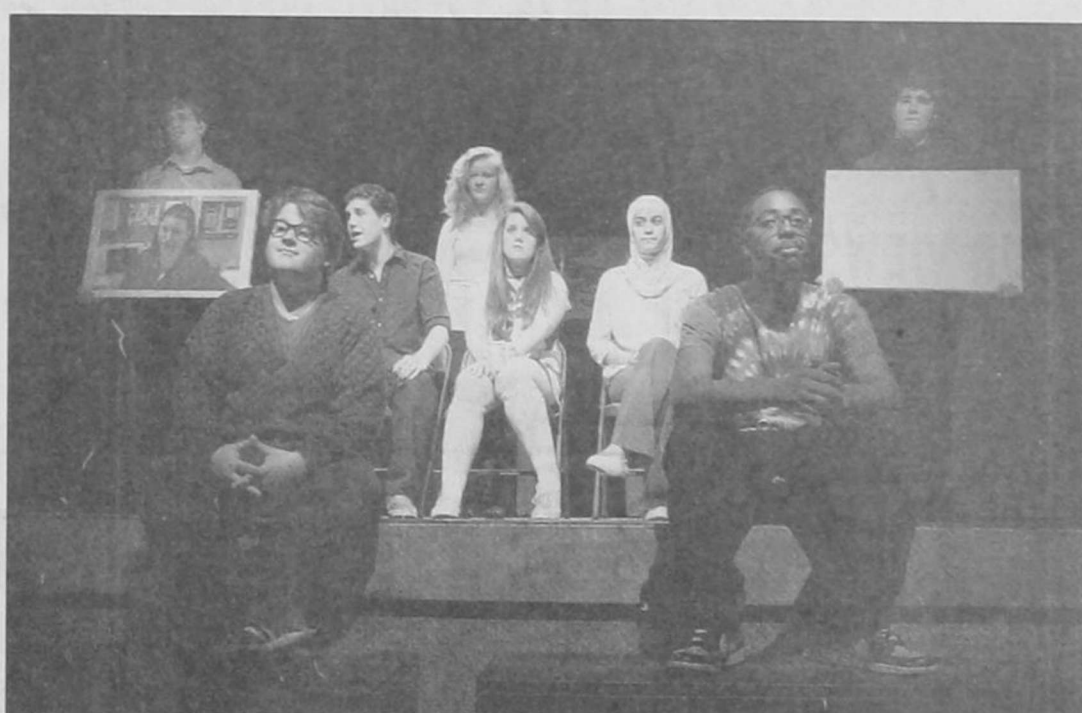
"A lot of things sound funny in the moment, but when you start fleshing them out they aren't," Phillips said. "It's like bouncing ideas off each other and seeing if people laugh at it."

Canton High School sophomore Meg Ellis was one of the writers and Rase's assistant director. She said it was a little different ordering around people who are her friends.

"Sometimes I have trouble being bossy," Ellis said with a laugh. "I'm friends with the whole cast, and I didn't want to seem mean."

The production takes place Thursday-Saturday at the DuBois Little Theater in Canton High School, 8415 Canton Center Road. Tickets are \$7 (\$5 for students) and are available at the door. All performances are at 7 p.m.

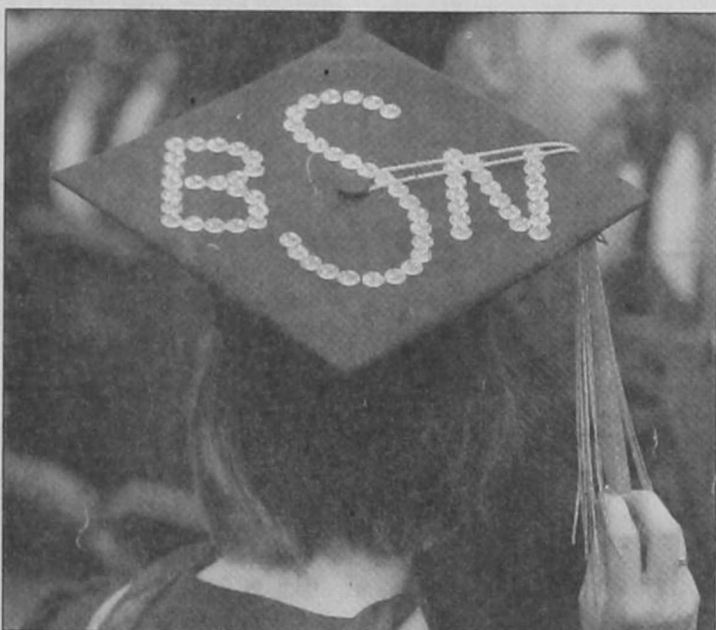
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"Oh, The Places You'll Stay" is a series of comedy sketches written by the students. Current events, some just a few days old, influence some of the sketches. This scene asks the viewers to donate even one dollar a day to help a teacher. Tyler Paluchniak, Sam Phillips, Alex Armesto, Emma Dwyer, Clare Shortal, Ghadeer Nasser, Tyler Howard and Tommy Fafalios plead their cause.

## Madonna graduates 1,065 at 64th commencement



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There is no doubt about what degree Chelsea Archibald earned. She is from Canton.

Of the 1,065 graduates who joined the Madonna University alumni ranks this year, some 525 walked across the stage to get their diplomas at the 64th commencement Sunday at Compuware Arena in Plymouth. Among this group were five of the first 15 graduates of Madonna's Doctor of Nursing Practice program that began in May 2009. Approximately 750 students earned a bachelor's or associate degree, and nearly 300 earned a master's.

Prior to conferring degrees to the graduates in attendance, Madonna University's president, Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, and Board Chairman Robert Sajdak bestowed honorary doctorate degrees upon Paulson Mathew Chunkapura, Ph.D., president of the World of Knowledge Management



Kristen Sabatini of Plymouth searches the crowd for her parents, Gerry and Barb Sabatini, during Madonna's commencement ceremony.

Development Centre (WKMD) in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, and Kaup Mohamed, Ph. D., dean and director of the WKMD.

Distinguished Alumni Awards were presented to Brian Davis and Lucy Thomas. A Detroit Police Officer since he graduated from the police academy in 1986, Davis earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice at Madonna in 2002,

and applied it to his work as a teacher at the Detroit Police Training Center. He returned to Madonna to earn a master's degree in educational leadership and a certificate in curriculum development in 2008. As commanding officer of the Detroit Police Department's Northwestern District, Davis was wounded in a shootout in the 6th precinct in early January. He is credited with saving the lives of his fellow officers.

Lucy Thomas, who earned a bachelor's degree in marketing in 1983 and now serves on Madonna University's Foundation Board, was unable to make the commencement from her home in Louisiana, so her sister, Amy Habib, accepted on her behalf.

Presiding over the commencement ceremony was

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Madonna University Provost and Vice President for Academic Administration Ernest I. Nolan. The invocation was given by Kathryn O'Dowd, Ph.D., dean of the College of Arts and Humanities. Graduate vocalist Amy Loskowski sang the National Anthem, which was interpreted by sign language studies graduates Katie Mann, Delta Covrett, Mary Spas and Kathleen McGowan. The mace bearer was Asaad Istephan, Ph.D., professor of physical and applied sciences.

Some 70 graduates and their families attended the Graduation Mass April 28 at Presentation Blessed Virgin Mary Chapel. Archbishop Allen Vigneron, Archdiocese of Detroit, was the celebrant.

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The sacrifice made by Marine Cpl. Jacob H. Turbett, killed in action in Afghanistan in February 2010, was one of thousands made in the war on terror, which was dealt a blow Sunday with the announcement U.S. forces killed Osama Bin Laden.

# Rest easier Bin Laden's death means sacrifices weren't in vain

Our area has suffered its share of loss in the nearly 10 years since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks leveled the Twin Towers and steeled a nation's resolve.

Now that the orchestrator of that vicious attack on the American psyche, Osama Bin Laden, has been killed by U.S. military forces, their brethren — Army Sgt. Trevor Blumberg of Canton, Marine Cpl. David Smith of Garden City, Army Pvt. Joseph Blake of Livonia, Marine Sgt. Bryan Burgess of Canton, Army National Guardsman 1st Class Matthew Hilton of Livonia, Marine Cpl. Jacob Turbett of Canton and Marine Lance Cpl. Dominic J. Ciaramitaro — can finally, and truly, rest in peace.

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For what has been a very long 10 years, Americans have waited, wished and prayed for the announcement that came late Sunday night. U.S. forces, acting on a tip provided last August and using a perseverance born on 9/11, raided a Pakistani compound and engaged Bin Laden and his supporters in a brief firefight that resulted in Bin Laden's death. They took custody of the body, and DNA confirmed Bin Laden's identity.

The forces did it for their country, continuing a service that should

make us all proud. And they were doing it for those who died trying to do it before them. It's worth remembering why and how our local soldiers gave that ultimate sacrifice:

- **Marine Sgt. Bryan K. Burgess** of Canton died Nov. 9, 2006, while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq.
- **Army Private Joseph R. Blake** of Livonia died Aug. 17, 2006, from injuries sustained while on active duty in Afghanistan when his platoon encountered enemy forces small arms fire in Turkalay, Afghanistan.
- **Sgt. Trevor Blumberg** of Canton died Sept. 14, 2004, when a roadside bomb hit a convoy and destroyed the Humvee occupied by himself and three other soldiers. His unit had been deployed to Iraq just three days earlier.
- **Marine Cpl. David W. Smith** of Garden City died Dec. 11, 2005, during a training accident in Mount Fuji, Japan. He was 20.
- **Army National Guard Sgt. 1st Class Matthew L. Hilton** of Livonia died June 26, 2008, while on active duty supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.
- **Marine Cpl. Jacob H. Turbett** of Canton died Feb. 13, 2010, in Helmand province, Afghanistan, while on active duty supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.
- **Marine Lance Cpl. Dominic J. Ciaramitaro**, 19, of South Lyon died April 23 while serving in Afghanistan. He was killed by a roadside bomb.

As you can see, some of them died within days of being sent overseas, while others died just before they were supposed to come home safe. Some were a little older, and some were very, very young. We can never do enough to thank them — and their families — for their sacrifice.

What we can do is hold the memory of their willingness to die for that which they believed, and an appreciation of the sacrifice they made, in our hearts. In the aftermath of the death of the terrorist Bin Laden, we can sleep better and feel better to know one immutable fact. Their sacrifice was not in vain.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### What do you think of the spring weather we've been having?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



**"We have no control. That's God's doing, not ours. When he gets ready to warm it up, he will."**

**Grant King**  
Canton



**"I like it because it (the rain) has been filling up our lakes. Our lakes have been down."**

**Shashawna Foland**  
Canton



**"I feel that last year was better when it was in the 70s. It has been kind of cold, but I like the changes in weather."**

**Khyati Patel**  
Canton



**"It's turning everything green, and at least it's not snowing. Things are going good in Canton, and I hope it will be a beautiful June for my daughter's (high school) graduation."**

**Carole Alber**  
Canton

## LETTERS

### Find new ways

I am deeply concerned with the state of our world, or at least our corner of it. In this letter, however, I will be addressing a considerably narrowed and specific thought.

What sparked this desire to reach out on this level was my experience at a local gas station. Every time I purchase gasoline, I become immensely consumed with guilt. I agonize over the fact I am contributing to the supply-and-demand at the pump; that I am contradicting my exemplary beliefs and the ecological footprint.

So today when I observed so much negative behavior at the gas station — people cutting me off in line and becoming antagonistic at my disbelief for lack of some type of manners — I decided I have had enough. Too many people treating each other in not a respectful way and no, we are not only fueling our gas-guzzlers, we are fueling each other's anger.

Unfortunately, we cannot so simply "say no to gas." The way we have for numerous decades designed our society is in such a way that our automobiles and habits are deemed a necessity. Many of us commute to our jobs, use our vehicles for grocery shopping, etc.

Especially where I live there is no form of public transportation, unless you are elderly and have rights to some sort of bus I have seen around, or you call a taxicab that has to come from Westland or further. So it goes back to cringing at the gas pump and paying high prices of both financial and earthly affairs.

Also, it seems to me that Detroit, otherwise known as "Motor City," has too much invested to admit that automobiles are obsolete. We need to acknowledge that "nothing gold can stay" ... the auto industry in its time has done much for our society; however, for the ever-changing times, things need to be modified, like our transportation.

Maybe instead of taking the "not-wanting-to-let-it-go" approach and fighting to catch a runaway train, we could be the pioneers of something great that is far more suitable for our changing times. This is an era where we are extremely intelligent and capable of putting our heads together to figure something else out. Maybe the automakers could use what we already have invested toward a more economic and environmentally sound — more harmonious — way of living.

I realize overnight (sadly) nothing can change, but Motor City wasn't built in a day. Let's keep our ears, minds and hearts open.

**Sarah Osen**  
Canton

### Save WSDP

This morning I made a 70-mile bike ride to the nearest town with Internet access to express my support of WSDP. I can honestly say that the trip I made this morning, or the trip I made last year to Zambia as a United States Peace Corps volunteer, would not have happened without the time and experience I had as a student at WSDP.

My experience at WSDP, and how it has served me, is similar to many other students who had the opportunity to work at the station. Alumni that leave the station do not necessarily go on to have careers in radio broadcasting, in fact, I would say that only a

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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small percentage do.

But, the skills that are fostered and nurtured at the station are ones that serve all of its students wherever they go and whatever they do in this world. To me, the stations greatest gift to the students is the opportunity to create and collaborate. When talking about the future for our state, and what our students need to be successful, I hear both of these qualities mentioned from politicians from both sides of the aisle.

For the past eight months I have been working as a public health volunteer in rural Zambia. I face daily challenges to educate my villagers on subjects of malaria, HIV/AIDS, child health, and food security. As with most rewarding jobs, it's challenging.

But, what makes this job challenging and not impossible are skills I obtained from my education from the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and, largely, WSDP. The most rewarding part of my service has been working with members of my village. To work and learn in conjunction with them in attempts to improve the public health of our area is a profound experience. The opportunity to work and learn from people that are different than me is not a new experience, though. This I learned at WSDP.

My time at WSDP allowed me to see how thoughtful and passionate our district's school board is in providing our area the best public education possible. No matter the outcome of the 2011-12 budget, I will be confident that the decisions were made for the best way to safeguard our community's strong public education foundation.

**Scott G. Decker**  
Former WSDP staffer

### Film policy short-sighted

Dear Sen. Colbeck, Mr. Heise, and Gov. Snyder,

I am a member of Michigan's film production community and your constituent, and would like you to consider that the package of bills that make up our film incentives are an investment in Michigan's economy.

Positive economic impact goes directly to communities in our wonderful state. On average, each film project directly uses an average of 60 vendors during the course of a project, ranging from realtors, rental facilities, construction and painting suppliers, IT and phone installation, to light construction and fencing.

Beyond the initial vendors, for instance, the caterer purchases from meat vendors, fruit markets, green grocers and restaurant suppliers, tents, etc.

A recent Ernst & Young report shows that for "every dollar spent in state tax breaks to filmmakers, nearly \$6 of economic activity is generated here."

It also found "the film, TV and digital gaming industries created 3,860 full-time equivalent jobs and generated an estimated \$503 million in 2010 while costing the state just \$28 million."

The incentives were not designed to fill the state coffers, but to create jobs, help local businesses and keep our young minds and talent here in Michigan. They are doing all of these things and providing direct economic benefits to our communities. Michigan has paid \$89 million in incentives to date, compared to the more than \$648 million that has been spent by production in Michigan since 2008.

As the saying goes, it takes money to make money. The tax incentive package should be viewed as a long-term investment to kick-start an industry that needs years to mature. Along the way, belts need to be tightened and sacrifices made, but that's the nature of an investment. Now three years in, there is a still-developing work force; multi-million dollar investments by private companies; and the grandest of all, a new pride and hope for our state that can't be denied.

