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## Annual prom dress sale

The second annual Prom Dress Sale features long and short formal dresses, shoes, jewelry and purses. Any items to be donated can be dropped off in the general office at Plymouth High School. Last year, more than 100 girls went home with a dress.

The sale takes place from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at Plymouth High School, 8400 Beck Road in Canton.

For more information, call Lisa Bernages, (734) 582-5553.

# School board OKs academies

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer

Students entering the ninth grade will have more options than their predecessors when school opens for the 2012-13 school year in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

The district's Board of Education approved Tuesday the start of three new academies at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, starting in September. The votes came during a special meeting at Discovery Middle School that drew a smattering of residents and a number of teachers.

With matching 5-2 votes (trustees Mike Maloney and Mark Horvath cast the nay votes in both instances), the board approved the district's participation in an International Academy, which will eventually provide the district with an International Baccalaureate facility, and the creation of a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Academy.

In a third vote, the board approved the creation of a fine and performing arts academy, also to start the 2012-13 school year.

Trustees John Barrett, Sheila Paton, Adrienne Davis and Barry Simescu supported the fine

arts academy, while Trustee Judy Mardigian joined Horvath and Maloney in voting against it.

The International Academy is expected to cost the district some \$111,000 the first year, while the STEM academy carries a \$202,000 startup cost and the arts academy brings a \$60,000 bill for the first year.

All three academies will be funded out of the district's Durant lawsuit funds.

### New offerings

Simescu supported all three academies, pointing out it's been a while since the board has been able to do such a thing.

"I've been here 8½ years, and I haven't had much chance to move on new things," Simescu said. "I believe the STEM academy is critical. A lot of students will gain a lot of experience."

Indeed, the STEM academy drew the night's longest conversation, with several teachers and a couple of parents speaking in favor of it. Al Tessmer, field certification coordinator for Project Lead the Way Michigan, on which Plymouth-Canton's STEM Academy will be based, said the educators need to treat 21st century students differently.

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## Diva Day

Ladies are invited to attend the fourth annual Diva Day from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 21. The first 500 Divas will get free DivaGlasses. Little Divas and Diva Dogs are also welcome.

More than 30 shops, boutiques, salons and restaurants will present special offers, unique refreshments and chances to win Diva Day prizes.

The event is free to attend. Look for the balloons. For more information, call (734) 453-1540 or visit [www.plymouthmich.org/events](http://www.plymouthmich.org/events).

## Cruise raffle

Tickets are on sale for the third annual Michigan Philharmonic Cruise Raffle, and only 300 tickets will be sold.

This year's prize is a 12-day Wine Cruise to England, Spain, Portugal and France from Sept. 18 to Oct. 1. The raffle includes the round-trip cruise for two plus round-trip airfare for two. Tickets are \$50. Drawing takes place at 5 p.m. June 29.

For information on this raffle, the cruise and other concerts of the Michigan Philharmonic, please call (734) 451-2112 or visit [www.michiganphil.org](http://www.michiganphil.org).

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## Job well done



ROSE TODD

Lightning 862's drive team gets Eddie off the court following a match at the state FIRST robotics competition last weekend at Eastern Michigan University. Plymouth-Canton's team lost to the eventual state champion in the quarterfinals. For the story and more photos, please see page A8.

# Tea Party dodges rain at Plymouth rally

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer



William Schmidt of Plymouth (left) and So-Young and Jin-Young Han of South Lyon lead the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance at Sunday's Tea Party rally.

Two years ago, Patrick Colbeck launched what would become a successful run for the state Senate at a Tea Party event in Plymouth.

Two years later, Colbeck was back, one of the key speakers at a Tea Party event organized Sunday by Rattle With Us, the local Tea Party group that helped propel Colbeck, a Canton Republican, to victory two years ago.

The event, which drew several hundred people to downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park, was organized as the Tea Party's "Tax Day" event and featured its traditional message of smaller government and fiscal responsibility.

"These are my roots," Colbeck said. "When I started, we were upset that all the focus was on revenue, and not much attention was paid to expenses. These folks get it ... we can't continue to mortgage our futures."

Mother Nature almost crushed the rally before it got started, dumping a rainstorm that ended shortly before the rally's 2 p.m. start.

### Pushing agenda

A spate of speakers ranging from Colbeck to conservative radio talk host Thayronne X talked

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# City denies Sheldon rezoning

By Matt Jachman  
Observer Staff Writer

A unanimous Plymouth City Commission rejected Monday a developer's bid to rezone an aging warehouse site on Sheldon Road to make way for a regional shopping center.

The vote came after 20 people spoke against the request by Grand/Sakwa Properties for a general-business zoning for the 36-acre parcel on Sheldon south of M-14, which is zoned for light industrial use. Opponents said they feared a shopping center would bring crime, excess noise and traffic, harsh nighttime lighting and would detract from the character of their neighborhoods and downtown Plymouth.

"This community wants to keep it a small community," Matt Markwardt, who lives in Plymouth Township, adjacent to the site, told commissioners. "We don't need a big shopping complex here."

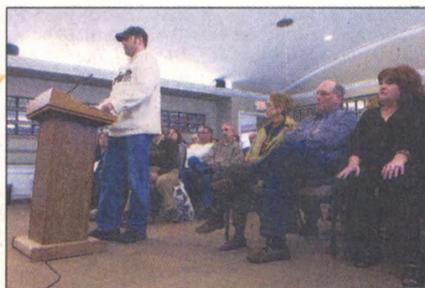
"I'm really concerned about the lights, the noise, the traffic and the problems from people hanging out in a parking lot," said Susan Motley, who also lives nearby.

### No comment

Attorney Bryan Amann, who represented Grand/Sakwa, later said he had no comment on the vote. The city commission's decision followed last month's unanimous recommendation from the Plymouth Planning Commission that the rezoning petition be denied.

Don Fullenwider, a planning commissioner, also spoke Monday, listing the planning board's reasons for its recommendation, including that the property can be used

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Jason Touchette speaks against the proposed development at Monday's Plymouth City Commission meeting.



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### ROAD RALLY

**Date/Time:** Saturday, April 28; check in at 4:30 p.m., rally starts at 5 p.m.

**Location:** Participants must solve an advance clue, provided upon registration, to find out

**Details:** The Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors host their annual Road Rally, with competing teams racing across town solving puzzles, participating in fun activities and enjoying an evening on the town. The Rally ends at a final dinner party destination. Early bird discounted cost is \$20 per person before March 30, \$22 per person after that. Entries must be received by April 14 to ensure a spot in the Rally.

**Contact:** Melissa at president@plymouthnewcomers.com.

### BOOK SIGNING

**Date/Time:** Saturday, April 28, noon to 2 p.m.

**Location:** Caribou Coffee, 44601 Five Mile, Plymouth

**Details:** Livonia resident Victoria Zande, an independent artist/author, will be doing a book signing for her writing/poetry preview collection handwritten version. All copies will sell for \$5.

**Contact:** For more information visit her website



## Wish you were here

The Vance family recently celebrated Austin's birthday on their vacation to Ecuador with a trip to the Equator and brought along their Plymouth Observer. On the trip were loyal readers Austin, Paula, Robbie and Mary (a former Observer carrier).

- www.victoriazande.com.

### GRIEF SUPPORT

**Date/Time:** April 23, 30, May 7, 9; 7-9 p.m.

**Location:** Our Lady of Good Counsel, 47650 N Teritorial Road, Plymouth.

**Details:** The "Grieving With Great Hope" workshop offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for individuals who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Speakers will include Deacon Bob Irvin, Fr. John Riccardo, as well as John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization. Registration forms are online at www.

goodmourningministry.net or call OLG.

**Contact:** 734-453-0326, olgparish.net

### TIMEBANK ROUNDUP

**Date/Time:** April 25, 7 p.m.

**Location:** Basement at Canton Township Hall

**Details:** There is a community timebank roundup event for the Plymouth and Canton community for people who want to volunteer to help their neighbors, do events and become friends with people with disabilities, and assist at health fairs and learn about other cultures in their community, they should come to our informational meeting.

## BOARD

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"We need to treat the millennium generation of the world different than they treated my generation," said Tessmer, who said he's had a 50-year career in education. "This program does that. It's a startling world, and we need a new way to get that across to our students."

Project Lead the Way, which Tessmer said is being taught by 17,000 teachers to some 500,000 students across the country, has a few basic courses — including introduction to engineering and design, principles of engineering and engineering design and development — supplemented by courses district officials will add.

Similar curriculum is available already to some middle school students, with courses at West Middle School and Discovery Middle School, and coming to Central Middle School.

The classes are among the most popular at West Middle School, according to West teacher Mark Trzeciak.

"It's an environment where kids are allowed to have fun while they're learning, and to be creative," Trzeciak said. "Every one of these kids,

no matter what level, will be able to answer whatever questions you throw at them."

It was the availability of such curriculum at only three of the district's five middle schools that led Horvath to vote against the academy.

"I can't support (some) kids missing what everyone agrees is a great experience," Horvath said. "I want to see it at all the middle schools. I think we ought to offer it to all kids and not just some."

### International appeal

Administrators hope to attract at least 75 students to the International Academy. Officials are hoping to make up for the loss of students — more than 40 this year — to other international programs in Troy and Washtenaw County.

Director of Innovative Programs Tim Schoenherr submitted an application earlier this month to the International Baccalaureate to become an IB school, a two-year process that will include a site visit early in the second year of the application process.

John Stoddard of Plymouth Township, who has three children (first-, eighth- and 11th-graders) in the district, applauded the district's consideration of the international program.

"We're considering sending our eighth-grader to (Washtenaw), but

we would strongly consider keeping her here if you approve this," Stoddard told board members Tuesday. "I think this is a chance for Plymouth-Canton to catch up to districts like Livonia and Walled Lake. Don't blow this chance."

Mardigian, the board's longest-serving member, said she's nervous because not all of her budget questions have been answered. Still, she said, the International Academy is something she believes the district should do.

"Change is hard, but I really think we need to turn a page here and offer more," Mardigian said. "If it's not a perfect plan, we're going to have to make it successful. It's a hard decision and there are uncertainties, to be sure, but I think we have to start this."

As he did with the \$202,000 cost of the STEM academy, Maloney argued the \$111,000 startup cost for the International Academy was too much for a district with continuing budget problems.

"I think we're putting the cart before the horse," Maloney said. "I see a tremendous amount of money being spent. We ought to be talking about how what money we have is going to get us where we need to go."

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# NorthRidge hosts 2012 Heart Gallery grand opening

By Matt Jachman  
Observer Staff Writer

Visitors to NorthRidge Church on Saturday will be asked to open their hearts as the 2012 Michigan Heart Gallery makes its debut.

The Heart Gallery is a photographic display of portraits of children, usually over the age of 9, who are in Michigan's foster care system and waiting for adoptive families. The portraits are taken by professional photographers who volunteer their time, and are often done in settings picked by the children and that are reflective of their

personalities.

The Heart Gallery, maintained by the Michigan Adoptive Resource Exchange in Ann Arbor, travels throughout the state each year to banks, libraries, theaters, churches and other public places. Saturday's event at NorthRidge's activity center will be both the debut of this year's Heart Gallery and the first time the event has been launched from a Plymouth-area venue.

"I think what it does best is really just raise awareness about adoption," said Heidi Raubenolt, program manager at MARE, which is part of

the Judson Center, a nonprofit human services agency.

This year's gallery features portraits of about 70 foster as well as some basic information about them. Portraits of three families that have adopted foster children in the past will also be included, Raubenolt said.

Statewide, there are more than 300 children awaiting adoption through the state's foster system.

Maura Corrigan, director of the Michigan Department of Human Services, will be the guest speaker, and photographer Linda Solomon will also speak.

Solomon was in charge of a recent project in which six foster children were given cameras and photography training, then asked to photograph things that captured their hearts. Their photos will be on display, and Solomon will speak about the project.

A youth in foster care is also scheduled to speak, and children portrayed in the Heart Gallery are invited to the event, Raubenolt said, although it's not always possible for them to attend. Lunch will also be served.

Raubenolt said NorthRidge, which is based in Plymouth

Township and has services there and at two satellite locations, is becoming more involved in helping children in the foster care system.

"We thought it was a great fit" for the Heart Gallery debut, she said.

The free grand opening of the 2012 Michigan Heart Gallery is 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at NorthRidge Church, 49555 North Territorial, west of Ridge, Plymouth Township. Register online for the event at [www.mare.org](http://www.mare.org).

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## RALLY

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about the party's conservative agenda. Speeches attacked President Barack Obama's health care plan and agenda, and criticized what they believe is a growth in government and unchecked spending in the federal government.

Speakers throughout the two-hour rally also urged voters to educate themselves before going into the voting booth this fall.

"We want to encourage people to get educated on candidates and messages," Rattle With Us leader Sharon Lolloio said. "Don't just do party politics ... do it right. It's important to go into the voting booth and be educated. There's definitely two different directions this country is going."

Like many of the people in the audience, Guyla Kricka of Salem Township said she supports the Tea Party because "I want to take back my country."

"It's turning very socialist," Kricka said. "There are far too many



Johnny and Billy Kincaid entertained the crowd of several hundred at Sunday's Tea Party rally in downtown Plymouth.

people with their hands out, instead of being out there working, which is what this country was built on."

Josephine DeLorenzo, who made the trip to Plymouth from her Bloomfield Township home to support the Tea Party agenda, said she's in favor of limited government, something she believes items such as Obamacare threatens.

### Poll numbers

"I would like to see the Supreme Court declare the mandate unconstitutional," said DeLorenzo, who would actually like to see the whole plan tossed out, but said she'd settle for the mandate. "If they say they government can

force you to buy insurance, we won't have limited government."

Lolloio and others involved in local Tea Party politics also took the time to dispute an ABC News/Washington Post poll showing six in 10 Americans "aren't particularly interested" in additional information about the Tea Party, and 41 percent "aren't interested at all."

"People think just because we aren't out on the streets waving cardboard signs, we've gone away," Lolloio said. "We've matured beyond that point. We're taking it to the next level, getting involved in school boards and local politics. We're not going away, we're taking it up a level."

Colbeck said the Tea Party continues to draw negative publicity for one reason.

"One thing that has become evident is when someone disagrees with something, they attack it, they marginalize it," Colbeck said. "When you get into the election and see the ideas being presented, it'll be clear there are fundamental differences in this country."

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Hilton Garden Inn seeks alcohol license

Guests at the Hilton Garden Inn in Plymouth Township might be able to belly up to the bar there this spring or summer.

The hotel, which is currently dry, is being acquired by MLQ MB Hotels 2011, and the buyer is also seeking to buy and transfer an existing liquor license from a defunct restaurant in Belleville.

The township Board of Trustees unanimously approved the transfer at its Tuesday meeting, and the issue now goes to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. Attorney J. Patrick Howe, representing the buyer, said he expects a decision at the state level within 30 to 60 days.

The buyer is also seeking to convert the Class C license to sell beer, wine and spirits by the glass to a Class B license, which is for hotel use, Howe said.

Howe told board members the hotel would continue to operate under the name Hilton Garden Inn; township Supervisor Richard Reaume said building permit activity indicates remodeling at the hotel is planned.

The hotel is on Sheldon Road between M-14 and Five Mile.

### No license, no problem

The city of Plymouth's liquor license cap was cited Monday as the City Commission voted unanimously to deny a license recommendation for the Casa de la Habana cigar club and shop.

The city's cap on the number of places allowed to sell alcohol by the glass, 24, was reaffirmed by the commission earlier this month. There are already 24 such establishments in Plymouth, 14 of

them in the downtown area.

A liquor license transfer had been sought by former Casa owner Ismail Houmani, and commissioners were told the request had to be voted on or it would remain active with the MLCC.

Houmani recently sold the business to John Lanier, a charter member of the club who is changing the name to Casa Plymouth. Manager Christina Vega said Wednesday that Lanier isn't currently interested in obtaining an alcohol license for the club.

### Parking crackdown

Motorists who need to park their cars and trucks in downtown Plymouth for more than a few hours will have to start looking a bit harder for spots beginning Monday.

That's when the City Commission's recent elimination of eight-hour spots on the ground level of the two-story downtown parking lot takes effect, and also when parking personnel begin enforcing parking time limits into the evening hours on a regular basis.

The change at the deck off of Harvey will make all ground-floor parking spaces there three-hour spots. Free eight-hour public parking will continue to be available on the deck's upper level, on Fralick between Main and Harvey, in the lot off Penniman west of Main, in the lot behind The Gathering, and in the lot near the corner of Wing and Harvey.

Plymouth's parking ordinance allows the city to enforce downtown parking time limits until 8 p.m., and officials say members of the city's parking enforcement team will regularly scheduled to work that late beginning Monday.

— By Matt Jachman

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## Bomb tech called after shell found at Plymouth apartments

By Matt Jachman  
Observer Staff Writer

Several apartments were briefly evacuated and a technician from the Michigan State Police bomb squad was called in Monday after a custodian at a Plymouth apartment complex found an artillery shell near a pair of Dumpsters.

The shell was at the Mayflower Townhouses, on Plymouth Road east of Mill Street, said Police Chief Al Cox.

It turned out to be a "proof" or dummy round used to train military gunners on loading artillery pieces, Cox said.

The technician from the MSP's Northville Township bomb squad office said it was not explosive and took the shell. "He said it was safe. He said it was fine," Cox said.

But to the untrained eye the shell looked like a newer, unused artillery round, the chief said. It was about two-and-a-half feet high and six or seven inches in diameter, he said.

"I certainly looked like something that would be used today," Cox said. "In this day and age, we don't take chances."

The custodian reported finding the shell in the complex's lower parking lot at about 2:30 p.m., Cox said. The man had been by the Dumpsters Monday morning and hadn't seen the shell, and was unlikely to have missed it, so it was probably set there after that, he said.

Police cordoned off the area, including the entrance to the parking lot, and evacuated fewer than 10 people from apartments nearest the shell for about a half hour, the chief said. Plymouth Road was not closed.

Cox said police have no leads on who



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A Michigan State Police Bomb Squad officer approaches the shell.

might have set the shell there, and that unless a witness had been looking at the Dumpsters at the time the shell was set out, it isn't likely that anyone spotted the person who dumped the shell.

Once there, however, the shell was hard for anyone passing by on the property to miss, Cox said. "It was very large and it was very obvious what it was," he said.

Cox said the person who set the shell out could be charged with illegal dumping, but would be unlikely to be charged with unlawfully disposing of a dangerous item.

"You would have to prove that someone had the intent to put people in fear or to terrorize people," he said.

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### CRIME WATCH

#### Shoplifting times two

The CVS drug store at Sheldon and Ann Arbor roads reported two separate incidents of shoplifting, both by females, two nights apart earlier this month.

In the first incident, shortly after 1 a.m. Saturday, a woman concealed in her jacket what to an employee appeared to be a bottle of liquor and a package of cold medicine and left the store, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report. The employee yelled at her, but she began to run and the employee followed but lost sight of her outside, police said.

A later review of a security video showed the woman taking a pair of rain boots as well as the liquor, and possibly the cold medicine, police said.

Two nights later, just before 9 p.m. Monday, a woman was seen hiding cosmetics in a purse and leaving the store without paying for them, a police report said. She was seen leaving the area in a black Ford 500, police said, and police were able to develop a possible suspect by researching the car's registration and obtaining a photograph.

#### Shoplifting citation

A Canton Township man was cited for third-degree retail fraud Monday afternoon after admitting he helped an acquaintance shoplift at the Kroger at Sheldon and Ann Arbor Road, police said.

Police said the man voluntarily appeared at the police station Monday after being left word by police that the Mercury Mountaineer he was supposed to have been driving was used earlier in the day by a suspected shoplifter. A witness had told a Kroger manager that a man had carried bottles of liquor from the store, handed them to someone in a Mountaineer, and that both people then left the area in the vehicle, police said.

After some questioning, the suspect said he knew the acquaintance intended to steal but was unsure what he took or how much, police said. He was issued a ticket with a Tuesday, May 8, court date.

#### Scrapers strike

Various kinds of metals — steel pipe, copper wire, brass valves and scrap aluminum — were reported stolen Monday

after a weekend break-in at the Globe Tech plant on Plymouth Road.

Police said the building was entered through a window that had been forced open, and that it appeared the burglar or burglars had backed a truck up to two other windows in order to load the metals. The break-in occurred between just after noon Saturday and early Monday morning.

#### Boat targeted

A 16-foot power boat and the trailer that carries it were the targets of theft and vandalism sometime last month.

The boat was being stored at Travel Trailer Storage on Ann Arbor Road, a police report said. The owner was informed of the incident via e-mail on March 30, he told police, and he had last been at the boat on March 15.

Two six-gallon gasoline cans were taken, the owner told police, as well as the boat engine's battery. In addition, two tires on the trailer had been punctured, he said.

The owner suggested the engine might have been damaged but said he would have to test it, police said.

#### Tires slashed

Two tires on each of two pickup trucks were slashed April 11 as the trucks were parked outside of Ernest Industries, a metalworking business on Keel Street, south of Five Mile and east of Beck Road.

The Ford and Dodge pickups each belonged to an Ernest employee, a police report said, and the vandalism occurred during the afternoon shift and was discovered when the men left work shortly before midnight.

In addition, the right front fender on the Ford had been scratched with a sharp object, police said.

#### Shed break-in

A weed-trimmer was reported stolen from a shed at a township apartment complex after a break-in that was discovered April 11.

The shed was at the Hillcrest Apartments, in the area of Plymouth Road and Haggerty, a police report said.

The latch on a shed door had been broken, police said.

— By Matt Jachman

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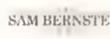
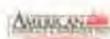
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# Cancer fundraiser nears increased goal

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer

Abby Stonerook of Plymouth figures to be in tears some time shortly after noon April 29, along about the time an unknown barber takes a razor to Stonerook's mane of blond hair.

But at least it'll be for a good cause.

Stonerook, a 27-year-old freelance copywriter and social media marketing strategist, will be among some two-dozen shaves getting their heads shaved for the St. Baldrick's Foundation to benefit children's cancer research at Claddagh Irish Grill in Livonia.

The annual fundraiser is being organized by Plymouth Township deputy clerk Eric Bacynski, with whom Stonerook actually went to elementary school at Bird Elementary in Plymouth. Abby followed brother, Nick, also scheduled to be a shavee, in support-



Siblings Nick and Abby Stonerook of Plymouth have committed to having their heads shaved for the St. Baldrick's Foundation for children's cancer research.

ing the project.

Nick, 30, had met Bacynski through a variety of chamber functions and agreed to have his head shaved. Almost as a dare, Abby joked that maybe she should. Bacynski asked what it would take.

"I told him if I could get \$2,500 in verbal commitments, I'd do it," Abby said. "That happened in

## HELP THE EDITOR!

**What:** St. Baldrick's Foundation Fundraiser  
**When:** Sunday, April 29, noon to 4 p.m.  
**Where:** Claddagh Irish Grill 17800 Haggerty Rd. Livonia  
**Why:** Observer Editor Brad Kadrich will buzz off his hair to raise money and awareness for childhood cancer research. All proceeds from the event will go to the St. Baldrick's Foundation, which funds childhood cancer research.  
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about 30 hours."

Abby is already past the \$5,000 fundraising mark, and brother Nick is very close to his \$750 goal, as well. That kind of fundraising has helped push the event itself past the \$13,000 level, on the way to its \$15,000 goal. That goal was raised when the event passed its original \$10,000 goal early on.

While Abby sort of jumped in — "I often make decisions that are a little startling, so this wasn't that far out of the box," she said — Nick's

participation was more measured. He did a little homework before offering his hair.

"I looked into it, and (St. Baldrick's) is like the second leading cancer research foundation, only to the U.S. government," Nick said. "For the most part, I've lived a healthy life, but children get cancer all the time. This is a great symbolic gesture."

The Stonerooks have lost grandparents to cancer, but neither knows any children afflicted with the disease.

That doesn't matter

when it comes to supporting the cause.

"Too often we don't act until we're directly affected by something," Abby said. "I keep getting asked, 'Do you know any kids with cancer?' and my response is, 'Everyone is someone's child.'"

Bacynski said companies are stepping up for the fundraiser. Both the Detroit Lions and Red Wings are donating autographed items for the raffle, Ford Motor Co. donated a gift basket and Best Buy is providing a gift card.

Locally, the Plymouth Whalers allowed Bacynski to run the 50/50 raffle and "Chuck-A-Puck" sales during a recent playoff game and are donating a gift basket to the raffle and \$100 cash.

Plymouth resident and business owner David Keefe is donating the services of his photo-booth company for the day of the event, and the host

venue, Claddagh Irish Pub, will be donating 8 percent of food sales that day toward the fundraising goal.

Dairy King owner Michael Hurley is also arranging some fundraising, according to Abby Stonerook, who used to dish out ice cream there.

It's that kind of support Abby said she was "humbled" to receive.

"I find it humbling to be supported by people I admire and respect," she said. "I gasped when I saw a generous donation from a group of 12th grade boys in Saudi Arabia who had pooled their money to make a donation. I did not send them my link or ask them to donate — they just found out and did it on their own. I am touched by their actions, and grateful to know that at some point, I touched them, as well."

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## REZONING

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under its current zoning, that it is adjacent to other industrial sites, that there are available nearby sites zoned for business use and that a rezoning could negatively affect traffic and public facilities.

Grand/Sakwa, which has a purchase agreement for the site, hadn't specified tenants, but representatives had spoken of a shopping center of between 200,000 and 300,000 square feet. The company had also voluntarily agreed to not locate a Walmart, a Sam's Club, an automobile dealership or an adult



The Plymouth City Commission listens to Dan Taylor's objections to the project.

entertainment business there, and to build a berm and a larger-than-required buffer zone between the site and residential neighbors to the south, among other conditions.

### Variety of uses

A general-business zoning on the site would have allowed for a variety of uses, including retail, restaurant, medical, theater and office uses.

Resident Joe White, who lives nearby, was the only speaker Monday who was not against the rezoning. White challenged the estimate that

had been provided to city officials that the property would be worth \$7 million to \$9 million if redeveloped as a retail center; saying he had experience in property appraisals. White said a 180,000-square-foot shopping center would be worth about \$36 million.

"I'm not for or against it, I just think you're entitled to an honest appraisal of this project and I don't think you've got it," White told the commission.

Planning consultant Don Wortman had earlier said the figure came from city assessors.

The current warehouse on the property is more

than 400,000 square feet and dates from the early 1950s, starting as a facility for the former Western Electric, an electronics manufacturing company. It has seen a variety of uses since then, including in recent years by Highland Appliance, American Blind and Wallpaper, FedEx and Office Depot.

Commissioner Ed Hingelberg indicated he shared opponents' concerns that a large-scale shopping center would change Plymouth's character.

"I moved from a far-away place called Canton because of our downtown," Hingelberg said.

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## Plan ahead for retirement

By **Rick Bloom**  
Guest Columnist

A couple (new clients) come into the office last week and I thought it would be beneficial to explain what I recommended.

They both plan to retire in a few months and they need assistance with their investments. He is 67 and she is 66. Currently, their total portfolio is approximately \$550,000. Of that, \$100,000 is in a fixed annuity, \$150,000 is split between 401(k)s and IRAs and the remaining amount is in a joint account.

They have approximately \$125,000 left on their mortgage, which is at 6 percent, and they are paying \$1,500 a month. In order to maintain their current lifestyle, their current income needs are between \$5,000-\$5,500 a month. They do not have pensions. If they currently collected Social Security, it would be approximately \$3,500 (total for both) a month.

The first thing I considered was where their monthly income needs would come from. I determined it was best for them to collect Social Security now. Even though their benefits would rise if they delayed Social Security, I believe in giving someone as much flexibility as possible. If I had them draw down in their portfolio to currently cover their income needs, they would lose some flexibility.

Since Social Security would not cover all of their income needs, I recommended they use part of the money in their joint

account to pay off their mortgage. By doing so, they are receiving a guaranteed 6 percent return on their money. And 6 percent is a decent rate of return. They are conservatively moderate investors and if you look at what banks are currently paying, 6 percent is a pretty good return.

### Income needs

Between Social Security and paying off their mortgage, a great majority of their income needs are covered. However, they may still be a little short. Therefore, to generate additional income, I recommend that they withdraw any excess needs from the annuity. The annuity is only paying 2.5 percent and is their least productive asset. Although it is not a very good annuity, the problem is the penalties are too high to cancel. Therefore, I recommend they take distributions from the annuity on a year-by-year basis to cover their income needs. Like most fixed annuities, they can take out 10 percent a year without penalty.

Between all three — Social Security, paying off the mortgage and the annuity — their income needs are now covered. However, one thing I know is that in retirement, costs do not go down, they rise. Therefore, with the remaining money, I want to make sure that their future needs would be covered. Because they are conservatively moderate investors, I recommend that they allocate the portfolio approximately 55-60 percent in a variety of stock-based, commission-free mutual funds with the remaining portion in a variety of commission-free bond mutual funds. My strategy is to let the portfolio continue to reinvest and grow until they

need additional money.

With regards to the 401(k) plan, I recommend that they directly transfer that into an IRA. The IRA will give them greater flexibility in investment options.

On the whole, they will have enough money to cover their living expenses today, while maintaining a rising income into the future. I believe the cost of living will never go down but it will continue to rise. In order to have a comfortable retirement, you have to plan to have a rising income.

In establishing this portfolio, I considered that they can live 30 years into retirement. In addition, one thing I always believe is that when one person passes on, the other one cannot live on half the income. I also factored into the equation that if there's only one spouse remaining, and they need some sort of assistance, that will take additional resources. That is why I always recommend a growth element in a portfolio.

When people get ready for retirement, they have to plan that they're going to live many years. They must have a strategy that meets their needs. People who don't plan long term will find that they're not living the American Dream but rather the American nightmare. I can't think of anything worse than to be old and poor.

Before you retire, make sure that you have a game plan that allows you to live the American Dream.

Good luck!

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# U.S. Chamber, CHLI honor McCotter

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus G. McCotter, D-Livonia, has been honored by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and Congressional Hispanic Leadership Institute.

McCotter was recognized by the Chamber for working hard to reduce taxes and regulations, expand trade, and otherwise create a more positive business environment, while the Leadership Institute presented it with its 2012 Leadership in Pub-



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least 70 percent of those votes receive the award. McCotter scored a 94 percent.

"I thank the U.S. Chamber of Commerce for this recognition; and, most importantly, for all of their efforts to expand the entrepreneurial opportunities and economic prosperity of all Americans," said McCotter.

McCotter will receive his public service award at CHLI's annual gala on

May 7.

CHLI is "privileged to honor a public servant of truly extraordinary talent and patriotism, Congressman Thad McCotter of Michigan, with our 2012 Leadership in Public Service Award", said Lincoln Diaz-Balart, CHLI Board Chairman and former member of Congress.

"I am humbled by this recognition from the Congressional Hispanic Leadership Institute, a pow-

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# Robotics team falls to state champ in quarters



Game pieces, otherwise known as basketballs, are stacked pyramid style during the competition.

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer

Not many teams gave eventual winner International Academy of Bloomfield Township (with Huron Valley Schools in Milford and Huron High School in Ann Arbor), much of a challenge as it rolled to the state championship in the 2012 FIRST Robotics state competition at Eastern Michigan University.

But Plymouth-Canton's Lightning Robotics 862 was one of them.

Lightning rolled into International's path in the quarterfinal matchup, and gave the eventual state champions all they could handle before falling 97-90. Despite the loss, team faculty advisor Jay Obsniuk said his team had a lot of which to be proud.

"We were the team that gave them the closest game," Obsniuk said. "No one even came close. We were able to get three robots up on the bridge, and that helped us stay close."

The season isn't over for one Lightning team member. Salem High School senior Ian Pudney was one of just six students chosen (of 380 competitors), for the competition's Dean's List. That designation sends Pudney to St. Louis for the international competition.

"It's a real big honor for him," Obsniuk said.

FIRST Robotics is a New Hampshire organization that sponsors the competition and sets the guidelines for each year's contest. Students are in the running for \$15 million worth of scholarship money for college, and many, like Landes, discover through robotics that a career in engineering is exactly what they want to pursue.

This year's competition, "Rebound Rumble," centered around robots accomplishing basketball-related tasks. Despite the quarterfinal loss, Lightning team members and their robot, Eddie, had a good season.

"They had a great year," Obsniuk said. "I'm super satisfied and happy."

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Eddie shoots and scores during the state competition at Eastern Michigan University.

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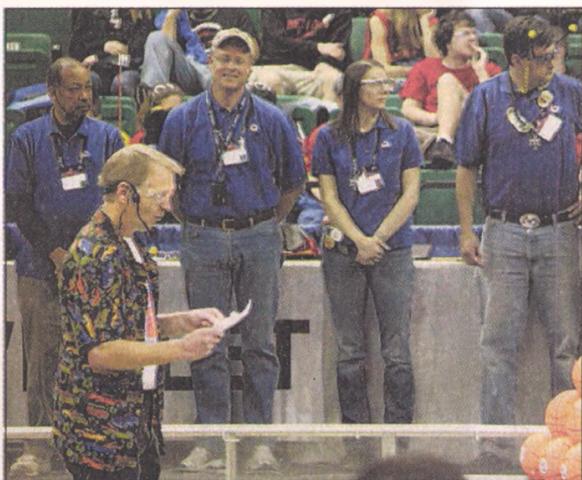
Salem High School senior Ian Pudney was named one of six Dean's List winners, chosen from a pool of 380 competitors. Pudney now heads to the international competition in St. Louis.