Personally, I believe that some day, if the film industry is allowed to flourish, grow and mature, Michigan will become so established as a new Hollywood, rich in resources, that we won't need the financial boost from tax incentives. And that's how it should be.

I urge you to consider the current proposal to cap the incentives as shortsighted and poorly serving of Michigan's best interests.

**Belinda Tantalo**  
Plymouth

### The new Know Nothing Party

Some of the newly elected Taxed Enough Already members of Congress are spilling the tea. The "no to everything Obama" representatives and senators are proving to be the modern "Know Nothing" Party of the mid-19th century. (This group rebelled against the increased rate of immigration and promoted nativism.)

Extreme right conservatives allow ideology to dictate what and whom they support. They do not compromise. Under the guise of deficit reduction they are fighting a cultural and class war.

These four topics comprise their agenda: defeat Obama in 2012, remove a woman's right to choose, dismantle public education, and abolish unions.

Conditions in our country should persuade moderate Republicans, Independents and Democrats to become involved in politics. Follow the lead of voters in Wisconsin to recall representatives who are harming our democracy.

**Hannah Provenge Donigan**  
Commerce



# Walkers step out to help March of Dimes

BY JULIE BROWN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Nancy Henzi of Livonia held her 7-month-old son Knox in her arms Saturday morning at the Nankin Mills area of Hines Park in Westland. Husband Matt was nearby, along with other members of Team Madison Hope Henzi for the annual March of Dimes March for Babies.

Knox's sister Madison Hope died in December 2007.

"That's why we originally started to walk (for the March of Dimes)," Nancy Henzi said. "My daughter Madison would have been 3 on Christmas Eve. So now we've got an angel baby and a miracle baby."

Knox got therapy help, a lubricant to expand his lungs. He weighed 2 pounds at birth and was briefly on a ventilator, but well now.

"He came three months early," his mom said while waiting for the Saturday, April 30, March for Babies to start along Hines Drive. The couple are also parents to Ian, 12, her stepson.

This is the fourth year for their team, one of many to walk the flood-shortened route to benefit the March of Dimes. Other walks were held in nearby communities. Many walkers wore specially designed T-shirts in memory or honor of children, while some had photos affixed to their clothing.

The walkers were serenaded by the Ford Motor Co. Chorus, with Ford and the UAW as major event sponsors. At the chorus helm was Jon Drake of Redford, chorus director the past four years. The chorus began in 1944. Its first concert was the week of D-Day, he added. There are now about 30 members, including those from outside Ford.

"We do all these Ford charitable events," Drake said, adding that they'll perform at the Race for the Cure in Detroit Memorial Day weekend. "Ford's a major sponsor of that."

Jennifer Nyberg of Canton is 17 and a Canton High School junior.



CARRIE HALLIBURTON

The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth fed the March of Dimes crowd Saturday. Jim Walk of Livonia (in back) was committee chair for the effort.

"I'm here with Key Club, (a Kiwanis youth branch)," she said. "I just have so much fun. This is my third time, I believe."

Born about 1½ to 2 months early, Nyberg had some breathing difficulties as a newborn, but is fine now.

Feeding the throng fell to the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth, with Jim Walk of Livonia as committee chair. Members served hot dogs from the grill, chips, pop and water. About 18 Kiwanians helped, said Walk, an 11-year member.

The service club has helped the March of Dimes walk about 15 years.

"We love giving back to the community," Walk said. Work began that Friday night with unloading the truck. They had 2,000 hot dogs to grill.

"Anything that's left over will go to the Salvation Army and to Tonquish Manor, a senior facility in Plymouth," Walk said.

Fran Toney of Plymouth was among busy Kiwanians. She served as Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce director from 1989 to 2008, when she retired.

"I get to do things like this," Toney said with a smile. "It's wonderful."

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# Constant 'slash and burn' fits Einstein's insanity definition

BY MARK HORVATH  
GUEST COLUMNIST

Albert Einstein defined insanity as "doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results."

If you have been watching the budget process in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools over the past month you would have seen our school board doing the same thing and expecting different results.

The school board will readily admit that they have already spent several years "cutting" and they are now doing more of the same. While they take the same "slash and burn" approach they have unsuccessfully used over the past several years, perhaps they should consider Mr. Einstein's definition of insanity and try something different if they want a different result.

As a member of the elementary budget committee last year, we recommended a complete process audit of how the district does EVERYTHING that we use our school funding dollars to pay for. The intent



Mark Horvath

of this kind of audit is to clearly identify how all of the activities of an organization fit into its core mission.

This allows an organization to focus its resources and make optimal use of its dollars. Nowhere is the mission of an organization any clearer than public education, so you would think this is something our school board would embrace and engage in actively.

Undertaking this effort would return our focus to support of the classroom teacher and what is needed to educate children effectively. Instead, this suggestion was never seriously considered and written off in this year's budget discussion as an "efficiency audit" and something "for future discussion."

Rather than supporting our core mission and its classroom teachers, the school board is planning to cut teachers and reduce the effectiveness of its core mission.

## OPINION

At a time when our school board seems overwhelmed by their task, you would think they would be anxious to embrace new ideas and input from our community. Instead, they continue to meet infrequently and limit the time they use to dialogue with the public for new ideas.

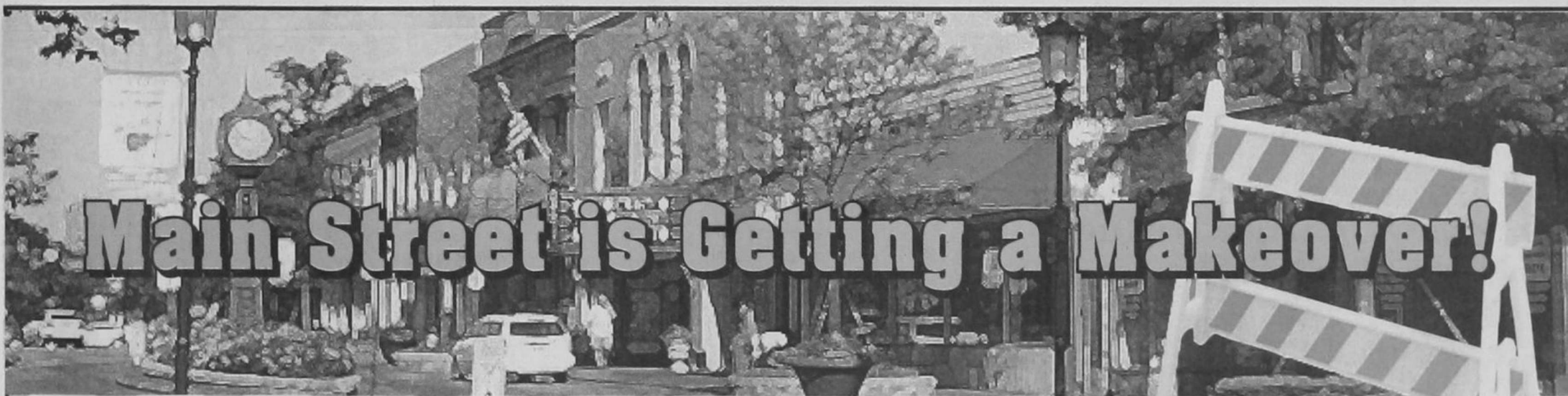
They use their limited public sessions to complain that they have already "cut a lot" and "there is not enough money" instead of seeking innovative ways to support our core mission and classroom teachers.

Shouldn't we be looking for new ways to accomplish our core mission rather than bragging about how much we have already cut by doing the same thing over and over?

I wonder what AI would say about our chances for success if we just keep doing the same thing?

Mark Horvath lives in Canton Township and is a former president of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education.

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MUSICIANS RECYCLE MATERIALS INTO HORNS, STRINGS AND PERCUSSION, B5

## Chiefs hang on, stop Mustangs

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Everything looked rosy for Canton after the Chiefs scored twice in the bottom of the sixth against visiting Northville in a KLAA cross-over varsity girls softball matchup.

Canton went up 6-2 with junior pitcher Alyssa Boucher looking to close out the win. But the Mustangs kept battling, scoring two runs and loading the bases with one out.

Making sure the game didn't slip away, senior shortstop and co-captain Carol Anne Sexauer encouraged her teammates to just take a collective deep breath.

The next batter, Suzanne Hasse, hit a soft liner to Sexauer, who confidently squeezed the second out. Freshman relief pitcher Hannah Warren — who took over with one out in the seventh — then finished off the 6-4 victory with a strikeout of Allie Chapekis.

"That's why it's important that we have practice every day," said Sexauer, about being able to remain composed in stressful situations. "Just going back to the basics and staying calm, because we know we've done it a million times before. We have to remind everyone just to relax."

Canton head coach Jim Arnold, whose squad improved to 9-0 overall, said his team "beared down" to finish the win. He also had kudos for Boucher and Warren.

"I thought Boucher pitched extremely well over the whole game," Arnold said. "I just wanted to have a new little look, so that's why I put the freshman pitcher in there."

The Chiefs helped the cause with a 13-hit attack, including a 3-for-3 effort from sophomore catcher Catherine Porter and two hits each from Sexauer, Boucher and senior Kaitlyn Mattson.

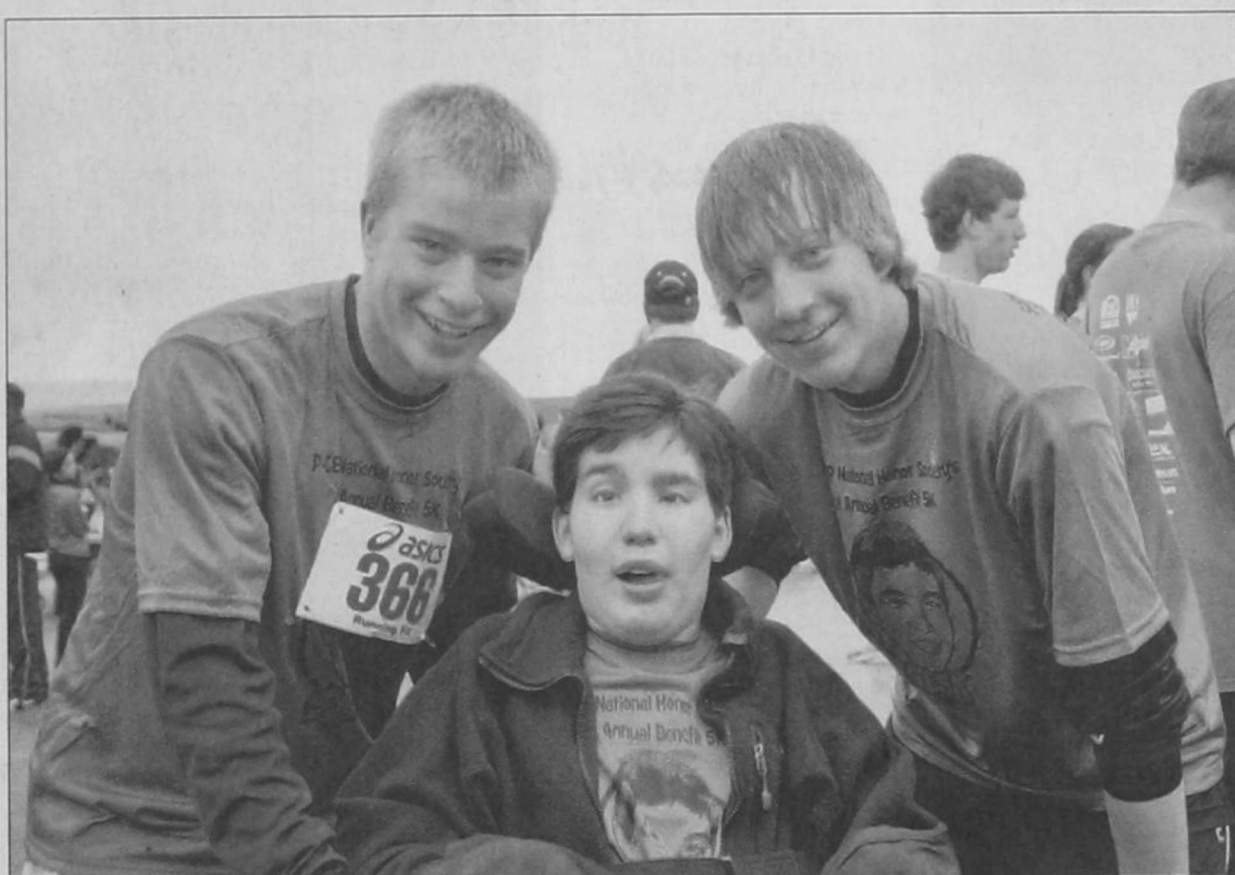
Northville also collected 13 hits, with three each from Jen Buckingham and Katie Fenech.

Canton fell behind 2-0 in the top of the first, but answered with one run in the bottom half. The Chiefs then tied the game 2-2 in the third and took a 4-2 edge with two more runs in the fourth.

With Boucher holding the fort, the lead grew to 6-2 in the sixth. Boucher singled and freshman courtesy runner Kaitlyn Keys went to second on a sacrifice bunt by senior Samantha Partain.

Porter singled Keys to third, with sophomore Jessica Webster entering to run for Porter. Senior Jesse Larner chipped in with a solid, RBI single to left for a 5-2 lead.

Please see **SOFTBALL, B2**



Showing their love and support for Jesse Lindlbauer (center) during Sunday's 5K run are Plymouth High School's John Etienne (left) and Justin Thompson.

## It's super run for 'Super' Jess

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth and Canton communities — and areas well beyond — have taken to the plight of Jesse Lindlbauer in a "super" way.

There's no better proof than Sunday's "Run for Super Jess" which will be followed on Saturday when Canton's varsity baseball team will play a benefit doubleheader.

People of all ages and from nearly 50 different communities came out on a cool, gray morning to serve up a bright ray of hope for Jesse, a 16-year-old Canton High School sophomore and former baseball player who is recovering from a brain abscess rupture.

More than 1,600 people took part in the 5K race at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, with another 170 signing up but not showing up due to the weather.

"I knew 1,600 people was a lot," said Tommy Halewicz of the PCEP National Honor Society, which hosted the run. "But it was some-

**'I never would've thought this run could grow as much as it did. I haven't stopped smiling since, it was incredible.'**

TOMMY HALEWICZ, Salem senior

thing very special seeing this group of supporters all together.

"... I never would've thought this run could grow as much as it did. I haven't stopped smiling since, it was incredible."

Halewicz, a senior at Salem High School, said approximately \$35,000 was generated by the race. All proceeds will go to the Lindlbauer family, to help defray mounting bills for physical and speech therapy.

Jesse lost his speech and movement due to the rupture, but he is working diligently to get those functions back.

Also participating in the run was Plymouth junior Justin Thompson, one of Jesse's teammates on the 2009 champion Canton Vipers.

"I am glad that I had the opportunity to participate in this run to help Jesse and his family because I played baseball with him for a few years and got to know him very well," Justin said. "He is a great kid and I want to do all I can do to help out."

Meanwhile, the Canton baseball twinbill (noon Saturday) against Kalamazoo Central is another way to help the cause.

There will be no admission price for the doubleheader, but people will be encouraged to buy concessions and raffle tickets with all money donated to the Lindlbauers.

Not to be left out, the "Super Jess Classic" will take place 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 22 on the Plymouth varsity baseball field between the Michigan Blue Jays and Plymouth Grizzlies. For more information about the June 22 event, call Joel Thompson (734) 634-4963 or e-mail him at jethome@comcast.net.

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Plymouth's No. 2 doubles team of Brittany Rose and Iulia Fratila were undefeated entering Tuesday's matchup against Grand Blanc in a KLAA crossover dual meet.