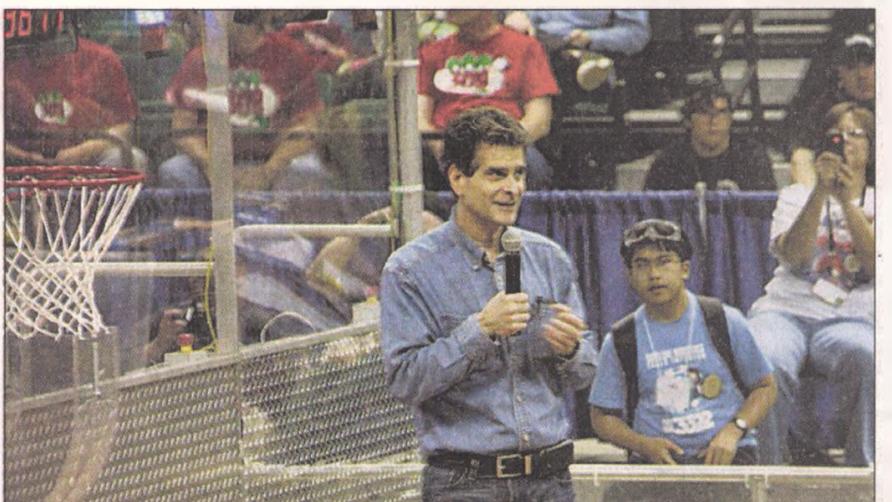
Lutulu Mbiye donned the uniform for the team mascot, Gigawatt, and lined up with other mascots at the state competition.



Lightning 862's drive team — Jeff Hess, Jeff Middleton, Tim Condron and Joe Jagadics — behind the window at the state meet.



Charlie Ackerman (second from left) of Robert Bosch LLC, the team's technical supporter, volunteers as a judge.



FIRST founder Dean Kamen stopped by to encourage the competitors at the state competition at Eastern Michigan University.



Plymouth Nursery owner Jeff Jones is at home among the Peace Lilies in the wide-open showroom of the nursery, located on Ann Arbor Road/Plymouth Road, just west of Godfredson.

## Nursery draws smiles as open house nears

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer

Plymouth Nursery is sort of a trek for Lorraine Wysocki of Livonia, who said despite the drive she's been shopping there for years.

So it was no surprise Tuesday to see her out there, shopping with her friend, Cathy Lloyd of Redford, in advance of Plymouth Nursery's annual open house, set for this weekend at the nursery located on Ann Arbor/Plymouth Road, just west of Godfredson.

"I like the ride out here, and I always find whatever I want," Wysocki said. "I never have complaints, but if I do, they're always taken care of right away. Every year I drop a small fortune here, and I do it with a smile."

She's not the only one smiling. Plymouth Nursery owner Jeff Jones, who completed a nearly total remodeling of his building four years ago, said he's noticed more optimism in the nursery's customers as the economy continues to show signs of improvement.

Jones said there have been "positive indicators" — more patio furniture, more big-ticket items sold — that things are turning around.

"The last three years, as the economy struggled, I would notice while walking the floors that attitudes (among customers) were a little more sour," said Jones, who earned a bachelor's degree in horticulture from Michigan State University in 1979. "(Now) I see a lot more smiling faces. I think people believe (the economy) has bottomed out and is actually getting better. I think there's a lot less cynicism and a lot more optimism."

That might be because



Plymouth Nursery clerk Patty Jenkinson checks out the merchandise purchased by Cathy Lloyd of Redford.

### PLYMOUTH NURSERY INVITATION

**What:** Plymouth Nursery Open House  
**When:** Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Where:** 9900 Ann Arbor Road/Plymouth Road  
**Highlights:** Freelance garden writer Janet Macunovich talks about pruning at 2 p.m. Sunday; other demonstrations include organic lawn care, miniature gardens, canning, container planting, vegetable and herb planting. There's also a sidewalk sale with "deep discounts" on close-out and one-of-a-kind items.  
**For details:** Call (734) 453-5500

of the remodeling Plymouth Nursery did. Jones said crews "guttered the building right down to the beams" and remodeled everything in sight. The result left the nursery with a wide-open showroom that this spring features all kinds of plants and patio furniture, among other items. The sliding automatic doors make access quick and easy, and the expansion also allowed room to bring in a number of new, high-end items.

The store, for instance, has expanded its yard art offerings and its inventory of Weber grills and accessories.

None of it has changed the basic mission, which remains, Jones points out, "high-end gardening."

"It's more open so people can get around easier," Jones said. "It was getting a little cluttered.

Now, instead of having something off to the side in a box, we've put it on display. When you can see how things can be used, instead of looking at it in a box, you get more inspired."

A new store manager, Patty Small, brings "years of retail experience" to the nursery.

"She has a great understanding of how to show people how things go together," Jones said. "She's very service oriented."

A new design team has also provided a "fresh look" at things, so that customers are getting new ideas.

"We're trying to show people how to use things," Jones said. "We're trying to make it an easier shopping experience."

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### PLYMOUTH CHAMBER CHAT

#### Scholarship goals

With a couple of weeks to go, the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is more than halfway toward its goal for funding the Student Citizenship Scholarships.

Donations received, according to information provided by the chamber on Monday, came to \$3,350, well over half-way toward the \$5,000 goal set for May 2.

These scholarships will be based on student's community service only and up to five \$1,000 scholarships will be given.

Contributors will be recognized on the Chamber's web page and at Showcase Plymouth on May 14. Donations need to be received by May 2. To access a donation form, go to the following link on the chamber's web site at [www.plymouthmich.org/chamber/student-citizenship-scholarships](http://www.plymouthmich.org/chamber/student-citizenship-scholarships).

#### Legislative roundtable

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck and state Rep. Kurt Heise meet with Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce members for a roundtable discussion about current legislation and important issues facing the state 3-4 p.m. Friday,

April 20, at the chamber office.

Members will have an opportunity to talk directly with them about issues like personal property tax or other issues impacting your business. This event is only for members of the Chamber of Commerce. There is no fee to attend.

To RSVP please e-mail [teri@plymouthmich.org](mailto:teri@plymouthmich.org) or call the chamber at (734) 453-1540. Due to space limitations, we can only accommodate 25 people or so. The chamber office is located at 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail.

#### Showcase Plymouth

Exhibit spaces for the Showcase and Taste of Plymouth, set for 5-7:30 p.m. Monday, May 14, are going quickly. Exhibit space prices are \$110 or \$135 (premium) and includes a 6' x 3' skirted table. This is a great opportunity to market your business to residents and local businesses. If you are interested in exhibiting, please contact the Chamber at (734) 453-1540 or e-mail [teri@plymouthmich.org](mailto:teri@plymouthmich.org). Cancellations must be received by May 10.

Showcase Plymouth takes place at The Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile (at Sheldon) in Plymouth.

## Must-have apps for spring

By Jon Gunnells  
Guest Columnist

Mark Zuckerberg is taking notice of the web's most popular apps and so should you. Earlier this month, the Facebook founder paid a cool \$1 billion for Instagram, a photo application available for download for iPhones and Android phones.

Instagram is one of the many must-have mobile applications every smartphone owner should have at their fingertips. In this column, I will explore a few other apps and mobile games every phone should be equipped with and I'll tell you why they are useful.

• **Instagram:** When Instagram was released for Android devices in early April, the app was downloaded one million times in the first day. One million users in one day can't be wrong. With Instagram, users can take trendy photos in sepia tones and share them with friends via social networks. Instagram is a fun way to instantly improve your photo skills — a necessary measure if you are as poor with a camera as this writer is.

For those who want to edit photos in tones and colors that aren't sepia, I suggest downloading Camera+, which is available in the iTunes store for \$1.99.

Camera+ is essentially an express version of Photoshop (a photo editing tool) that allows users to change contrasts and brightness levels, reduce red-eye and glare and more.



Tech Savvy

Jon Gunnells

• **Draw Something:** Nine days. It only took nine days for the Draw Something game to reach

more than one million fans, making it the fastest-growing mobile gaming app to date. With Draw Something, users can challenge their friends to virtual games of Pictionary. When you guess a picture correctly, you get coins which can be used to unlock new colors or words. Draw Something is about as addicting as Words With Friends, another viral game which was touted in this space early last year.

• **Temple Run:** Quite possibly the most exciting mobile gaming app not called Angry Birds. Temple Run is a mobile take on Indiana Jones as players try to navigate an Amazon-themed obstacle course while being chased by demon monkeys. I'll admit, it sounds a bit over the top, but something about jumping over moats and navigating around trees is exciting.

• **Angry Birds Space:** The newest Angry Birds game has raised the stakes and now users must account for gravity as they fling birds throughout the Milky Way. This game will cost you 99 cents in the iTunes store or Android Marketplace, but like any of the previous installments, this game is well worth it.

A couple of other cheap games worth downloading are Fruit Ninja and Doodle Jump. Both are available on smartphones with touchscreens (sorry Blackberry owners).

• **ESPN Scorecenter:** Whether you need to keep track of the Tigers, Red Wings or Pistons during April in the D, this application is for you. It's also useful for those looking to check golf or NASCAR results. ESPN Scorecenter can send you live-in-game updates via text messaging, and can also be accessed to check league-wide standings, scores, news video and more.

• **Soundhound:** A reliable application that can help you remember the name of songs that are playing around you. Soundhound is very similar to Shazaam, but also excels at ignoring background noises and just identifying what you want to hear. Soundhound is great at helping identify new music. Soundhound is also free.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Earth Day

### Simple steps can help environment, pocket book

Sunday marks the 42nd Earth Day commemoration, a day designed to remind people that the choices we make today can have an impact on the planet for decades to come.

Once an idea embraced only along the political fringes, environmental issues have moved to the mainstream and, at times, grabbed headlines. Focusing on the environment is more than responding to ecological disasters like the Gulf of Mexico oil spill. It's not about political debates regarding the merits of drilling for oil in Alaska or offering incentives to produce alternative sources of energy.

It's an idea that has moved into the classroom, where our children are learning we all have a responsibility to be good stewards to the earth. Several of the Plymouth-Canton elementary schools, for instance, have developed natural habitats and other "green" projects designed to bring students closer to nature and teach them not all lessons can be learned in a book. In addition, Allen, Bird, Dodson, Field, Gallimore and Miller Elementary Schools and East, Central and Pioneer Middle School have earned "green school" designation.

Earth Day is a chance for everyone to reflect on how we, as individuals, families or businesses, impact the planet and what we can do to make it a healthier, more sustainable place for future generations.

Everyone can make an impact. And we suspect most people, given the choice, would choose options favoring environmental stewardship instead of damaging it. You don't have to go out and buy a Chevy Volt to prove your "green" worth. There are scores of ways you can make a difference with the environment. Individually, it might not make a huge impact. But when you, your family, friends and neighbors all make a small change or two, that leads to much more significant improvements for the planet.

And, a lot of times, the following tips to help the environment can save you money, as well.

- Invest in a programmable thermostat. Why keep the house at a warm 70 degrees all winter long while you're sleeping at night. Set the thermostat to drop 10 degree automatically when you go to bed, then warm back up just before it's time to wake. There's 8 hours of heating daily off your bill. Do the same thing while you're at work. In the summer, reverse the process so the air conditioner isn't running 24-7.

- Limit times on the road. If you have errands to run, make sure you know everywhere you need to go, and everything you need, so you can combine everything into one trip. And lighten up on the gas pedal after the light turns green. Slow starts improve fuel efficiency, and jackrabbit starts will only save you a few seconds in your drive time.

- Keep it off. When you leave a room, don't forget to turn off the lights and electronics. Unplug that phone charger when you're not using it. When you're gone for a while, or overnight, turn off power strips and surge protectors, which are drawing energy whenever they are on, even if the electronics plugged into it are switched off.

- Reuse water bottles. Instead of stopping at the store to buy that afternoon water bottle. Most reusable bottles can be purchased for less than \$10, and filling up from your faucet at home costs pennies.

- Recycle paper. When you're done reading this newspaper, make sure it gets recycled. If you don't have curb side recycling, most schools in the area have paper recycling bins in their parking lot, which even brings a few extra dollars in to the schools each time they're filled.

- Bag it. When you head to the grocery or department store, bring your own bags. If you have plastic or paper bags from your last trip, use them one more time. Or go for a cloth bag, which can hold even more groceries and can be used again and again. Keep the bags in your car, so they're available whenever you need them.

- Buy energy efficient. When it's time to replace that refrigerator or dishwasher, look for its Energy Star compliance label. More efficient appliances will save electrical and water costs. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, replacing conventional light bulbs with compact fluorescent ones saves significant energy, as well. If each American home replaced one traditional bulb with the energy efficient ones, there would be enough saved energy to light more than 3 million homes a year.

None of these ideas requires big cash investments or hours of time to accomplish. They're just a few of the easy ways anyone can make a small change that can lead to big improvements with the environment.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### The Plymouth City Commission recently reaffirmed its cap of 24 on the number of establishments in the city that are to sell alcohol by the glass. Is this number too many, too few or just right?

We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.



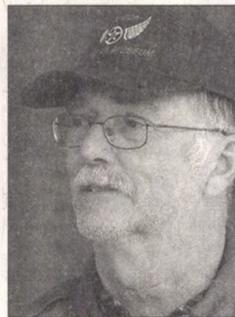
"I think it could go up by a couple."

**Paul Trame**  
Canton Township



"I think it's good."

**Angela McFarlin**  
Canton Township



"It's probably good. There's a lot of activity already."

**Tom Smith**  
Plymouth



"I think the restaurants, all the bars — it brings in the people, like Royal Oak. So I'd say, let them all have licenses."

**Dianne Horan**  
Plymouth

## LETTERS

### Falling short

The Plymouth-Canton School's mission statement is as follows: "As a public institution, the Plymouth-Canton Community School District will lead our state in educating students to thrive in a complex global community."

Unfortunately, this statement only applies to the majority of white students who attend our district's schools. White students in Plymouth-Canton consistently outperform black and Hispanic students on state assessments, in every subject, at every grade level. White students consistently graduate at higher percentages than students of color — while students of color are disciplined far more frequently than White students.

The Plymouth-Canton School District continues to provide tacit support to our students of color, and in most cases, to all marginalized students. The "colorblind approach" to educational and academic disparities that district leaders seem to adhere to is harmful and often the cause of deep, systemic racism, including institutional racism.

District leaders will point to efforts at understanding race, racial disparities and the elimination of the racial achievement gap as evidence of their interest that race matters when it come to serving the needs of our students. Yet, after four years of work, countless workshops, the acceptance of an Educational Equity and Excellence Transformation Framework that clearly outlines the path that must ensue in order to legitimately address racial disparities, there is still no racial equity policy written and presented to the school board for approval.

As this district continues to "beat the drum" for students to attend our schools via programs like elementary TAG, IBB, STEM, etc., students of color, and students who are categorized negatively as "other," suffer and struggle to find their voice in a system that seems only to care about "the best students."

Before we extend an invitation to the "best and brightest," I strongly suggest that district leaders and educators in Plymouth-Canton look at the faces of children who now sit in our classrooms — faces that awake each morning knowing that in order to make it through the day safely and successfully, they must learn how to navigate individual and institutional racism in our schools' classrooms, halls and cafeterias.

Write a Racial Equity Policy now, Plymouth-Canton School District. That, more than anything else, will demonstrate your commitment to be a "leader in the state at educating students to thrive in a complex global community."

**George Belvitch**  
Canton

### Smoking ban

When my wife and I moved to downtown Plymouth from Philadelphia last year, we worried that no amount of suburban, small-town charm could replace the fun of big-city life. We were wrong!

Over the past year, we enjoyed the farmers market, fall festival and the amazing ice sculptor displays. On a weekly basis, we love the local restaurants, visiting Penn Theater and our long walks through downtown and Kellogg Park.

What I love most about Plymouth are the people and the family atmosphere the city cultivates. With summer approaching and more and more families enjoying downtown, a major threat to this atmosphere is the exposure to second hand smoke, especially in Kellogg Park where families congregate.

Before you dismiss my claims, consider the following facts from the CDC regarding second hand smoke.

- Breathing second hand smoke has immediate harmful effects on the cardiovascular system that can increase the risk for heart attack

- Second hand smoke exposure causes an estimated 3,400 lung cancer deaths annually among adult nonsmokers in the United States

The effect is especially damaging to those 18 and under, with frequent exposure leading to increased risk for respiratory infections and asthma. Now before you jump to conclusions and think I am suggesting a Plymouth-wide smoking ban as the solution, read on.

I think a more reasonable solution is to take a measured approach. Children's greatest risk of inhaling second hand smoke exists in areas where both children and smoker are within close proximity for a duration of time — such as a park or special downtown events. Therefore, I propose a full-time smoking ban in Kellogg Park, as well as a temporary smoking ban downtown during family focused events like Fall Festival or Ice Festival.

Opponents to such a ban will claim this is a restriction on personal freedom — more government control during a time we are all fighting to reduce the government's size. They are correct. This ordinance would limit personal freedom.

However, clean air is a public good, just like the library on Main Street or the Kellogg Park fountain. When someone smokes in public, they limit everyone's right to clean air. Most importantly, they harm our most important asset, future Plymouth residents. Let's make a free investment in our city's future by implementing a measure that protects our city's children while being sensitive to individual rights.

**Paul Robichaux**  
Plymouth

### Smart meters

I encourage all Plymouth Township and Plymouth city residents to encourage their board or city commission to pass a resolution to impose a moratorium with the Michigan Public Service Commission. The main purpose of this resolution is to halt installations by DTE of the advanced ("smart") electric (or gas) meters on our homes until 100-percent conclusive proof can be provided that these meters pose no health, safety or privacy issues.

We, as residents, should also have the choice to "opt out" of this utility-mandated program without costs or penalties (Note: there is current legislation — Michigan House, HR 5439, to allow utility consumers to opt out of "advanced meters" otherwise known as 'smart' meters).

For more information and public responses, please visit: <http://efile.mpsc.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=17000&submit.x=16&submit.y=11>

**Bruce Hartdegen**  
Plymouth Township

### Better use of money

Right to Life-LIFESPAN is encouraged by the Susan G. Komen Foundation's recent announcement that it has ceased its financial partnership with Planned Parenthood. Some Komen affiliates have been sending dollars donated by individuals and participants in area Race for the Cure events to that organization.

Planned Parenthood is the largest provider of abortion in the United States and while the scientific link between early abortion and breast cancer is debated, the inconsistency of an organization dedicated to finding a cure for breast cancer — Komen — donating to an organization determined to ignore this possible link — Planned Parenthood — is profound.

Komen has indicated that its sharing of donations with Planned Parenthood will cease because Planned Parenthood is under federal investigation for a number of issues and Komen's new partnering criteria prohibits donations to organizations under such investigation. Last year, such donations amounted to \$680,000.

We are hopeful that such monies can now be used for finding the cause, and the cure, for breast cancer. This is a day of victory for women and their health.

**Diane Trombley**  
media relations director  
Right to Life-LIFESPAN

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# Inspire Theatre presents Simon's 'Rumors'

What does a retired detective, a physician, two school teachers, a high school counselor, an IT specialist and ocean export agent have in common?

They're all in Neil Simon's farcical comedy, *Rumors*, presented by Inspire Theatre of Westland beginning Friday, April 20.

Several affluent couples gather in the posh suburban residence of a couple for a dinner party celebrating their hosts' 10th anniversary. However, they discover there are no servants, the hostess is missing, and the host - the deputy mayor of New York City - has shot himself through the earlobe. Comic complications arise when, given everyone's upper class status, they decide they need to do everything



The cast of Inspire Theatre's production of Neil Simon's "Rumors" includes Lisa Brawley of Livonia (from left), Richard Holland of Livonia, Leonard Zamawski of Canton, Bill Petersen of Livonia, Sue Fisher of Wayne, Nick Szczebra of Brownstown, John Donnelly of Redford, Bobbi Gladden of Livonia and Toni Hammond of Farmington Hills.

possible to conceal the evening's events from the local police and the media.

In an interview, Simon said "the play started with the idea of doing a

farce ... The next thing was to do it as an elegant farce, because the farces in Moliere's days were generally about wealthy people."

"These aren't extreme-

ly wealthy people, but they are well-to-do, so I decided to dress them in evening clothes," Simon said during the interview. "There was something about having them dressed in evening clothes that I thought was a nice counterpoint to the chaos that was happening in the play. And so I picked a reason for them to be dressed elegantly, and it was a 10th anniversary."

Len Fisher, artistic director of Inspire Theatre, is understandably excited about this production.

"For this incredibly talented cast, we have doubled our square footage of stage," Fisher said. "We've added a second floor, complete with balcony. For our little the-

## SHOW TIME

**What:** Neil Simon's *Rumors*

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday April 20, 21, 27 and 28 and 3 p.m. Sunday April 22 and 29

**Location:** The theatre is located inside the Warren Road Light and Life Church at 33445 Warren Road, east of Wayne Road, in Westland.

**Tickets:** Tickets are \$13 each. Reservations can be made by calling the ticket line at (734) 751-7057.

not only limited to the set. He gushes about the script, the cast, his staff, and ticket sales.

"It's like a convergence of all things that are good about community theatre. Plus I have an added bonus - my wife Sue is one of the cast members," he said.

The Neil Simon script has been challenging for the cast, given the location of the rented theatre space - inside a local church.

"It's a mixed bag," explained Fisher. "The rent and location is great, but some folks come or don't come because we are in a church. We have walked the delicate line of being sensitive to being in the building while still maintaining the integrity of the script."

atre group, this has been an ambitious undertaking. It feels like the little theatre that could." Fisher's enthusiasm is

## Students turn Rouge into living classroom

During the week of May 2, more than 3,000 students from local southeast Michigan schools will be conducting chemical tests, examining aquatic life, and surveying the Rouge River.

The students' efforts are a part of their participation in the Rouge Education Project, a program coordinated by the non-profit Friends of the Rouge. Through the Rouge Education Project students get to experience hands-on science in a real world setting.

Students participating in the Rouge Education Project may monitor up to nine different chemical parameters of the river including pH, dissolved oxygen, phosphorus, nitrates, and fecal coliform bacteria. The students will then collect

and identify benthic macroinvertebrates, such as insect larvae that live in the bottom of the river, crayfish and snails. Lastly, students also complete a physical stream survey, which includes documenting the erosion of stream banks and measuring the velocity of the water.

"The Rouge Education Project provides K-12th grade students with an exceptional opportunity to gain hands on experience in real-world science, learn about their local ecosystem, and form lasting respect for the community in which they live," said Rouge Education Project Program Manager Emily R. Hughes.

The Rouge Education Project began in 1987 and is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year.

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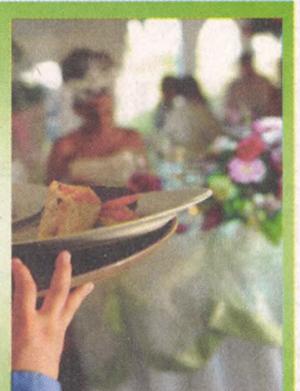


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# SPORTS

## Teams ready for City Meet

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

With the annual City Meet looming, the Canton and Plymouth boys track and field teams tuned up with victories on Tuesday.

Canton edged Livonia Churchill 72-65 while Plymouth rolled to an 81-56 victory over Livonia Franklin.

**BOYS TRACK** Results from Tuesday's Salem-South Lyon dual meet were not available.

According to Chiefs head coach Bob Richardson, sweeping the 100- and 200-meter dashes "really helped us. Our sprinters led the way."

Winning those events were Ryan Jones and Colby Morris, respectively, with Matt Schacht finishing first in the 400 dash.

"We knew it was going to be a close meet and it turned out exactly that way," Richardson said.

Plymouth head coach Jon Mikosz said the Wildcats "learned and improved" from an April 3 loss to Canton.

William Askew II "had a great meet" winning the 100 and 200 along with being of the victorious mile relay.

Also solid in the victory were Derek Gielarowski, Max Rogowski, Brandon Dalton, Jonny Dalton, Lucas Bunting and Alex Rogers.

Mikosz added that William Harrington threw well (first in the disc; second in the shot) and that freshmen Nathan Harris and John Kody chipped in.

Harris earned his first varsity win in the high jump (5-foot, 8-inches) while Kody also scored with a second-place mark of 5-6.

"We're happy with the victory and now we got to get our sights set for Thursday night and the

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Plymouth's Mitchell Heard (No. 15) scores in the second period against Kitchener goalie John Gibson to make it a 2-2 tie in Game 7 of the Western Conference semifinals. The Rangers subsequently took control of the deciding contest.

## HARPOONED

Kitchener sinks Whalers in Game 7 of OHL conference semis

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Missed opportunities, penalty trouble and Kitchener forward Tyler Randell — not necessarily in that order — dashed the hopes of the Plymouth Whalers moving on to the OHL Western Conference finals.

A four-goal performance by Randell keyed the Rangers to a 6-3 victory in Tuesday night's Game 7 of the Western Conference semifinals, played before nearly 2,500 fans at Compuware Arena.

So instead of getting ready to face London in the conference finals, Whalers players sat quietly in their locker room stalls or consoled each other, wondering how their plans got derailed.

"Feel this pain you're feeling right now, because you let it slip away," Plymouth head coach and General Manager Mike Vellucci said. "You had them down three games to two and they won the last two. ... We should have played better in their building in Game 6 and we definitely should have played better here."

On Sunday, Plymouth gave up two goals in the third (one into an empty net) to fall 4-2 and require the winner-take-all scenario.

### Firing blanks

The Whalers did come out firing in the first 10 minutes of the game, when they had a 7-0 edge in shots. That time span also corresponded with the only power-play opportunity they received all night.

However, they couldn't dent Kitchener goalie John Gibson (35 saves) and the Rangers cashed in on the power play at 10:20 of the first period.

Center Michael Catenacci sent a cross-crease pass to Randell stationed near the left post. Randell slam-dunked the puck past Plymouth netminder Scott Wedgewood, the New Jersey Devils prospect who might have been playing his final game for the Whalers.

Plymouth needed less than two minutes to answer. Winger Stefan Noesen (Ottawa prospect) threaded a pass to linemate Matthew Mistele in the left circle.

Mistele then launched a shot over Gibson's glove with 7:51 left. Also assisting was defen-

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## Little League opening day

Plymouth-Canton Little League will celebrate opening day for the 2012 baseball season Saturday, with games from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Canton Sports Center.

The flier for the event can be found at [www.ply-canll.com](http://www.ply-canll.com). The official opening day ceremony will take place at 3 p.m.

Residents are welcome to come out and help kick off the 2012 season.

## MU baseball signs recruit

Madonna University baseball coach Greg Haeger announced the signing last week of Fraser catcher-infielder Taylor Grzelakowski to an NAIA letter-of-intent.

Grzelakowski earned All-Macomb Area Conference honors after hitting .364 as a junior while slugging at a .600 clip. He is ranked 64th in the state by MichiganBaseballProspects.com.

"Taylor is a big, strong kid who swings the bat from the left side of the plate," Haeger said. "He's caught and played the infield in the past, but what we like about him the most is the power potential he has, especially being left handed."

## Tin Cup time

The inaugural "Train with Tami Tin Cup" is set for Saturday, April 28 at Hickory Creek Golf Club. Formerly known as the Tin Cup since its debut in 1999, the 2012 tournament is scheduled for an 8 a.m. shotgun start.

PGA pro Tami Bealert, of Hickory Creek GC, has agreed to sponsor the Tin Cup starting in 2012 — thus the name change. The tournament is an 18-hole, stroke-play, net-score event for Mulligan Tour members that have a handicap established.

Guests are encouraged to register to play in the tournament in the same way as tour members. They can mail in the entry fee or use the PayPal option on the tour's website ([www.themulligantour.com](http://www.themulligantour.com)), where they can also learn about the tour's origins and purpose. The entry fee is \$45 and includes a cart. The deadline to sign up is April 19.

Also in the works is a pre-tournament party at the Greenside Tavern (the restaurant inside Hickory Creek) on Friday, April 27.

Hickory Creek Golf Club is located just west of Canton at 3625 Napier Road in Superior Township. Call (734) 731-0238 for more information.

## Canton boys hoop camps

The Canton boys basketball program is hosting camps in June for youngsters entering grades five-nine.

Boys entering ninth grade can sign up for a camp slated for Monday, June 4 through Thursday, June 7 (5-6:30 p.m. daily). Registration is \$50, which includes a T-shirt.

For boys going into grades five-eight, the camp goes from June 25-28, from 9-11 a.m. each day. The cost to sign up is \$60, also including a T-shirt.

Visit [www.facebook.com/cantonchiefsbasketball](http://www.facebook.com/cantonchiefsbasketball) to get registration forms or contact coach Jimmy Reddy at [redjy@slcs.us](mailto:redjy@slcs.us).



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Ryan Rieckhoff, shown from a 2011 match, returns for the Plymouth varsity boys golf team.

## 'Cats keep bar high

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

What do you do with a team that's enjoyed consecutive all-state performances and division championships?

Plymouth varsity boys golf coach Chris Moore is loading up the early season schedule with tournaments against top teams from around the state.

"My hope is that we will see what it will take in order to make it to the state tournament again for a third straight year," Moore said. "Many of the teams in our division (KLAA South) have made some great improvements since last year, so we know it is going to be a very competitive season."

With the recent unseasonably warm weather, the team was able to

get in extra practice time and that also is a reason Moore is optimistic about continued excellence.

Junior Ryan Rieckhoff and freshman Chris McDonald each sank their first career ace on the same No. 5 hole at the Fox Hills/Woods Course.

"A significant part of our team's success is the practice time we get at Fox Hills," Moore said. "We have access to their par-3 course, the driving ranges, short game practice area and, of course, the 27 holes at the Classic."

Also key for another successful year is having 18 returning golfers from the team that went 9-1 in the KLAA South.

Leading the way will be senior co-captains Josh Heinze and Craig Whatley, who "have done a great job in the off-season by setting up dates to practice and hit balls."

Other returnees are

senior Eric Thompson; juniors Kyle Rodes, Rieckhoff, Gunnar Savalox, Ryan Riva, Thomas Wolf and Austin Horton; and sophomores John Tatti, Evan Chipman, Kyle Melnick, Chris Kozler, Lucas Winkler, Jack Marentic, Alex Decker, Chris Bicknell and Corey Smith.

McDonald is one of eight newcomers to the squad. The others include senior Daniel Furlong; juniors Brad Huettner and Spencer Godin; sophomore Justice Graves; and freshmen Michael Groff, Connor Zydeck and Andrew Lloyd.

The Wildcats open with tournaments Saturday at Rush Lake, Sunday at Indianwood (new course) and Monday at Indianwood's old course — the latter to be the site for the U.S. Senior Open later this summer.

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## Chiefs won't 'lax' in any department

Sturdy defense will be the calling card for the Canton varsity boys lacrosse team, as the coaching era of Paul Isiminger begins.

Four returning seniors lead that defense. Co-captains Ryan Schwinke, Brandon Schlieger, Christian Munch on the long poles and goaltender Daniel Blanchard.

Also in goal is another



Isiminger

er returnee, sophomore Collin Smith, providing Isiminger with plenty of talent between the pipes.

"The coach has installed some new defensive schemes this year. It's going to take a little time to adjust but we will be strong and ready," Schwinke said.

Isiminger knows the

ropes at Canton, having played for former coach Kevin Riley, who left the Chiefs to coach at Lawrence Technological University.

Joining Isiminger's staff are former Chiefs Alec Gillo and Ryan Dunleavy, the latter who won a National Championship at Davenport University.

That new coaching regime also has balanced offense to augment the

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TOM TOPPER

Canton midfielder Lucas Carpenter (No. 11) looks to pass the ball during one of the team's early season contests.

# Eagles breeze to win

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Wild pitchers and gusty winds were the story Monday afternoon as Plymouth Christian Academy blew past Melvindale Academy of Business & Technology, 21-1.

The game was called due to the mercy rule after the top of the third inning.

"The pitchers had a really hard time with throwing strikes, on both sides," noted PCA head coach Joe Bottorff, whose team improved to 2-0. "But I got kids with less experience a little bit of action so when it's time to play later on they'll at least have been in a game a couple times. And a couple of them got hits."

Freshman Tanner Hay doubled to center field in the second inning for two RBI, while Bottorff added that junior Brandon Marker also scored his first varsity hit.

Pitching all three innings for the victory was sophomore John Lauch, who only gave up a run in the top of the first.

But the Eagles sent 19 batters to the plate against three ABT pitchers in the first, as PCA scored 13 times. There were 10 walks to keep the rally going, with the final five free passes of the stanza forcing in runs. Sophomore Daniel Jipping smoked a two-run

homer over the fence in left-center and PCA received back-to-back RBI singles in the frame by freshman Michael Slater and senior Daniel Slater.

Three doubles sparked the eight-run second inning. They were collected by Michael Slater (2-2, three runs, one RBI), Hay and Lauch.

**PLYMOUTH 8, W.L. CENTRAL 3:** Rich Guglielmi homered and doubled to pace the Plymouth Wildcats to a KLAAC crossover baseball victory Monday.

"This is a good win for us against a quality opponent," Plymouth head coach Bryan Boyd said. "Central is a very good team."

Also helping the offense were Casey Sudz (two hits, two RBI), Brian Schmid and Brendan Swanson (two hits each).

Starting pitcher Justin Thompson teamed up with relievers Austin Eberling and Brandon Waack. Eberling threw three shutout innings and earned the win while Waack pitched a 1-2-3 seventh.

Plymouth opens division play with a Friday doubleheader against visiting Livonia Churchill.