## Netters face crossover tests

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth varsity girls tennis coach Rob McLaren knew winning a division crown wasn't without some challenges.

For example, the KLAA South Division champion Wildcats on Tuesday faced the first of three other division leaders they will face in a string of crossover dual meets.

Host Plymouth lost 7-2 to Grand Blanc (Lakes Conference, West Division).

"We've got a handful with Grand Blanc," McLaren said. "That's one of the gifts that we get for winning our division, we have to play all the division winners. They're really strong."

Also at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park were a pair of third-place crossover meets — Canton-Milford and Salem-Walled Lake Central, with the Rocks winning 9-0.

Plymouth dropped all four singles flights in straight sets and the Bobcats also took honors in No. 1-3 doubles.

At No. 2 doubles, Plymouth seniors Brittany Rose and Iulia Fratila were defeated for the



Canton No. 2 singles player Janani Shanmuga focuses on her return shot.

first time this season.

Grand Blanc's Rachel Goyette and Hali MacMillan won that flight 6-2, 6-1.

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## Canton squad eyes Observerland crown

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

According to veteran Canton boys track and field coach Bob Richardson, Saturday's Observerland relays is about as good as it gets.

"This is my favorite meet of the year, along with regionals and the (KLAA) conference meet," Richardson said about the 41st Observerland Boys Track & Field Relays. "It's great, it's a twilight meet. The running events don't start until 7 p.m. and usually the place is packed."

"It's under the lights. It's not hard to get pumped up for that race."

Canton will be one of the favored teams at the Salem-hosted event, slated for Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. Field events will begin at 2 p.m., with prelims (6:30 p.m.) and finals (7 p.m.) to follow.

Defending champion Novi-Detroit Catholic Central figures to be at or near the top of the leader board again this year after finishing 53 points ahead of runners-up Farmington and Plymouth in the 2010 event held at Farmington High School.

The Falcons again should be in the mix, along with Farmington Hills Harrison and Livonia Stevenson.

**READY TO CHALLENGE**

"As usual, there are a num-

### OBSERVERLAND RELAYS

**What:** 41st Observerland Boys Track & Field Relays.

**When:** Saturday, May 7. Field events begin at 2 p.m.. Prelims for the 100-meter dash and 110 hurdles begin at 6:30 p.m.. Finals start at 7 p.m.

**Where:** Canton High School, 8415 Canton Center Road (just south of Joy Road).

**Competing schools:** Canton, Novi-Detroit Catholic Central (defending champion), Livonia Clarenceville, Farmington, Farmington Hills Harrison, Garden City, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Livonia Stevenson, Lutheran High Westland, North Farmington, Northville, Plymouth Christian Academy, Redford Union, Salem (host), Redford Thurston, Wayne Memorial, Westland John Glenn.

**Open events:** 110 hurdles, 1,600 run; 100 dash.

**Relay events:** shot put, discus, pole vault, high jump, long jump, 6,400 relay (4 x 1,600); distance medley, 800, 3,200, sprint medley, shuttle hurdles, 400, 1,600.

**Admission:** \$5 per person.

ber of teams that can compete for the Observerland title," said Scott Shaw, head coach for the Spartans. "There are

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## SIDELINES

### Alaniva sets mark

Canton senior Nick Alaniva did not let Tuesday's cool, windy weather hinder his efforts in the Chiefs' boys track and field dual meet against Wayne Memorial.

Alaniva set a new Canton school record in the pole vault, with a mark of 14-feet, 5.5 inches. That broke a two-year record held by Chris McGinnis (14-4).

"It was sprinkling and it was windy," Chiefs head coach Bob Richardson said. "And he still went 14-5.5. I was amazed. We're real proud of Nick Alaniva."

### Strike out cancer

Salem Baseball Boosters will host the second annual "Strike Out Prostate Cancer" benefit doubleheader on Saturday.

The twinbill between Salem and Plymouth starts at 11 a.m. One game will be played at each team's home field.

There will be raffles, baked goods and concessions to help raise money for the cause. Go to [www.salem-rocksbaseball.com](http://www.salem-rocksbaseball.com) for more information.

### Whalers prep for draft

In anticipation of Saturday's Ontario Hockey League Draft, Plymouth Whalers general manager and head coach Mike Vellucci this week announced the acquisition of five separate draft choices in a deal with the Belleville Bulls.

The Whalers acquired Sudbury's fifth round pick, their own fifth round pick, Peterborough's eighth round pick, Belleville's 11th round choice and Windsor's 15th round selection in Saturday's draft in exchange for Belleville's fourth round choice and Oshawa's fifth round selection.

"We wanted more draft choices for Saturday," Vellucci said. "We go from 10 choices on Saturday to 13."

The Whalers — who finished in sixth place in the Western Conference last season with a record of 36-26-2-4 — will select 11th overall in the first round of the Ontario Hockey League Draft, which will be held over the internet starting at 9 a.m. Saturday and can be followed online at [www.plymouthwhalers.com](http://www.plymouthwhalers.com).

The Whalers have made the OHL playoffs a current-record of 20 straight seasons and expect to have a strong team in 2011-12. Plymouth has just three players graduating from its current roster — Robbie Czarnik, James Livingston and Tyler Brown — and could have as many as seven National Hockey League draft choices returning next season.

Fans can see many of the new Whalers during the team's annual rookie orientation, which will be held May 21-22 at Computware Arena.

### Plymouth grid meeting

The Plymouth varsity football program will hold a mandatory meeting for prospective 2011 players and their parents, on Tuesday, May 17.

Those entering ninth grade will meet from 6-7:30 p.m. Other students (grades 10-12) will meet from 7:30-9 p.m.

Explained at the meetings will be team expectations while mandatory paperwork will be issued.

Wildcats head coach Mike Sawchuck is available to answer questions, (734) 765-1766. Information also is available at [www.plymouth-wildcats.com](http://www.plymouth-wildcats.com).





Plymouth's Brendan Swanson (No. 6) dives back to first base Monday, beating the throw to Novi first baseman Alex King.

## Plymouth wins battle of Wildcats

An unexpected trip to Novi paid off on Monday for Plymouth's varsity baseball team.

Because of unplayable field conditions at Plymouth's field, the teams moved the KLAA crossover meeting of Wildcats over to Novi.

And it was a happy outcome as Plymouth earned a 5-4 decision, with first baseman Tyler Goble scoring on a wild pitch for winning run in the bottom of the seventh.

Although Novi hosted the game, Plymouth (10-3 overall) still had last licks as the home team.

Goble reached first on an infield single to start the winning rally, and moved to third on a double by Jamarl Eiland.

Earning the win was Austin Ebeling, who threw a scoreless seventh in relief of starter Justin Thompson (five strikeouts in six innings).

Pacing the Plymouth offense with two hits each were Goble,

Eiland and Phil Emminger.

Plymouth was slated to face KLAA South rival Canton in a doubleheader on Wednesday. Both teams are at the top of the division standings.

**SALEM 8, FRANKLIN 5:** The Rocks (5-2, 4-1) scored four times in the top of the seventh Monday to beat Livonia Franklin (9-4, 2-3) in a Kensington Conference crossover.

Scott Devine delivered a 2-run double and Brett Ramirez followed with a 2-run single to pin the loss on Franklin reliever Dan Muller.

Franklin starter Josh Gorman went 6.1 innings, allowing five runs on six hits and seven walks. He struck out five.

Marcus Olind, who worked two scoreless innings, got the victory in relief of starter Tommy Rodriguez.

Matt Rowland and Devine each had two hits in the win.

Joe Barczuk went 3-for-3 and Justin Forrestall went 2-for-3 with two RBI for the Patriots.

## SOFTBALL

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### INSURANCE HELPS

Sexauer loaded the bases with a hit and Mattson's sacrifice fly to center brought in Webster for a 6-2 advantage.

Those tack-on runs proved huge because of Northville's subsequent rally in the seventh.

"We're looking all right," Arnold said. "There's some improvements we got to do, but because the weather's been bad we've been inside and can't work on a lot of things inside."

The coach might see wrinkles to iron out, but his team is definitely delivering the results.

For example, Canton won all five games at Saturday's Macomb Invitational to grab the tournament title.

Canton got past Utica Ford (2-1) before breaking out the bats for three-inning mercy wins over Warren Cousino (12-0) and Lapeer East (16-0). After defeating Clinton 6-1, Canton blanked Anchor Bay, 7-0, for the championship.

In the win over Cousino, Boucher pitched a no-hitter while Warren's home run against Anchor Bar helped the Chiefs build an insurmountable lead in the clincher.

This week will be just as busy. After playing Wednesday's twin-bill against Plymouth, the Chiefs will host Saturday's annual

Canton Softball Classic.

"There's eight quality teams, the competition is real tough," Arnold said. "It's anybody's game in that one."

Joining the Chiefs will be cross-campus rival Plymouth, Sterling Heights Stevenson, Belleville, Trenton, Tecumseh and defending Division 4 state champion Petersburg-Summerfield.

**FRANKLIN 4, SALEM 3:** Junior Katelyn Devers and senior Mariah Barcus provided the offensive punch Monday as host Livonia Franklin held off Salem in a KLAA Kensington Conference girls softball crossover, 4-3.

Devers went 4-for-4 with a double and RBI, while Barcus went 3-for-3 with two RBI as the Patriots improved to 5-4 overall.

Jessica Emery led off the bottom of the first inning with a double and four straight singles followed to spark a three-run uprising.

In the second inning, Colleen Mandrink walked, Devers double and Barcus singled for Franklin's fourth run.

Shortstop Chelsea Williams paced the defense with eight assists.

Junior Tiffany Lamble (4-2) scattered six hits, walked two and fanned two over seven innings to pick up the win.

Salem starter Heidi Schmidt allowed four runs on 11 hits and one walk over seven innings as the Rocks slipped to 1-3 overall.

## LOCAL SPORTS

# Hit crusade

## Baseball never gets old for Madonna's 'Gramps'

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If you take one of Matt Kay's nicknames literally, the sweet-swinging outfielder is not only a senior at Madonna University, he's a *senior citizen*.

"Last fall, a bunch of players on the baseball team would get together and bowl every Wednesday night," said Kay. "Before one game, I looked over at the score sheet, and they had taken my name off and replaced it with 'Gramps.'"

The good-natured jab was sparked by the 26-year-old Kay's advanced age for a college baseball player.

"My first year here, I was a 23-year-old sophomore," Kay said. "Some of the guys who had been around awhile would joke around and say, 'We're seniors and you're older than us.' I just took it all in stride. They only joke around with you if they like you."

If you believe Kay's other nickname, you'd think he's about as flexible as the metallic star of the *Wizard of Oz*.

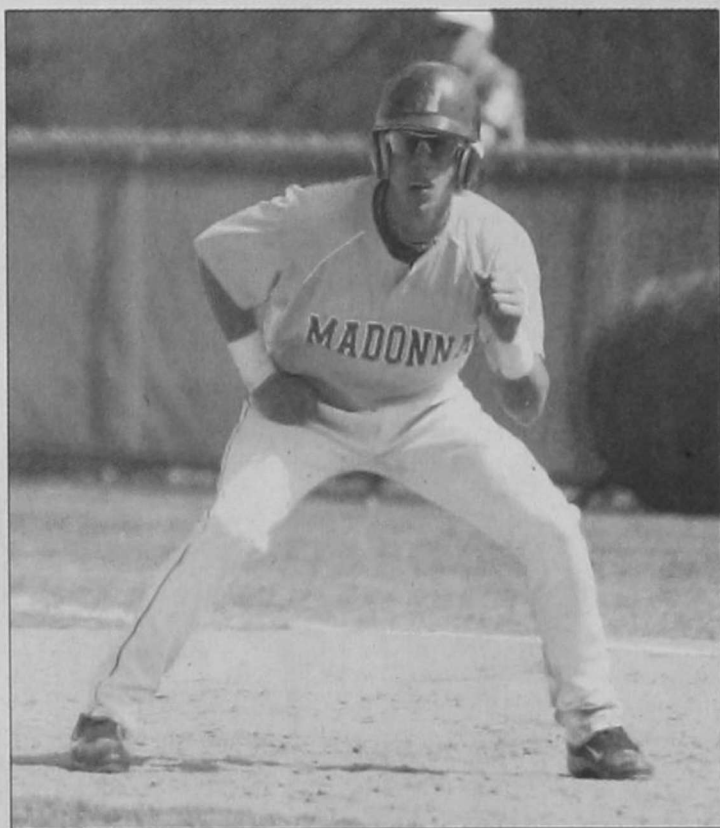
"At one of my first workouts at Madonna, they pulled out these giant rubber bands that they put around your waist when you run sprints," remembered Kay. "The bands offer resistance and build leg strength. I always considered myself a pretty good athlete, but I wasn't used to the strength-and-conditioning-type drills. In high school, we'd run a little bit, hit, field and go home."

"I guess I looked a little stiff out there, so one of our coaches — coach Faulkner — nicknamed me 'Tin Man.'"

Kay looks anything but old or stiff when he steps into the batter's box for the conference-champion Crusaders. Through April 29, the left-handed hitting machine had raked his way to a .345 batting average with eight home runs and 27 RBI from the clean-up spot in the batting order.

He was equally productive last season when he swatted 11 home runs and knocked in 48 runs on the way to earning First Team All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference honors.

Kay's path to college baseball stardom has been any-



Madonna University outfielder Matt Kay is heading into the homestretch of an extraordinary college baseball career. The senior has already clouted 33 home runs in just two-plus seasons with the Crusaders.

thing but ordinary, which makes his story that much more compelling.

"After I graduated from high school (Canton, Class of '03), I got a job with a furniture company, installing cubicles and stuff like that," said Kay. "I had bought a vehicle and I was prepared to work my way up at the company. I was ready for the real world and college baseball wasn't going to be a part of my future."

### ALL IN THE FAMILY

Given Kay's family tree, it's not surprising his diamond career has flourished.

His father, Jim, and older brother, Bryan, were both accomplished players who proved to be perfect role models for the youngest Kay boy.

"When I was young, I always wanted to be a better hitter than my brother," Kay said. "I always watched how he hit, what bat he was using."

"Growing up, we traveled around a lot to watch my dad play in baseball tournaments. When we got bored at the games, Bryan and I would go find an empty field and we'd pitch to each other. We'd take hundreds of swings at a time."

That's where I developed my hand-eye coordination."

Kay excelled at Canton, where he earned three varsity letters and achieved All-State status as a senior in the spring of 2003.

"We didn't really have a lot of knowledge about college-baseball recruiting back then; we didn't know the ropes, so I took a job at the furniture company and was ready to move on," he said.

### THE BIG BREAK

The following summer, while playing for the Michigan Bulls in the Livonia Wooden Bat League, Kay's sweet stroke was noticed by Henry Ford Community College baseball coach Jeff Child, who convinced him to enroll at the school and join the baseball team.

"I played one season at Henry Ford, but I ran out of money, so I went back to working full time," Kay said.

In the ensuing months, conversations with a few Madonna players he had met at Canton and while playing summer baseball stirred his interest in playing for the Crusaders.

### THE BOOK ON KAY

**Name:** Matt Kay  
**Age:** 26 (born on the 4th of July, 1984)  
**Hometown:** Canton  
**Parents:** Jim and Kay  
**Current status:** Senior at Madonna University majoring in fire science  
**Baseball accomplishments:** Following an All-State career at Canton High School, joined Madonna in spring of 2009 and has hit 33 career home runs in three seasons.

"I still had three years of eligibility and I could still hit, but the tuition was around \$10,000 a semester, so financially, I was in no position to go to school there," said Kay. "But (Madonna) coach (Greg) Haeger approached my parents during a summer-league game and talked to them about the possibility of playing at Madonna."

Over a year later — in the fall of 2008 — the 23-year-old sophomore attended the before-mentioned workout.

"I got a call around noon that the guys were getting together to work out," said Kay. "I was really itching to get out there. I was geeked to see if I still had it."