**CATS' OHIO TRIP:** Plymouth went 1-1 last week in Ohio, with two other games rained out.

On Thursday, the Wildcats defeated Chaminade-Julienne 14-2. Schmid went four innings for the win, with Chad Schroeder wrapping it up with two innings in relief.

Jamarl Eiland collected three hits and drove in two runs, while Tyler Goble, Matt Janke and Sudz tallied two hits each.

Plymouth also lost 11-8 to Wyoming despite Goble's four-hit, five-RBI performance. Justin Thompson and Willey chipped in with three and two hits, respectively.

# PCA offense paces opening victories

Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity girls soccer team and new coach Abby Lorion are off to a 2-0 start following wins Monday and Tuesday.

On Monday at PCA, the Eagles mercied Summit Academy, 8-0. They followed that up Tuesday with a 6-1 drubbing of Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett.

Both games were routs, but Lorion said the Eagles "played significantly better" against University Liggett.

"They were first to the ball and did a great job of winning balls in the air," she said.

In Tuesday's game, Emily Gerulis scored two goals off of free kicks and added an assist. Abby LeMerise scored three goals while Rachel Zandee tallied a goal and two assists. Sarah Durham had a single helper.

Gerulis and Katelynn Barkell each scored two goals Monday while Gerulis, Zandee and Jenna Abraham had two assists. Other players to score included Abigail Aitken (who played the first half in goal), LeMerise, Martha Mullett and Kendall Groenwood.

The winning goalie both days was Aitken although Sarah Durham played part of the opener.



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Plymouth forward Tom Wilson (No. 10) dishes the puck from behind the Kitchener net, starting a play that would end in a goal by linemate Mitchell Heard (not pictured). At right is Tobias Rieder of the Rangers.

## WHALERS

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seman Dario Trutmann.

Kitchener forward Eric Ming scored for a 2-1 lead with 2:50 remaining. He walked the puck out from behind the net, waited for traffic to get in front of Wedgewood (25 saves) and scored with a short-side shot.

### Effort pays off

Once again, the Whalers knotted the score. With 17:24 left in the second period, the hard-working line of center J.T. Miller (New York Rangers prospect), Mitchell Heard and Tom Wilson teamed up for the equalizer.

Wilson dug the puck out from behind the Kitchener goal and sent it to Miller along the left-wing boards. Miller's subsequent feed was jammed in by Heard at the right post.

But in keeping with the theme of the night, the Whalers could not get over the hump. Kitchener tallied two



Kitchener's Radek Faksa (No. 94) and Cody Sol (No. 41) close in on Plymouth forward Matthew Mistele (No. 22) during action Tuesday night at Compuware Arena. Mistele had a goal and an assist.

goals just over two minutes apart to take a 4-2 lead into the second intermission.

On the power play, defenseman Ryan Murphy sent a shot from beyond the top of the left circle that Randell batted in at the right side of the Plymouth goal.

Randell then deked Wedgewood for his hat trick, with just 51 seconds left in the period.

Kitchener really took the air out of the build-

ing when Randell tipped in a point shot by defenseman Cody Sol with 15:37 remaining in the third, opening up a 5-2 advantage.

Plymouth defenseman Austin Levi (Farmington Hills) closed the gap to 5-3 at 14:13. Levi's screen shot from the blue line snuck through a maze of bodies into the Kitchener net. Assisting were Mistele and Wilson.

The optimism for the team and home fans was

short-lived, however. Tobias Rieder's empty-netter with 1:21 left finished off the Whalers.

"They got four power plays to our one in Game 7, so that's pretty ridiculous," Vellucci said. "But I didn't think we had any jump. They played pretty good and their goalie played really well."

### Some won't return

That Carolina prospect Levi scored in the final game of his four-year Plymouth career was one small positive in a night of disappointment.

Some of the other long-time Whalers who won't be back include captain and defenseman Beau Schmitz (Howell), center Andy Bathgate and forward Jamie Devane (Toronto prospect).

"You don't know how everything is going to shake out next year," Whalers assistant coach Don Elland said. "But some guys will be leaving. It's always nice when a guy that's been here a long time scores on his last night."

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## GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

### DUAL MATCH RESULTS

**PLYMOUTH 8 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 1**  
April 17 at Plymouth

**No. 1 singles:** Carolyn McCullen (LF) defeated Lindsay Stemberger, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 2:** Keerthi Chekuri (P) def. Jenny Pagador, 6-2, 6-3; **No. 3:** Kirithi Duraiswamy (P) def. Natalie Mays, 6-2, 6-2; **No. 4:** Miranda Cerny (P) def. Kelsey Sitarski, 6-0, 7-6 (7-1).  
**No. 1 doubles:** Sarah Mitchell-

Erin MacKenzie (P) def. Jamie Buchanczenko-Kayla Buchanczenko, 6-3, 6-3; **No. 2:** Marlowe Susselman-Sarah Gamble (P) def. Morgan Witherspoon-Anna Mozota, 6-1, 7-5; **No. 3:** Sarah Dillon-Katie Bartek (P) def. Sarah Godsinski-Laura Corp, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 4:** Lauren Chipman-Elle Anderson (P) def. Naomi Hedeen-Madison Eisenhower, 6-2, 6-2; **No. 5:** Carly Curvin-Lindsey Dean (P) def. Amanda Lyon-Alison Karczynski, 6-0, 6-2.

**Franklin's dual match record:** 1-2 overall, 1-1 KLAAC South Division.

### CANTON 9 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 0

April 17 at John Glenn

**No. 1 singles:** Janani Shanmuga (C) defeated Sara Aulidge, 6-1, 6-2; **No. 2:** Hanna Herree (C) def. Shaina Jones, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 3:** Hayley Cook (C) def. Montana Graszak, 6-1, 6-2; **No. 4:** Maddison Johnson (C) won by forfeit.

**No. 1 doubles:** Sydney Leidel-Erin Fowler (C) def. Ashley Ilonze-Brea Stewart, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 2:** Kristen Hollingsworth-Emily Erley (C) def. Jasmine Ivey-Tiana Grafton, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 3:** Claire Babala-Jasmine Henry (C) def. Victoria Silva-Donaji Castro, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 4:** Jamie Emens-Sinari Shah (C) def. Ann Koulou-Myesha Hines, 6-2, 6-0.

**Glenn's dual match record:** 0-6 overall, 0-2 KLAAC Sout Division.

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"The course is going to be in excellent condition for our boys," Moore said.

**PCA outlook**  
David Sheppard takes over as head coach of Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity golf team. The Eagles are a young squad with four sophomores among his starters. Those include Adam Powlul, Luke Holmes, Erich Ling and Josh Paladino, with junior Alex Huber and senior David Bixler rounding out the card.

Ready in reserve are seniors Tyler Mills, Amanda Doiron and freshmen Joey Faneli, Zack Eisen, Sarah Hughes and Elizabeth

Qualls.  
"I am looking forward to this upcoming season with our top guys showing some real promise with posting some low scores during practice," Sheppard said. "We have a young team and will hopefully be building and improving for years to come."

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## LACROSSE

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experienced back end. Junior co-captain Tim Popp, sophomores Kyle Topper, Ian Fagan, senior Michael Olah and junior Craig Allard are the players who Canton will look to for goals.

The middies this year are led by senior co-captain and third-year varsity player Lucas Carpen-

ter, along with seniors Zach McArdle, Jason Bohl and junior Dillon Schlamp.

Joining the midfielders this year are seniors Justin Bekker, Nick Dunklee, junior Jake Brekke, sophomores Max Kwiecien and Aaron Roschinsky. Freshmen Nolan Gilo and Jay Krebs bring some youth and talent to round out the middies.

The long stick mid-field group includes Jake

Evavold and Tyler Sen-sky. The LSMs will be much more of a factor this year under Isminger's watch.

Rounding out the roster is junior Charlie Vanerian.

The Chiefs are off to a good start. After dropping the opener to Ann Arbor Skyline they bounced back with a solid 9-5 win over West Bloomfield and this week face Grand Blanc, Hartland and Troy.

# Observerland girls bowlers clutch under pressure

## FIRST TEAM

**Bridget Moricz, Sr., Clarenceville:** The repeat first-team all-area player rolled a high game of 255 to go along with a 630 series (both in tournaments).

During the regular season, Moricz averaged 190.01 for 28 games.

"She was the anchor bowler all year for the girls varsity team and led our team in regional qualifying with a third-place finish to go to Jackson," Clarenceville coach Phil Horowitz said. "I feel she's very deserving."

Moricz also excels in the classroom, carrying a 3.9 grade-point average.

**Caitlyn Webb, Soph., Plymouth:** The sophomore showed the poise and maturity of a senior for Plymouth, a consistent performer all season as anchor bowler for coach Tammy Thompson.

Webb averaged 193 in tournament play, with her high-water mark 256 on two occasions.

She was first at the Division 1 regional at Westland Lanes, with a 1,169-pin series and advanced to the Round of 16 at the D1 finals at M-66 Bowl in Battle Creek (1,072, 15th place).

"She was lights out with her spares all season and is our most dynamic bowler," Thompson said. "She is the type of bowler that other anchors don't like playing against."

The coach said Webb's top accomplishment might have been a 666 score at the Valentine's Day tournament "and beat every bowler in the house, including all of the boys."

**Bridget Maul, Jr., Salem:** Third-year varsity bowler Maul was outstanding for the Rocks, carrying a 173 average with a high game of 245 and earning selection to the All-KLAA team.

Maul won 19 of 24 match points, placed second at the D1 regionals (1.078) in the singles event and reached the Round of 16 at the finals.

In the qualifying block at Battle Creek, Maul totaled 1,094 with a high game of 216.

She then lost 397-353 to Kelsey Fader of New Baltimore Anchor Bay.

"Bridget is a true leader and mentor on the team," coach Kathie Hahn said. "She says she is going to win states next year and we are counting on it."

Maul also was named as a KLAA athletic scholar.

**Kristin Larkins, Jr., Salem:** Another stel-

## 2011-12 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS BOWLING

### FIRST TEAM

Bridget Moricz, Sr., Clarenceville  
Caitlyn Webb, Soph., Plymouth  
Bridget Maul, Jr., Salem  
Kristin Larkins, Jr., Salem  
Rae'ven Turner, Soph., N. Farmington  
Emily Fraser, Jr., Plymouth

### SECOND TEAM

Charlotte Zimmer, Jr., Canton  
Caylin Doran, Soph., Farmington-Harr.  
Maria Walawender, Jr., F.H. Mercy  
Caitly Lenard, Soph., John Glenn  
Tiffany Markham, Sr., Wayne  
Emily Mesner, Sr., N. Farmington

### THIRD TEAM

Jenny Ramsey, Sr., N. Farmington  
Jasmine Wehr, Sr., F.H. Mercy  
Olivia Cabildo, Fr., John Glenn  
Sabine Hutter, Soph., Ladywood  
Megan Blanck, Jr., Plymouth  
Madison Close, Sr., N. Farmington

### COACH OF THE YEAR

Mike Horner, North Farmington

### HONORABLE MENTION

**Wayne Memorial:** Lorissa Willets; **Westland Glenn:** Yvette Ayers; **Salem:** Ashley Hinojosa, Rachel Amodio; **Farmington Hills Mercy:** Kathleen Abenes, Eleanor Carey, Erica Canavan; **Canton:** Brianna Bailey, Amber Holly; **North Farmington:** Emily Doig, Erin Breen; **Farmington-Harrison:** Ella Kearney, Melissa Waun, Melissa King; **Plymouth:** Megan Brewer, Tiffani Patterson; **Ladywood:** Veronica Estigoy, Amy Lewandowski.

lar third-year bowler for Salem's varsity is Larkins, who averaged 188 with a high game of 263.

Larkins, an all-conference selection, won 18 of 24 match points and placed seventh at the D1 regionals with score of 1,015.

At the D1 finals in Battle Creek, she tallied 1,009 points for 33rd place.

"Kristin was the team captain and did a wonderful job," Hahn said. "She is going to have a very strong senior year."

**Rae'ven Turner, Soph., N. Farmington:** The sophomore standout is a two-year varsity bowler who played a major role in the Raiders winning the OAA White Division and being undefeated in dual matches. Turner was the Region 3 runner-up and a state qualifier. She averaged 175 in the OAA and 178 overall.

Turner was third at the Clarenceville Doubles tournament, and she qualified in fourth and third at the OAA singles and Oakland County tournaments, respectively. She also made all-tournament team at the Mercy Invite in which she bowled 244 and 266. She is an OAA scholar-athlete with a 4.0 GPA.

"Rae'ven is only a sophomore, but bowls like a seasoned veteran," coach Mike Horner said. "She strives for a precise delivery on every single ball she rolls. Don't be misled by her quiet personality. She is a tremendous-

ly competitive athlete who demands the very best from herself. Fortunately, we will have her talent and work ethic as an example for two more years."

**Emily Fraser, Jr., Plymouth:** The junior with the "flare for spares" was consistent all year for Plymouth.

But she peaked at tournament time, finishing 10th at the D1 regionals (1,008) and then reaching the Round of 16 at the D1 finals.

Fraser rolled a 232 in the first game of the qualifying block, going on to tally 1,106 pins for sixth place.

"She started off at the top and never looked back," Thompson said.

The coach added that Fraser is a "great leader" whose consistency "is what made her a state-worthy bowler. She is known for picking up her spares."

According to Thompson, "I knew what I was going to get out of Emily every time she was in the lineup."

### SECOND TEAM

**Charlotte Zimmer, Jr., Canton:** The junior and varsity co-captain averaged 180 for the Chiefs. At the D1 regionals, she placed 28th with a score of 913.

Her best scores were 279 for one game and 474 for two.

Zimmer, the team's anchor bowler, was named to the All-KLAA squad.



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Tiffany Markham  
Wayne



Emily Mesner  
N. Farm.

"Charlotte Zimmer is a talented bowler with a lot of potential," coach Karl Brubaker said. "She has improved each season and we look forward to her senior season."

**Caylin Doran, Soph., Farmington-Harrison:** The sophomore shot 10 games of 200 or better this season. Her high game was a 244 and high series a 419. Doran averaged 185 for the season and was named to the All-OAA first team.

"Caylin has been a starter since she entered our program," coach Dennis Hermani said. "This year she bowled anchor for us and finished with the third highest average in the OAA. She is a two-time All-OAA bowler and had the highest average for an underclassman in the conference. Her off-season training and competition allowed her to raise her average 19 pins over her freshman season. She can be a dominant bowler over the next two years, and our program is lucky to have her."

**Maria Walawender, Jr., Mercy:** She went on a tear in the month of February, bowling 28 games and averaging 190. The stretch included seven games in a row over 200, a league-high 268 game and a two-game series of 495. Walawender helped lead Mercy to a second straight Catholic League championship, and she was named to the All-Catholic team with a 618 series. Her overall season average was 180, and she received many all-tournament medals.

"Maria would often huddle up the team in the middle of competition and provide some words of encouragement to motivate everyone to improve," coach Vicky Kowalski said. "She has been on the varsity team all three years and served as co-captain this sea-

son. We look forward to Maria captaining the Mercy team in her senior season next year."

**Caitly Lenard, Soph., John Glenn:** The sophomore captain helped the Rockets to the KLAA Central Division title with a 175 average to go along with a two-game series of 419-408.

Lenard also rolled a 253 at this year's Division 1 regional (21st overall).

"Next year looks to be real promising for her and her teammates," Glenn coach Stephen O'Harris said.

**Tiffany Markham, Sr., Wayne:** The third-year varsity performer led the Zebras in matches won to go along with a 173 average.

Markham posted a high game of 223 and a two-game high series of 424.

Markham plans to stay close to home after graduating in 2013 and would like to bowl for Schoolcraft College.

"I would like to thank coach (Diane) St. Louis for all the help and happy smiles while bowling my freshman, sophomore and junior years," Markham said.

**Emily Mesner, Sr., N. Farmington:** Mesner is a three-year varsity bowler who averaged 169 in the OAA and made the all-league third team. She made great strides from her sophomore season when her tryout average was 108. Her high game and series came in the same match when she bowled 222 and 437. She qualified seventh at the OAA singles tournament and took third place at the Clarenceville Doubles event. Mesner finished 15th in Region 3. She is an OAA scholar athlete and an academic all-state bowler.

"Emily was the epitome of senior leadership," Horner said. "She pushed herself tirelessly to

improve her game from last year to this season. Her example at practice and her leadership as one of our captains was a large part of our success. We will miss her energy, enthusiasm and heart next season."

### COACH OF THE YEAR

**Mike Horner, North Farmington:** Horner, who started the bowling program at North Farmington eight years ago, guided the North girls to the school's most successful season. The Raiders were undefeated in dual matches and won the OAA White Division championship. They also won the Division 1 regional at Drakeshire Lanes and qualified for the state tournament. It was the first time a North Farm-

ington team (girls or boys) had won a tournament.

"There were no stars on that team and no superlative standout bowlers," Horner said. "They were a real blue-collar crew that saw their success as a result of hard work and focus. They were the kind of team a coach waits for his whole career. To have them receive some individual accolades is just well-deserved icing on a wonderful season."

"I have been fortunate to have not only a wonderful assistant in Bob Roberts, but also several volunteer coaches — Jake Roberts, Ron Turner and Paul Gross — who give unselfishly of their time. It's this additional coaching that allows us to give each athlete the individual attention necessary to improve her bowling. The kids and I have been blessed by this sharing of time and talent that has contributed so much to our success."



Mike Horner  
N. Farm.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Golf outing

The fifth annual Canton Boys and Girls Basketball Golf Outing is slated for Sunday, June 3, at Fellows Creek Golf Club. A shotgun start will be at 1 p.m.

Included in the \$100 registration fee are 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch at the turn, dinner and a prizes raffle. Go to: www.facebook.com/cantonchiefsbasketball to get registration forms or contact Jimmy Reddy at redjy@slcs.us.

### Metro-West Steelheaders

Lake St. Clair charter captain Don Miller will

be the featured speaker at the Metro-West Steelheaders monthly meeting beginning at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 1 at the Livonia Senior Citizens Center, located at the corner of Farmington and Five Mile roads.

For more information, call Jim Robertson at (734) 383-2790; or e-mail www.metroweststeelheaders.org.

### Canton football camps

Football players of all ages have something they can benefit from thanks to a trio of camps being run in mid-late June by the Canton High School football program.

All of the camps will take place at the varsity turf stadium at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. All participants will receive Chiefs football T-shirts.

Kicking it off from June 11-14 is the "Football Skills Camp," for youngsters entering grades seven-nine. Prospective participants must pre-register by May 21 (\$45), although latecomers to sign up will owe \$55.

Sessions will run from 5-7:30 p.m. and focus on improving fundamentals while learning the Chiefs' football philosophy.

Next up, June 18-21, is the "Wing T/3-4 Camp" for those going into

grades 10-12.

Times are 2-5 p.m. June 18 and 5-8 p.m. June 19-21 with registration fees \$25 (if pre-registered by May 21) and \$30 (for latecomers).

On the agenda will be become a "tough and agile back or an efficient passing and throwing quarterback."

Wrapping things off June 25-28 is the "Fundamental Football Camp," for kids entering grades three-six. Times are 9 a.m. to noon all four days. Fees to sign up are \$75 (if signed up by June 1) and \$100 for those who register after that date.

Campers will learn about blocking, running, throwing and catching

on offense and "proper footwork and techniques" on defense.

For more information, e-mail Enza Lana-va of the Canton Chiefs Booster Club at elana-va@wowway.com or call her at (313) 300-1173. All checks must be made payable to the Canton Chiefs Football Boosters Club.

### Play GCYBSA ball

Registrations are now under way for the Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association's baseball and softball programs.

The GCYBSA offers progressively developmental recreational baseball and softball pro-

grams for players age 4-18 from Plymouth and Canton. GCYBSA is also home to a Competitive League and travel programs (Boys Cardinals, Girls Pride Fast Pitch).

For more information, go to www.gcybsa.com or contact Coralee Ott at (734) 394-5358, via e-mail at cott@cantonmi.org.

### AAU openings

The LaZers AAU Girls 16U Elite Basketball Club has openings for the spring / summer season. Varsity level players are sought for the team. Call Coach Z for information at (734) 286-1009 or e-mail him at zbergadominic@sbglobal.net.

## TRACK

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City Meet," Canton's Richardson said. "We won the City Meet last year, so we've had the traveling trophy in our building."

"It should be exciting, the kids are pumped because it's their friends and neighbors."

Canton is hosting this year's meet, which begins

with field events at 3 p.m. followed by running events at 4 p.m.

### DUAL MEET RESULTS

**CANTON 72 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 65 April 17 at Churchill**  
**Shot put:** 1. Bryan Bartig (LC), 48 feet, 11.5; 2. Jake Staff (LC), 42-1.5; **discus:** 1. Bartig (LC), 139-11; **high jump:** 1. Jamal Dixon (Canton), 6-4; **long jump:** 1. Dixon (Canton), 18-7; 2. Jahmon Maton (LC), 18-6; **pole vault:** 1. Jake Hage (LC), 12-3; 2. Alex Ryktrsyk (LC), 11-6; **110-meter hurdles:** 1. Kenzel Jefferson (LC), 15.8; 2.

Zach Zoltowski (LC), 16.4; **300 hurdles:** 1. Shean Krolicki (Canton), 43.5; 2. Zoltowski (LC), 44.8; **100 dash:** 1. Ryan Jones (Canton), no time; **200:** 1. Colby Morris (Canton), 22.9; **400:** 1. Matt Schacht (Canton), 53.3; **800:** 1. Ryan Wise (LC), 1:59.6; 3. George Bowles (LC), 2:09.1; **1,600:** 1. Miles Felton (Canton), 4:38.2; 2. Wise (LC), 4:41.5; 3. Ben Yates (LC), 4:44.1; **3,200:** 1. Colin Murphy (LC), 10:38.6; 2. Andrew Malik (LC), 10:39.7; **400 relay:** 1. Canton (Morris, Zach Smilo, Demetre Lopez, Jones), 45.5; 2. Churchill, 46.2; **800 relay:** 1. Canton (Morris, Smilo, Anthony Tillman, Kenny Scott),

1:33.5; 2. Churchill, 1:35.3; **1,600 relay:** 1. Churchill (Wise, Robert Howard, Bowles, Zoltowski), 3:42.2; 2. Canton, 3:47.0; **3,200 relay:** 1. Churchill (Howard, Bowles, Yates, Wise), 8:29.2; 2. Canton, 8:45.0.  
**Dual meet records:** Canton, 2-0 overall, 2-0 KLAA South Division; Churchill, 1-1 overall, 1-1 KLAA South.  
**PLYMOUTH 81 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 56 April 17 at Plymouth**  
**Shot put:** 1. Tony Vella (LF), 36 feet, 6 inches; w. William Harrington, 35-5.5; **discus:** 1. Harrington (P) 111-3; 2. Hattar (LF), 95-5; **high jump:**

1. Nathan Harris (P), 5-8; 2. John Kody, 5-6; **long jump:** 1. Jordan Vickham (LF), 19-7; **pole vault:** 1. Damon Currier (LF), 9-0; **110-meter hurdles:** 1. Tom Brokaw (LF), 14.9; 2. Daniel Edgerton (P), 16.4; **300 hurdles:** 1. Andrew Crechiolo (LF), 42.5; 3. Edgerton (P), 46.1; **100 dash:** 1. William Askew II (P), 11.1; 3. Alex Rogers (P), 11.3; **200:** 1. Askew II (P), 22.6; 2. Perelli (LF), 23.2; **400:** 1. Lucas Bunting (P), 53.0; 2. Johnson (P), 55.2; 3. Antwine (P), 55.6; **800:** 1. Max Rogowski (P), 2:07.6; 2. Jonny Dalton (P), 2:08; **1,600:** 1. Derek Gielarowski

(P), 4:39.7; 2. Rogowski (P), 4:41; 3. Brandon Dalton (P), 4:44; 3:200: 1. Gielarowski (P), 10:15.8; 2. B. Dalton (P), 10:22; 3. Zane Berlanga (P), 10:26; **400 relay:** 1. Franklin, 44.9; 2. Plymouth, 46.9; **800 relay:** 1. Franklin, 1:35.2; 2. Plymouth, 1:36.2; **1,600 relay:** 1. Plymouth (Askew II, Bunting, Evan Johnson, Rogowski), 3:38.2; 2. Franklin, 3:45.9; **3,200 relay:** 1. Plymouth (Gielarowski, Nick Eiben, J. Dalton, Rogowski), 8:40.8; 2. Franklin, 8:48.3.  
**Dual meet records:** Plymouth, 1-1 overall, 1-1 KLAA South Division; Franklin, 1-1 overall, 1-1 KLAA South.

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. Photos must be in jpg format, attached to the e-mail.

April

**AUCTION**

**Time/Date:** 6-10 p.m. Saturday, April 21  
**Location:** St. Mary Parish Activity Center and School, 34516 Michigan

**Details:** St. Mary 1st Annual Auction A Night on the Town will include a silent auction, live auction and more. All proceeds benefit the St. Mary Parish and School. Tickets are \$25 and include a strolling buffet,

dessert and two beverages. Pre-registration is a must  
**Contact:** auction@stmary-wayne.org

**BLOOD DRIVE**

**Time/Date:** 1-7 p.m. Friday, April 20  
**Location:** Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland  
**Details:** Walk-ins are welcome  
**Contact:** (734) 722-1735

**CELEBRATING FAMILY**

**Time/Date:** After all Masses, April 28-29  
**Location:** St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia  
**Details:** View large LEGO displays and browse a Catholic bookstore display during this free event titled Celebrating Families: Building Blocks of Society  
**Contact:** (734) 425-5950

**CLOTHING BANK**

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 28  
**Location:** Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy Road, between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton  
**Details:** Free clothing to anyone in need  
**Contact:** (734) 404-2480 or (734) 927-6686

**CONCERT**

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 28  
**Location:** St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia  
**Details:** A choral celebration of love and springtime featuring motets, madrigals, sacred choral classics, and love songs. Donations accepted at the door  
**Contact:** (248) 349-8175

**CONCERT**

**Time/Date:** 4 p.m. Sunday, April 29  
**Location:** St. James Episcopal Church, 355 W. Maple, at Chester in Birmingham  
**Details:** The St. James Choir, soloists and Michigan Sinfonietta present Part One of Bach's "Mass in B Minor." Freewill offering.  
**Contact:** (248) 644-0820

**GRIEF SUPPORT**

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. April, 23, 30, May 7 and 9  
**Location:** Our Lady of Good Counsel, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth  
**Details:** Deacon Bob Irvin, the Rev. John Riccardo, as well as John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization, will present "Grieving with Great Hope." Registration forms are online at www.good-

mourningministry.net or call the church. The series began April 16  
**Contact:** (734) 453-0326; olgcparrish.net

**POMEGRANATE GUILD**

**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. Sunday, April 22  
**Location:** In the community room of the Prentis Apartments located on 10 Mile, east of Greenfield Road in Oak Park  
**Details:** The group will lead a community-wide needlecraft workshop teaching the techniques of cross stitch, needlepoint and huck embroidery. \$5 materials fee  
**Contact:** Judy Galperin at (248) 661-5337

**PARENTING SERIES**

**Time/Date:** Dinner, 5:30 p.m., followed by the series, 7 p.m., Wednesdays through May 23  
**Location:** First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, Northville  
**Details:** "Have a New Kid by Friday!" is the new parenting series by Kevin Leman. Cost for dinner is \$5. The series began April 18  
**Contact:** (248) 348-7600

**PARENTING STRATEGIES**

**Time/Date:** 4 p.m. Sunday, April 22  
**Location:** Canton Christian Fellowship Church, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton  
**Details:** "Spring into Summer: Strategies for Keeping Your Child on Track this Summer" is a workshop designed to help parents create engaging activities for their children during the summer. They'll learn about reading activities, everyday math, summer camps and free fun trips. The workshop will include suggestions for kids of all ages with plenty of time for questions and answers  
**Contact:** RSVP by April 18 by calling (734) 404-2480 or e-mail to info@cantoncf.org

**RETREAT**

**Time/Date:** April 20-21  
**Location:** Embassy Suites, 19525 Victor Parkway, Livonia  
**Details:** Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church presents a women's retreat. Guest speaker is Suann Dibble. Cost is \$85 per person  
**Contact:** Barb Karowich at (734) 480-1644 or visit www.christoursavior.org

**RUMMAGE SALE**

**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, April 27 and 9:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, April 28

**Location:** Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile between Newburgh and Haggerty, in Livonia  
**Details:** \$2 bag sale on Saturday  
**Contact:** (734) 464.0211

**RUMMAGE SALE**

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, April 21  
**Location:** Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, at Plymouth Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Donations of slightly used but-still-in-good-condition items are being accepted and can be dropped off 9 a.m.-3 p.m. weekdays. No admission for the sale and all profits will benefit the adult day ministry and other ministries within the church  
**Contact:** (734) 464-0990

**RUMMAGE SALE**

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 26-27  
**Location:** Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City  
**Details:** Gently-used items at bargain prices  
**Contact:** (734) 427-3660

**RUMMAGE, BAKE SALE**

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, April 20 and 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, April 21  
**Location:** Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, near 12 Mile and Farmington Road, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** The Women's League's sale includes a \$3 bag sale and a \$6 bag sale on Saturday. In addition to clothing and baked goods, sale items will include small appliances, furniture, books, linens, bedding, dishes and other household goods, toys and jewelry  
**Contact:** (248) 553-3380

**VIRTUAL DEMENTIA TOUR**

**Time/Date:** 10-11:30 a.m. and 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 28  
**Location:** Riverside Park Church of God & Adult Day Ministry, 11771 Newburgh, at Plymouth Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Audra Fyre, marketing director of Arden Courts of Livonia presents the tour, which is an effective way to put yourself in the shoes of a person suffering with dementia. No charge, although donations may be made to Adult Day Ministry. RSVP by April 13  
**Contact:** (734) 855-4056

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**ANDREJCIW, SHIRLEY L.**

Age 77 April 11, 2012. Beloved wife of the late Russell. Dear mother of Denise (Jack) Campbell, John, David (Marjie) and Marybeth (Dan) Bochel. Grandmother of Jack Jr., Joseph, Amber, Olivia and D.J. Sister of Corrine Molinari. Visitation Friday 12 noon until the 2:30pm funeral service at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd., Garden City (between Ford Rd. & Cherry Hill). Family suggests memorials to the Alzheimers Association. [www.Santeiufuneralhome.com](http://www.Santeiufuneralhome.com)

**GORMAN, MICHAEL LEYDEN**

Age 68, April 15, 2012, of Westland. Survived by his girlfriend, Alice Seward. Loving father of Traci Vargas and Mike (Ericka) Gorman. Proud grandfather of Dakota and Madisan. Dear brother of Sharon (Roger) Baker, Tim (Judy) Gorman and Patricia Hall. Visitation Fri., 2-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Rd. (btwn Ford & Cherry Hill), Westland. In state Sat., 9 AM until 9:30, Funeral Mass at St. Richard Catholic Church 35637 Cherry Hill Rd. (btwn Newburgh & Wayne), Westland. Interment Glen Eden Lutheran Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to The Capuchins. To share a memory, please visit [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com)

**HANRAHAN, ISABELLE M. (nee O'Donnell)**

Age 95 April 15, 2012 of Farmington Hills. Formerly of Center Line, Mi. and Bayonne, N.J. Beloved wife of the late Richard. Caring mother of Patricia (Richard) Rathburn, Lois (late Ken) Saxe, Ann Calvo and John (Susan). Grandmother of Megan, Matthew, Isabela, Brendan, Patrick, James and Kealani. Visitation Thursday April 19 2-8 PM with 6 PM. Rosary at Rudy Funeral Home 25650 Van Dyke, Center Line, MI. Instate Friday 9:30 AM at St. Clement Catholic Church 25320 Van Dyke, Center Line for a 10 AM Mass. Burial St. Clement Cemetery. Memorials to Parkinson Foundation appreciated.

**MORRISON, DAVID ALLEN "TURK"**

Age 61, formerly of Westland, died April 13, 2012. Beloved husband of Carolyn A. Morrison; loving father of Mary (Brian) Heick, Fowlerville, Brian (Mary Beth) Morrison, Fenton; beloved Papa and G Pa to Brandon "Bubba", Ashley, Tyler, Adam "Pud" and one on the way; three brothers, Robert Morrison, Jr., Brighton, Jerry Morrison, Whitmore Lake, William Morrison, TX; sister, Mary Kinneer; mother-in-law, Mary Faye; many nieces and nephews. Born January 14, 1951 in Detroit, son to Robert and Margaret (Haugh) Morrison. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and retired from Ford Motor Company in 2006 after 37 years. Services 1 PM Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at Sharp Funeral Homes, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Visitation 2-9 PM Monday and 12-1 PM Tuesday. Contributions to Wounded Warrior Project. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com)



**STIGLICH, RUTH**

Age 91 of Plymouth, passed away on April 13, 2012. Born in Litchfield, Michigan to parents Rex and Mabel Rossman. Beloved wife of 67 years to Martin J. Loving mother of Martin R. (Catherine) Stiglich, Ralph E. Stiglich and Ronald F. (Lynn) Stiglich. Proud grandmother of Larissa and Seth Michael Stiglich. Dear sister of Wayman (Peggy) Rossman and Albert Rossman. Ruth was an expert seamstress, she enjoyed playing golf, gardening, playing bridge with her friends, dancing, snow skiing and especially spending time with her family. Throughout her life Ruth was a devoted caregiver to many close family members in their own time of need. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2012 at 12:00pm from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main, Plymouth. Visitation will begin at 10:00am until time of service. Share memories at [schrader-howell.com](http://schrader-howell.com)

**DALE, RODNEY A.**

APRIL 10, 2012  
 Beloved husband of Ruth. Dear father of Rhonda and Gregory. Dear brother of Catherine and Frances. Also survived by 5 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. Funeral Saturday, 3 p.m. at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 7707 Middlebelt Road (at Ann Arbor Trail). Family will receive visitors Saturday, Noon-6 p.m. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at [griffinfuneralhome.com](http://griffinfuneralhome.com).