He did.

### FABULOUS FIRST IMPRESSION

In his first season at Madonna, the "Tin Man" blasted 14 home runs — the sixth-highest single-season total in the program's rich history — and won a gold glove for his play in right field.

Kay, who is well on his way to earning a degree in fire science, said he enjoys offering advice to his younger teammates.

"When I was young, I'd try to hit everything out during batting practice," he said. "Now, I try to work on different things in the cage: hitting the ball to the opposite field, things like that. I tell the younger guys that batting practice shouldn't be a home run derby."

Sage advice from the only 26-year-old around who answers to "Gramps."

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## Canton veterans school young Rocks

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

This has been a year of reunions as far as girls lacrosse players in the Park are concerned.

Such was the case again on Friday when Canton defeated Salem 10-5, in the latest matchup of first-year teams

### GIRLS LACROSSE

born out of the defunct PCS Lady Warriors.

Salem head coach Dave Medley, for example, watched two of his former top players with the Lady Warriors do serious damage against his current team.

Canton co-captains Lauren Allard and Sarah Coleman both started their prep careers with Medley as their coach.

It was a wistful night anyway, as it was Canton's Senior Night. Honored before the game were Allard, Coleman (both fourth-year players), third-year player Becca Majszak, second-year players Jordan Richter and Catrina Saylor and first-year player Paige Bishop.

"Our depth of experience really made the difference Friday night," Canton head coach Dave Bower said. "Salem

is a very young team, with 16 players who have been playing lacrosse for all of five weeks."

"We knew coach Medley would have his girls prepared, and we certainly were not going to overlook them, but most of our girls have multiple years of lacrosse experience under their belts, and it showed on the field."

Tallying three goals to lead all scorers was Canton's Stephanie Bower while Saylor and Richter celebrated Senior Night with two goals each.

Also scoring were Lauren Allard and Kaitlyn Allard.

Canton freshman goalie Melissa Neil got the win while Salem senior goalie Meghan Eldridge took the loss despite playing well — stopping a number of shots from her former Lady Warriors' teammates.

The Chiefs took a quick 4-0 lead and held an 8-3 edge at the intermission.

Scoring two goals for the

Rocks was Rose Krasofsky. Defender Leah Schrauben scored her first varsity goal while Alissa Amell and Kiersten Valla also put shots past Neil.

### MUTUAL RESPECT

"Canton has really improved their game," Medley said. "Their passing is very accurate and their kids seem to be coming together at the right time of the year."

Medley added that the Chiefs' experience was a key to the outcome.

"The Canton veteran team just really outplayed us and hats off to their progression."

Bower said Medley and the Rocks should take solace that "with the young athletes he has on that team I have no doubt that he will build Salem into a strong team in the very near future."

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## Late goal lifts Marian over Blazers

BY BRAD EMONS  
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Livonia Ladywood was a precious four seconds from pulling off a signature win Tuesday for its girls soccer program.

But the Blazers had to settle for a 3-3 draw with defending Division 2 state champion and top-ranked Birmingham Marian thanks to Martha Stevens' last-second goal off a restart following a handball call at the top of the box.

The perfectly placed shot gives the Marlins a 7-1-1 over-

all record and a 6-0-1 mark in the Catholic League.

Ladywood, ranked No. 7 in Division 2, is 8-1-4 overall and 3-1-3 in the league.

"I have been waiting all year for us to play the way we did today," said Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker, whose team fell to the Mustangs four times last season and once this year (3-0 on March 30).

Marian, which had a 45-game Catholic League winning streak dating back to 2008, jumped out to a 2-0 advantage on a pair of goals by Catherine Anger in the 30th minute

(header off a corner kick) and the 42nd minute (tap-in off a corner).

The Blazers cut the deficit to 2-1 in the 45th minute when Dominique Sarnecky scored off a restart on an assist from Catherine Garber.

In the 59th minute, Ladywood tied it at 2-all after Sarnecky dribbled to the end line and shot a pass to Paige Brennan, who one-timed the finish.

Sarnecky's second goal over the top to beat Marian goalkeeper Makenzie Larson made it 3-2 in the 65th minute (assisted by Brennan).

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**DUAL MEET RESULTS**  
**CANTON 118**  
**WAYNE MEMORIAL 19**  
**May 3 at Canton**  
**Shot put:** 1. Alex Marsh (C), 42 feet, 11 inches; 2. Banks (W), 42-1; 3. Marty Brudzinski (C), 40-1.  
**Discus:** 1. Ben Poirier (C), 121-0; 2. Banks (W), 112-0; 3. Brudzinski (C), 108-7.  
**High jump:** 1. Ben Spreitzer (C), 6-0; 2. (tie) Matt Schacht (C), 5-10; Zach Smilo (C), 5-10.  
**Long jump:** 1. Nick Alaniva (C), 19-2.25; 2. Smilo (C), 17-10; 3. Phillips (W), 17-5.25.  
**Pole vault:** 1. Alaniva (new Canton school record), 14-5.5; 2. Ryan Kilgore (C), 10-6; 3. Mitch Nickert (C), 9-6.  
**110-meter hurdles:** 1. Spreitzer (C), 15.8 seconds; 2. Drake Hogan (C), 18.8; 3. Newborn (W), 19.3.  
**300 hurdles:** 1. Newborn (W), 46.6; 2. Kurt Kowalski (C), 48.5; 3. Mitch Pepper (C), 48.6.  
**100 dash:** 1. Ryan Jones (C), 11.3; 2. Kevin Buford (C), 11.7; 3. Demetre Lopez (C), 11.8.  
**200:** 1. Colby Morris (C), 23.7; 2. Scott Piowar (C), 24.6; 3. Lopez (C), 24.6.  
**400:** 1. Buford (C), 53.0; 2. Schacht (C), 53.7; 3. Sapan Patel (C), 55.0.  
**800:** 1. Shean Krollicki (C), 2:11.2; 2. Austin Golles (C), 2:12.6; 3. Keegan Sullivan (C), 2:14.7.  
**1,600:** 1. Bradon Conley (C), 4:53.4; 2. Jeff

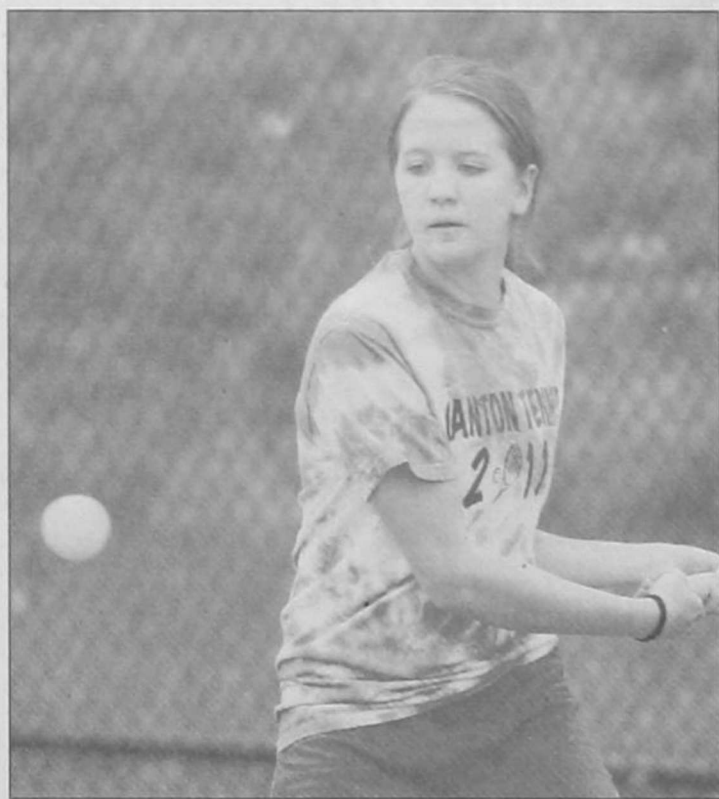
Molchan (C), 4:54.3; 3. Malcolm (W), 4:57.5.  
**3,200:** 1. Malcolm (W), 10:55.9; 2. Zach Cox (C), 11:09.9; 3. Evan Paputa (C), 12:11.1.  
**400 relay:** 1. Canton (Piowar, Alaniva, Lopez, Jones), 46.9; 2. Wayne, 48.4.  
**800 relay:** 1. Canton (Jones, Piowar, Josh Nolen, Buford), 1:40.1; 2. Wayne, 1:41.2.  
**1,600 relay:** 1. Canton (Krollicki, Golles, Tyler Winningham, Sullivan), 3:51.6; 2. Wayne, 3:57.7.  
**3,200 relay:** 1. Canton (Pepper, Owen Ash, Paputa, Jaraad Huq), 9:51.6; 2. Wayne, 10:16.8.  
**Dual meet records:** Canton, 6-0 overall, 4-0 in KLAA South Division; Wayne, 0-4 KLAA South.  
**LIVONIA CHURCHILL 88.5**  
**PLYMOUTH 48.5**  
**May 2 at Churchill**  
**Shot put:** 1. Blake Padgett (LC), 49 feet, 3 inches; 2. Paulin Chateau (LC), 45-7; 3. Brian Bibik (LC), 42-7.  
**Discus:** 1. Ryan Hall (LC), 137-9; 2. Chateau (LC), 130-7; 3. Jeremy Atkins (LC), 122-6.  
**High jump:** 1. Matt Szuba (LC), 5-7; 2. Chad Evans (LC), 5-5; 3. (tie) Matt Windle (LC) and Billy Roberts (P), 5-0 each.  
**Long jump:** 1. Carl Rayford (LC), 18-2.5; 2. Andy Bihn (P), 17-7.5; 3. Zach Zoltowski (LC), 16-3.75.  
**Pole vault:** 1. Rayford (LC), 12-6; 2. Bihn (P), 12-0; 3. Alex Ryktarszyk (LC), 11-0.  
**110-meter hurdles:** 1. Doug Deykes (P), 16.7; 2. Daniel Edgerton (P), 16.8; 3. Szuba

(LC), 17.3.  
**300 hurdles:** 1. Deykes (P), 43.1; 2. Zoltowski (LC), 44.6; 3. Kenzel Jefferson (LC), 46.6.  
**100 dash:** 1. Nate Motta (LC), 11.9; 2. Lucas Bunting (P), 11.95; 3. Stephen Bank (LC), 12.2.  
**200:** 1. Motta (LC), 24.7; 2. Andrew McEwen (LC), 25.0; 3. M. Windle (LC), 25.9.  
**400:** 1. Bunting (P), 54.27; 2. McEwen (LC), 55.6; 3. Patrick Tremel (LC), 57.5.  
**800:** 1. Ryan Wise (LC), 2:04.8; 2. Stephen Balaze (P), 2:08.4; 3. Evan Johnson (P), 2:09.5.  
**1,600:** 1. Tom Windle (LC), 4:45.1; 2. Stephen Charnley (LC), 4:47.4; 3. Brandon Dalton (P), 4:49.9.  
**3,200:** 1. Joe Porcari (P), 10:38.0; 2. T. Windle (LC), 10:39.0; 3. Derek Gielarowski (P), 10:41.0.  
**400 relay:** 1. Churchill (Motta, Malik Johnson, Jahmon Maton, Banks), 48.2; 2. Plymouth, no time available; **800 relay:** 1. Churchill (Motta, McEwen, Bank, M. Windle), 1:38.4; 2. Plymouth, 1:45.6; **1,600 relay:** 1. Plymouth (Max Rogowski, Gielarowski, Balaze, Porcari), 3:42.9; 2. Churchill, 3:43.6; **3,200 relay:** 1. Plymouth (Deykes, Bunting, Johnson, Roberts), 8:35.8; 2. Churchill, 8:37.8.  
**Dual meet records:** Churchill, 2-2 overall, 2-2 KLAA South Division; Plymouth, 1-3 overall, 1-3 KLAA South Division.

TENNIS

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The Wildcats did score a couple wins in doubles play. Junior Erin MacKenzie and sophomore Marlowe Susselman tallied a 7-5, 6-4 win over Anissa Ciani and Carly Fockler. Then at No. 4 doubles, seniors Molly Hudgins and Laura Schmid outlasted Grand Blanc's Madisyn Olivo and Haley Harasim by a 4-6, 6-1, 6-2 score. Despite the defeat, McLaren said he looking forward to the challenge of playing other top teams. "We're really excited that we won our division, and that was our goal," he emphasized. "Win the division and then take one match at a time in the crossovers. "We knew we'd be playing some really tough teams, but we knew we were going to have a good season and we were going to compete no matter what."



Canton No. 1 singles player Taylor Eppler competes on Tuesday in a conference crossover dual meet against Milford.

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD RESULTS

**DUAL MEET RESULTS**  
**CANTON 112**  
**WAYNE MEMORIAL 25**  
**May 3 at Canton**  
**Shot put:** 1. Hart (W), 27 feet, 11 inches; 2. Brittany Granowicz (C), 21-9; 3. Kaylie Lobb (C), 21-8.  
**Discus:** 1. Lobb (C), 76-3; 2. Hart (W), 74-6; 3. Granowicz (C), 63.4.  
**High jump:** 1. Lindsay Lipa (C), 5-0; 2. Boertje (W), 4-3; 3. Chelsea Carmody (C), 4-3.  
**Long jump:** 1. Jordan Clark (C), 15-0; 2. Meah Long (W), 14-1.5; 3. Carolyn Benner (C), 13-11.5.  
**Pole vault:** 1. Emily Lang (C), 9-9; 2. Bridget Alaniva (C), 6-3; 3. Lopez (W), no mark available).  
**100-meter hurdles:** 1. Lewis (W), 17.59 seconds; 2. Gabby Williams (C), 18.28; 3. Marina Milad (C), 18.43.  
**300 hurdles:** 1. Milad (C), 52.81; 2. Williams (C), 53.53; 3. Boertje (W), 57.43.  
**100 dash:** 1. Clark (C), 12.03; 2. Lipa (C), 12.97; 3. Robyn Piowar (C), 13.1.  
**200:** 1. Clark (C), 24.75; 2. Piowar (C), 27.37; 3. Long (W), 27.79.  
**400:** 1. Clark (C), 1:03.19; 2. Robins (W), 1:06.57; 3. Rachel Martin (C), 1:06.59.  
**800:** 1. Katie Grimes (C), 2:39.69; 2. Chelsea Smith (C), 2:41.32; 3. Cathy Huang (C), 2:41.94.

**1,600:** 1. Bianca Kubicki (C), 5:28.41; 2. Jessica Siegler (C), 5:56.5; 3. Ellen Grimes (C), 6:23.68.  
**3,200:** 1. Kubicki (C), 11:53.0; 2. Siegler (C), 13:15.22; 3. E. Grimes (C), 13:55.0.  
**400 relay:** 1. Canton, 53.19; **800 relay:** 1. Canton, 1:54.06; 2. Wayne, 1:54.68; **1,600 relay:** 1. Canton, 4:31.31; **3,200 relay:** 1. Canton, 11:08.8; 2. Wayne, 12:29.7.  
**Dual meet records:** Canton, 1-2 KLAA South Division; Wayne Memorial, 0-4 KLAA South.  
**LIVONIA CHURCHILL 100**  
**PLYMOUTH 37**  
**May 2 at Churchill**  
**Shot put:** 1. Mahogany Miller (LC), 33 feet, 9 inches; 2. Williams (P), 30-2; 3. Megan Ling (LC), 29-9.  
**Discus:** 1. Ling (LC), 99-3; 2. Emily Norscia (LC), 98-2; 3. Johnson (P), 90-3.  
**High jump:** 1. Senclair McDonnell (LC), 5-3; 2. Ashley Cochran (LC), 4-10; 3. Taylor Rieckhoff (P), 4-8.  
**Long jump:** 1. Leah Heinzelman (LC), 15-10; 2. Becka Knox (P), 15-4.75; 3. Reagan Engstrom (P), 15-0.  
**Pole vault:** 1. (P), no mark available); 2. Lindsey Kreutzman (LC), NMA; 3. (P), NMA.  
**100-meter hurdles:** 1. Paige Farnstrom (LC), 18.3; 2. Sarah Jakubowski (LC), 18.4; 3. Sharon McCall (LC), 19.1.