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## Hard rock venue adds country show

By Sharon Dargay  
O&E Staff Writer

Jennifer Westwood is looking forward to her first gig at The Token Lounge in Westland.

She'll be among a handful of local musicians Saturday, April 21, who will bring a bit of country into the venue known mostly for rock and heavy metal.

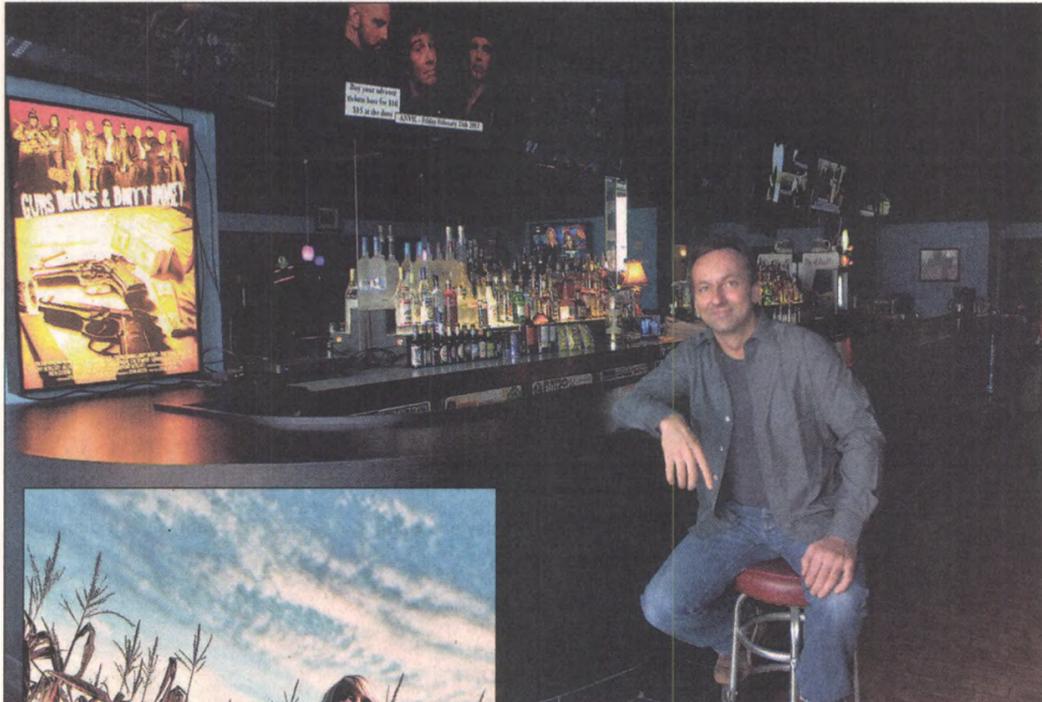
"I've only been there twice, checking out friends' bands," said Westwood, adding that she's billed as a "country rock" artist. "It's been a while since I've played on the west side."

When the show promoter asked Westwood if she'd mind sharing the evening with other bands, the singer said the notion "sealed the deal."

"Country, Rhythm & Blues" will feature country rockers Two Tone Tobacco, Pat V and The Detroit Three and The Hillneck Redbillies, in addition to Westwood. Rikki Roxx, Internet radio personality, will emcee. Doors open at 8 p.m.. Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$12 at the door. Tickets are available at <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/224989>. The Token Lounge is located at 28949 Joy Road; (734) 513-5030.

### Face lift

The addition of country, blues and other musical genres is part of a long-term revamp project at The Token Lounge. Owner John Anton also has made changes in its decor,



John Anton, owner of The Token Lounge, has begun to revamp decor and expand the musical offerings at his Westland club.

including new paint and flat screen televisions.

"The fact that The Token is being redone is really exciting," said Westwood, a St. Clair Shores resident who is formerly from Livonia. "Venues are struggling. This shows vision on his (Anton) part."

"I think this show will be great. We'll all bring our own crowds," she said, referring to each band's fan following. "As time progresses they'll draw new patrons."

Westwood has performed throughout Metro Detroit —

including at Ford Field — sang back up for Motown artist Carl Carlton, voiced award-winning commercials and released a CD with her original work. She also sings lead vocals with The Blue Collar Boys.

Westwood began her singing career in church.

"I went to churches in Detroit and Livonia and way out towards Ann Arbor. I've experienced every type of gospel. I gravitate toward blue-sy gospel. I auditioned for a church choir when I was 13 or 14."

### On her own

Five years ago she began working on her own projects, bringing her gospel roots to rock and roll and recruiting musicians for a band. Most of the performers she knew played jazz and rhythm and blues, so she placed a notice on Craigslist.

"At first it's hard to find anyone willing to play for you if you're unknown. But over time it gets easier. Now I'm surrounded by the best talent in Detroit. I sing with my band — they're all seasoned musicians — and I also do acoustic shows with Jackson Smith and Dillan Dunbar."

Westwood is getting ready to launch a new app, developed by a local company, that will bear her name and feature music and entertainment news. She hopes it will be ready by Saturday.

Earlier this week she also received a call from Sponge frontman Vinnie Dombroski.

"He just contacted me and asked if I could come in and record," said an excited Westwood. "That's what I mean about going from scrounging and then getting someone to believe in your vision, to all of a sudden getting to play with the best."

Look for Westwood to sing at least one new song at Country, Rhythm & Brews. Her website is [jenniferwestwood.com](http://jenniferwestwood.com).

Visit The Token Lounge's website at [www.thetokenlounge.com](http://www.thetokenlounge.com).

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

**FARMINGTON ART FOUNDATION**

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 19-20 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, April 21; opening reception, 6 p.m. Thursday, April 19

**Location:** William M. Costick Activities Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Spring exhibit and sale; free admission

**Family Day:** Held in conjunction with the Foundation's exhibit and the community's annual Festival of the Arts, "Family Day" from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. April 21 at the Costick Center will include fun for all ages including artist demonstrations, creative hands-on activities for children, and a wide range of entertainment

**Contact:** (248) 473-1800

**NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE**

**Time/Date:** Through April 21

**Location:** 215 W. Cady, Northville

**Details:** All-media, juried show from the Ann Arbor Women Artists

**Contact:** (248) 344-0497 or e-mail to arthouseoffice@northvillearts.org

**STARRING "THE GAL-LERY"**

**Time/Date:** Exhibit runs

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**Contact:** (248) 347-1642; www.starringthegallery.com

**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN**

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, noon-5 p.m. Sunday, through May 20

**Location:** University of Michigan Museum of Art, 525 S. State, Ann Arbor

**Details:** "Fluxus and the Essential Questions of Life," includes more than 100 works by major artists, such as Yoko Ono, Nam June Paik and George Maciunas; admission is free

**Contact:** (734) 764-0395

**Benefit**

**JAZZ FESTIVAL**

**Time/Date:** 3 p.m. Sunday, April 22

**Location:** VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia

**Details:** Gary Schunk Trio performs at this benefit for the Michigan Jazz Festival. Tickets are \$15. Send a check payable to the Michigan Jazz Festival, 20457 Maplewood, Livonia, MI 48152-2022

**Contact:** Midge Ellis at (248) 474-2720

**TRINITY HOUSE THE-ATRE**

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Friday, April 20

**Location:** 34500 Six Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Featured performers include Jill Jack and Mark Iannace, John Latini and Jamie-Sue Seal, Bill Bynum and Mary Seelhorst and The Potter's Field. All proceeds benefit Trinity House Theatre. Tickets are \$15 and \$12 for subscribers. All proceeds benefit Trinity House Theatre

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**JD'S HOUSE OF COMEDY**

**Time/Date:** Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings

**Location:** 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield

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**JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB OF LIVONIA**

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**Location:** 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

**Details:** Saints N' Sinners, April 18-21; Michael Kosta, April 25-28; Vince Morris, May 2-5

**Contact:** (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

**MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE**

**Time/Date:** Paul Mercurio, April 19-21; John Caparulo, April 26-28; Kevin Mcpeek, May 3; Norm Macdonald, May 4-5; Kathleen Madigan, May 10-12

**Location:** 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

**Contact:** (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

**Dance**

**BALLET**

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Saturday, May 5 and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 6

**Location:** Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit  
**Details:** Complexions Contemporary Ballet dances to pop, jazz, gospel and blues music. Tickets are \$30, \$40, and \$50, available at the music hall box office or at www.ticketmaster.com  
**Contact:** (313) 887-8500

**CONTRA DANCE**

**Time/Date:** Beginner instruction at 12:30 p.m.; dance starts at 1 p.m., Sunday, April 22

**Location:** American Legion Hall, 31775 Grand River Ave., Farmington

**Details:** Farmington Contra Dance; cost is \$10, \$5 for students, with all proceeds benefitting a charity

**Contact:** American Legion at (248) 478-9174

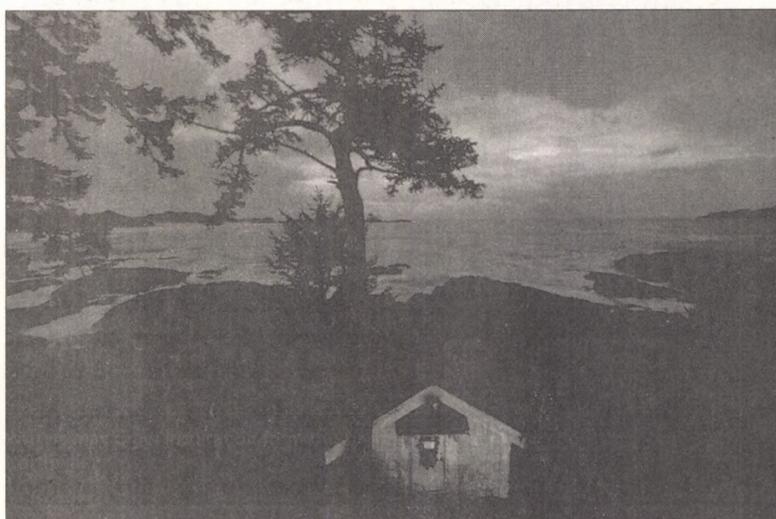
**FAIRLANE BALLROOM DANCE CLUB**

**Time/Date:** 7:30-10:30 p.m. Thursday

**Location:** Lyskawa V.F.W. Hall, 6840 Waverly, east of Telegraph, south of Warren in Dearborn Heights

**Details:** Singles and couples dance to live bands on a hardwood dance floor. Admission is \$7 for members and \$8 for nonmembers. Free refreshments

**Contact:** Jean Orleans at (734) 516-0500



This landscape photo is among the photos designed to inspire entries into the "Short on Words" competition.

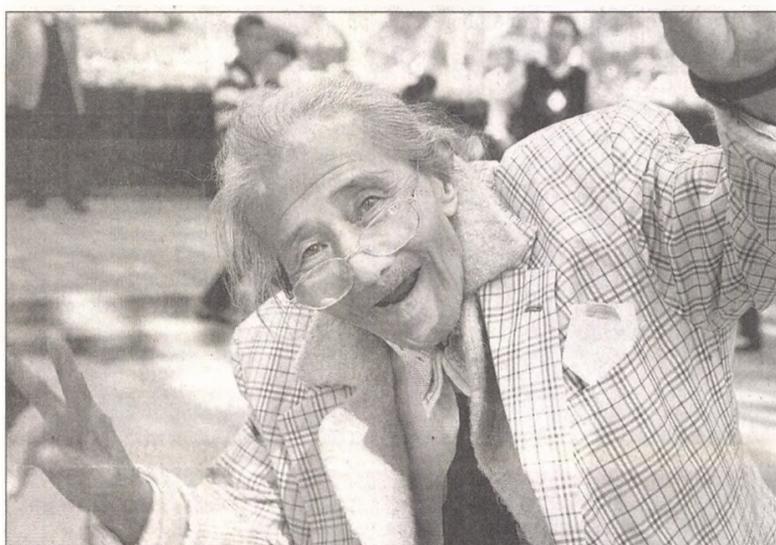
# Photos inspire writing contest entries

The search is on for authors with a keen eye.

"Short on Words," a poetry and short story contest held in conjunction with Northville's 2012 Arts & Acts Festival, offers three photos to inspire entrants.

Poems and stories submitted to the contest must relate to one of the photos. Entries should be no longer than 1,500 words and must be postmarked no later than May 4. The cash award for this year's first place contest winner is \$150; second place is \$100; third place is \$50. There will be addition-

al prize recognition awarded at the discretion of the judges. The panel of judges includes Northville city council member and published author Michelle Fecht and Ellen Demray, principal of Grandview Elementary School in Livonia. Preservation Dental is the contest sponsor. Criteria and complete information packets are available at Preservation Dental, 371 E. Main, at Griswold, Northville; at preservatordental.com; and at the Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady, Northville. Or call (248) 344-0497.



Writers may draw inspiration from this photo for a poetry and short story contest in Northville.



Inspired by this photo? Send a poem or short story to "Short on Words" competition in Northville.

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# Yummy without wheat

By Sharon Dargay  
O&E Staff Writer

Mary Guerriero remembers buying her first loaf of gluten-free bread over Internet several years ago, at a time when most grocery stores didn't routinely stock such products.

"It was \$9," recalled Guerriero, who has eaten a gluten-free diet for 21 years. "I got so tired of buying (gluten-free) things — and they were so bad — and throwing them out. I tried throwing the bread to the birds and they wouldn't eat it because if they did, they'd probably never fly again."

"Things have improved so greatly since then."

Guerriero, who will chair the Tri-County Celiac Support Group's (TCC-

SG) annual gluten-free food fair Saturday, April 21 at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, says she believes the organization has played a major role in compelling local grocers to stock more gluten-free products and manufacturers to make better-tasting foods. She initiated the group's food fair 11 years ago.

"I started out by sending 17 vendors letters saying if they think their product is that good, then let us try it. I want our members to be able to try something before they spend their hard-earned dollars on it," she said. "I wanted accountability on the vendors' part. The vendors stepped up to the plate. They've really improved their products.



"Jim Hiller (of Hiller's Market) stepped up to the plate seven years ago. He's been such a benefit to us. I can't praise him enough. Meijers has stepped on the bandwagon, and so has Krogers."

Two dozen vendors will be on hand from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the church, located at 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Five additional vendors will send samples. Admission is free for organization members

and \$10 for non-members. Raffles for baskets filled with gluten-free products, as well as gift certificates, will be held every hour from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.

TCCSG was formed in 1991 by a trio of patients with celiac disease, with encouragement from Dr. Thomas Alexander, of Gastrointestinal Specialists in Troy. He's the physician advisor for the group, which became a nonprofit charitable agency in 2001.

Individuals with celiac disease must follow a strict, lifelong gluten-free diet. They avoid eating wheat, barley, and rye because the grains trigger an autoimmune reaction that damages the small intestinal lining.

Complications from the disease — if left untreated — can include inability to absorb nutrients, anemia, neurological disorders, cancers, and a risk of developing other autoimmune diseases such as diabetes, thyroid diseases, rheumatoid arthritis and lupus.

TCCSG raises money for celiac disease research through its annual 5K walk/run, Making Tracks for Celiacs, planned for May 20 at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Both the food fair and walk/run are open to the public.

"We have so many products on the shelf. It's amazing the things people are trying to do gluten free," said Guer-

riero, adding that pierogies and falafels will be among some of the new products offered at the food fair this year. "There are so many different things out there."

Join the Tri-County Celiac Support group for \$30 for one year or \$65 for three years. Membership includes free admission to the annual food fair, a support network, meetings with guest speakers, newsletters, gluten-free events such as a holiday cookie exchange and pie-making contest, newsletters and a recipe book.

Visit the organization's website at [www.tccsg.org](http://www.tccsg.org). Here's a sampling of recipes from its gluten-free recipe book:

## Chicken and Sweet Potato Chili

- 1 to 2 sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into ½-inch chunks
- 2 teaspoons canola oil
- 1 cup chopped onion
- ½ pound boneless skinless chicken breasts
- 3 cloves garlic minced
- 3 teaspoons chili powder
- 1 14½-ounce can fire-roasted tomatoes, undrained
- 1 16-ounce can kidney beans
- ½ cup chipotle salsa

Place sweet potatoes in a large saucepan. Add enough water to cover sweet potatoes. Bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat, simmer 5 minutes or until almost tender. Drain mixture with colander into dry saucepan. Add oil to same saucepan. Add onion, cook over medium heat 5 minutes.