**300 hurdles:** 1. Molly Jarvis (LC), 48.4; 2. Jessica Fedrigo (LC), 53.6; 3. Jakubowski (LC), 53.8.  
**100 dash:** 1. Heinzelman (LC), 13.0; 2. Demi Crossman (LC), 13.1; 3. Lindsey Russell (P), 13.4.  
**200:** 1. Madi Lewis (P), 26.1; 2. Heinzelman (LC), 27.6; 3. Crossman (LC), 28.3.  
**400:** 1. Lewis (P), 1:02.8; 2. Sydney Anderson (LC), 1:03.4; 3. Knox (P), 1:04.1.  
**800:** 1. Bethany Pilat (LC), 2:31.5; 2. Kerigan Riley (LC), 2:35.4; 3. Kyra Neumann (P), 2:49.9.  
**1,600:** 1. Pilat (LC), 5:25.3; 2. Riley (LC), 5:33.9; 3. Traitses (P), 5:43.8.  
**3,200:** 1. Megan McFarland (LC), 12:43.0; 2. Sophie Roberts (P), 13:33.0; 3. Kristen Gilley (LC), 28.3.  
**400 relay:** 1. Churchill (Crossman, Cochran, Ajnia Jackson, Latasha Smalls), 52.8; 2. Plymouth, 54.5; **800 relay:** 1. Plymouth, 1:48.3; 2. Churchill, 1:50.3; **1,600 relay:** 1. Churchill (Anderson, Jarvis, Julia Szuba, McDonnell), 4:18.6; 2. Plymouth, 4:19.8; **3,200 relay:** 1. Churchill (Anderson, Riley, Vivien Okechukwu, Pilat), 10:01.9; 2. Plymouth, 10:14.0.  
**Dual meet records:** Churchill, 3-1 overall, 3-1 KLAA South Division; Plymouth, 2-2 overall, 2-1 KLAA South.

**CANTON KUDOS**  
Canton head coach Barb Lehmann, like McLaren, said the KLAA crossovers are a good way for teams to gauge how they stack up against a range of opponents. "It's good to play the divisions," Lehmann said, "people that we know and see on a regular basis. "But the crossovers expose the players to different styles and different abilities. It also gives a really good match to every team across the board." Although results from the Canton-Milford meet were not available as of press time, Lehmann said the team — and several individuals in particular — have shown progress.

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a number of schools that are strong in certain areas and maybe not as strong in others because of depth." Both Richardson and Shaw stressed that teams that can secure third- through sixth-place points will have an excellent chance to be there at the end. "You've got to score in lots and lots of events," Richardson said. "If you get blanked somewhere, it (Observerland title) probably won't happen. "But you just need to score, even if it's fifth place, score in every event or close to it." Richardson's Chiefs have had a strong start to the season (4-0 in the KLAA South Division) and feature a deep, talented roster. Canton features strong contenders across the board — such as Nick Alaniva (pole vault, long jump), Ben Spreitzer (high jump, hurdles),

Ben Poirier (discus) and Alex Marsh (shot put). The Chiefs also will look to score in relay events, paced by speedsters Ryan Jones, Kevin Buford and Josh Nolen. Top distance guys, including Bradon Conley, Jeff Molchan, Austin Golles and Charlie Steslick, also should help Canton's cause. Stevenson distance runners Matt Williams, Joe Urso and Adam Chludzinski should give their team a lift.

**DEPTH IS KEY**  
According to Kyle Meteyer, coach of the host Salem Rocks, his squad has outstanding athletes. But a lot would have to go right for his team to make a serious run. "Our team will compete well in all events," Meteyer said. "But we frankly don't have the depth we need in some areas to be a team that is likely to win the entire meet." Plymouth head coach Jon Mikosz said the Wildcats "are not as deep as we were last year but we can still be com-

petitive in a few events." Although there will be open events (110 hurdles, 1,600 run, 100 dash), the relays are where it's at for the 19 participating teams. And there will be a number of relay events that are not part of standard dual meet fare. For example, the invite includes relays in the shot put, discus, pole vault, high jump, long jump, sprint medley, distance medley and shuttle hurdles. Other events include the 800, 3,200, 400, 1,600 and 4 x 1,600-meter relays. Schools from all over the Observerland coverage area will be at PCEP. Other participants will include Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Livonia Clarenceville, North Farmington, Westland John Glenn, Wayne Memorial, Garden City, Redford Thurston, Redford Union, Plymouth Christian Academy, Lutheran High Westland and Northville.

Stevenson's Marsh scores hole-in-one

Nick Marsh's hole-in-one highlighted Livonia Stevenson's third-place finish in Saturday's Pinckney Invitational boys golf tournament held at Rush Lake Hills. Marsh used a pitching wedge from 131 yards out on the par-3 No. 13 hole. He finished 12th overall with an 18-hole round of 77. Host Pinckney captured the 22-school field with a four-player total of 305 followed by Ann Arbor Huron (309), Stevenson (315), South Lyon (318), Howell (318), Tecumseh (319), Birmingham Seaholm (320), Novi (320) and Novi-Detroit Catholic Central (322). Other Stevenson individual finishers included Dante Cicchelli, sixth (75); Adam Giordano, 28th (79); Cam Tetrault and Nick Barr, tied for 59th (84 each). Seaholm's Francesco

Ruffino shot a 66 to take individual medalist honors.  
**DUAL MATCH RESULTS**  
**SALEM 161**  
**LIVONIA STEVENSON 164**  
**May 3 at Fox Creek**  
**Salem scorers:** Eric Duprey, 39; Josh Perrin and Mike Danis, 40 each; Austin Strabay, 42; Brandon Duprey and Brian Patterson, 44 each.  
**Stevenson scorers:** Adam Giordano, 39; Nick Marsh, 41; Cam Tetrault, Dante Cicchelli and Nick Barr, 42 each; Marco Yaquinto, 49.  
**Dual match records:** Salem, 1-1 overall, 1-1 KLAA Central Division; Stevenson, 2-1 overall, 2-1 KLAA Central.  
**LIVONIA STEVENSON 148**  
**SOUTH LYON EAST 163**  
**May 2 at Links of Novi (East)**  
**Stevenson scorers:** Adam Giordano, 1-under 33 (medalist); Dante Cicchelli, 35; Conner Humitz, 39; Austin Harris, 41; Nick Collins and Nick Marsh, 42 each.  
**South Lyon East scorers:** Bryan Hawkins, 37; Conner Kiuisto, Eric Carhsio and Matt Sherry, 42 each; Robert Costanza and Zack French, 45 each.  
**Dual match records:** Stevenson, 2-0 overall, 2-0 KLAA Central Division; South Lyon East, 0-3 overall, 0-3 KLAA Central.

**LIVONIA FRANKLIN 168**  
**WAYNE MEMORIAL 185**  
**May 2 at Idyl Wyld**  
**Franklin scorers:** Drake Hermann and Brandon Kozyn, 41 each; Brian Bekkula and Frank Wilson, 43 each; Doug Nagy, 44; Jon Holmes, 46.  
**Wayne scorers:** Zach Williamson, 40 (medalist); Jarret Williamson, 47; Austin St. Peter, 48; Corey Robbins, 50; Chris Smith, 54; Shane Schooley, 58.  
**Dual match records:** Franklin, 2-1 overall, 2-1 KLAA South Division; Wayne, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAA South.  
**LIVONIA FRANKLIN 175**  
**CANTON 182**  
**April 26 at Hilltop G.C.**  
**Franklin scorers:** Brian Bekkula, 39 (medalist); Jon Holmes, 44; Drake Hermann and Frank Wilson, 46 each; Brandon Kozyn, 49; Doug Nagy, 55.  
**Canton scorers:** Justin Legel and Frank Parzynski, 44 each; Brandon Laabs and Alex Champagne, 47 each; Jox Maxam, 50; Brent Perry, 53.  
**Dual match records:** Franklin, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAA South Division; Canton, 1-1 overall, 1-1 KLAA South.

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**COMETTO, MARILYN SUELLEN**

Age 69, of Plymouth, passed away on May 1, 2011. Born in Detroit to parents Alvin and Donelda Sass. Moved to California and became a well respected horse trainer and then moved back to Plymouth after her retirement. Loving sister of Dale Sass and his wife Idelle Hamond-Sass and George (Leslie) Sass. Dear aunt of Katherine (Chris) Slicker, Jennifer (Brett) Fry and Casey Sass. Great aunt of Matthew Slicker, Madison and Kaitlin Fry. Also survived by her uncle Ron Stanton and his partner David Martindale and by aunts Eldora Waters and Donna Jean (Carl) Seely and last but not least her beloved dog Hershall. Suellen was a accomplished artist and gardner. Services were held on Wednesday, May 4, 2011 from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth. She will be buried next to her parents at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the American Diabetes Association. Share memories at [schrader-howell.com](http://schrader-howell.com)



**SHOWERMAN, ELIZABETH J. "JANE"**

Of Northville. Jane was born July 13, 1927 in Howell, MI; died May 2, 2011, at the age of 83. She graduated Howell High School before moving to Washington D.C. where she worked at the Pentagon. She was married to Donald Joseph Showerman for 49 years. They owned and operated Showerman's Party Store, in Livonia, for over 30 years and then moved to Glen Lake. Friends remember her as a sharp businesswoman, loving mother and grandmother, with a kind heart. Jane enjoyed reading, crosswords, and puzzles and was a fan of all the Detroit sports teams. She was active in her church and had a very strong family orientation. Jane was preceded in death by her husband, Donald, in 1998; son, Mark, in 2009; and her siblings. Surviving are her daughters, Kay (Leonard) Zuckerman and Pam (Brian) Fazio; sons, David (Bonnie) Showerman and Paul (Cheryl) Showerman; 12 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Jane King, Ruth (Jack) Borden and Irene Showerman. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, May 6, 2011, at 11 a.m. at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church, Leelanau Highway/M-22, Empire, MI. The Rite of Committal will follow in St. Philip Neri Catholic Cemetery, Empire. The family will receive friends at the church 1-hour prior to the service. Those desiring may make contributions to the American Heart Association, Memorials and Tributes Lockbox, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL, 60674, in memory of Elizabeth "Jane" Showerman. The family is being served by the Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes, East Lansing. Online condolences may be sent to [gorslineruncimaneastlansing.com](http://gorslineruncimaneastlansing.com)

**SPENCER, MARION G.**

Carsonville- Marion G. Spencer, age 91, a resident of Carsonville passed away unexpectedly at her home on Wednesday April 27, 2011. She was born on February 19, 1920 in Detroit a daughter of the late Henry and Ella (Engelhardt) Hamel. Marion was preceded in death by her husband Marshall Spencer. Marion was a retired school teacher from the Farmington Hills District after 30 years of teaching. She was a beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend to many. Per Marion's wishes there will be no services. Memorials in memory of Marion may be made to St. John Lutheran Church in Port Sanilac. Arrangements were by the Pomeroy Funeral Home in Carsonville.

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# Churches offer prayer, resources at festival

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Everything from clothing to food to music and games will be free at Blessfest, Saturday, May 7, at Handy Park, 26650 Capitol, in Redford.

"We'll have three big jumpers for the kids. Forgotten Harvest is providing 7,000 pounds of food for families in need. We'll have a clothing tent. We're going to have a few haircutters and several different bands," said Kurt Gendjar, a Redford resident. "We'll have a whole area with kids games. We'll have a host of ministries and we'll have a prayer tent where people sit with experienced ministers."

"Our main focus is to give people what they need and figure out what their needs are to help in the future."

Gendjar helped found the Christian Alliance of Redford, which consists of 15 churches that have signed up to participate in the Everyone A Chance to Hear (E.A.C.H.) initiative led by the Rev. Bob Shirock at Oak Pointe Church in Novi.

"We're trying to reach 3.5 million people with good works and good news for 40 days. It started Easter Sunday," Gendjar said, describing the E.A.C.H. mission. Planning for the evangelistic campaign began in October 2010. Churches and faith organizations signed up on the each-

today.com website, pledging their involvement, networking with other churches and training members for the "Gospel saturation campaign" that will end June 3.

When Gendjar discovered that only four Redford churches had signed up, he prayed and then "started making calls" and rounded up 11 more to create the Christian Alliance of Redford.

"I really enjoyed partnering with the other churches in Redford," said minister Deborah Hayes of El Bethel Church. "So often we stand on our own and work around our own community, but it's been great to partner up with other denominations, as well, and come to one common ground."

She hopes Blessfest will become an annual event. Gendjar said the Redford churches that are involved in E.A.C.H. want to continue spreading the Gospel message and good works locally after the 40-day campaign ends.

Blessfest runs noon to 5 p.m. In addition to food, clothing, games, music and haircuts, visitors can receive referrals to the E.A.C.H. dental and medical vans that will be stationed from 9:40 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. May 11 and 12 in Claude Allison Park, 18250 Beech Daly.

Hot dogs, beverages and chips also will be served.

## RELIGION CALENDAR

Send calendar items to Sharon Dargay at [sdargay@hometownlife.com](mailto:sdargay@hometownlife.com). Feel free to include relevant photos as attached jpgs. Or mail items to Dargay, Observer, 615 Lafayette, level 2, Detroit, MI 48226.

**MAY 5-11**

**Clothing bank**  
**Time/Date:** 5-6:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 11  
**Location:** Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton  
**Details:** Free clothing and shoes to anyone in need  
**Contact:** (734) 927-6686 or (734) 404-2480

**Grief class**  
**Time/Date:** 6:30-8 p.m. six Wednesdays, beginning May 11  
**Location:** First United Methodist Church of Birmingham, 1589 W. Maple, between Southfield and Cranbrook in Birmingham  
**Details:** Life After Loss: A Journey Through Grief is a six-session grief class for people who have experienced the loss of a loved one. They'll explore the various stages

of grief and the various techniques for coping with grief, working through grief, and even growing through grief. Register with Bev Richardson by Friday, May 6, at [brichardson@fumbirmingham.org](mailto:brichardson@fumbirmingham.org) or call her at (248) 646-6407 Ext. 3156, by Friday, May 6  
**Contact:** The church office is (248) 646-1200

**Health seminar**  
**Time/Date:** 1-5 p.m. May 7  
**Location:** Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville  
**Details:** The class will first focus on overcoming limitations in the mind that act as an obstacle to health. Chris Niedzinski will give practical guidance on results-oriented exercise, nutrition, limiting toxicity and balancing hormones, taking proper care of body structure and function, managing stress and building peace. Register at [Wardchurch.org](http://Wardchurch.org)  
**Contact:** (248) 374-7400

**Rummage sale**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 5-6  
**Location:** Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

**Details:** Bargains galore. Clothing, housewares, gifts and more. Bake sale, too  
**Contact:** (734) 427-3660

**Rummage sale**  
**Time/Date:** 5-8 p.m. Thursday, May 5, is presale; regular sale is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, May 6, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 7  
**Location:** Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia  
**Details:** Presale admission is \$2 per adult. Saturday everything is half price  
**Contact:** (734) 422-0149

**MAY 12-18**

**Breakfast**  
**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m. to noon, Sunday, May 15  
**Location:** St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland  
**Details:** All you can eat French toast, pancakes, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, juice and milk. Sponsored by St. Theodore Men's Club. \$3 adults, \$1.50 for children, 2-10  
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## Musicians recycle materials into horns, strings and percussion

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

When Daniel Boone Daniel fills his second-hand tea pot with water, he's ready to make music.

When he brings out a washboard, he's thinking rhythm, not soap suds.

And his saw? You'll hear it sing before you see it cut any wood.

Daniel and his band members in the Deep Fried Pickle Project, can coax a melody from stuff found lying around the house, going for pennies at rummage sales and in heated bidding wars on Ebay.

"I have a really great enamel tea pot I found at a garage sale. I fill it with a little water and I have a mouth piece. I play it. It sounds like a drowning duck, but one that can play melodies," Daniel said.

He promises to have it on hand when the band plays the Green Street Fair in downtown Plymouth this weekend. The band also will teach kids how to make their own homemade instruments, possibly some "singing straws" and kazoo's, out of recyclable materials.

"We might build some sort of percussion instrument. We'll have to wait and see what else is up our sleeve," Daniel said.

### PARADE

The *Observer & Eccentric* is a sponsor of the Green Street Fair, which will run noon-7 p.m. Friday, May 6, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, May 7 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, May 8. Two Deep Fried Pickle Project members, Daniel and Alan Selvidge, along with Daniel's son, Max, who often plays with the band at children's shows, will perform from noon-1 p.m. Saturday and from 12:30-1:30 Sunday on the Eco-Beats stage.

The instrument building play shops will run from 1:30-3 p.m. Saturday and 10-11:45 a.m. Sunday. Daniel and Selvidge will show kids how to play the colorful instruments that they'll use to lead the Mother's Day parade from noon-12:30 p.m. on Sunday. Festival attendees may bring their own noisemakers, pans, bells, drums and pots, along with decorated tricycles and bikes to participate in the parade.

"It will be a blast. It gets kids involved and they feel a part of what's going on," Daniel said, explaining why the group teaches instrument-building. "A lot of the festivals we play are jam band festivals. The children need a good musical experience, too. They learn something about music and they are able to have some ownership in what is going on."

### ARTISTIC MUSICIANS

The children's workshops come easily to both men, who both teach art in Coloma Community



The Deep Fried Pickle Project makes music from jugs, washboards, saws, tea pots, boxes and even the occasional manufactured instrument, such as the banjo.



Daniel Boone Daniel plays the saw for guests at a music festival.

Schools, northeast of Benton Harbor. They play jug band style music when they can during the school year and extensively during the summer.

"We have a lot of fun and we joke around a lot. We don't take ourselves too seriously and that has worked pretty well for us. We've been able to travel all over the country, play cool places and take our families on adventures."

They've been on a Bravo network and appeared in an episode of the PBS animated show *Postcards from Buster*, in addition to playing festivals nationwide.

About 80 percent of their instruments are homemade and most of the tunes are original. They play cover songs in "old time style" with a 20s- or 30s-era twist.

In addition to tea pot, Daniel makes music on washtub bass, washboard, jugs and flamingo and swan yard ornaments. Selvidge turned a cookie tin into a "canjo," which is played like a banjo and he is building a guitar out of a box that will replace his manufactured guitar.

"There is a lot of trial and error. My approach is different than Alan's. He is a perfectionist and spends time and money finding the perfect box," Daniel said. "It pays off. It looks great. All of my stuff is duct taped and bolted on."

Deep Fried Pickle Project fans will recognize favorites like *Pickle Juice* and *Rubber Legged Jim* when the group performs at Green Street Fair. A few lucky audience members will be invited on stage during *Rubber Legged Jim* to



Youngsters work on homemade musical instruments at a music festival. The Deep Fried Pickle Project will lead a similar workshop at the upcoming Green Street Fair in Plymouth.

play a percussion instrument "made out of his leg" while the rest of the audience sings "argh, argh" during the pirate-inspired tune. They'll also play songs from their new children's CD.

For more about the Green Street Fair visit [www.green-streetfair.com](http://www.green-streetfair.com)

## Event benefits Penn Theatre

The sixth annual "PENNdemonium" Dinner Auction will celebrate the Penn Theatre's 70th anniversary, 6-11 p.m. Friday, May 13, at the Meeting House Grand Ballroom, 499 S. Main, Plymouth.

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Tickets are \$75 and proceeds benefit the Friends

of the Penn. Tickets must be purchased in advance. They're available by e-mailing to [tickets@friendsofthepenn.org](mailto:tickets@friendsofthepenn.org), stopping by the Penn Box Office during movie hours or by calling (734) 453-0870.

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**Location:** 215 W. Cady, Northville  
**Details:** Annual Northville High School Senior Class Art Exhibition  
**Contact:** (248) 344-0497 or [www.northvillearts.org](http://www.northvillearts.org)  
**VAAL**  
**Time/Date:** Through May 27; awards presentation and reception 7-8 p.m. Thursday, May 5  
**Location:** Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive  
**Details:** Visual Arts Association of ivonia (VAAL) presents its spring art exhibit, "Artistic Expressions." The exhibit will feature the art work of VAAL members in watercolor, acrylic, oil, pastel, mixed media and more. Show juror is Leslie Masters of the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center.  
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**Time/Date:** Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings  
**Location:** 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield  
**Details:** Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday  
**Contact:** (248) 348-2420 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)  
**Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia**  
**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Mondays,



## Off to see the wizard

Forever After Productions' cast rehearse a scene from the "Wizard of Oz" in preparation for shows May 19-25 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. Performance times are 7 p.m. Thursday, May 19, Friday, May 20 and Sunday, May 22 and 2 p.m. Saturday, May 21. Shows at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 21 and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 22 have sold out. Tickets are \$15 and available from the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5460 or at [www.ForeverAfterProductions.com](http://www.ForeverAfterProductions.com) or at the door. The Village Theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill, at Ridge Road. Forever After Productions is a youth theater company for children and young adults ages 6-21. Upcoming shows include Improv Off the Hook, June 10-12 and Disney's "Camp Rock The Musical" July 22-31. The 2011-2012 season includes Disney's "Aladdin" in November, "Little Women" in December, and "Grease" in January 2012.

open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays  
**Location:** 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Mike Green, May 4-7; Rob Little, May 11-14; Drew Thomas, May 18-21; Jef Brenan, May 25-28; Carlos Mencia, May 31; Bike Bobbit, June 1-4; Steve Lott, June 8-10; Dave Dyer, June 15-18  
**Contact:** (734) 261-0555, [www.kickerscomplex.com](http://www.kickerscomplex.com)

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**Location:** 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak  
**Contact:** (248) 542-9900, [www.comedycastle.com](http://www.comedycastle.com)

## CONCERTS

**The Ark**  
**Time/Date:** Natalia Zukerman, May 5; Greg Brown, May 6; Josh White Jr., May 7; John Prine and Sara Watkins, May 7; Shape Note Singing, May 8 and June 12; Bettye LaVette, May 8; The Paul McKenna Band, May 9; Copper Box, May 10; Open Stage Showcase featuring Magdalen Fossum and Steve Kovich; Marcia Ball, May 12; Girlyman and Coyote Grace, May 13; The RFD Boys, May 14; Dan Hicks and The Hot Licks, May 15; Raul Malo and Seth Walker, May 17; Lynn Miles, May 18; Eddie from Ohio, May 21; The Greencards and ChessBoxer, May 22; Crash Test Dummies, May 26; Take a Chance Tuesday featuring Dragon Wagon, May 31; Gaelic Storm, June 1; Suzanne Westenhoefer, June 3; Lipbone Redding and the Lipbone Orchestra, June 4; Leo Kottke, June 5; Stacey Earle and

Mark Stuart, June 6; Joe Ely, June 7; The Hillbenders, June 8; Eliza Gilkyson and Sunny War, June 9; Bell XI, June 10; The RFD Boys, June 11; Mississippi Heat, June 12; The Hot Club of Cowtown, June 14; The Boxcars, June 15, Ivan & Alyosha, June 16; Paul Thorn, June 17; Christine Lavin and Don White, June 18; The Deanna Bogart Band, June 19; Guitar Shorty, June 20; Jimmie Dale Gilmore and the Wranglers, June 22; Lloyd Cole, June 23; Livingston Taylor, June 24; Annie and Rod Capps and Jason Dennie, June 25; The Waymores, June 26; J.D. Souther and Jill Andrews, June 27; Sara Swenson and Red Tail Ring, June 28; Stewart Francke, June 30  
**Location:** 316 South Main, Ann Arbor  
**Contact:** (734) 763-8587; [www.theark.org](http://www.theark.org)

**Baseline Folk Society**  
**Time/Date:** Third Saturday of the month

**Location:** The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth  
**Details:** Eight "open-mic" performances plus a featured group. Sign up for open mic from 6:15-6:45 p.m.; show starts at 7 p.m. Open mic performers may sing two songs. If more than eight performers sign up, a lottery will be held for the eight spots. Individual membership is \$25 and includes monthly concerts from September through May. Otherwise, admission to each concert is \$5 at the door. Family memberships are \$50 and include monthly concerts.  
**Contact:** (248) 719-3464 or [mjm-mullen@yahoo.com](mailto:mjm-mullen@yahoo.com)

**Community Chorus of Detroit**  
**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. May 21 and 4 p.m. May 22

**Location:** Detroit Waldorf School, 2555 Burns, Detroit

**Details:** "Serenade to Music" includes music of Handel, Brahms, Vaughan Williams, Copland, Barber, Lauridsen, and others. The conductor, accompanist, and guest artists are from the University of Michigan music school. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at door  
**Contact:** [info@communitychorusofdetroit.com](mailto:info@communitychorusofdetroit.com); or visit [www.communitychorusofdetroit.com](http://www.communitychorusofdetroit.com)

**Farmington Community Chorus**

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 6-7

**Location:** Mercy High School, 29300 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

**Details:** The singers, under the direction of Steven SeGraves, present "Rodger That! The Music of Richard Rodgers." Tickets are \$12 in advance at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills or by phone; or for \$15 at the door  
**Contact:** (248) 682-6562 for tickets; (248) 250-1447 for Chorus information

**Jazz @ The Elks**

**Time/Date:** 7-10:30 p.m., every fourth Tuesday

**Location:** Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780 at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

**Details:** Jazz musicians perform; no cover, but donations accepted. Complimentary hors d' oeuvres.

**Contact:** (734) 453-1780 [www.PlymouthElks1780.com](http://www.PlymouthElks1780.com)

**Michigan Philharmonic**

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 6

**Location:** Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 40500 Cherry Hill in Canton

**Details:** The orchestra, under the direction of Nan Washburn, along with Indian percussionists and soloists, perform the music of the Indian film industry known as "Bollywood." This high-energy, multi-media performance wraps up Canton Culture Week, May 1-6, and is sponsored by the Canton Commission for Cultural, Arts and Heritage, celebrating the arts and diversity of the Canton community. Tickets are \$25 and include a pre-concert reception at 6:30 sponsored by the Partnership for the Arts & Humanities in Canton and Station 885.

**Contact:** (734) 451-2112 or [www.michiganphil.org](http://www.michiganphil.org)

**Monahan's Knights of Columbus**

**Time/Date:** Doors open 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 13

**Location:** 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** The Birchler family presents "Jammin' to End Famine 2011," a concert benefitting Kids Against Hunger. Performers include a cappella vocal jazz group The Grunyons, 1960s rock band The Paisley Foggy; and 80s rockers 2 Dayz Gone. The event features a cash bar, free pizza, salad and sweets and for the kids, and free face painting by Funtastic Faces. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for students  
**Contact:** [www.kidsagainsthunger-coalition.com](http://www.kidsagainsthunger-coalition.com); [www.livoniakofc.com](http://www.livoniakofc.com)

**Schoolcraft College**

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. May 6

**Location:** VisTaTech Center, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia

**Details:** Friday evening recital series features Suren Bagratuni on cello and Jen-Ru Sun on piano; admission \$20, students \$10, general seating. Get tickets from [www.scb.oxoffice.com](http://www.scb.oxoffice.com)

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# Eat your veggies

Livonia business peddles organic produce, Michigan-made staples door to door

BY SHARON DARGAY  
OSE STAFF WRITER

Door to Door Organics customers will find tomatoes, leaf lettuce, green onions, broccoli, green beans, strawberries, apples, oranges and bananas in their mixed "bitty box" this week.

They'll find the box on their door step.

"Everything we carry, all the produce is certified organic. We look for whatever is the freshest and the best," said Carlos Collier, Michigan director for the company that offers home delivery of organic produce in and around Boulder, Colo., Chicago, Ill., and Kansas City, Mo. The Michigan office, based in Livonia, delivers to customers in southeastern Michigan — as far north as Flint and as far west as Lansing and Ann Arbor.

"I'm delivering stuff the farmer dug up that morning or the day before. You can't beat that."

The company will be among more than 200 exhibitors promoting eco-friendly products and services at the Green Street Fair this weekend in downtown Plymouth. The *Observer & Eccentric* is among the sponsors of the fourth annual fair that will run noon-7 p.m. Friday, May 6, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, May 7 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, May 8.

Visitors will get a chance to sample fresh fruits at Door to Door Organics' booth and check out the variety of box sizes — from "bitty" to large — that they can order for weekly home delivery. They'll also get a \$10 discount on their first box of home-delivered fruits, vegetables or fruits and vegetables, if they sign up for the service at the fair.

"They can try it for one time and we're okay if they walk away after that," Collier said, adding that he's confident they'll return.

"Organics is really it. People are looking for organics and looking for local."

## LOOKING WEST

The company began in 1997 in Pennsylvania and added its Michigan location in 2007. When Collier took over as director in April 2010, the Livonia office delivered 650 boxes weekly. A year later, the company fleet makes more than 2,000 weekly stops. Collier is eager to expand services to the Grand Rapids area, Monroe and Toledo, Ohio. When he began getting requests from the west side of the state, he tried sending produce to customers by UPS.

"I had customers calling and begging me for it because they had no other options (for organics)," Collier said. "We'd pack a box on Tuesday and they'd get it on Thursday."

He discontinued the program because the two-day delivery sched-



Door to Door Organics delivers fresh fruits, vegetables and more to homes throughout southeastern Michigan.



### Strawberry Mousse

The Door to Door Organics Web site offers recipes to help customers use the produce they receive in their weekly delivery boxes. This week, boxes included strawberries and the company offered this recipe for a fruity dessert, courtesy of allrecipes.com:

#### STRAWBERRY MOUSSE

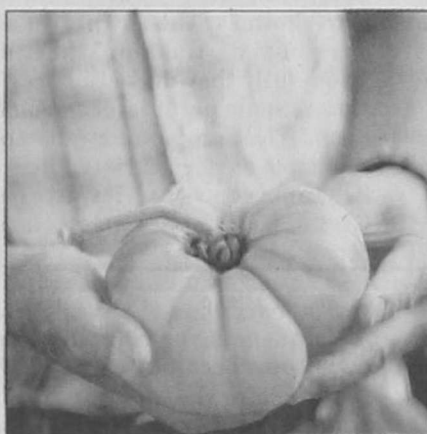
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##### Ingredients

1 quart fresh strawberries  
2 tablespoons white sugar  
1 pint heavy cream  
6 egg whites

##### Method

1. Chop hulled strawberries in a food processor, leaving a few chunks. Stir in sugar.
2. In a bowl, whip cream until stiff peaks form. In another bowl, whip egg whites until stiff peaks form.
3. Fold whipped cream into strawberry mixture. Serve immediately.



Door to Door Organics buys local produce from Michigan farms during the growing season and from warmer climates out of state during the winter.

ule couldn't guarantee the produce would be fresh when it arrived on the customer's doorstep.

## FRESH, ORGANIC

Freshness is a part of Door to Door Organic's mission. The company buys from several organic farms in Michigan and obtains organic produce from out of state sources during the off season.

"We deliver all year round and most produce during our non-growing season comes from warmer climates. But we will have a Michigan-only box that will be an option in June.