Add chicken, garlic and chili powder to same saucepan and cook 3 minutes, stirring frequently. Add tomatoes with their juices, beans, salsa and partially cooked sweet potatoes. Bring to boil over high heat. Reduce heat, simmer uncovered 10 minutes until chicken is cooked through.

## Gluten-free Cheesy Potatoes

- 1 package (32 ounces) Ore-Ida Southern Style Hash Browns
- ½ can of gluten-free chicken broth
- ½ cup gluten-free Bisquick or cornstarch
- 1 8-ounce sour cream
- 1 sweet onion, diced
- 1 8-ounce package shredded cheddar cheese
- ½ teaspoon salt or to taste
- ½ teaspoon pepper or to taste
- ½ stick butter
- 3 cups gluten-free corn flakes, slightly crushed

In a large mixing bowl combine chicken broth and enough Bisquick together to make a broth thick like soup. Add in sour cream, onions and cheese. Add salt and pepper to taste. Add hash browns. Stir well. Spoon into 9- by 13-inch, slightly-greased baking dish. Mix together butter and crushed corn flakes. Spread evenly over potatoes and bake uncovered for 1 hour at 350 degrees.

## Apple Crisp

Makes 8 servings

- Filling:
- 6 large apples, skinned and sliced thin
  - ½ cup sugar
  - 1 teaspoon cinnamon
  - ½ teaspoon nutmeg
  - ½ cup cornstarch

- Topping:
- 1 cup crushed Schar shortbread cookies
  - ½ teaspoon cinnamon
  - ½ cup butter or buttery spread (such as Earth Balance)
  - ½ cup sugar

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease an 8-inch baking dish. Prepare apples. Wash, skin, remove core, cut into thin slices. Place in large bowl. Combine cornstarch, spices and sugar. Add to apples and mix well. Place into baking dish.

Make the topping: Crush cookies and add cinnamon. Mix butter with sugar and combine with cookies. Mix until it resembles a coarse meal. Place topping mixture on top of apples. Bake for 40 minutes or until apples bubble.



Vendors offer samples of gluten-free products at a previous Tri-County Celiac Support Group food fair.

## Healthy Baked Ziti

Makes 4 servings

- 1 box Schar fusilli
- 1 cup chopped spinach, (frozen, thawed and drained well or fresh and just cooked until wilted)
- ½ cup low-fat ricotta cheese
- 1 large egg
- ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese
- Oregano, thyme, salt and pepper to taste
- 2 cups shredded mozzarella
- 2 cups tomato sauce

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 2-quart baking dish. Bring 2 quarts water to boil. Add pasta and cook until just tender, according to package directions. Drain and rinse with cool water. Set aside to finish draining. Mix together spinach, ricotta cheese, Parmesan cheese, half of the mozzarella cheese, egg and spices until well blended. Add pasta and mix well. Pour half of the tomato sauce in the bottom of the baking dish. Be sure to spoon the sauce onto the sides of the dish. Put the pasta mixture in the baking dish. Cover with remaining sauce and with remaining mozzarella cheese. Bake for 40 minutes. Serve immediately.

## Zucchini-Pineapple Bread

- 4 eggs
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 tablespoon cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1 cup oil
- 2 cups grated zucchini

- 3 cups gluten-free flour
- 1 cup chopped nuts
- 1 small can crushed pineapple in its juice
- ½ to 1 cup raisins

Grease 2 loaf pans. Sift all dry ingredients except sugar together and set aside. Beat eggs until light and then gradually add sugar. Add oil, vanilla

and pineapple and mix well. Add dry ingredients and blend together. Fold in zucchini, nuts and raisins. Bake in 2 bread loaf pans at 350 degrees for 1 hour. Can use dates, cranberries or other dried fruit in place of raisins.

# Passionate for pork tenderloin: Delicious and heart-healthy

Tender and delicious pork tenderloin now has an additional benefit — it has been deemed heart-healthy. Recently certified by the American Heart Association, pork tenderloin now bears the iconic Heart-Check mark, making it easier than ever to spot this extra lean protein when navigating grocery aisles.

Maintaining a healthy diet is an important part of cardiovascular health and eating heart-healthy foods may help reduce risk factors associated with heart disease, stroke and more. Naturally low in sodium and delicious, pork tenderloin is a flavorful solution for those who want to take care of their heart without neglecting their taste buds.

• **Nutritious:** Pork packs nutrients in every lean serving. A 3-ounce portion of pork tenderloin is an "excellent" source of protein, thiamin, vitamin B6, phosphorus and niacin, and a "good" source of potassium, riboflavin and zinc, yet contributes only 6 percent of calories to a 2,000-calorie diet.

• **Leaner than ever:** On average, the most common cuts of pork have 16 percent less total fat and 27 percent less saturated fat than 21 years ago. Ounce for ounce, pork tenderloin is as lean as a skinless chicken breast. Choose cuts of pork that come from the loin, including chops and roasts, and 96 percent lean ground pork, for the leanest cuts of pork available.

If you're looking to incorporate more heart-healthy foods into your diet without sacrificing flavor, rest assured tenderloin recipes, like Sautéed Pork Medallions with Lemon-Garlic Sauce, will do the trick.

For more information and recipes to enjoy today's lean and flavorful pork, visit <http://www.PorkBeInspired.com> or [www.Facebook.com/PorkBeInspired](http://www.Facebook.com/PorkBeInspired).

## Sautéed Pork Medallions with Lemon-Garlic Sauce

Prep time: 10 minutes  
Cook time: 10 minutes  
Makes 4 servings

- 1 pork tenderloin (1 pound), trimmed
- ¼ teaspoon salt, divided

- ¼ teaspoon plus ½ teaspoon black pepper, divided
- 2 teaspoons olive oil, divided
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- ½ cup dry white wine (for non-alcoholic, substitute low-sodium chicken broth)
- ½ cup low-sodium chicken broth
- Grated zest and 1 tablespoon juice from 1 lemon
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley or 1 ½ teaspoons chopped fresh sage or rosemary

Cut pork into 12 slices, about 1-inch thick. Sprinkle pork on all sides with 1/8 teaspoon of the salt and 1/4 teaspoon of the pepper. Heat 1 teaspoon of the oil in a large heavy skillet over medium-high heat. Add the pork and cook, turning once, until the pork is well browned and internal temperature reaches 145°F, about 1

½ minutes on each side. Transfer pork to serving platter and cover to keep warm.

Add the remaining 1 teaspoon oil to skillet. Add garlic and cook, stirring constantly, until garlic is fragrant, about 30 seconds. Add the wine and broth. Increase heat to high and cook, stirring to scrape up the browned bits from the bottom of the skillet, until the liquid is reduced by two thirds, about 5 minutes.

Remove the skillet from the heat and stir in the remaining 1/8 teaspoon salt, remaining 1/8 teaspoon pepper, the lemon zest and juice, and the parsley. Serve the pork medallions drizzled with the sauce (makes a

generous 1/3 cup; about 1 ½ tablespoons per serving).

Tip: To substitute fresh herbs with dried herbs, use 1 ½ teaspoons dried parsley or ¾ teaspoon dried sage, or ¾ teaspoon dried rosemary.

Serving Suggestion: Serve the pork with whole wheat linguine or brown jasmine rice to soak up all the delicious lemon sauce. Steamed broccoli rabe or spinach would make a terrific accompaniment.

Nutritional Information per Serving: 150 calories; 5g fat; 1g saturated fat; 75 mg cholesterol; 220mg sodium; 1g carbohydrates; 24g protein; 0g fiber

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## Young professional honored by magazine designation

By Julie Brown  
O&E Staff Writer

Ken Pozek, 26, of Northville Township was pleased to be recognized by *Realtor* magazine as a finalist for "30 Under 30" honors.

The annual designation of the National Association of Realtors publication recognizes those up and coming in the field. Realtor Pozek is a salesperson for Keller Williams Northville Market Center in Novi and can be reached at [www.kenpzek.com](http://www.kenpzek.com).

He began in real estate investing out of high school, and has been in sales full time the last six years. Pozek, who's married to Holly and dad to kids ages 3 years and 5 months, earned an associate's degree in business administration from Henry Ford Community College.

"We're staying busy and tired," he said with a chuckle of his young family.

Pozek got into sales as the market dropped and investing wasn't smart. "I got into that full time and haven't looked back," he said. "I absolutely love it."

He's been with Keller Williams Northville Market Center three years.

"I meet people from diverse backgrounds and I get to see beautiful homes," Pozek said. "Every day is different. It's something I look forward to every day."

Down the road, he'd also like to do sales training in his field. Pozek holds Luxury Marketing Specialist and Certified Distressed Property Expert designations.

He agreed the real estate market is improving the last three or four months, with homes often listed on Friday and sold by Monday. "The market's starting to really heat up," Pozek said.

"I specialize more or less in a geographical area" including Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi and South Lyon.

He's an aspiring pilot in his free time, and also enjoys being with their children and volunteering at church, Detroit World Outreach in Redford.

A total of 50 finalists were chosen by the magazine. This year's "30 Under 30" honorees will be announced Wednesday, May 16.

The 30 honorees will be featured in the May/June issue.

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Ken Pozek  
Northville Township

## Liability limited in slip/fall

By Robert Meisner  
Guest Columnist

**Q:** Recently a pedestrian slipped and fell on black ice on a public sidewalk that abutted our condominium. The condominium snowplowing company had cleaned the snow on the day of the snowfall and had inspected the premises the next day, but not the day when the pedestrian fell. The pedestrian is suing the association and the snowplowing contract company. Do you think they have any liability?

**A:** While each state is different, a recent New Jersey case held that even though a town ordinance required all owners to clear snow and ice from an abutting sidewalk within



Robert Meisner

six hours after every snowfall or formation of ice, the pedestrian in that case lacked standing to sue

because such ordinances are

not enacted for the benefit of individual members of the public, but rather to impose on those regulated the burdens of the government.

The court further said that although common law property owners had no duty to clear the snow or ice from a public sidewalk abutting their land, this rule was modified 30 years earlier to impose liability on commercial property owners for injuries on the sidewalks abutting their properties caused by their negligent failure to maintain the sidewalks in a reasonably good condition. The court went on to say that whether a property is commercial or residential, you must focus on the nature of the use of the property and not the nature of the ownership. In the case at hand, the court ruled that the condominium's use was residential — only residents could be members of the association. The deeds expressly restricted use as private residences and there was no retail space and no provision for any goods to the public. The court, in effect, declined to extend the duty to residential owners and the court stressed the importance of the doctrine of stare decisis for predictability and reliance and any departure from the well settled rule would require special justification.

**Q:** I have heard that Rio de Janeiro and Brazil itself is very expensive in terms of buying a home or renting an apartment. Have you had any experience with that?

**A:** In a recent trip to Rio, I can certainly confirm that prices in Brazil are extremely high for real estate and almost anything else you purchase. Obviously, the closer you are to the famous beaches, like Copacabana, the more expensive real estate will be. Additionally, real estate including high rise condominiums near the mountain which houses "Christ the Redeemer," can also be extremely expensive, even in U.S. terms. There are limitations on how much real estate you can purchase in Brazil and, as in any other instance, you are best advised to consult with a local Realtor who speaks English as well as with a local attorney, with your attorney here monitoring the situation.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition, available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping/handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping/handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit [bmeisner@meisner-law.com](http://bmeisner@meisner-law.com). This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 9-13, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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44237 Cherbourg St	\$159,000
432 Cornell St	\$190,000
7441 Derby St	\$113,000
44200 Duchess Dr	\$106,000
2011 E Franklin Dr	\$43,000
3916 Elizabeth Ave Unit 195	\$76,000
50161 Grant St	\$250,000
7400 Hillsboro Dr	\$145,000
43280 Keystone Ln	\$185,000
1687 McInaine St	\$335,000
45110 N Spring Dr	\$123,000
327 Patriot St	\$115,000
6628 Paul Revere Ln	\$174,000

2099 S Cavalier Dr	\$110,000
1500 S Sheldon Rd	\$162,000
1201 Terrel Ct	\$142,000
7904 Thornwood St	\$210,000
1776 Tremont Rd	\$210,000
45234 Turnberry Dr	\$230,000
43667 Westminister Way	\$149,000
44862 Weymouth Dr	\$225,000
GARDEN CITY	
30620 Rosslyn Ave	\$44,000
33028 Sheridan St	\$76,000
LIVONIA	
12109 Arcola St	\$18,000
29458 Bobrich St	\$33,000
16883 Comstock St	\$185,000
15940 Doris St	\$55,000
10004 Hartel Ct	\$65,000
29624 Hillbrook Ct	\$103,000
14052 Hix St	\$130,000
36401 Joanne St	\$160,000
33920 La Moynes St	\$152,000
33329 Navin Ct	\$173,000
14233 Susanna St	\$145,000
27681 W Chicago St	\$123,000

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NORTHVILLE	
44837 Broadmoor Cir S	\$293,000
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18874 Heather Ridge Dr	\$525,000
42284 Ludlow Ct	\$265,000
19565 Mariner Ct	\$70,000
15335 Merion Ct	\$515,000
49265 Parkshore Ct	\$700,000
46479 Pinehurst Cir	\$580,000
15460 Prestwick Cir N	\$509,000
675 Randolph St	\$45,000
18230 Woodbury Ct	\$880,000
PLYMOUTH	
357 Adams St	\$155,000
13825 Buckingham Ct	\$353,000
683 Deer St	\$230,000
839 Forest Ave	\$490,000
15209 Lakewood Dr	\$155,000
9440 N Sheldon Rd	\$400,000
9110 Rocker Ave	\$180,000
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11301 Garfield	\$38,000
11369 Grayfield	\$19,000
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32600 Ann Arbor Trl	\$64,000
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35103 Birchwood St	\$95,000
34354 Frances St	\$63,000
5634 N Parent St	\$16,000
6232 N Raddiffe St	\$74,000
8000 N Wildwood St	\$123,000
1313 Selma St	\$45,000
35120 University St	\$39,000

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 27-30, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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31470 Evergreen Rd	\$465,000
BIRMINGHAM	
967 Ann St	\$185,000
583 Mohegan St	\$875,000
808 Ruffner Ave	\$305,000
522 Wallace St	\$845,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
451 Fox Hills Dr S # 6	\$35,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
4830 Ardmore Dr	\$335,000
5861 Blandford Ct	\$170,000
5030 Brookdale Rd	\$1,265,000
1046 Eastover Dr	\$225,000

4944 Malibu Dr	\$333,000
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FARMINGTON HILLS	
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36977 Fox Gln	\$205,000
28075 Golf Pointe Blvd	\$225,000
25779 Kilreigh Ct	\$185,000
36050 Paddleford Rd	\$215,000
27875 Peppermill Rd	\$133,000
37049 Sandalwood	\$160,000
35820 Springvale St	\$177,000

28725 W 10 Mile Rd	\$30,000
21820 Waldron St	\$110,000
FRANKLIN	
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Lathrup Village	
28521 Sunset Blvd W	\$55,000
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27505 Cromwell Rd	\$254,000
25736 Glamorgan	\$130,000
30836 Palmer Dr	\$160,000
21675 Sunflower Rd	\$120,000
24014 Woodham	\$175,000

24357 Woodham Rd	\$299,000
SOUTH LYON	
25500 Belladonna	\$344,000
25726 Coach Ln	\$283,000
25883 Cobblers Ln	\$280,000
20946 Greenbriar Cir	\$235,000
21220 Laser Ln	\$270,000
261 Lyon Blvd	\$112,000
456 Orchard Rdg	\$60,000
23761 Prescott Ln W	\$61,000
SOUTHFIELD	
23348 Cornerstone Village Dr	\$37,000
17221 Madison St	\$155,000
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#### Top buildings

The Building Owners and Managers Association of Metro Detroit announced two local winners in the 2011-2012 "The Regional Outstanding Building of the Year Awards (TOBY). The

winners include: One Kennedy Square and Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, both located in Detroit.

In the first round of the TOBY Awards, at the local level, One Kennedy Square in Detroit took first place in the 100,000- to 249,999-square-foot category as Building of the Year and Coleman A. Young Municipal Center also in Detroit was named first in the Government Building category. The buildings went on to win in the same categories at the North Central regional level competing against entries from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky.

The program honors outstanding leaders and commercial properties in the local commercial real estate industry. The TOBY Awards, now in its 27th year, is the most prestigious and comprehensive program of its kind in the commercial real estate industry, recognizing excellence in office building

ownership and management.

All facets of a building's operations are thoroughly evaluated during the judging process, including tenant relations programs, community involvement, emergency preparedness and security standards, and continuing education for building personnel. Floor plans, site plans and photographs round out an in depth portfolio, providing the judges with an extensive examination of the building. "TOBY winners represent the commercial real estate industry's best of the best in office management setting; the benchmark for the industry," said Janet Langlois, executive director, BOMA of Metro Detroit.

Local TOBY winners advance to regional competition and then move on to international competition at the BOMA International North American Real Estate Congress and the Every Building Show in Seattle, Wash., in June 2012.

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