"Regardless of the growing season, people still want citrus, bananas,

mangos and those are things you can't get in Michigan."

The company Web site lists the origin of all produce. Customers receive a weekly e-mail explaining what's on the menu for each size box and they can look at the firm's Web site for weekly updates on box contents, as well as corresponding recipes. They can substitute up to five items in their box and buy additional foods such as artisan breads, organic meat, fish, soups, condiments, dairy alternatives, Michigan-made items and more.

"We want to do local as much as possible."

Boxes cost \$23 for "bitty," size, just right for two consumers; \$33 for small; \$39 for medium; and \$55 for a large mixed box.

Customers pay as they go. Many community supported agriculture (CSA) programs that deliver locally-grown produce require payment for the entire season up front. Generally, there's no choice in contents.

"That brings to mind another advantage to our service. You can put delivery on hold or cancel at any time. There's no commitment," Collier said. Customers can order on a weekly basis, bi-weekly, or put the service on hold when needed.

There's no cost for delivery.

For more about Door to Door Organics, visit [michigan.doortodoororganics.com](http://michigan.doortodoororganics.com). For more on the Green Street Fair check out [www.greenstreetfair.com](http://www.greenstreetfair.com)

## BEER TRACKER



# Think global, drink local

Michigan is to be reckoned with when it comes to great beer.

The state currently houses 80 breweries from Detroit to Houghton offering a full breadth of quality ales and lagers. Industry expansion continues as craft beer values strategically align with national trends of buying "local." Don't be lured into thinking the farther a pint travels to our table the better the quality or experience — this could not be further from the truth when it comes to Michigan beer.

Artisan, by definition, is a skilled worker who practices a trade or craft. This was a concept heavily relied upon prior to the industrial revolution. The word itself conjures images of gnomes working diligently by candle light to master a craft only perfected by endless tinkering. Jolly Pumpkin Brewery has embraced the artisan aura with its reserve of craft beers. Founded in 2004 and located just down the street in Dexter, Jolly Pumpkin is an authority in Artisan Ales.

As we move toward spring, a Belgian IPA is good cross-over style to warmer weather. Lucierna, which loosely translates to firefly, is a good place to start. The hypnotic label will temp the most hardened beer advocate but the oak-aged elixir that lies within is where the experience really begins. Cheers.

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# Take mom to brunch

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 8 and brunch reservations are filling fast. It's time to choose a restaurant and reserve a spot. Here are a few suggestions to get you started:

• Andiamo, 38703 Seven Mile, Livonia: Includes a mix of breakfast and lunch items, such as bacon, sausage, crepes, biscuits and gravy, Eggs Benedict, French toast, white fish, chicken, salads, pastries and other desserts. Cost is \$28.95 for adults; \$14.95 for children, 5-10 and free for children, 4 and under. Brunch served 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with a limited dinner menu from 4-6 p.m. Reservations suggested. Call (734) 953-3200.

• Fiamma Grille, 380 S. Main, Plymouth: Brunch is served 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and consists of four courses. The first course includes smoked salmon, bagels, pate, pastries, juice and coffee; the second offers salad, oven-baked French toast, soup, shrimp and grits, and Oscar Eggs Benedict; the third is an entree course featuring lamb T-bone, halibut, chicken and steak and the last course is desserts. Cost is \$26 for adults and \$9 for kids. A separate menu is available for youngsters. The restaurant will close from 2:30-3:30. It will reopen at 3:30 and serve its regular menu until 8 p.m. For reservations call (734) 416-9340.

• Five Restaurant at The Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile, Plymouth: A plated Mother's Day brunch will be sold from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. with appetizers, a custom entree duet and desserts. Adults, \$39; kids, 6-12, \$11; kids, 5 and under, free. An ala carte menu and featured dinner selections will be available from 4-9 p.m. Make reservations by calling (734) 357-5700 or visit [FiveRestaurant.com](http://FiveRestaurant.com) or on Facebook.

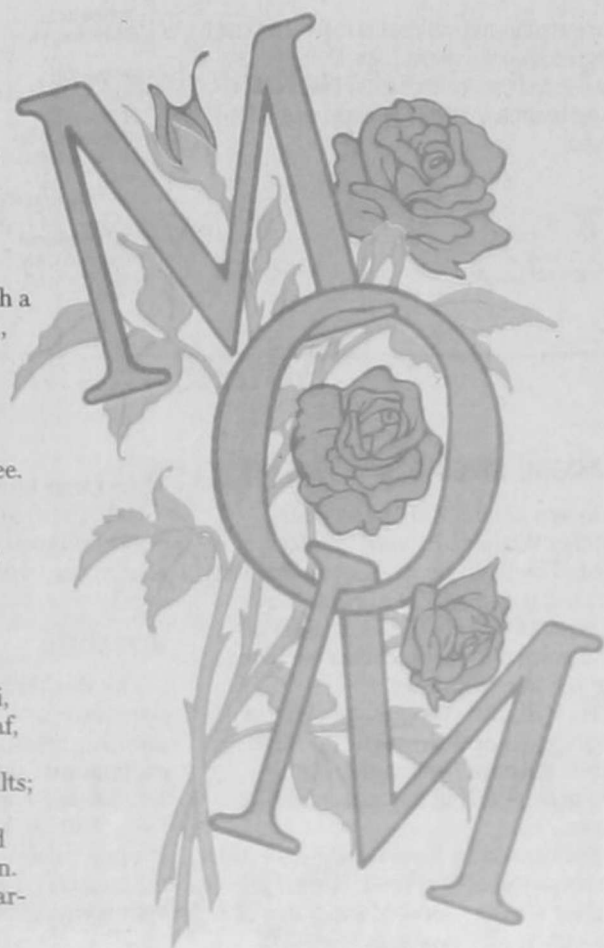
• Flemings Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar, 17400 Haggerty, Livonia: Mom gets a \$25 dining card for a future visit to Flemings when you take her to the Mother's Day brunch, served from 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. The brunch includes appetizers, desserts and entrees such as filet mignon frittata, berry-stuffed French toast, smoked salmon, filet mignon on buttermilk biscuits, and crab frittata. Cost is \$32. A separate menu, at \$15.95, is available for children, 12 and under. Call (734) 542 WINE or visit [www.flemingssteakhouse.com/locations/mi/livonia](http://www.flemingssteakhouse.com/locations/mi/livonia).

• Hickory Creek Golf Course, 3625 Napier, just north of Ford Road and two miles west of Beck, Ypsilanti: Brunch in The Greenside Tavern overlooking the golf course will include prime rib, white fish with dill sauce, chicken

and much more. \$19.95 for adults, \$9.95 for children, 5-12 and free for children under 4. Call (734) 454-1850 for reservations.

• Holiday Inn, 17123 Laurel Park Drive, just east of I-275, Livonia: Made-to-order omelets and other breakfast items along with a prime rib carving station, pork loin, chicken, salmon, shrimp and variety of salads. Special kids station includes macaroni and cheese, spaghetti and cheese sticks. Adults, \$26.95; seniors, \$20.95; children, 12 and under, \$15.95; and children, 5 and under, free. Call (734) 464-1300, Ext. 430.

• Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave., Novi: Brunch is served 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Diamond Center and includes made-to-order omelet and waffle station, French toast, grilled chicken with arugula pesto, assorted breakfast meats, roasted sirloin, portobello mushroom ravioli, salmon, redskin potatoes, lentil and rice pilaf, assorted fruits and salads and a sweet table. Complimentary parking. Cost is \$28 for adults; \$26 for seniors, 55 and older; \$14 for children, 4-12 years; and free for children, 3 and under. A cash bar will be available after noon. Reservations required with a credit card guarantee. Call (248) 348-5600, Ext 200.





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## Walkable communities and downtowns are home selling pluses

BY JULIE BROWN  
 OGE STAFF WRITER

It turns out many of us would rather work closer to home, given the choice. We like walkable communities where we can get to shops, restaurants and other amenities without driving — at least not too far.

Americans favor walkable, mixed-use neighborhoods, with 56 percent of respondents preferring smart growth neighborhoods, over neighborhoods that require more driving between home, work and recreation. That's according to a recent study, the Community Preference Survey, by the National Association of Realtors.

Walkable communities are defined as those where shops, restaurants, and local businesses are within walking distance from homes. According to the survey, when considering a home purchase, 77 percent of respondents said they would look for neighborhoods with abundant sidewalks and other pedestrian-friendly features, and 50 percent would like to see improvements to existing public transportation rather than initiatives to build new roads and developments.

Tony Bruscatto, director of operations for the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, said, "I think communities with downtowns are finding a bit of a resurgence. People like that walkability."

Bruscatto finds Plymouth residents and visitors enjoy the downtown restaurants and shopping. "In the case of Plymouth we have Kellogg Park which is certainly the center for a number of activities," he said.

Other nearby communities have had a number of homes in foreclosure. "Plymouth wasn't sheltered from that, but I don't think we had as many." More people remained employed, Bruscatto said, and the appeal of a walkable downtown helped to boost home sales.

Bruscatto lives in Canton, but often visits downtown Plymouth. "I've hung out for a dozen years or more. You get to know the people, you get to know the fun spots," he said. Such communities are more

close-knit, he finds.

"They don't have to go very far to enjoy family activities." The DDA and Plymouth community in general have a lot of family-friendly acts, like Art in the Park, various concerts in Kellogg Park and the Plymouth Fall Festival.

"The fact that you don't have to go far to get to them to enjoy them with your family and friends is a plus," Bruscatto said.

"My commute's 10 feet into my basement so it's pretty close," said Scott Lorenz of Plymouth, who lives about two blocks from downtown Plymouth and owns the Westwind Communications public relations firm. His family had owned the former Mayflower Hotel in downtown Plymouth.

"Where I am is not really important, it's what I do," said Lorenz, who finds he's more productive by not commuting. "You cannot beat being able to work for yourself in your own home office."

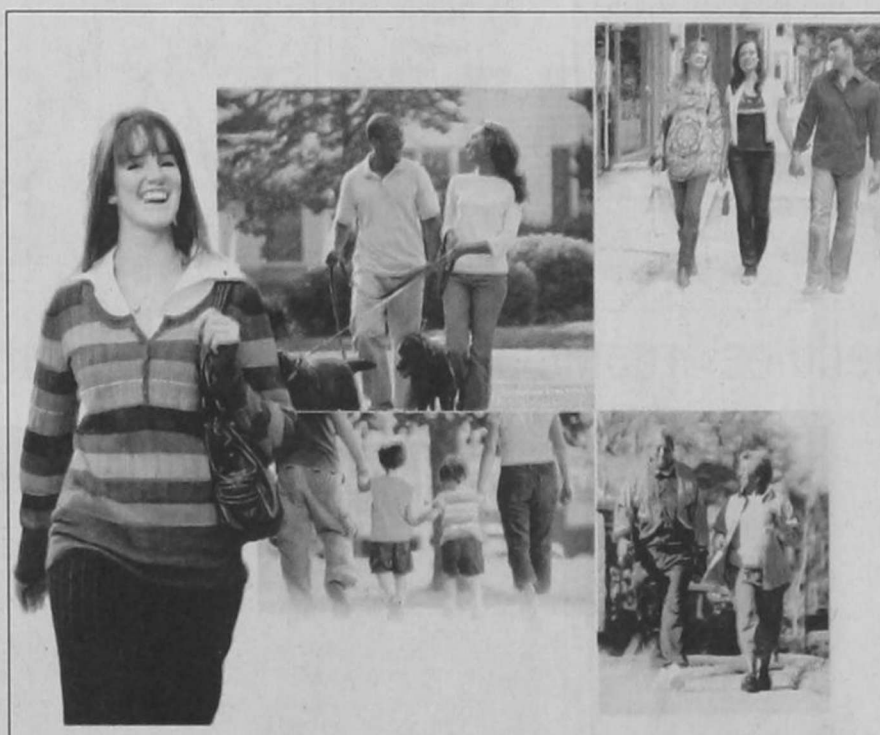
He likes to go to the Plymouth farmers market. "We have a dozen restaurants we can go to in downtown Plymouth from our house. We're very happy that we live so close to the community, to the downtown, but it's not by accident."

When the couple's kids were younger, they'd ride bicycles into town for ice cream. "And now of course I pedal my bike downtown to Panera Bread every morning and have coffee," Lorenz said. He hears people talking about commutes to Troy and Southfield in snow.

"It's hard to be productive when you're sitting in a car," Lorenz said. He likes working in his home and having an attractive downtown: "No question it's a nice lifestyle. We like it very much."

Downtowns like Northville and Farmington are also walkable, a selling point for potential buyers. Farmington Downtown Development Authority Executive Director Annette Knowles said, "We do hear quite frequently why many people choose to live close to a downtown is so they will have walkable access."

"There are a lot of neighborhoods that surround our downtown," she said. "Our downtown really starts as a neighborhood gathering place.



People like to meet their friends downtown for a cup of coffee." A lot make a decision to support downtown merchants, she said, and can walk or ride a bike to and through downtown.

She lives in Farmington, and can ride her bike in the summer. "In the winter, it's just a little too far to go" without a car, she said with a chuckle.

"I really think there is a new way of thinking among people to come back to support their local community. What better way to do that than to support your local businesses downtown?" Knowles said. "There is really just a way of thinking that 'We want to support the merchants that are here.'"

The Sundquist Pavilion in Farmington's Riley Park hosts concerts, the farmers market, and a number of other events. "The intent is to showcase the downtown as a regional destination," she said. "Hopefully they make the decision at some point later to come back." The number of events appeal to people as does variety, the Rhythmx concert series, Art on the Grand, Founders Festival, Harvest Moon and Holly Days.

"The calendar of events is very, very active," she said.

Uniqueness and charm of the downtown becomes an asset "where they do have walkable streets." Knowles said outdoor seating and window shopping add appeal. "There is a segment of the population that I think does look for that," she said of the "hometown" feel.

Two years ago, Farmington began a new streetscape with brick paver sidewalks and plantings. "We are as a community continually taking steps to improve the walkability

in our downtown," said Knowles. (Plymouth is also working on public downtown improvements.)

The NAR survey also revealed that while space is important to homebuyers, many are willing to sacrifice square footage for less driving. Eighty percent of those surveyed would prefer to live in a single-family, detached home as long as it didn't require a longer commute, but nearly three out of five of those surveyed — 59 percent — would choose a smaller home if it meant a commute time of 20 minutes or less.

NAR leaders added the survey showed people nationwide share that desire for a walkable community. "Realtors care about improving communities through smart growth initiatives," said NAR President Ron Phipps, broker-president of Phipps Realty in Warwick, R.I. "Our members don't just sell homes, they sell neighborhoods. Realtors understand that different homebuyers are looking for all kinds of neighborhood settings and that many home buyers want walkable, transit-accessible communities."

The survey also found that community characteristics are very important to most people. When considering a home purchase, 88 percent of respondents placed more value on the quality of the neighborhood than the size of the home, and 77 percent of those surveyed want communities with high-quality schools.

The survey of 2,071 adult Americans was conducted by Belden, Russonello and Stewart from Feb. 15-24, 2011.

The NAR website contributed to this report.

## Naples has seen declines in value

**Q:** Do you have any information on the resale market of the high end side of single family homes in Naples, Fla., as we are wondering if this is the time to buy.

**A:** In speaking with a number of real estate agents in February 2011, it appears that the properties

in excess of \$1.5 million have not depreciated significantly because of the downturn nor have the properties selling for less than \$300,000.

Rather, it is properties in the range of \$300,000 to \$1.5 mil that have suffered 20 to 40 percent declines but that in all price ranges, the market is beginning to rebound. Of course, location is always a key factor in determining price valuations and waterfront property is still at a premium.

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**A:** The ideas and reality of mixed use as a preferred urban forum are still in their relative infancy. The driving forces behind the attraction to the mixed use model include current trends and attitudes toward a more urban lifestyle, changing demographics and psychographics, the sustainable design trends and codification of the mixed use form in our development ordinances. Yet the current economic environment may provide even more significant challenges to planning and implementing successful mixed use projects that require a complex matrix of skill sets and collaborations between design professionals, developers, leasing agents, tenants, municipal planners, land use and community association attorneys, local government and communities. In short, there are opportunities and constraints to mixed use development that should be considered with a team of consultants before engaging in the project.

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 25-28, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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32933 Florence St 27616 Windsor St	\$183,000 \$183,000	11655 Brownell Ave 12075 N Beck Rd 576 S Evergreen St 9355 Saddlebrook Ct 11703 Sycamore Dr	\$151,000 \$335,000 \$380,000 \$387,000 \$80,000	36539 Fairchild St 30605 Geraldine St 28016 Mackenzie Dr 38485 Monmouth St 6166 N Harvey St 1891 Stockmeyer Blvd 2019 Wilmer St	\$54,000 \$55,000 \$75,000 \$76,000 \$32,000 \$86,000 \$60,000
<b>Livonia</b>	\$19,000				
29156 Broadmoor St 19391 Inkster Rd 29929 Mcintyre St 33647 Michele St 33903 Pondview Cir	\$14,000 \$300,000 \$107,000 \$19,000				
<b>Northville</b>	\$307,000 \$333,000	14878 Aubrey 18860 Beech Daly Rd 11362 Centralia	\$30,000 \$75,000 \$64,000		
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3881 Cove Cir 3058 Edgewood Park Ct 252 Phoenix St 4583 Racewood Dr 5000 White Tail Ct		17590 Lincoln Dr Milford 919 Bishop St 637 Dorchester Way	\$99,000 \$59,000 \$203,000	<b>Southfield</b>	\$47,000 \$78,000 \$16,000 \$130,000
<b>Farmington</b>	\$71,000	22574 Bertram Dr 41635 Blair Dr 28330 Carlton Way Dr 43508 Castlewood 30836 Golden Rdg	\$310,000 \$70,000 \$126,000 \$232,000 \$156,000	<b>White Lake</b>	\$180,000 \$180,000 \$150,000
23149 Farmington Rd					
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**DOWN**

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- 43 Cancels
- 47 Hertz rival
- 48 Dreamy
- 50 Iditarod terminus
- 51 Skiing mecca
- 52 One of the Gershwins
- 53 Lake swimmer
- 54 Makes do with
- 55 Do-over at Wimbledon
- 1 Struts along
- 2 Out of work
- 3 Arthur and Lillie
- 4 Noisy shouting
- 5 Assigned a value to
- 6 Virtuoso
- 7 Tent dweller
- 8 Head honcho (2 wds.)
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- 10 Hartman or Bonet

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- 24 Rubber-stamps
- 25 Fluffy's doc
- 26 Yr. fractions
- 27 Center of a hurricane
- 28 Orange pekoe
- 29 — Juan Capistrano
- 31 Have coming
- 34 Up and about
- 35 Gridiron stats
- 36 Connecting waterways
- 37 Vanessa's sister
- 39 Mrs. Eisenhower
- 40 FedEx trucks
- 41 Openly acknowledge
- 42 Succotash bean
- 44 Gas or tel.
- 45 Trevi Fountain coins
- 46 Command to Tabby
- 49 Wood for floors

## SUDOKU

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Level: Beginner

**Here's How It Works:**

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

## Word Search — Golden Years

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History of Oakland County  
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more. 248-546-0138

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38651 N Woodward Ave.  
Bloomfield Hills, (N of Lone  
Pine Rd). Sale begins on  
Thurs. May 5th, 6:30-9pm.  
Fri. May 6, 10-2, everything  
1/2 price. Sat., May 7th,  
9-noon, \$5 & \$10  
for a bag of rummage.

**FARMINGTON HILLS**  
Nardin Park United Methodist  
Church, 29887 W 11 Mile Rd.  
Tues., 5/10, 6-8pm, Surcharge;  
Wed., 5/11, 9-5pm; Thurs.,  
5/12, 9-3pm, Bag Sale.

**LIVONIA CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE**  
Pre-Sale Thurs. May 5th,  
5-8pm (Adults \$2). Free  
Admission Fri., May 6th, 1st.  
9am-1pm & Sat. May 7th,  
9am-noon (1/2 off sale).  
Newburgh United Methodist  
Church, 36500 Ann Arbor  
Trail, Livonia.

**7100 Estate Sales** 7100

**ANN ARBOR ESTATE SALE**  
3070 Hilltop, Thurs-Sat.  
10-4pm. 40+ years hoarder  
estate. This house is packed!

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313-837-1993  
1300 E. Lafayette #1907  
Detroit, btwn. I-75 and  
Orleans St. May 5-7, 2011,  
10-4pm. Go to estatesales.net  
for photo's and more info.  
SEE YOU THERE!!!

**ESTATE SALE FARMINGTON HILLS**  
36950 Dunstable Ct., Fri. &  
Sat. May 6th & May 7th, 9-  
5pm. Furniture, housewares,  
art, office furniture, electron-  
ics and much more.

**FARMINGTON HILLS 21355 Parklane**  
S off 9 Mile, E of Halstead  
W. of Drake. Thurs - Sat.  
9:30-4pm. See pictures at:  
www.garyshouseholdsales.com

**7100 Estate Sales** 7100

**MEGA ESTATE SALE:** 29224  
List, Farmington Hills, 8 Mile  
& Middlebelt. Thurs-Sun, 9-7  
Everything must go! Tons of  
holiday decor, flowers/vases  
and new stuff. Tons of coffee  
mugs. 1/2 off sale Sunday!

**Garage Sales** 7110

**CANTON:** 2 Community Yard  
Sales at Academy/Westpoint.  
Over 400 units! May 5-8,  
9-4pm. 41021 Old Michigan  
Ave., Michigan Ave &  
Haggerty, off of Haggerty.

**CANTON:** 4 Family Sale.  
May 5, 6 & 7, 9-4. Holiday  
Park Sub. 8377 Forrest Dr. Off  
Joy Rd., btwn. Hix & Haggerty.

**CANTON:** Windsor Park  
Subside Garage Sale 9-5  
Thurs. May 5th-Sat., May 7th  
E. of Sheldon to Emerson  
N. of Warren to Arlington  
www.windsorparkcanton.org

**FARMINGTON HILLS:** Multi-  
Family Sale May 5-7th, 9-  
5pm. 10 Mile, W. of Middle-  
belt. Furniture, organ, house-  
hold items, clothes, cabinets.

**FARMINGTON Rummage Sale**  
First United Methodist  
Church of Farmington  
33112 Grand River at  
Warner. Thursday, May  
12th, 9 am to 8 pm & Friday,  
May 13th 9 am to 2 pm.

**LIVONIA 4 FAMILY SALE:**  
Beautiful items, furniture,  
antiques, clothes, toys. 37848  
Margaret, btwn Newburgh &  
Haggerty off 7 Mile & Blue  
Skies. Thurs-Fri, May 5-6, 9-4

**LIVONIA GARAGE SALE SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE**  
Thursday & Friday,  
May 5th & 6th, 9am-4pm.  
18600 Haggerty Rd.  
Btwn. 6 & 7 Mile Rds.  
Tables, chairs, office  
furniture & misc. items.

**LIVONIA** Huge Multi-Family  
Moving Sale -31801 Balmoral  
Livonia. Furniture, tools, toys,  
books, records, pool table,  
stereo equip. May 5-7, 8am-  
5pm. Everything must GO!

**Garage Sales** 7110

**LIVONIA HUGE SALE** 19521  
Purlingbrook - May 5-7,  
10am-5pm. Living room &  
bedroom furniture, small  
appliances, dishes, men's  
clothes, golf equipment,  
household items & more!

**NORTHVILLE**  
Sat., May 7, 9am-4pm  
15974 Augusta Ct.  
NH Golf Club, off Cypress Pl.  
2 FAMILIES! Furniture,  
electronics, old books and  
tools, household items,  
clothing & more!

**NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP MILE-LONG GARAGE SALE**  
Fri & Sat,  
May 13 & 14, 8am-5pm  
7 SUBDIVISIONS  
Six mile west of Haggerty,  
both sides of the road, off  
Abby Court, E. Northville Trail,  
Whitehaven, Maple Hill Drive,  
Summit, Winchester (north &  
south), Bradner (north &  
south), includes Northville  
Colony Estates I-V, Northville  
Commons, Northville Trails,  
Brookstone Village, Maple  
Hill, Lakes of Northville, and  
Whisperwood.

**NOVI:** College rm items, tires,  
lady's clothes, jewelry, house-  
hold 5/6-5/7, 9-5pm. 45503  
Amherst Dr., in Yorkshire  
Place Sub btwn 10 & Taft

**PLEASANT RIDGE** Garage  
Sale- 38 Hanover, Pleasant  
Ridge. Fri., May 6th, 8am-  
5pm. Kid's clothes/toys &  
home goods.

**PLYMOUTH:** Thur., Fri., & Sat.  
May 5, 6 & 7, 9am-5pm.  
46030 Litchfield Dr. N. of Ann  
Arbor. Rd. W. of Sheldon Rd.  
E. off McClumpha.  
Household, misc. & sports.

**REDFORD:** Kinloch Garage  
Sale. Sat. May 7, 9-5pm. W.  
of Beech Daly, off W. Chicago.  
2 or 3 homes. Rain or Shine.  
Electronics, Coach purses, etc.

**ROYAL OAK** Huge Yard Sale -  
1216 S. Washington. Thurs-  
Sat., May 5-7, 8-5pm. Furni-  
ture, tools, jewelry, records,  
vintage clothing, antiques.

**SMultiFamily Garage Sale**  
May 5th-7th 9am-5pm 9910  
Sunflower Lane, South Lyon

**Moving Sales** 7130

**BEVERLY HILLS:** Fri-Sat, May  
6-7, 9-4. 31973 Inglewood,  
btwn Southfield & Evergreen.  
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buffet lamps, deer mount,  
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chenware, Books, Collectibles  
and Antiques

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& many household items.  
Weds. Sat. 5/4-5/7, 10-6pm.  
9230 Merriman Rd., btwn Joy  
& W Chicago

**LIVONIA:** Moving/Garage sale.  
Thurs-Sat., 8-5pm, 15875  
Blue Skies, Laurel Park II Sub,  
W of Newburgh, S of 6 Mile.

**NORTHVILLE:** Everything  
must go including tools.  
Thurs-Sat., 9-3pm. 44542  
Aspen Ridge Dr., SW corner  
of 6 Mile & Sheldon.

**TAYLOR:** Antiques, toys, cloth-  
ing, & household items. 5/7,  
10-2pm. 24519 Kensington,  
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**Household Goods** 7160

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**SEARCHING FOR A MAN...**  
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SWF, 33, 5'2", 150lbs, Auburn hair, average build, artist, light smoker, likes all kinds of music, seeks WM, 45-65, smoker, for friendship, going out to eat, dancing, social events, possible companionship. **MA338127**

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# VOLT, CRUZ ARE CHEVY'S 1-2 PUNCH AGAINST GAS PRICES

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## CAReport



By Dale Buss

With gasoline prices having put \$4 a gallon in the rear-view mirror and headed quickly toward \$5 a gallon, Detroit-area car buyers are looking - sometimes frantically - for relief. And if they look toward Chevrolet, they can find a number of handy answers to their fuel price dilemma, especially the new Chevy Volt and the new Chevy Cruze Eco.

In the space of less than a year, automotive fuel economy suddenly is at something of a premium for buyers browsing showrooms. Industry sales have recovered significantly in Michigan and everywhere else, increasing demand on their own. Rising gasoline prices, of course, have forced consumers to put fuel efficiency at the top of their shopping criteria.

And now, on the supply side of the equation, the earthquake and tsunami in Japan have slashed the number of small cars being produced by Japanese brands from their homeland to North America. Even non-Japanese producers including Hyundai, Kia and Ford are dealing with various degrees of supply constraints that prevent them from taking advantage of the problems of Japanese makers.

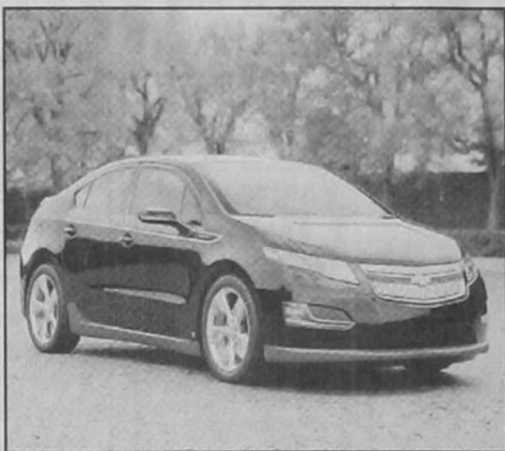
That leaves Chevrolet in a really strong position to take advantage of the situation with its own small-car offerings. And fortunately, Volt and

Cruze Eco are two big solutions.

Volt and Cruze represent two different approaches to fuel efficiency, of course. The Volt extended-range hybrid isn't for everyone, given that not every consumer can or will take advantage of the all-electric capability of the car up to a range of 25 or 30 miles at a charge. And yet Cruze, especially in the Eco version that I drove recently, provides a fantastic mainstream alternative for buyers who really want to emphasize fuel economy.

Volt is the only idea in the entire electric-vehicle universe so far that makes any sense to me. It's like learning to ride a bicycle with training wheels. What happens if you remove training wheels when a rider doesn't know how to propel a bike? It stops - sometimes, messily. So the training wheels stay.

So, too, with Volt. Because, after decades of development, battery makers still can only produce an all-electric system that is worth 25 or 30 miles on a charge in a car, it's silly to think that most Americans would or should buy a completely electric vehicle like the Nissan Leaf (though Leaf's electric-only range is a bit longer). "Range anxiety" driving a Leaf would be a very real and present feeling. So your office is only 10 miles away; what happens to you if you end up in a traffic jam on a hot summer



Delivering 42 mpg on the highway, Chevrolet Cruze Eco is a car for the times.

The Chevrolet Volt uses the only sensible approach to all-electric power.



day? Leaf could leave you on the side of the road, powerless.

Fortunately, Volt has an on-board, 1.4-liter internal-combustion engine that gives you a range of an extra 300 miles beyond the battery charge. Permanent training wheels. You can have a great time trying to run Volt only on the electric charge, and there are plenty of devices and metrics on board to help you be the eco-friendliest driver on the planet. That's all good stuff.

But if and when you run into that two-hour traffic jam, in Volt you needn't worry about being stranded. Plus, the transition from all-electric to engine power is virtually seamless and can be accommodated no matter what the car is doing. It's really about the only solution that sensibly encompasses all-electric power in a nation where very few people could take the risks that currently are entailed by relying on an all-electric vehicle.

Whether electric- or engine-powered, Volt's got some giddy-up to it. This is not like driving a golf cart on the freeway. It's plenty spacious as well for

a small car and can serve reliably as one of the mainstay vehicles in the household garage. There's nothing gimmicky or impractical about it. And charging it up really is as easy as plugging a thick electrical cord into your garage outlet. General Motors took the smart path with Volt.

For those who don't want to pay the sticker of up to \$43,000-plus for Volt (before federal tax credits), Cruze is a great alternative for these times where fuel economy is paramount. With a sticker price of under \$20,000, Cruze Eco delivers a stellar 42mpg on the highway and 28mpg in city driving, thanks to its own 1.4-liter engine and a six-speed manual transmission.

Still, Cruze Eco is no slouch when it comes to pickup, and it's an eminently drivable car, with crisp handling, reasonable suspension, 17-inch wheels and a rear spoiler.

Until extended-range hybrids like Volt reach a Cruze-like price point, Eco might be the car you want to get if pinching pennies at the pump is important.

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